

December 12, 2021

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!



This Sunday, the Chancel Choir will present a jubilant Christmas Cantata at both the 8:30 and 11:00 service. The Christmas Cantata, in its contemporary form, is a tradition that dates back more than half a century. It is composed in several movements for voice or voices and conveys the Christmas story. This Christmas, we bring Pepper Choplin's *The Seven Noels* to the Wynnton Sanctuary. Based on Pepper Choplin's favorite Christmas hymn, *The First Noel*, it is a fresh portrayal of the Christmas story. Stylistically, the music ranges from prayerful ballads to bright, rhythmic, joyful celebrations. One of the movements, *Never Been a Night*, has been described as a gospel Christmas party! The first six Noels are short musical interludes between the songs that propel the story forward. The seventh Noel is a beautiful, lyrical song of praise which includes an opportunity for the congregation to sing a verse of the hymn *The First Noel*. We will include another Pepper Choplin Christmas anthem and a Wynnton Christmas favorite in our Cantata: *Angels Are Making Their Rounds*. This Sunday we will experience familiar carols and hymns and beautiful new melodies that combine to illustrate the wonder and joy of the Christmas story. As we receive that joy, let us praise God and share the good news!

Luke 2:10-11

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

May God fill your heart with joy and peace this Advent and Christmas Season!
Diana B.



LOVE OFFERING

Kathy Fields has served Wynnton for the last 41 years in our Preschool. Our Staff Parish Relations Committee would like to present Kathy with a love offering from the church to show our appreciation as he moves on. If you would like to contribute, you may put it in an envelope marked "Love Offering for Kathy Fields."

LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Deanna & Dave Stevenson on the death of her mother, Jeanette Bunch, of Hattiesburg, MS, on December 3, 2021

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Rubye Screws** by Joy Graham

In memory of **Anne Turner** by John Richey

In memory of **Sarah Crawford** by Sue & Bill Pope

END OF YEAR GIVING

Please be sure to send your end of year contributions before December 31. Submissions postmarked after Dec. 31 cannot be counted for 2021. Also, gifts of stock and online payments must clear by Dec. 31. Thanks for helping us meet our budget needs!

BE A WYNNTON WELCOMER

WE NEED YOU! - to sign-up as a Sunday morning welcomer. We are still looking for volunteers to fill open slots through the end of December. Check your calendars for a few Sundays you are available to help us greet our members and guests on Sunday morning. Sign-up sheets will be available in the main hallway this Sunday.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Chancel Choir will present *The Seven Noels*, a Christmas Cantata by Pepper Choplin, at both services this Sunday, December 12th.

Trinity House Needs

We are in need of personal care items such as toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, lotions, etc. If you can help, please leave your donations in the bin in the Fellowship Hall.

WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

We are selling holiday cards again this year for \$5.00. If you are interested in buying cards, please see Randy Autry, Vicki Martin or Suzanne Supple.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Our Finance Committee has designated our Christmas offering to go to Wynnton Arts Academy partner in education projects. You may make your gift anytime in December in a worship service or by mailing it to the church office.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Through Old Testament stories and mission projects, our children have been learning who God is, how He loves us and is always with us, and how we are to love God and love others. These lessons have prepared us to meet Jesus during this Advent season. Children in Pre-K through 5th grade are welcome to join us for Children's Sunday School from 9:45 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. on the second floor of the Grimes building.

Children's Programs

The nursery is available from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. as well as Sunday School for grades K-12 from 9:45-10:50 a.m. The nursery for infants through 3-year olds is on the first floor of the Grimes building. Children's Sunday School for K-5th Grade is on the 2nd floor of the Grimes building, and youth Sunday school is in the basement under the sanctuary. Children's Church will be offered for children through 5th Grade in the Children's Center in the Grimes building during the worship hour.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 12

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth & Children
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
Rev. J Grantham - Streams Live on Facebook
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Church - Grimes Building

Tuesday, December 14

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building

Wednesday, December 15

- 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Home of Linda Twiggs
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
- 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 16

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Bldg.
- 9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

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| Sue Rogers | Lexie McRae |
| Glenn Killough | Kathy Draughon |
| Matthew Allen | Debi Meacham Wright |
| Bobby Porch | Dorothy Robinson |
| Lillian Cox | Wanda Jones |
| Lynn Christenson | Kerry Mess |
| Beverly Ragsdale | Jennefer Spell |
| Jean McGlamry | Jim Accordino |
| Lenore Ash | Gena Tincer |
| Gwen Bolin | |

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

- Family of Joanne Cole
- Family of Rev. Jim Trice
- Family of Richard Geeslin
- Family of Rubye Screws
- Family of Stella Jambon
- Family of Marjorie Croft
- Family of Sarah Crawford
- Family of Deanna Stevenson

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies December 10-12
Rev. J Grantham 706-681-3258



Youth Sunday School

Many of us own Bibles with Jesus' words written in red in the New Testament. But did you realize that every book in the Old Testament points to Jesus? Youth Sunday School has started a three-lesson series that will open teenagers' eyes to Jesus' presence throughout the Old Testament and his familiarity with Scripture, allowing them to discover how all of the Bible points them toward Jesus—and a relationship with him.

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

- December 12:** Philippians 1:1-11, Ezekiel 18, Isaiah 47
- December 13:** Philippians 1:12-30, Ezekiel 19, Isaiah 48
- December 14:** Philippians 2:1-11, Ezekiel 20, Isaiah 49
- December 15:** Philippians 2:12-30, Ezekiel 21-22, Isaiah 50
- December 16:** Philippians 3, Ezekiel 23, Isaiah 51
- December 17:** Philippians 4, Ezekiel 24, Isaiah 52
- December 18:** Colossians 1:1-23, Ezekiel 25-26, Isaiah 53

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 12 Jeff Yates
- 13 Lawson Barnes, William Bray, Eliza Daffin, Eric Hubbard, Jesse Kelley, Saoirse Leanza, Renee Summerlin
- 14 Jan Crawford, Jarrod Hart
- 15 Dawn Grantham
- 16 Mike Forlines, Claren Hill Marcia Therrien
- 17 Dorothy Batastini

OUR STEWARDSHIP

12-5-21	
General Fund.....	13,468.00
Endowment.....	175.00
Missions.....	37.00
Emergency Fund.....	210.00
Thanksgiving Offering.....	125.00
Christmas Offering.....	100.00
Other Contributions.....	10.00