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GuilfordCollege United MethodistChurch  
strives to be a vibrant Christian community  
that *transforms* lives, *strengthens* believers,  
and *equips* disciples to *live beyond ourselves*  
in the light of Jesus Christ.

*Guilford College UMC*  
*Living Beyond Ourselves*



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**Sunday, December 2, 12:00 noon – Pot Luck  
Lunch for Family and Friends followed by  
An Advent Festival, a time of crafts, Advent  
Wreath making**



**Thursday, December 6, 6:30 pm – Moravian Love Feast in Sanctuary**  
Come enjoy a time of fellowship, sweet rolls, coffee and hot chocolate with your church  
family as we prepare for the Christmas Season

**Sunday, December 9, 2018**  
**9:30-10:30 am – Churchwide covered dish Brunch in Fellowship Hall**

**11:00 am - “SONGS OF THE SEASON”**  
Music Program presented by the combined choirs of our church, handbells, instruments

**Monday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Services – 5:00, 7:00 and 11:00 pm**

# CROW'S NEST

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## Pastor's note....

We can easily become numbed by the familiarity of the Christmas story to miss what startling, earth-startling, earth-shaking, reality-redefining news that Christ's birth is. There are many details of the Christmas story that are just as surprising in our day and age as they were in their original context.

We think of God in terms of God's absolute attributes: God is omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent. That's a lot of "omnis!" in the incarnation, though, the God of the universe chose to limit himself to a frail and perishable human form. As if that wasn't scandal enough, at Christmas we're reminded that God stooped into a form so vulnerable that he had to be fed, burped and changed. Jesus' humble start foreshadowed the humility that would characterize much of his life and ministry.

When Jesus was born, the Jews has been subject to foreign rule for much of the previous six centuries. And yet it was to this small people group, on the fringe of the mighty Roman Empire, to which God chose to be born. From the day he was born to the day he died, Jesus was a Jew. For that reason, anyone who claims to follow Jesus but also practices anti-Semitism is wrong. You can't be both.

But Jesus' birth was not only good news to the Jews, but also to "all people" as the angels told the shepherds. Among the first people to pay their respects were pagan wise men from the east. Later in life, Jesus admired the faith of Roman soldiers, of foreign peasant women and even made a Samaritan the hero of his most famous story. As Jesus rejected religious and ethnic bigotry, so should we. You cannot follow Jesus and hate people of other races and religions. This is an important part of the Christmas story to remember this week as one of our local high schools is dealing with the aftermath of a hateful, racist and quite public incident.

Jesus' earthly parents were also unlikely people to be picked to bring God's Son to maturity. Mary and Joseph were poor, (initially) unmarried peasants who spent the first two years of Jesus' life as fugitives in Egypt. We don't know what perils they faced in that strange country. We don't know what kindnesses they were afforded. But they were undoubtedly safer in Egypt than under the thumb of the murderous Herod, who killed all the children under the age of 2 rather than risk a child that would one day challenge Roman authority. It's good to remember we worship a savior who was once a refugee, when we live in a world where families still take great risks for what they hope will provide a better future for their children. Obviously, our country can't absorb all the people who might want to leave their own country. But we should neither demonize nor treat cruelly those who seek asylum in ours.

Once Herod was dead, the Holy Family felt safe to return but they wisely kept a low profile for many years. Even when he started his public ministry, Jesus stayed in the sticks, among nuisances and nobodies. Part of the problem that the religious leaders of his time had with Jesus seems to me because their feelings were hurt. Why didn't he come and talk to us, they wondered. But Jesus said he came not to call the righteous but sinners. This is also a startling reminder in our world where so much depends on who you know and compulsive social-climbing. These were games Jesus refused to play and Christ-followers are invited not to play them either.

People also expected for the long-awaited Messiah to kick the Roman oppressors out, settling Jerusalem forever free of foreign rule. They were disappointed that the revolution Jesus led was one of compassion for sinners and scorn for the self-righteous. He taught and modeled that even our enemies are to be loved. Six centuries earlier, the Prophet Isaiah said the Messiah would be called the "Prince of Peace." Those who follow Jesus are called to rethink their assumptions about the violence that seems part and parcel of our world. Shouldn't we be seeking better ways?

