

# THE EPISTLE

December 2015

## Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have entered the season of Advent. Advent is not a four-week exploration of waiting only for a baby. Advent is rather an annual time to consider God's coming in every way and time possible: in a meal, by a word, as a light, in the assembly gathered, as a complete surprise, following a long wait, suddenly, or as a child. I invite you to ponder the themes of Advent through the words of this hymn: *As the Dark Awaits the Dawn* (ELW 261)

As the dark awaits the dawn,  
so we await your light.  
O Star of promise, scatter night,  
loving bright, loving bright,  
till shades of fear are gone.

As the moon reflects the sun  
Until the night's decrease,  
may we your healing light release,  
living peace, living peace,  
unto your holy dawn.

As the blue expectant hour  
before the silv'ring skies,  
we long to see your day arise,  
whole and wise, whole and wise,  
unto your holy dawn.

Shine your future on this place,  
enlighten ev'ry guest,  
that through us stream your holiness,  
bright and blest, bright and blest;  
come dawn, O Sun of grace.

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*Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Lord, Prince of Peace, help us to hear your voice in the midst of this noisy season. Help us to see your face in the people whom we meet each day. Embolden us by your Spirit, so that we may enjoy the wonder of hope, love, joy, and peace made sure and certain in Jesus. Help us to welcome him with praise and celebrate him as our Savior so that we can share your love and mercy with others. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

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# Christmas Eve at St. Philip

As you drive into the parking lot --  
your eyes capture the warm glow of lighted  
candles shining through the windows...

When you walk up the paved brick entry--  
your ears catch phrases of seasonal carols  
accompanied in a variety of ways, some played on the  
church organ, others from the piano, and still others  
from guitar and drums...

Inside the Sanctuary surrounded by intergenerational  
worshippers—  
your voice joins in singing Christmas hymns,  
some classics that have been cherished through  
centuries and others more recent contributions to our  
Christmas celebration.

Each of the three services on Christmas Eve will be  
unique:

At the 4:00 family service, we'll begin outside with a  
live nativity. We'll welcome Farmer Mary from  
Winterpast Farm in Wake Forest who will be bringing  
a ram, some goats, and maybe  
even a sheep or two. Ba Ba the  
Ram is featured in the photo!  
Children will be invited to wear  
a simple costume as we tell the  
story of the birth of Christ.  
Following the nativity story,  
we'll follow Mary, Joseph, and  
the baby Jesus into the



sanctuary where we'll sing more carols, celebrate  
Holy Communion, and conclude the service with  
candle lighting and the singing of "Silent Night."  
Members of The Joyful Noise Kidz Choir and the Youth  
Choir will unite their voices to offer an anthem.

At the 7:00 pm contemporary service, worship will be  
accompanied by our Crossing musicians in the  
sanctuary. The Christmas Gospel will be shared  
through readings and by more recent contributions to  
the repertoire of Christmas music. We'll also  
celebrate the birth of Jesus with familiar carols sung  
in a contemporary style. Members of The Joyful Noise  
Kidz Choir and the Youth Choir will unite their voices  
to offer an anthem. The service will include the  
celebration of Holy Communion and will conclude  
with candle lighting and the singing of "Silent Night."

At the 9:00 p.m. traditional worship service, the  
Christmas Gospel will be accentuated by many of the  
most revered sacred hymns and carols celebrating our  
Savior's birth. With music led from the organ,  
seasonal choral anthems will be offered by the Adult  
Choir. The service will include the celebration of Holy  
Communion and will conclude with candle lighting  
and the singing of "Silent Night."

YOU, your family, your friends—  
are invited to worship and experience the ageless  
Christmas message at one of the worship services on  
December 24<sup>th</sup>.



## Christmas Lessons & Carols

Christmas Lessons and Carols – December 27 at 10 am

We'll worship together at one service on Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. This uplifting service includes seven readings that span from Genesis, Micah, and the Gospels. After each reading we'll sing a familiar carol. This series of lessons and carols will be followed by the celebration of Holy Communion. It'll be a great way to celebrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Christmas!

# December Special Events



## GLITTERFEST!!

Please join us during GROW on **Wednesday, December 2nd**, for this year's Glitterfest. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. then we will make ornaments to decorate the Christmas tree in Luther Hall. All are welcome!!

Mark your calendars for the Annual Christmas Dinner on **December 12** in Luther Hall. Come hungry to share in a traditional holiday meal! Bring a white elephant gift to exchange. The festivities will begin at 6pm. Cost is \$11 per person. Please make your reservations with a check with Liese Faircloth or Martha Bouknight. We hope to see you there!!



