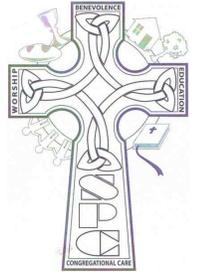


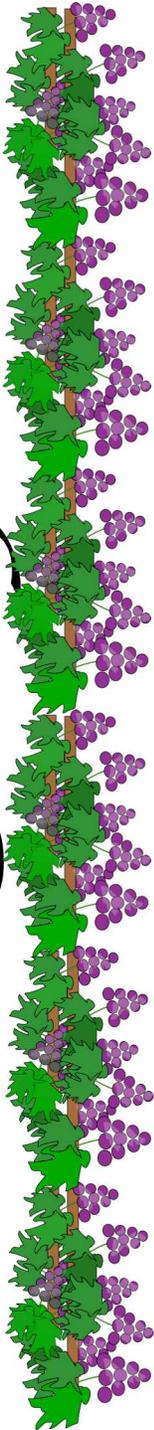


Sedgefield Presbyterian Church



Responding gratefully through service in our community, worshipping our Creator and working to alleviate hunger in our neighborhood.

December/January Grapevine



"I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener." ~John 15:1

Waiting.... and waiting... and waiting. Are you good at waiting? I am not the best at waiting. I try not to do most of my Christmas shopping too early because I get too excited about the gifts I buy for others and want them to open them now instead of weeks later. I do remember one Christmas when I was 13 years old not being able to wait to open one of my Christmas gifts. I knew the box shape and the shake was not like anything I had requested from my parents. The question, "what could it be?" haunted me for days and the waiting was causing all kinds of emotional disturbance. So I decided not to wait until Dec 24th to open my gift. One afternoon after school when nobody was at home, I carefully and meticulously unwrapped the gift—oh so carefully as to not tear the paper so that I could wrap it back. It was a camera! I did not even know I wanted one, but I was so excited. The wait had come to an end of wondering what was in that little box. Each time I went past the tree and saw the gift, I would smirk. But in all honesty when I unwrapped the gift on Christmas day, it wasn't as exciting. Don't get me wrong, I loved the camera and used it all the time, but knowing what was in the box took a little of the excitement and joy out of unwrapping the gift on Christmas day.



As we begin this Advent Season, we find ourselves waiting. As Robert S. Daniels writes of Advent, "We wait in the liminal state between Christ's first and second coming." What I am most curious about this season is how do we wait. Our waiting has changed over the years. Waiting for a baby is different than when I was born. My mother could not find out if I was a boy or girl, and today you can find out the sex of a child and see features on the fancy ultrasound machines. When you wait in line for fast food, you can get caught up on social media. When you wait in the doctors office, you can return work emails instead of reading waiting room magazines.



"Advent" means "coming" or "arrival." During the season of Advent, we celebrate Christ's coming into the world and watch with expectant hope for his coming again. We wait between memory and hope. Take notice of how you wait. We hear the impossible commands of —keep vigilant! repent! be satisfied!. Advent show us that even in the midst of all that is amiss in our world, the word of God shows us love. Be on the look for love among us this season.

Peace and Blessings, Kim

December Birthdays

- | | |
|------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Matt Miller | 23 Margaret Millard |
| 2 Julie Gehling | Jo Williams |
| 3 Gordon Johnson | 25 Scott Barker |
| 8 Maren Gehling | 26 Ann Kroupa |
| 15 Cody Johnson | 27 Matt Bucior |
| Tyler Johnson | 30 Tricia Hayes |
| Charlotte Stone | |
| Sarah Freeman | |
| 19 Sam Cook | |
| 21 Mike Ambrosio | |