These are but a few of the surprising implications of the Christmas story, for believers 2000 years ago as well as today. May you find even more surprising ways to apply the lessons of Christmas to your own life and the world around you.

Pastor Matt

## Caring

**Prayer Concerns:** Helen Blyshak, Kent Carter, Jim Holmes, Bob Beasley, Bill Peabody, Tim Dalton, Beth Carter, Loretta Eichhorn, Marizell Thompson, Barbara Ebert, Carol Agresti; Betty Kirkman, Bill Sharpe, Ruthie Deviney; Jinx Woodward; Mike Turner, Patty Elkins; Ken Sykes, Marlene Ingram; Marjorie Liles, families facing storms in life, the leaders of our nation and world; flood victims, those affected by violence, and those serving in the military; hurricane victims, our sister church in Kinanduba,

Kenya.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUMMER 2019 DATES**  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** – Age 3 (as of June 1)  
through completed Grade 5, June 23-27, 2019  
Sun.-Thurs. evenings; 5:15-8:30 pm  
**CAMP GUILROCK EARLY ELEMENTARY CAMP**  
Current Grade K through Grade 3, July 8-12  
Mon.-Fri.; 8:00am-3:00pm; after camp option 3:00-5:30 pm  
**CAMP TEKOA RESIDENTIAL CAMP**  
Current Grade 3 through Grade 6, July 28-August 3

Sun.-Sat.; residential camp in Hendersonville, NC

## Caring

**Prayer Concerns - Extended Family** John Hatcher's brother, Blair; Larry Shornack (former member); Heleana McIntyre, Steve & Tina Sumner's granddaughter; Geraldine Cope; Jim Robertson; Tyson family, Betty Kirkman's granddaughter, Rachel Kirkman; Daryl Watkins' niece's family; Becky Pearce's mother, Judy Woolf; Helen Phillips' sister, Edith Thornett; Gene Briggs, Carol Ingram's brother; Robert Messer; Jennifer Sumulsi, Ellen Lancaster's friend; Louise Markle; Mildred Mallard's son, David; Kim Goldbach, friend of Tom & Sandy Riffe; Lucille Furr, Barbara Price's sister; Jeff Graham's brother, Steve; Briley Lamon, Melanie Crump's cousin Irene Fraver & Trudy Maness, Nancy Munday's mother and sister; Vicki Kidd's friend, Karl; Jeannie Howard's father, Tommy Howard; Austin & Helen Phillips' grandson, Matthew Phillips; Ybion Mlo's brother, Suan Mlo ;tornado/hurricane victims; our sister church in Kinanduba, Kenya

### **Members In Home and Senior Living Facilities:**

**Blumenthals** – Shirley Stout; **Meridian Nursing & Rehab.** – Beth Carter; **Friends Home Guilford** – Pat Kittrell, Rachel Brawley, Florence Hardison, Blanche Rogers; **Friends Home West** – Betty Kirkman, Don Beam, Barbara Jones; Walter & Esther Jones - **Pennybyrn** – Pat Francisco, Roland Sasseville; **Greensboro Retirement Center** - Y'Wing Enuol; **Richland Place** – Mike Dawkins, **Whitestone** – Laura Tew **Abbottswood** – Dot Brogan, Cletis Richard, Jim Wilson **Heritage Green** – Ellen Lancaster, Gay Fischer; Anne Mullis; **Brookdale, High Point** – Jean Wilson, George Holmes; **Brighton Gardens** - Jean & Harry Tangen; Walter Zur; **Well Spring** – Barbara Ebert, Lib Connell; **In Home** – Terri Hastings, Chris Perkins, Barbara Leadbetter

