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Christmas Eve Offering to Help Promise of Hope

Hey Church Family,

We have been so blessed the past few Sundays. We have seen huge crowds come out for our advent candle lighting, children's performance, and Christmas Cantata.

Christmas Eve Offering

I am really looking forward to our Christmas Eve worship at 1:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 24th. During the service our offering will go to help Promise of Hope. Promise of Hope is a ministry helping women with drug and alcohol rehab. We recently helped them and presented them with a check at primetime. They just finished a large infrastructure project putting in a new water well at their facility. This large cost still has money owed on it. We are hoping to help pay off the remaining balance by giving away our Christmas Eve offering to them. Please consider making a special donation this evening.

This Sunday - The Longest Night

This Sunday, December 21st, is the winter solstice. Also known as the longest night. We will have a special worship service this Sunday focused on how God's light shines in the darkness. I will be preaching from John 1.

Other Upcoming Sundays

- On Sunday, December 28th our FCA Missionary and church member, Sasha Quarles, will be sharing a message focused on our "choice" for 2026.
- On Sunday, January 4th we will start the year by celebrating Holy Communion with a sermon focused on the meal Jesus gave us.
- On Sunday, January 11th we will begin our journey through 1 Samuel.
- All these services are at the regular times of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

This will be the last vessel for 2025. If there is any urgent information you can receive via email. Sign up for my emails at <https://glennvillemc.com/connect/email-signup>.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
David Wesley Donnan

DECEMBER

Listed below is the altar flower schedule for this month.

21st Poinsettias
 28th Kaitlyn Baxter
 January 4th Cindy Anderson



Glennville Methodist Church Greeter Schedule

December 21st Will & Angelynne Sheffield
 December 28th Jimmy Beasley & John Fletcher
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 January 4<sup>th</sup> Bob & Deb Rutkowski

## Thank You

I would like to express my deepest thanks and appreciation to all those who helped to make this year's Christmas cantata possible!  
 To God Be The Glory!

Merry Christmas!  
 In Christ's Love,  
 Mary Anne



The Church Office will be Closed  
 From Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, thru  
 Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> for  
 Christmas & New Years holidays and  
 Secretary's vacation.

We will re-open on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>



### GREAT JOB!

Thank you Choir for doing  
 such a wonderful job presenting  
 this year's Christmas Cantata!  
 Thank you also for your dedication to  
 sharing your God-given gifts in our  
 church's music ministry!

### Announcements

#### \*Sunday, Dec. 21 -

Meet in the choir room 30  
 minutes before worship  
 (8:30 and / or 10:30 a.m.)

We will sing a selection from the  
 Christmas Cantata for our Choir Special.

#### \*Wednesday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

No Choir Practice

Christmas Eve Services @ 1:00 & 5:30 p.m.  
 We will have an Ensemble @ each service and sing  
 a selection from the Christmas Cantata.  
 If you would like to sing @ one or both of these  
 services, meet in the choir room 30 minutes before the  
 service (12:30 and / or 5:00 p.m.).

#### \*Sundays, Dec. 28, Jan. 4 & Jan. 11 -

Meet in the choir room 30  
 minutes before worship.  
 (8:30 and / or 10:30 a.m.)

#### \*No Wednesday Night Choir Practice The

Following Dates:

December 31 (New Year's Eve)  
 January 7

#### \*Choir Practice Resumes -

Wednesday, January 14 @ 7:00 p.m.

I look forward to seeing you!  
 Have a Merry Christmas &  
 Happy New Year!  
 God Bless,  
 Mary Anne

### Be Blessed This Christmas And In 2026

**Matthew 1:21 (NKJV)**

*"And she will bring forth a Son,  
 and you shall call His name Jesus,  
 for He will save His people  
 from their sins."*

# Remembering You on Your Special Day!



## December 21 – January 10

|    |                                     |        |                                   |
|----|-------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|
| 21 | Henry Strickland<br>Drummond Porter | Jan. 1 | Cortney Rogers<br>Peter Salvatore |
| 23 | Edie Threlkeld                      | 2      | Heidi Deal                        |
| 24 | Jane Threlkeld                      |        | Shawnda White                     |
| 25 | Justin Altman                       |        | Sasha Quarles                     |
|    | Conilee K. Tetrick                  | 4      | Clayton Walker                    |
| 27 | William Hart                        | 5      | David Thompson                    |
| 29 | Karen Browne                        | 9      | Judy Blocker                      |
| 30 | Thomas DeLoach                      |        | Tina Edwards                      |
| 31 | Becky Thompson                      |        |                                   |



