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Christmas Newsletter

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## Celebrate Christmas!



*"Medieval Christmas"* was the theme of the special Third Sunday of Advent Medieval Christmas Worship Celebration of music, Scripture, and poetry presented by the Youth, children, and the Chancel Voices last Sunday, Dec. 14th! The CCA Giving Tree Gifts were brought up to the Manger Set and Dedicated. A number of guests joined that unique Celebration.

*Many thanks go to the many people, who helped make our "A Medieval Christmas" Worship Celebration so meaningful and such a wonderful experience! Thank you to everyone, who helped assemble and disassemble the Stable Set and the Decorated Fellowship Hall. Many thanks also go to those, who donated the refreshments for the Reception. Special thanks go to Wendy Littrell and Karol Whittaker for their extra work and help with the Reception. Finally, many thanks go to the performers,*

*musicians, and to Erika Hope Barker for presenting the PowerPoint Program.*

Dec. 21st Christmas Sunday Worship includes anthems by the Children's Choir, the Reception of New Members and reception of the Christmas Fund Special Offering.

Our Christmas Eve, Altar Communion Candlelight Worship Celebration is at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 24th! Undesignated gifts go to support the Eden Hill Communities (Eden Home for the Aged).

*Join in our Christmas Celebrations!* - Pastor

### SHORT NOTES

There will be **no** Sunday School or Adult Bible Study Class on Dec. 21st or 28th. It will resume with the 9:00 a.m. Refreshment Gathering on Sunday, Jan. 4th.

**The Trustees request that you please review your giving thus far through the year and bring your donations up-to-date so the church can fulfill its plans for 2014.** All donations to the church, which are to be counted for 2014, need to be turned into the church on or before

Sunday, Dec. 28th. Call Mike Howell for information about your giving.

We have received 45 Faith-Promise commitments for a total of \$108,006! If you have not yet turned in your Commitment for 2015, and wish to do so, please turn it in by December 21st, so the Trustees will have accurate information as they develop a Proposed Budget for 2015.

The CCA Giving Tree Program went very well! A large number of the gifts on the Giving Tree tags were brought forward

to the altar during the "Medieval Christmas" program on Dec. 14th to be dedicated before being taken to CCA. Many thanks to those who donated for this project! Many thanks also go to the members & friends who donated for the CCA Holiday Baskets!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Church Christmas Party on Dec. 13th!

All women (8th grade and up) are invited to sing with the **Women's Choir** on Feb. 8th. Please sign up on the bulletin insert.

## Calendar of Activities

Sun., Dec. 21	<b>NO</b> Sunday School or Adult Bible Study Children's Choir Rehearse in Sanctuary Christmas Sunday Worship Celebration with Holy Communion Children's Choir Singing, and New Member Reception Refreshments <b>NO</b> Youth	9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:50 a.m.
Wed., Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Altar Communion Worship Celebration	6:30 pm.
Thurs., Dec. 25	<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!</b>	
Sun., Dec. 28	<b>NO</b> Sunday School or Adult Bible Study Worship Celebration with Guest Preacher, Rev. Charles Brown Refreshments <b>NO</b> Youth	10:30 a.m. 11:45 a.m.
Wed., Dec. 31	<b>NO</b> Prayer Group or Chancel Voices Rehearsal	
Thurs., Jan. 1	<b>Happy New Year!</b>	
Sun., Jan. 4	Sunday School Refreshment Gathering (every Sunday) Sunday School Opening Assembly (every Sunday) Adult Bible Study meets in Narthex (every Sunday) Epiphany Worship Celebration with Holy Communion Refreshments (every Sunday without a meal) Trustees Budget meeting	9:00 a.m. 9:20 a.m. 9:35 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:50 a.m. 1:30 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 7	Prayer Group meets Chancel Voices Rehearsal	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 11	Sunday Worship Celebration Monthly Brunch by Men's Fellowship Youth (7th-12th gr.) meet Women's Choir Rehearsal <b>Annual Reports Due in Church Office</b>	10:30 p.m. 11:50 p.m. 12:00 p.m. 12:30 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 12	Board of Deacons meets	7:15 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 14	Prayer Group meets Chancel Voices Rehearsal	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 18	Sunday Worship Celebration with Holy Communion Pizza Inn Fellowship Lunch	10:30 p.m. 12:00 p.m.

## Fellowship Events



**Pizza Inn Fellowship Lunch:** After Worship on Sun., Jan. 18th. Everyone will go through the line and pay for their own meal. RSVP to Jennifer Clay.

**Frisco RoughRiders Baseball:** Fri., May 29th at 7:05 p.m. \$20/person ages 3+. All-You-Can-Eat seats! Parking is \$5 or park free at Stonebriar Mall. Paid reservations due to Jennifer Clay by Sun., Feb. 8th.