### **OUR GUESTS IN WORSHIP**

**Nov. 18:** Jeannie Hinson; Lisa, Kevin & Grant Williams; Michael Saunders; Jay, Joanna, Hannah & Cam Stone; Betty Maher; Gwen Parker; Samantha Andress; Clovin & Corbin; Kay Rankin; Lynn Wall; Jackie Dougherty; Margaret Griffin; Beth & Dennis Creamer; Andy Anderson; Roy & Elaine Drum; Jodie & Chelsea Campbell; Joe & Janet Watson; Toni, Andrew & Carrie Mazzatenta; Charlie Henson; Joyce Mitchell; Tom Waynick; Jeff & Lauren McRae; Pamela Steinert; Steve & Tony; Bryan & Deann Gilliam; Dwight & Becky Thomas; Steve, Tonya & Ricky Kitchens

**Nov. 25:** Ken, Marcia & Kori Petersen; Jeff & Diane Tedrick; Jackie Hardcastle; Jessica & Kyra Dalton; Zoey Payne; Joe & Janet Watson; Kay Rankin; Betty Maher; Jeff McRae; Gwen Parker; Samantha Andress; Clovin & Corbin; Mark & Annabel Arace; Matt, Rebecca, Connor, Cara & Ava Stein; Caitlyn Polito; Jackie Dougherty; Judy Woolf; Margaret

Griffin; Charlie Henson; Joyce & Brandon Mitchell; Tom Waynick; Mark & Reese Yost; Li Luo; Damian Parker; Christy Gallant

### **Are you expecting a Blue Christmas?**

For many people, Christmas is a season of joy and mirth but for others, it's a time of great challenge. If you feel out of step with others due to grief, loss or perhaps even something you can't put your finger on, we want you to know there's a place for you.

On Thursday, December 20, our fellow United Methodist Churches will be hosting Longest Night Services, a service that is quiet and contemplative that reassures us that God is with us in every season of life. Muirs Chapel UMC will host a daytime service at 11:30 am and Zion Hill UMC (2901 Sandy Ridge Rd. in Colfax) will host a service at 7:30 pm.

This is also a good time to remind people about our church's Stephen Ministry program. We have five active Stephen Ministers who have been trained to be thoughtful, gracious and encouraging listeners who can come alongside someone during a difficult season of life. If you could benefit from having a caring, Christian friend as you navigate life's challenges, please reach out to Becky Archer at 336-852-2167 or [rarcher1928@gmail.com](mailto:rarcher1928@gmail.com).

## Connecting

### **Thank You Note:**

Thank you for the many, many cards, the food to our home, the visits, the abundant and lavish food for the reception after Jack's memorial service and all your many kindnesses to us.

Sincerely, Claudette and Family

**SENIOR PROM** will meet on Tuesday, December 4, at 11:30 am in the Rock for a Christmas covered dish lunch. Our program will be a time of carol-singing, led by four members of our Adult Choir. All senior adults are invited to bring a covered dish to share and invite someone to come with you to enjoy good food and fellowship as we celebrate Advent/Christmas.



### **GUM Honor Card**

The honor card to benefit Greensboro Urban Ministry is now available in the Information Center

on Sundays, or by contacting Nancy Baity at 336-855-

3373. The card is available for a \$5.00 donation to GUM, so please support this worthwhile project.

thinking with that of our Creator. All are encouraged to participate; the more *you* bring, the more we all take away.

## Connecting

### Wednesday Night Out

5:30-6:30 pm

**Cost: Adults \$5.00, Child \$3.00,  
\$15 max per family**

### December 5

Beef Stew, Salad Bar, Biscuits, Fruit Cobbler  
Volunteer Group – 2/90 Journey Class

### December 12

Pasta Bar Night

Choose from a variety of sauces/toppings and 2 pasta choices; Salad Bar, rolls, Dessert  
Choices will be first-come, first served!  
Volunteer Group – Bible Discovery Class

### **MCALISTER'S FAMILY NIGHT**

Tuesday, December 4, 2018 - **Last one for the year!**  
Please join us for a fun time with friends & family!

### **HARRIS TEETER VIC CARD**

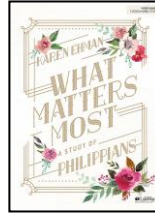
Please support the Weekday Preschool **by linking your Harris Teeter Vic Card to our school #3733** the next time you visit the store. If you would like, we can submit your last name, phone number linked to your card, and/or your Vic Card #, to [www.harristeeter.com](http://www.harristeeter.com). Please email Denisa at [dleheup@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:dleheup@guilfordcollegeumc.org) or call 336-294-6730 with information and we will link your card. The Preschool will receive funds on Harris Teeter brands purchased. These funds will be used to purchase supplies and for scholarships.