..and Anniversaries

- 22 Sarah & Tony Freeman

January Birthdays

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 4 Brenda Alderson | 18 Shani Lester |
| 7 Diane Brazelle | Julie Mitchell Knight |
| Edna Hutton | 27 Jason Mitchell |
| 10 Sheryl Elms | Taylor Mitchell |
| Norma Matto | 28 Lisa Miller |
| 12 Carmen Atwater | 31 Paul Angelo |
| 14 Zoey Martinez | Kim Priddy |
| Stanley Ashworth | |
| 15 Sean Montgomery | |
| 17 John Atwater | |
| Brandon Dietz | 15 Sandra & Bob Mitchell |
| Nick Dietz | Barbara & Andy Bucior |

..and Anniversaries

Worship Assistants

December	Lay Reader	Infant Care	Church School
2 Traditional Team B	Geraldine Burch	Norma Matto	Karen Johnson
9	Jim Gehling	Linda Price	Shani Lester
16	Bob Halpin	Carol Reed	Gin Reid Hall
23	Myra Montgomery	Charlotte Stone	Suzanne Thacker
24 Xmas Eve Intinction	Julie Gehling	Diane Weeks	Norma Matto

January	Lay Reader	Infant Care	Church School
6			
13			
20			
27			

December Greeters & Ushers: Roger & Myra Montgomery **January Greeters & Ushers:**

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Elders

Session Class of 2018:

Bruce Bingham, Fred Brown,

Session Class of 2019:

Zoe Dillard, Jim Gehling,
Jef Morgan

Session Class of 2020:

Gin Reid Hall, Gene Lester,
Myra Montgomery



Adult Sunday School Classes

Back by popular demand, we will hear and enjoy music of the Advent and Christmas season by some of our own musicians. Please join us at 9:45 each Sunday morning in December.




Children from birth to Grade 5 are invited to church school during worship.



There is nothing like a good journey to open our eyes and hearts to the stories of the church seasons! During December and January, the children will wait with excitement during the



weeks of Advent as they move toward Christmas. We will be experiencing the Christmas story by preparing for the annual Christmas Pageant. The children plan to lead worship on Sunday, December 23, with their retelling of this beloved story, as only they can tell it! We will celebrate Jesus' birth.

In January, the light of Epiphany will shine through this ancient story of the visit of the Magi, followed by hearing, learning about, and exploring stories from the life of Jesus, including his baptism and some of the stories Jesus told.

We welcome the enthusiastic participation of your children, grandchildren, and friends! Also, thank you to our church school teachers and infant caregivers for your faithful presence with the youngest in our congregation!

Pennies for Hunger

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News from Frank Dew: Revolutionary Jesus—Meeting at Revolution Mill, 2003 Yanceyville Street beginning Tuesday, February 5 from 6:00-7:00 pm., and continuing through April 9. Come join us as we talk about the call of the Revolutionary Jesus of the Bible to follow him! Led by Frank Dew

Servant Leadership—Improving our Acoustics for Hearing the Gospel. Study together the topics of Servant Leadership with Frank Dew at the Franciscan Center in downtown Greensboro, 233 N. Greene Street. Classes are Mondays from 7:00-8:00 pm beginning Monday, January 7. Come join us!

Attention All Youth- Our Youth Group will meet with the youth of Jamestown Presbyterian Church.

Middle School Youth at 4:30 to 6:30 pm with dinner included. High School Youth will meet from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Brian Stroud is serving as the Interim Youth Director at JPC.

All Middle School and High School Students are invited to join us!



KEEP CALM AND GO TO YOUTH GROUP

SPC Preschool

We love the month of December! Our classes are busy practicing for their Christmas Program that will be held on **Thursday, Dec. 20 at 10:30am**. We are always amazed how the children will perform. They really do a fabulous job. The classes are also very busy making holiday crafts and something special for their parents.

If you would like to link your **Harris Teeter VIC card** to the preschool our number is #3278. We really appreciate it! Every little bit helps. Harris Teeter makes a donation to local schools when you purchase their store brands. Just mention this number, 3278, to the cashier —once and done!






