

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK OF...

	<u>December 2</u>	<u>December 9</u>
Tues. Choir Snacks	Alex/Mima	Park Day
Wed. Choir Snacks	Andrew, Lucas H	Olivia G., Caroline
Wed. Night Desserts	Powell, Harrison, Shuford, MacDonald, McDowell	Lowe, Sanders, Dent, Andrew, McCrary, Parker

Estimate of Giving Cards

Members and Congregation, at the end of our Estimate of Giving Campaign, we received 68 responses to the 138 cards we mailed out. We have a total of giving at \$303,612 for our 2019 budget. The estimated 2019 budget is \$464,341. We lack \$160,779 in our 2019 giving. In the next ten days we will be completing the final 2019 budget. As you can, see many missions of the church in 2019 are NOT funded. I urge you to turn in your giving cards as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Herb MacDonald

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

2018 Budget	\$453,636.00
YTD Income	\$382,247.06
YTD Expense	\$386,938.67
Estimate of Giving for 2019 as of Nov. 21	\$327,152.00
Income for week of Nov. 21	\$6,041.00

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church Family: Barbara Chatham (broken foot), Dosha Teachey, Zack Trexler, Paulette McCauley, Libbi Parks, PJ & Emad Elkhaiat, Ray Fencl, Larry Johnson, Walt Pettit, Bill Amburn, Ercel Carter, Dan & Sallie Park, Donna Thompson, Roland & Loretta Cash, Ann Foster, Avery Neaves, & homebound

Extended Care: Mary Cockerham, Iris Amburn, Mary Neil, Bliss Vanderpool (Home), Norma Sue Goodman

Extended Family: Jenn Fencl, Ruth Deck, Priscilla Smith, Marc Bishop, Buck Freeman, Lorene Newman, Michael Hines, Dennis Staley, Robert Miller, Joan Shuford, Dr. Gladys Campbell, Nan Boyd, Teresa Shook, Millie Joyce, Martha Key, Phyllis Lowe, Judy Moody, Abe Heath, Connie Partin, Jeff Wishon, Brian Wilkenson, Keith Stanley, Rick Smoot, Linda Caudill, Tom Medlin, Steve Plummer & Family, Carol MacDonald, Ann Green

All of our military personnel and their families

Please call the church office @336-835-2323 if you wish to make any updates to this list.

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2 — DECEMBER 9

Sunday Advent 1	8:45 am - Early Worship (Chapel) 9:45 am - Sunday School 10:55 am - Worship (Sanctuary) 3:30 pm - Youth (eat dinner out -bring money) 4:00 and 7:00 pm - Community Chorus Concerts (Elkin First Baptist Church) 5:00 pm - No JOY Bible Study (Parlor) 5:30 pm - No Men's Bible Study (Library)
Monday	9:00 am - Weekday Programs 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts (Classes & Fellowship Hall) 6:45 pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)
Tuesday	9:00 am - Weekday Programs; Morning Bells 11:30 am - JOY Bible Study (Parlor) 2:45 pm - Cherub Choir (ages 4-k) Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm - No Girl Scouts
Wednesday	9:00 am - Weekday Programs 2:45 pm - Choirs for 1st - 6th Grades 6:00 pm - Solid Rock Café - BBQ, bkd beans, slaw 6:30 pm - Cherub Choir Program 7:00 pm - Evening Bells (Sanctuary Balcony) 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Thursday	9:00 am - Weekday Programs 10:00 am - Young at Heart to Winston-Salem
Sunday Advent 2	8:45 am - Early Worship (Chapel) 9:45 am - Sunday School 10:55 am - Worship (Sanctuary) 5:00 pm - JOY Bible Study 5:30 pm - Men's Bible Study

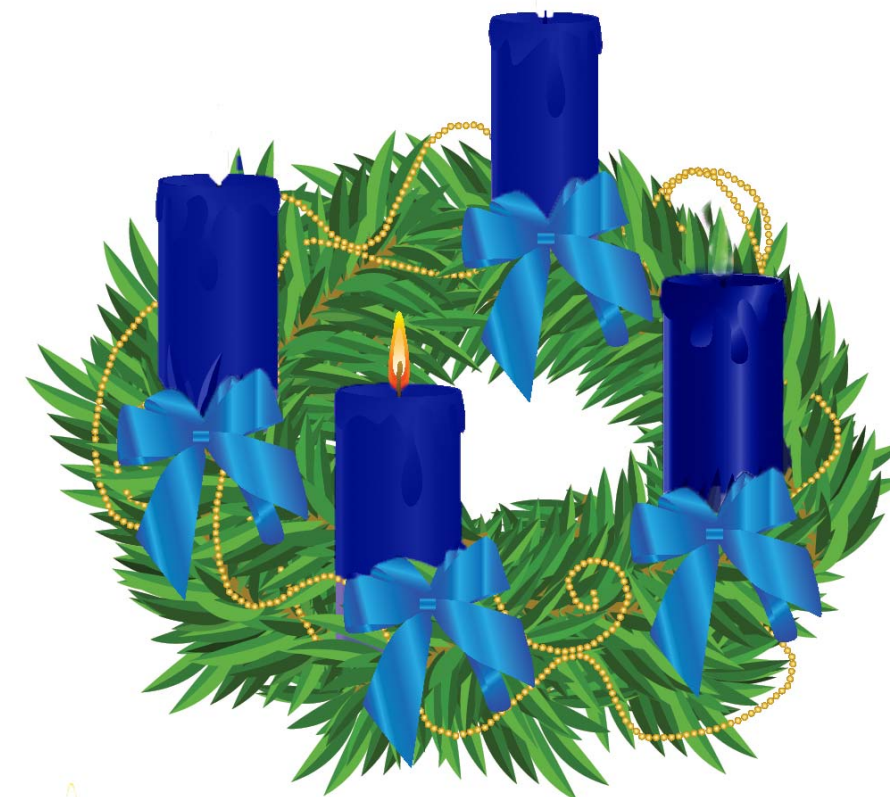
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Elkin, North Carolina