**EVE REBEKAH CIRCLE** will meet on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 am for a Christmas luncheon at Carolyn McDuffie's home, 5711 Pinehaven Dr.

### **NEW Bible Discovery Class** on Sunday mornings!

Join us starting on January 6 as we begin a new year looking into God's Word. We are looking forward to a fresh look at understanding God's message of love and grace. We intend to start *In the beginning* and follow connections from story to story. The ultimate goal is to discern an intended application from God's Word and to align our

## Learning



### **WHAT MATTERS MOST BIBLE STUDY**

The world has always been full of trials, disappointments, temptations, fractured friendships, and financial hardships. Yet Paul's letter to the Philippians claims we can discover contentment and joy in the midst of it all by prioritizing what matters most - Christ.

Over 7 sessions, study the ever-relevant Letter of Philippians to deepen your relationship with Jesus, turn your worries into worship, and develop gospel-centered tools for navigating relational conflict and thriving in Christian love.  
Study Book \$13

Leaders: Sara Hardin and Susan Jenkins,  
[hardinx4@bellsouth.net](mailto:hardinx4@bellsouth.net)

Wednesday mornings – January 9-April 3 (every other week) – 9:30-11:30 am – Room B6



### **JOHN PART 2 - THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

From Chapters 7-11, learn to walk in Jesus as the Light of the World, and your relationship with Him will become more intimate.

Study Book \$18

Leader: Donna Ford,  
[dford@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:dford@guilfordcollegeumc.org)

Wednesday mornings – January 16-March 13 – 9:30-11:30 am – Room A4  
OR

Wednesday evenings – January 16-March 13 – 6:30-8:30 pm – Room A4



### **THE REDEMPTION OF SCROOGE – Connecting Christ and Culture**

Is redemption possible for Ebenezer Scrooge? Discover the teachings of Jesus in the words of the Charles Dickens classic A Christmas Carol. This study dives deep into the dark, sad, greedy world of Scrooge and discovers a man in dire need of a second chance. Along with Scrooge, we meet the Ghosts of Christmas Past,

Present, and Future and in the process learn about living with and for others in a world blessed by Jesus. Rediscover and reinvigorate your Christian faith this Advent and Christmas season and look at this familiar classic through the lens of faith.

Leader: Matt Smith

Wednesday evenings – November 28-December 19 – 6:30-7:30 pm – Room B6

OR  
 Thursday mornings – November 29-December 20 – 9:30-10:30 am – Room B6

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|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Amt. needed to date.....              | 913,351.00  |
| Amt. received through 11/25/2018..... | 915,684.84  |
| Difference.....                       | \$ 2,334.00 |

## Learning

Jesus was in a small group.



Life change happens in small groups

### **NEW SUNDAY MORNING GROUP**

If one of your New Year's Resolutions is to grow spiritually or you want to develop closer personal relationships, come check

out the new Messiah's Misfits Sunday School class, which launches on **January 6** in Room B5 (Middle Building). If you sometimes feel like a "misfit" (someone whose behavior or attitude sets them apart from others), this class is for you! This class will study God's Word, build relationships among the members, and explore ways to carry God's light outside the church walls. Expect authentic discussions as we form a small group to journey through life together as a community. Leaders are Vita Alligood: [vita.alligood@gmail.com](mailto:vita.alligood@gmail.com) or 336-253-7569; David Guion: [dmguion@gmail.com](mailto:dmguion@gmail.com) or 336-288-4660; and Sara Hardin: [hardinx4@bellsouth.net](mailto:hardinx4@bellsouth.net) or 336-554-5183.

### Ways to Give This Christmas

**ONGOING - The GCUMC Giving Tree.** In the church's information center, you'll find our Giving Tree with two great opportunities to bless others.