**Regular Sunday
Worship Hours are
11 am until 12.
Children join us at
11, then leave to
attend their Church
School classes af-
ter their prayer with
Kim.**



Come Celebrate the Advent and Christmas Season

Dec 2- Hanging of the Greens

We will begin the Hanging of the Greens during Worship. Join us after Worship for lunch and to complete the preparation of our sanctuary for the Advent Season.

Dec 9- Special Music and Liturgical Dance

Dec 16- continuing with Advent Worship

Join us after worship to prepare and deliver goodie baskets to our homebound friends.

Dec 23- Children's Pageant (All children are invited to participate)

Hot Cocoa and cookies to follow Worship.

Dec 24- Christmas Eve Service 7:30pm Music and 8pm Worship with Communion & Candle-light

Session Snippets

- Kim has served on the Salem Presbytery Dream Team for a year and a half. The team has studied, researched and designed a new organization that will serve the future needs of the Presbytery. There will be listening sessions before the proposal is given a final vote at its February meeting. Our church will host one of the listening sessions **Tuesday, Jan. 15th at 10:00 am.**
- A Spanish speaking service of 10 to 12 people will be meeting at our church at 5:00 on Saturdays or Sundays.
- Estimates to repair the leaking sanctuary roof are being gathered.
- The session's next meeting will be Sunday, December 16th at 8:00 am.

Advent Devotionals are available on the back table of the church sanctuary. This is a great resource for use during the Advent season.



As you are completing your Christmas Card list this season- please be mindful of two things:

1. We have great Christmas cards to send to friends and relatives AND all go to support our outreach ministries and work. We have Christmas cards for Backpack Beginnings, Cooking Matters, Greensboro Urban Ministry, and Bread for the World.
2. Remember to include our friends that are not with us each Sunday, they enjoy hearing from you.

Please keep in your prayers:

Matt Bucior and family as they struggle with hurricane damage and decisions. Alejandra Thompson, who is facing a delicate surgery in December. Aaron Jernigan in Sacramento dealing with the fire. Classie Meredith and Lois Johnson.



Pray especially for those who are continuing to struggle with the flooding, wildfires, and our country in this time of uncertainty. *See page 9 of this newsletter for information about Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, how they help, and how YOU can help.

**JoAnn Smith- 3007 Twin Lakes Drive 27407
Margit and Gary Howell- 6306 Jonquil Drive 27407**

**Helen Boyer- 1575 John Knox Drive #305P
Colfax, NC 27235**

**Lee Oliver- 1575 John Knox Drive #206P
Colfax, NC 27235**

**Classie Meredith- 2600-C Pennoak Way 27407
Lois Johnson- 3902 Sedgemoor Road, 27407**

Note: Prayer requests should be sent to the church office at office@sedgfieldpresbyterian.org.



ANGEL TREE

For many years you have put a smile on the faces of children and their families who live in our community when they receive a gift from our Angel Tree! For those of you who would like to participate in this important tradition, you are invited to choose a child from our Angel Tree and purchase the requested gift.



The Benevolence Ministry Team receives names of children each year from the social worker from our partner school, Sedgfield Elementary and FaithAction. These children are from families who will not be able to provide Christmas gifts for their children. Some of these children are "homeless" and currently do not have a permanent home address. If you would like to help make Christmas a little brighter for a child in our community, please choose a tag from our "Angel Tree" in the Gathering Area. Names on the Angel Tree have been available since Sunday, November 25. You will find listed on each angel the child's first name, age, grade and a special request/need. You may choose to purchase an outfit, jacket, shoes, special "toy" request, or fill a stocking for the child. If you would like to provide everything for one child, you will need to choose the tags with the same name. They will be easily identified because the tags will be the same design. It is very important that you sign the designated sheet on the table beside the Angel Tree.