## Let's Go Christmas Caroling!!!

Save the date! On **December 19th**, let us all gather to spread joy and raise our voices to lift up the spirits of homebound members of St. Philip along with folks in local nursing facilities. We will meet in Luther Hall at 10:00 a.m. to get organized. Then we'll go out in groups to make singing visits. Please let Marcia know if you are interested in joining us at [marciakb@st-philip.org](mailto:marciakb@st-philip.org).



## A BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE—SUNDAY, DEC 20 AT 7:00 P.M.

Not everyone feels like celebrating during the Christmas season. The joyous and hectic days surrounding the celebration of Christmas can sometimes magnify the feelings of grief, sadness, depression, loneliness, anxiety, fear and loss. Even those who are not struggling with losses may feel the stress of preparations and expectations around Christmas. It may be that the blue of the Advent season (which symbolizes hope) is the very remedy we need for what makes us feel "blue" at Christmas.

This service of longing and hope comforts us in the midst of the often competing emotions of anticipation and heartache, joy and sorrow. Everyone who is seeking a respite from the hectic and sometimes overwhelming preparations for Christmas is invited to this Blue Christmas worship service which will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 20 at 7:00 p.m.**







The next Ladies Lunch is at Poppysseed Market at 8801 Lead Mine Rd. **December 10 beginning at noon.** Sign up with Sandra Kelly, 919-247-1038 or [sankelly55@hotmail.com](mailto:sankelly55@hotmail.com). Also, let Sandy know if you need transportation.



Ladies Lunch

# Saints and Sinners

**Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 11:30 am**  
Hear Gale Buck, story teller extraordinaire, present "How the Reindeer Got Their Bells", "A Ride in the Sleigh", "Father's Star", "Santa's Elves", "Bethlehem Christmas Tree", and his newest North Pole Story "Bear", about a Reindeer raised by a polar bear. Our last S&S program for 2015 so call Carole Mason, (919) 872-1518, by Friday, December 4 to reserve your place at the S&S luncheon table.

## Key Dates & Events for December

- Book Club—Tues, Dec 1 at 10:00 a.m.
- GROW Glitterfest—Wed, Dec 2 at 6pm
- Bus Trip—Fri, Dec 4
- Called Congregation Meeting—Sun, Dec 6 at 10:15 a.m.
- Women's Fellowship—Mon, Dec 7 at 6:30 p.m.
- Saints & Sinners—Tues, Dec 8 at 11:30 a.m.
- Pub Ministry Christmas Party—Tues, Dec 8 at 6:00 p.m.
- Ladies Lunch—Thurs, Dec 10 at 12:00 p.m.
- K-5 Lock-In—Fri, Dec 11 at 7pm
- Christmas Dinner—Sat, Dec 12 at 6:00 p.m.
- Christmas Caroling—Sat, Dec 19 at 10am
- Blue Christmas Service—Sun, Dec 20 at 7pm
- Christmas Eve Worship Schedule—4 p.m. Family Service, 7 p.m. Contemporary Service, 9 p.m. Traditional Service
- Service of Lessons & Carols—Sun, Dec 27 at 10am
- HS/College Lock-In—Mon, Dec 28 at 7:00 p.m.

The next BUS TRIP is scheduled for **Friday, December 4.** We will leave at 10:15 am from the church. Our destination is the Meymandi Concert Hall for a Baroque Christmas Concert presented by the NC Symphony. There will be a talk given at 11:00 by a symphony representative about the concert music and composers. Concert is at noon. We will walk across the street for lunch at McDonald's after the concert. Come and enjoy the music of Handel and Bach including the Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah. All ages are welcome to join us. Treat a friend, who is difficult to buy for, to an early Christmas gift. This will be our last bus trip until late Spring. Don't miss it! Sign up early with Sandra Kelly, 919-247-1038 or [sankelly55@hotmail.com](mailto:sankelly55@hotmail.com). **UPDATE:** The bus is full. If you have not made your reservation, you are still welcome to join us. Contact Sandra Kelly for transportation options. Tickets can be purchased at the box office for \$30.00.



## K - 5th Grade Lock In

**December 11th**

We'll be making blankets for Cedar Point residents and baking cookies to take out caroling on December 19th!!

**Drop Off - 7PM** —in Luther Hall

Come already fed and bring your warm jammies and sleeping bags!

**Pick up is 8:00AM** —Saturday morning in Luther Hall



**Our St. Philip BODY Builders have been at work again! Below is a note Natalie Bowman wrote after receiving a sweet get-well gift from the middle school youth.**

As some of you know, I've had mono for the last few weeks. I have had to give up quite a few things in order to be able to stay home and rest. The hardest thing to give up was working with the amazing middle schoolers of St. Philip Lutheran Church. Today I got the most AMAZING gift! My sweet babies made me a huge care package full of tea, hot cocoa, candies, fuzzy socks and other goodies. The most special of all, they made me a sheet with all of their handprints, prayers, and bible verses. These amazing children show me all the time the glory and love of my amazing God! Their faith and love is like nothing else, and I am so so blessed to know each and every one of them! Special thanks to Sylvia Hewitt and Liese Bouknight Faircloth, there is no one else I would rather lead alongside!