- 1. Choose a tag and support a senior adult through Partnership Village.** Partnership Village is a transitional housing program that helps people move from homelessness to self-sufficiency. On the tag, you'll see a request for a few toiletry items and a gift card for an older adult who might not receive any other gift this Christmas. Gifts are due back by Dec 16.
- 2. Support the NC Conference of the UMC Disaster Response Program.** For a minimum \$20.00 donation, you may select a silver bucket ornament to hang on your own Christmas tree! All proceeds will directly benefit our neighbors in Eastern NC recovering from the effects of the flooding from Hurricanes Florence and Michael. Suggested donation is \$20.00 per bucket, but please feel free to be as generous as you can. Please make any checks payable to GCUMC and designate "NC Disaster Relief."

### SCHOLARSHIPS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN and YOUTH

Please consider donating to the church's scholarship fund. Our scholarship funds allow children and youth the opportunity to attend events, camps and other trips which they otherwise would not experience without the financial support. Donations may be deposited in the offering plate on Sunday mornings or directed to the church office. Please indicate the intent of your donation to either the **Education Scholarship Fund** (children up through grade 6) or **Youth Scholarship Fund** (grades 7-12). Thank you for supporting children and youth!!!

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29 – 10,000 Villages Kenya Team Benefit.** If you are looking for interesting, colorful, hand-made, fair trade gift ideas, 10,000 Villages is a great place to shop. As an added benefit, 15% of purchase from 6-8:00 PM this Thursday night will help fund our church's sixth Kenya Mission Trip.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 - Christmas Eve Mission Offering.** In celebration of the free gift God gave us in the birth of Jesus Christ, 100% of the offering we collect on Christmas Eve will go to mission purposes beyond this church. If you want to contribute prior to that evening, please make checks payable to GCUMC and designate Christmas Eve Offering in the memo line. What we receive will be split equally between these local and international efforts.

## Serving

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** will meet on Monday, Dec. 3, at 6:30 pm in room A4.

### OUR GIVING

|                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Budget for 2018.....    | \$ 1,014,495.00 |
| Amt. needed weekly..... | 19,433.00       |

- 1. Our local recipient is Community Housing Solutions.** This non-profit organization works year-round to provide home repair & safe housing for those in need. Most recently we partnered with CHS to work on homes damaged in Greensboro by the tornado that swept through parts of the city this past April.
- 2. Our international recipient is the school we've helped build in Kinanduba, Kenya.** Donations will support the funding of the education projects currently underway at

the school in the rural community of Kinanduba, where GCUMC has actively been involved for 9 years. The school is growing quickly, and funding is needed to complete additional classrooms and housing for teachers, who currently must commute long distances to teach at the school.

Teen Music – 6:00-6:45 pm  
 Handbells – 7:00-8:30 pm  
 Wednesdays  
 Joyful Noise - 5:25-5:50 pm  
 Jubilee Kids – 6:00-6:30 pm  
 Adult Choir – 7:00-8:30 pm  
 Sundays  
 Adult Choir – 8:15 and 10:30 am

## Serving

### Jefferson Elementary Opportunities

On Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, Jefferson's Principal, Sue Villarrubia, met with some prospective volunteers after the second worship service. Ms. Villarrubia told us of the tremendous community and achievements at Jefferson Elementary, but also the great needs as that school has transitioned to a high percentage of lower income, recent immigrant and EC students. We hope that our church can be a big catalyst in helping Jefferson's students improve their academic outcomes.

To that end, we are looking for 15 volunteers who would be willing to give an hour each week to helping with academic needs. Fifteen would allow us to have one volunteer per classroom for those formative K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade years. We're also compiling a list of folks with other teaching or school experience who might want to help in special ways. If you have a heart for kids, but prefer to help in more behind-the-scenes or administrative ways, we would like to know that, too.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering at Jefferson, please contact Melissa Turner. Melissa can be reached at 336-215-6738 or [turnerfamily@northstate.net](mailto:turnerfamily@northstate.net). Melissa will direct you to the place on the GCS website to fill out a background check request form.