You are invited to help in any of the following ways:

- Choose an angel and provide the requested item(s).
- Fill a stocking for a mom or dad.
- Make a cash contribution which will be used to purchase a Food Lion gift card. Please mark checks for "Christmas Family".
- Be a shopper. We are very thankful to receive a portion of the proceeds from the Sedgfield Colony Garden Club's Holiday Homes tour this year which are to be used for children on our Angel Tree. For those who would like to shop for some of the children, reimbursement will be available after December 16. Receipts will need to be turned in to Ana Atwater or Charlotte Stone to receive reimbursement.

The Benevolence Ministry Team is very grateful for your help in providing Christmas for these special children from Sedgfield Elementary and FaithAction. If you have questions you may contact one of our Benevolence Team members – Ana Atwater, Janice Butler, Ellen Chelava, Michelle Harkleroad, Leisa Huddleston, Ellen Morton or Charlotte Stone.

HOLIDAY HONOR CARDS

Honor Cards are available on a table in the Gathering Area. Suggested donation is \$5 /card. You may choose cards from.....

- Greensboro Urban Ministry
- Bread for the World
- Greensboro Animal Rescue
- Cooking Matters
- Backpack Ministry



The Benevolence Ministry Team thanks you for helping to make Christmas brighter for people in our community and our world who struggle with issues of poverty every day of their lives!



FaithAction

Kim Priddy, and John and Charlotte Stone joined hundreds of our neighbors from around the world to eat, sing, dance, share stories, and take pictures - celebrating our rich diversity and giving thanks for one another during the Annual **FaithAction Multicultural Thanksgiving Dinner**. The dinner was held at First Presbyterian Church on November 19.



Budget committee will meet soon to prepare the budget for 2019. Thanks for all the pledges that have come in. If you have not completed your "Step Up in Faith" commitment card, please do so as soon as possible.

News



From Congregational Care

Church Connections

A great team of volunteers send notes and goodie packages to our young adults after they leave home for college, military, or work. The volunteers for September/October are Linda Price, Karen Younts, Julie Gehling, and Diane Weeks.



PARENTS: Please send your youth's change-of-address to Lindaprice452@gmail.com AND notify Linda of any new names that need to be added to our Church Connections list.



HOSPITALITY
COMMITTEE

WELCOME To our first-time visitors! These volunteers greet our visitors and give them information about our church and a package of

Equal Exchange coffee.

December Volunteers

- 2 Gene Lester
- 9 Scott Ritter
- 16 Zoe Dillard
- 23 Bruce Bingham



Food Wheel



Attention All Cooks!

The volunteers on this very important ministry prepare and deliver food to those who are ill, who have had a death in their family, or are recovering from a medical procedure.

For questions or to volunteer, please contact Charlotte Stone at cpstone@triad.rr.com. Thank you to those who serve. We welcome more volunteers, men or women, to join this group.

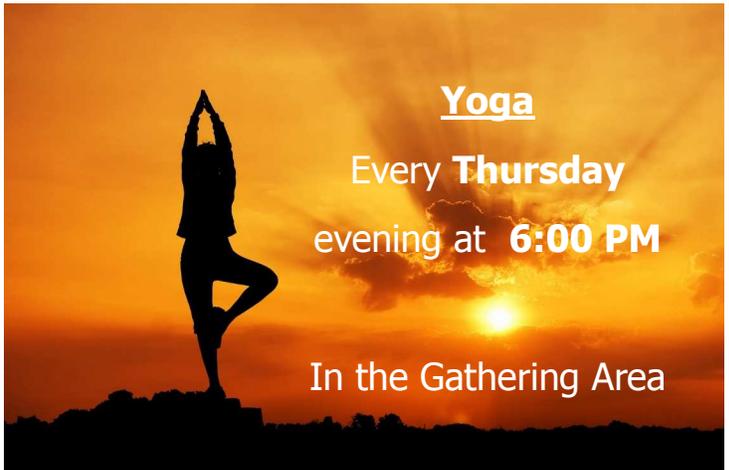
December Leader(s): Sheryl Elms, Karen Johnson
December Team: Bonnie Hensel, Janice Butler, Jane Wray, Susan Rikert

January Leader(s); Julie Gehling
January Team: Sonya Charters, Ana Atwater, Ashley Hyers

Yoga

Every **Thursday**
evening at **6:00 PM**

In the Gathering Area



Do you have any information you'd like to see on this or any other page in our newsletter?