Order of Worship
First Sunday of Advent
 December 2, 2018
 10:55 am
Follow Jesus, Make Disciples, Transform the World

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Gathering Music
 Welcome, Sharing of Prayer Concerns, and Announcements
 Invitation to Worship
 Chiming of the Trinity
 Prelude - "What Is This Lovely Fragrance?" - Lovelace

✠ Call to Worship
 Good and upright is the LORD;
He instructs sinners in the way.
 He leads the humble in what is right,
And teaches the humble his way.
 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
For those who keep his covenant and his decrees.
 —from Psalm 25:8-10

✠ Processional Hymn No. 203 - "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

✠ Invocation

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath Ann and Andy Garner
Light one candle, Christ is coming, Christ the Hope of the World;
light one candle, Christ is coming, Christ is coming soon!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Time
(Children, age 4 - 2nd grade are welcome at Children's Church)

Prayer for Illumination - In Unison
O God, ancient prophets foretold of one coming from Ephraim to rule over all nations. Let us hear again of his coming and recall the words foretold that we might remember to announce his coming to all humanity. Amen.

Holy Scripture Micah 5:2 (Pew Bible p. 815)
 Isaiah 7:14-17, 9:2, 6-7 (Pew Bible p.598, 600)
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

✠ Affirmation of Faith No. 881 - "The Apostles' Creed"

Anthem - "We Wait for Thee" - Johnson
 Dark is the night and empty the sky as the ground lies still and cold. We pause in solemn anticipation as we wait for the promise of old. Come, thou Prince of Peace; come, great Lord of lords; come, set Your people free. Come, Desire of the nations, come. With joy and hope we wait for Thee. Revive our hearts and renew our minds, come, and bring us peace to endure. Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God, Emmanuel, God with us!
Mike Powell, trombone

Sermon - "The Past is our Future"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn No. 210 - "All Earth is Waiting"
(Children return from Children's Church)

Call to Prayer - "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" - Thomserson
 I want to walk as a child of the Light; I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer - No. 895

The Offertory - "Sleepers, Wake! A Voice is Calling!" - Bach

✠ Doxology - (Tune: W Zlobie Lezy)
Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, glory to the Three-in-One. Here we offer to you gladly all the gifts that you impart, as we glory in your Presence, giving from a grateful heart.

✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING FORTH

✠ The Benediction

✠ Choral Response - "Prepare the Way of the Lord" - Berthier
 Prepare the way of the Lord, and all people will see the salvation of our God.

✠ Recessional Hymn No. 196 - "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

✠ Chiming of the Trinity

✠ Postlude - "O Blessed Emmanuel" - Bach

✠ Please stand as you are able

The flowers are placed to the glory of God in loving memory of Rex Cockerham by Emaline Cockerham and Darlena & Allen Goodwin.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor - Rev. Michael A. Shuford
 Director of Music & Children's Ministry - Amy E. Johnson
 Music for Gathering - Kim Arnold
 Children's Time - Amy Johnson
 Lay Reader - Claire Grider
 Children's Church - Kristi Gaddis
 Greeters - Bill & Marian Green, J.L. & Jane Lowe, Michael, Mary, Lucas & Sadie Keller, Dave & Alison Ackerman, Leigh Freeman
 Ushers - Frank Beals, Steve Mackie, John Kennedy
 Counters - Dave Johnson, Gardner Meek, Lauren Meek

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Congregational Care Team members have been busy visiting, calling, assisting, and sending cards to church members in need. Special cards are signed at our Wednesday night dinners and Young at Heart activities. The card list of recipients is gathered from our church prayer list. If you wish to have your name or a family member's name remain on the list, please contact Ann Garner. Keeping in touch with our members experiencing special needs is one of the committee's goals. Please let us hear from you.

PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOLID ROCK CAFÉ MENU for DECEMBER 5:

Pork Barbecue, Baked beans & slaw

LYDIA CIRCLE: On Monday, December 3 at 11:00 am we will meet at Chatham Nursing Center to deliver poinsettias to our Methodist shut-ins. Lunch following at Cedarbrook Country Club.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR PROJECT AGAPE

Project AGAPE Animal Project Christmas cards will be on sale Wednesday evenings at supper and on Sunday mornings in the Narthex. They are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. These colorful cards feature artwork by Armenian children. Six designs are available. Your donation will support the Animal Project administered by Project AGAPE.

TRI-C REQUESTS TOILET TISSUE: Tri-C has asked that we continue donating toilet tissue. Please place packs of toilet tissue in the basket in the entryway of the church office.

"Deck the Halls" for Advent & Christmas!

Make a dedication in honor or memory of someone special.

Once again, we will decorate our Sanctuary and Chapel with poinsettias and wreaths. If you wish to contribute to the fund for these decorations, in memory or in honor of a loved one, please make a donation by December 9.

For a donation of \$12 per dedication, we will include it in the bulletin on Sunday, December 16.

Forms may be placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office.
Make checks payable to "First UMC" and note "Poinsettias/Wreaths."

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

By _____

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Please Print Neatly!