### OUR ATTENDANCE November 18, 2018

Worship.....455  
 (8:45 – 118.. .....Youth Retreat – 50.....11:00 - 287)

### November 25, 2018

Worship.....409  
 (8:45 – 121.....11:00: - 288)

### Calendar for Dec. 2-15, 2018

#### Sunday, Dec. 2

8:45 am Early Worship  
 9:45 am Facilities Team Presentation (Sanctuary)  
 9:45 am Learning Groups  
 11:00 am Worship  
 12:00-3:30 pm Advent Festival  
 1:30 pm Bunong Worship Service (A3)  
 5:30 pm UMYF

#### Monday, Dec. 3

6:30 pm Finance Committee (A4)  
 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

#### Tuesday, Dec. 4

11:00 am Senior Prom (Rock)  
 7:00 pm Handbells

#### Wednesday, Dec. 5

9:30 am John Part I Study (A4)  
 5:30-6:30 pm WNO (FH)  
 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study (A4)  
 6:30 pm John Part I Study (A6)  
 6:30 pm Children's Small Groups (C11,C15)  
 6:30 pm Youth Small Groups (Rock)  
 6:30 pm "The Redemption of Scrooge"(B6)  
 5:30-9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, Dec. 6

9:30 am "The Redemption of Scrooge" (B6)  
 6:30 pm Moravian Love Feast (Sanctuary)  
 7:00 pm New Direction Nar-Anon (Rock)

#### Friday, Dec. 7

1:00 pm Poinsettias placed in Sanctuary

#### Saturday, Dec. 8

9:30-11:30 am Choir Rehearsals

#### Sunday, Dec. 9

9:30 am Church-wide Covered-dish Brunch  
 11:00 am Sounds of the Season Program  
 1:30 pm Bunong Worship Service (A3)  
 5:30 pm UMYF

#### Monday, Dec. 10

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

#### Tuesday, Dec. 11

#### Wednesday, Dec. 12

10:00 am Dementia/Alzheimers Support (A2)  
 10:30 am Eve Rebekah (w/Carolyn McDuffie)  
 5:30-6:30 pm WNO (FH)  
 6:30 pm Children's Small Groups (C11,C15)  
 6:30 pm Youth Small Groups (Rock)  
 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study (A4)  
 6:30 pm "The Redemption of Scrooge" (V6)  
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### MUSIC Notes

- HANDBELLS: The final 2018 handbell rehearsal will be Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Handbells will resume on January 8<sup>th</sup>.
- CHILDRENS' CHOIRS: The final 2018 rehearsal will be Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsal will resume on January 9<sup>th</sup>.
- ADULT CHOIR: The adult choir will not have rehearsal on Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Want to request a favorite hymn/contemporary song or Assist in leading worship through music? Email Melanie Crump at [mcrump@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:mcrump@guilfordcollegeumc.org).

#### Upcoming Worship Calendar

December 2 – Adult Choir  
 December 9 – Sounds of The Season Music Service  
 December 16 – The Adult Choir  
 December 23 – Tony Steen, The Adult Choir  
 December 30 – 8:45 am Mark Mazzatenta (Classical Guitar); 11:00 am Praise Band

#### Praise Team Dates (Blended Service, 11:00 am)

December 30

#### Ensemble Rehearsals

Tuesdays

7:00 pm

**Thursday, Dec. 13**  
New Directions Nar-Anon (Rock)

## **MEMORIALS**

In Memory of Bob Cook (Caryl Schunk's father)  
*Kent Grumbles and Steve Roberson*

In Memory of Charles A. Davidson  
(Husband of Liddy Whedbee)  
*Liddy and Charles Whedbee*

In Memory of Steve Graham  
(Jeff Graham's brother)  
*Doug and Nancy Coley*  
*Mike and Donna Garcia*  
*Steve and Tina Sumner*

In Memory of Jack Kayler  
*Anna Alexander*  
*Doug and Nancy Coley*  
*Steve and Anne Fleming*  
*Mike and Donna Garcia*  
*Keith and Pat Gunn*  
*J.F. and Kari Howard*  
*Martha Johnson*  
*Marion McNeal*  
*Austin and Helen Phillips*  
*Larry and Carole Stevens*  
*Jimmy Wilson*