Please send submissions to the church office before the last Tuesday in the month for inclusion in that month's Grapevine!

Women Dining Out in December

The women of the church are invited to enjoy Christmas at the home of Karen Younts and Linda Price on Monday, December 10 at 6:-00 pm.



Women Dining out in January

The women will meet at 6:00 pm on Monday, January 28, at Poblano's. (weather permitting) Poblano's is located in the Adams Farm Shopping Center.



Our Servant Garden

It's that time of year again, the leaves are falling and we need them for our composting efforts in the Servant Garden. The two chemical ingredients for composting are carbon (C) and nitrogen (N). If you or your neighbors have bagged leaves we need them. If they are ground leaves, all the better. If they are ground leaves from the lawn mower with grass clipping, better yet. The brown leaves are our favorite source of carbon. The other chemical ingredient that we need is nitrogen and coffee grounds are one of the best nitrogen sources. Many of the coffee shops provide bagged coffee grounds. I pick them up regularly from Starbucks. They are free for the taking. There are two 30 gallon plastic containers for the coffee grounds beside the compost piles at the garden and the pile of bagged leaves is obvious.

The other three ingredients are water (moisture), air (oxygen), and microbes. The omnipresent microbes do the work with the correct balance and distribution of the ingredients. The UNCG students turn the piles to provide fresh supply of oxygen and moisture. Our first composite pile this Fall went right to 120 degrees F in two days, which is the ideal composting temperature. It is "cooking".

We can get coffee grounds all year long. This is our month or so window of time to get leaves. Bring'em on! The winter garden plants thank you for your efforts.

Jef



.....and check out what Barbara found growing in the Servant Garden this summer! GRU grew and WE are the minions!

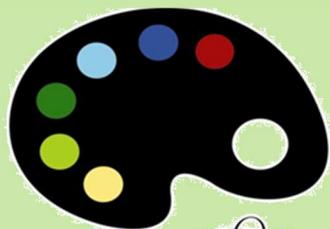


On October 30, we celebrated our first Cooking Matters graduation here at SPC. Five families successfully completed the requirements to earn their Cooking Matters certificate. We had a great time celebrating their accomplishments. Stay tuned for information on our next class starting in the late winter.



Calling all children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighborhood friends, preschool children—

We are having our **Christmas Children's Pageant** on **Sunday, December 23rd at 11am**. No practice required- just be here at 10:15 to get a costume and directions. Children are the best at reminding us that this gospel story is for us all. Hot Cocoa, cookies and fellowship to follow.



Art-a-Fair

9th Annual

Saturday, December 1, 2018 * 3 – 6 p.m.

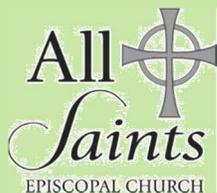
All Saints Episcopal Church Parish Hall

Featuring original works from local artists to include oil painting, watercolor painting, sketches, pottery, jewelry, photography, basket weaving, metal work, glass work, handcrafted note cards

Proceeds will support All Saints Outreach Mission to Greensboro Winter Emergency Shelters.

Wine, cheese, fruit and music

For more information, call 336-299-0705



4211 Wayne Road, Greensboro, NC allsaintsgreensboro.org



Ladies Cookie Exchange

Sunday, December 9th at 4:00

RSVP to Karen Johnson

336.317.2786

Each participant brings 4 dozen cookies. Please RSVP to Karen as soon as possible to be included in this fun exchange!