## December 21 – January 10

|    |                              |
|----|------------------------------|
| 22 | Morris & Ann Whiten          |
| 24 | Gregory & Madeline Kim       |
| 29 | Keith & Amber Wasson         |
| 30 | Christian & Mallory Williams |
| 31 | Jarad & Jennie Huffman       |

If we do not have your family's birthdays and anniversaries, please call the Church office at 654-2587.

## Prayer Concerns

### CRISIS

#### •✠Patricia Joyal Family

Marteal Brannen  
Karen Walker  
Rusty Bradford  
Gary Yawn  
Carol Ferguson  
Deb Rutkowski  
Joe Baxter  
Pate Rogers  
Stephanie Strickland  
Jon Dasher  
Debbie Waters  
Wyndall & Rhonda Walter  
Sue Bercaw  
Bettie Sands  
Sadie Hanes  
Stacey Sampson  
Steven Lloyd  
Louise Bradley  
Ashley Findley  
Karen Browne  
Unrest at Smith State Prison

#### •✠Dawn Green Family

T.C. Rogers  
Mike Lopez  
✠James Lanier Family  
Elaine Salvatore  
Ricky McDowell  
Bran Thompson  
Libby Reeves  
Mic Wasson  
Elder Steve Flowers  
Sarah Wilson  
Rowan Thompson  
Mitchell Speer  
Ana Uzzolino  
Marley Dykes  
Keegan Dooley  
Janice Sampson  
Kim Woods  
Georgia Kate Anderson  
Polly Baker  
Sandra Amon

#### •✠Robbie Barnard Family

Joe Miller  
Lydia Lopez  
Harry Sands  
Art Durrence  
Wendell Durrence  
Donna Odum  
Naia McCallar  
Grace Rogers  
Anthony James  
College Students  
Charlie Bec  
Alice Bianco  
Bob Rutkowski  
Corene Jones  
Kaycee O'Neal  
Tammy Perrony  
Mickey Trageser  
Clyde Woolard  
Jane Anderson  
Julie Todd

#### •Madison Gamblin

Patty Kicklighter  
Kay Dasher  
Sonny Medlock  
Matthew Donnan  
Elizabeth Sheffield  
Juan Flores  
Kenny Banks  
Cameron Simmons  
Ann Whiten  
DeeAnne Lloyd  
Adam Bland  
Lucinda Wright  
Heather Lazar  
Morris Whiten  
Sherry Smith  
Sharlene Randall  
Trey Brannen  
Pat Brannen  
Bogee Lee  
Cindy & Lee Sheffield

### GENERAL

Rebecca Woolard  
John Durrence  
Dean Slusser  
Sue Rogers

Susie O'Neal Morrison  
Debbie Lynn  
Dennis Barnard  
Railey Sheffield

Pam Jones  
Dot Bogardus  
Michael Groover  
James & Jenna Roberts (Missionaries)

Ronnie Durrence  
Summer Beckner  
Larry McLeod

### MILITARY

Our troubled Nation & World  
Our Country amid recent attacks

Mass Shooting at Ft. Stewart  
Worldwide Unrest

Our Government's Leaders  
Wars in Israel, Middle East, Ukraine's, & Russia  
Service Men & Women



### Glennville Methodist Church Worship Attendance

|                             | <u>December 7</u> | <u>December 14</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 9:00 a.m.:                  | 28                | 33                 |
| Children's Church:          | 33                | 21                 |
| Sunday School:              | 0                 | 38                 |
| 11:00 a.m.:                 | 150               | 102                |
| Online:                     | 5                 | 16                 |
| Total in Person Attendance: | 211               | 156                |
| Total Attendance            | 216               | 172                |
|                             |                   |                    |
| Youth Group Total:          | 33                | 0                  |
| Caswell Kids:               | 20                | 0                  |



The sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias on Sundays, December 21<sup>st</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup>. Please consider giving a poinsettia "In Honor" of those special to you or "In Memory" of someone special who is deceased.