In Memory of Tom Ossman  
*Robert and Linda Meyer*

In Memory of Beverly Price  
(Mike Ballard's sister)  
*Jim and Janice Caskie*  
*Doug and Nancy Coley*  
*Tom and Debbie Jenkins*  
*Tyrone and Carolyn McDuffie*

In Memory of Pete Sandknop  
(Jim Sandknop's father)  
*Ray and Judy Harris*

In Memory of Theresa Rearick  
(Bruce Rearick's sister)  
*Doug and Nancy Coley*

### In Memory of Bonnie Waynick

*Anna Alexander*  
*Doug and Nancy Coley*  
*Harold and Mary Eagle*  
*Mike and Donna Garcia*  
*Martha Johnson*  
*Tyrone and Carolyn McDuffie*  
*Marion McNeal*  
*Austin and Helen Phillips*  
*Jimmy Wilson*

In Memory of Dorothy C. Whedbee  
(Wife of Charles Whedbee)  
*Liddy and Charles Whedbee*

In Memory of Chris Wilson  
*Jim and Janice Caskie*

### **Volunteers for December 2, 2018**

#### **8:45 service**

Lay Reader: Dee Davis

Ushers: Larry Glover, Captain; Bob Beasley, Ron Frazier,  
Tyrone McDuffie, David Saunders, Terry  
Weatherford, Terry Wert, Derek Young

Stephen Minister: John Hanner

#### **11:00 service**

Lay Reader: Dave Robson

Acolytes: Simon Hudson-Smith, Zac Wall

Stephen Minister:

Ushers: Nancy Blackwelder, Captain; Becky Archer,  
Zoe Black, Marsha Cooley, Mary Eagle, Marie  
Follo, Debbie Inman, Cindy Johnson, Jean Lojko,  
Marion McNeal, Nancy Vanstory

Counters: Paul Ingram, Steve Hall

Van Drivers: Bob Beasley, Jim Taney

Altar Guild: (Nov. 26-Dec.2): H'Ne Enuol, Emogene Stewart

### **Volunteers for December 9, 2018**

#### **11:00 service**

Stephen Minister:

Ushers: Nancy Blackwelder, Captain; Becky Archer,  
Zoe Black, Marsha Cooley, Mary Eagle, Marie  
Follo, Debbie Inman, Cindy Johnson, Jean Lojko,  
Marion McNeal, Nancy Vanstory

Counters: Pam Beck, Sandy Lucas

Van Drivers: Charlie Groves, Bob Beasley

Altar Guild (Dec. 3-9): Patty Elkins, Judy Harris



**ADVENT FESTIVAL!**  
**A POTLUCK FEAST FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS! BRING A DISH!**

**Sunday, December 2**  
**12:00 Noon – 3:00 PM**

Bring a favorite food dish to share and enjoy lunch with your church family. After lunch, we have a lot of fun crafts you can make to give to family and friends this holiday. We will also have fresh greens to make your own Advent wreath for your home.

Plan to join us! It's a great way to kick off the holiday season. Everyone welcome!





**NOW IS THE TIME TO GIVE STOCKS FOR YOUR 2018 DONATION - AVOID CAPITAL GAINS TAXES!**

Did you know that the United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina will broker stocks for you with no fee? This service is offered as a courtesy to churches and congregation members in the WNC Conference. Contact the UM Foundation for information about how your gifts can bring the maximal benefit to you and Guilford College UMC. **NOW IS THE TIME!** It takes 2-3 weeks to get this done and the transaction must be complete by Dec. 31 to count as giving for 2018.

To learn more, please email Amy Burton, the UM Foundation's Director of Client Relations, at [aburton@umfwnc.org](mailto:aburton@umfwnc.org).

**Poinsettia Order Form**



Poinsettias will be used in the Sanctuary on Dec. 9, 16 and 23. If you would like to order a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one, cost is \$14.00 each. Make check payable to the church and mark it "Poinsettia", **and attach payment with your order.** Deadline for ordering is **Dec. 3rd.**

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

No. of poinsettias to order \_\_\_\_\_