Thank you!

Hannah Alexander says to please thank everyone for the gift cards to Subway and to Chick fil a. She said it is really appreciated. ~Jennifer Messer

Ed. Note: Hannah is one of our members who is away at college. These gifts sent are our way of staying in touch and letting our young folks know they are loved and remembered. Please consider a monetary donation to Church Connection. You'll find more info about it on page 6 of this newsletter.

HOT DOG TUESDAY

EVERY Tuesday (January– November)

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Hinshaw United Methodist Church

4501 W. Gate City Blvd.

(formerly High Point Road)

BENEFITS LOCAL HUNGER PROJECTS



*****NOTE:** There is no Hot Dog Lunch during the month of December. Resumes in January

It's nice when you pray for someone, but it's better if you become an answer to someone's prayer.

Matt Bucior's home suffered damage during the recent hurricane. If you would like to contact him, please do so at this address:

Florida State University
Office of Admissions; Attn: Matt Bucior
A-2500 University Center
282 Champion Way
Tallahassee, FL 32306-2400



SPC Women's Christmas Dinner

Monday, December 10

6:00 pm

at the home of Linda Price and Karen Younts
5511 Wayne Road

Please bring a dish to share and a wrapped ornament
(\$5 or less) for our Dirty Santa exchange.

RSVP to Ana at ana@theatwaters.com
or 336-337-1577

to let us know you're coming and
what you'd like to bring.



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Hurricanes Michael and Florence and Typhoon Mangkhut have caused extensive damage and loss of life. Some of you have already given generously in previous weeks. While the needs can feel overwhelming, continued prayer and giving will ensure that the whole church is able to respond. Gifts to DR000194 support our response to hurricanes and typhoons. Gifts can be made online to pda.pcusa.org; by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check, which can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

As this hurricane and typhoon season continues to cause destruction and loss of life, please pray with us that the communities affected by these events and those offering assistance will be strengthened, have their needs met and be reminded of the hope found in God.

Do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you. (Isaiah 41:10)

Sunday, December 16

Join us after worship to
prepare and deliver goodie
baskets to our homebound
friends.



Sedgfield Colony GARDEN CLUB

5th Annual

HOLIDAY TOUR OF HOMES

THURSDAY DECEMBER 13, 2018

3:00 - 7:00 P.M.



GIFTS, A FABULOUS BAKE SALE, AND VENDORS!
JAQ OF ALL TRADES JEWELRY
NANCY'S CAROLINA FRESH (JAMS)
ARTSCAPE BY NANCY SEAY (CLOTHING AND STATIONARY)
FANNY TAYLOR DESIGNS
CHARLIE TEFFT POTTERY

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT SEDGFIELD PRESBYTERIAN'S ANGEL
TREE AND THE ALIGHT FOUNDATION

TICKETS ARE \$20 EACH
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT SOAP LADY AND POSH
OR CONTACT LISA 336-908-2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>DECEMBER</h1>						1 3-6 pm Art-a-Fair @ All Saints
2 1st Sunday of Advent Pennies for Hunger; Communion; Hanging of the Greens, Lunch after worship	3	4	5	6 11 am Women's Luncheon— Bravo's 6 pm Yoga	7	8
9 2nd Sunday of Advent Pageant Rehearsal During church school 4 pm Ladies Cookie Exchange	10 6:30 Women's Christmas Party at Younts-Price home	11	12	13 3-7 pm Holiday Tour of Homes 6 pm Yoga	14	15
16 3rd Sunday of Advent Pageant Rehearsal During church school	17	18	19	20 10:30 Preschool Christmas Program 6 pm Yoga	21 Winter Begins	22
23 4th Sunday of Advent Children's Pageant During Worship ~Benevolence Basket; Youth to Potter's House	24 30 Christmas Eve	25 1 New Year's Eve	26 1 Christmas Day	27 6 pm Yoga	28	29

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