This year we ask that everyone purchase their own poinsettias to be placed in the sanctuary. Once you purchase your poinsettia bring it in to the church office. There will be cards available in the office to be placed on the poinsettia and Aimee will put your flower in the church sanctuary. Church office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

If it is possible, please try to bring in your poinsettias each week by Thursday so that Aimee can get your information listed on the church bulletin insert.

## Senior Ministry

The following are Senior members or family of members Please take time out of your schedule to pray for, send a card to or visit these loved ones. It will be a blessing to their day as well as yours!

### At Home Senior Living in Jesup

*Jesup, GA*

Susan "Corene" Jones

### Glennview Nursing Home

Velma Salter

Debbie Waters

### The Lodge at Bethany

*Statesboro, GA*

Dot Bogardus

### Magnolia Manor

*Richmond Hill, GA*

Jane Thompson



### SENIORS FOR THE KING

Just a Reminder...

Our January meeting will be held on Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, due to the first Thursday being New Year's Day.

Come Join the fun!

Contact Sherrie at 912-237-1499 if you want to join our group.

*Next Caswell Kids Event:  
January 7, 2026  
Enjoy your Holiday Break!*



### 2026 Flower Calendar

The Flower Calendar for 2026 is located on page 5 of this week's Vessel. As you can see, there are many open dates. If you would like to participate in this ministry please contact Aimee at the church office, 912-654-2587.

This is a wonderful opportunity to add a touch of beauty to our worship services and brighten the day of those who receive arrangements made with the flowers following the service.

Please prayerfully consider being a part of this ministry.



## Flower Calendar 2026

### January

4 Cindy Anderson  
11  
18 Jane Thompson  
25 Elaine Keels

### February

1 Charlton & Anna Rogers  
8 Holly Baxter  
15 Sandra Durrence  
22 Judy Blocker

### March

1 Brent Walker  
8 Norma Strickland  
15 Jerome & Elizabeth Sheffield  
22 Mary Kathryn Banks  
29

### April

5 Easter Lilies (*If Available*)  
12 Ann Whiten  
19 Wynelle Welsh  
26 Paige Mulligan

### May

3 Justin & Karen McLeod  
10 Alice McGovern  
17  
24 Holly Baxter  
31

### June

7 Jennie Huffman  
14 Heidi Deal  
15 Carol Strickland  
21 Lynne Sikes  
28

### July

5  
12  
19 Brenda McLeod  
26 LeAnne Durrence

### August

2 Quinn Flournoy  
9 Judy Bland  
16 Jane Threlkeld  
23 Jennie Huffman  
30

### September

6  
13 T.J. & Sasha Quarles  
20 Sheryl S. Bowen  
27 Lacey Parker

### October

4 Susan Greer  
11 Andy & Beth Whiten  
18 Holly Baxter  
25

### November

1 Louise Bradley  
8 Jerome & Elizabeth Sheffield  
15  
22  
29

### December

6 Kaitlyn Baxter  
13 Poinsettias  
20 Poinsettias  
27

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## 4 Ways You Can Connect:



1. **Worship.** Join us for worship on Sunday mornings. We have 2 services: 9 and 11AM in the sanctuary (masks are available) with a nursery provided for both services. and 9AM online at [www.glennvillemc.com/worship-online](http://www.glennvillemc.com/worship-online); [youtube.com/glennvillemc](https://youtube.com/glennvillemc); [facebook.com/glennvillemc](https://facebook.com/glennvillemc); and [twitter.com/glennvillemc](https://twitter.com/glennvillemc)

2. **Call a Member.** Call a church member. Check on them and spend some time chatting. Consider calling someone you don't know as well. If you are a member of the church, we can get you a copy of the most up-to-date contact information for our church membership.

3. **Giving.** Your giving matters to God and the church! If you are able, please continue to give. You can give at any of our in-person worship services. You can also mail your tithes and offerings to the church. If you use online banking, you can also instruct your bank to send a check to the church.

4. **Serving the Community.** Jesus said we are the salt of the earth. Salt isn't meant to stay in the shaker, it's meant to be poured out. If you are able, find a way to serve. Help someone who can't get out; write a note to residents in assisted living; assist someone with technology. Find a way to continue making a difference for Christ in our community!