The St. Philip BODY Builders have also been spotted putting together college care packages, making Homeless Resource Bags, and tying blankets. These middle and high school youth make a difference for which many are thankful!



**High School/College Youth Lock In  
December 28th, 7pm - 29th, 9am**

All high school and college aged youth are invited to come hang out during Christmas break! There will be NO painting! I repeat, NO painting!! Come late, leave early, enjoy the whole thing! We'd love to see you and to get reconnected!!! RSVP to Cathryn at [cathryn@st-philip.org](mailto:cathryn@st-philip.org)!



# Families PLM Together

MOVING FAMILIES FROM HOMELESSNESS TO INDEPENDENCE



PLM Families Together

## SCHOOL'S OUT: HOLIDAY HELP NEEDED!

The annual two-week holiday break from school is fast approaching and kids staying in our Short-term Family Apartments will be looking for activities to do. We need a few fun and engaging volunteers who would like to run some activity sessions during this holiday break. We will be planning crafts, nature walks and possibly a field trip. Volunteers should be able to work with all types of school-aged children (we won't be providing care for babies). Contact Meghan Olesen if you can help: [Meghan@plmft.org](mailto:Meghan@plmft.org) 919-212-1123 ext 232.

Activities are being offered on these days:

Monday, December 21st **9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

Monday, December 28th **9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

Tuesday, December 29th **9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

Wednesday, December 30th **9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

## "HEADING HOME" CAMPAIGN CONTINUES UNTIL YEAR-END

Did you know there are approximately 4,000 children who experience homelessness each year in Wake County? Together we can take steps to change that. Our Heading Home year-end campaign runs until the end of the year. Your "Heading Home" donation will be used to help a family return to an affordable home of their own, and will support our long-term work with them. New and donations increased over last year's giving will be DOUBLED if we meet the all-or-nothing Stewards Fund grant challenge!

[Please visit our website to give ([www.plmft.org](http://www.plmft.org)), or reach us by mail at PLM Families Together, P.O. Box 14395, Raleigh, NC 27620.] Questions? Email [Jennifer@plmft.org](mailto:Jennifer@plmft.org) or 919-212-1123 ext. 231. We are sincerely grateful for any help you are able to provide.

## Share and help us get the word out

Do you use Instagram? Connect with us (PLMFT). You'll also find regular updates on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/PLMFT](http://www.facebook.com/PLMFT)), and on Twitter (@PLMFT).





## Developing a Closer Relationship with God through Prayer, Caring Conversations, and Faith Sharing *Unbinding Your Heart*

### **A Unique Experience**

Lent will be a very unique time for our congregation. It'll be unique because we will actually immerse ourselves in a spiritual journey before Lent officially begins. It'll be unique because rather than giving up some random thing, we'll intentionally focus on the spiritual practices of prayer, caring conversations, and sharing our faith.

### **The Book**

The resource we'll use is called *Unbinding Your Heart* by Martha Grace Reese. Martha writes that this is all about "untying the knots that keep us from living exciting lives in the Spirit. It's about unbinding the Good News that God adores us and everyone else, that God has shown this to us through Jesus Christ" (p. 3 of *Unbinding Your Heart*). Every one of us needs to hear this Good News time and time again!

### **Prayer**

Prayer is an important aspect of *Unbinding the Heart*. Prayer is the way we stay in love with God. Prayer is the way individuals, small groups, and congregations grow and become vivid. Prayer involves effort, habit, and focus; but it results in lightness and energy and excitement. Through this study you'll be invited to try a variety of prayer practices in hopes that you'll discover new ways to deepen your prayer life.

### **Sabbatical**

To help us make room in our busy lives for this intentional time, many of the committee and other small group meetings will take a break from meeting during the season of Lent (late January – Easter Sunday). By removing these meetings and activities we'll create the space that we need to intentionally focus on developing a closer relationship with God and each other. Be sure to check with your committee and small group leader to see how this sabbatical from meetings will impact your group. This will probably challenge us a little bit but it'll be worth it as we nurture our relationships with each other and center our faith community life on God.

### **Building Up the Body of Christ**

Small groups will be offered at a variety of times during the week in order to include as many people as possible. Sunday school for adults, youth, and children will incorporate a study of the concepts related to *Unbinding Your Heart*. Worship will include a preaching series and the hymns we sing and the music we hear will be related to this experience.

### **Invitation**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, give yourself a gift this Christmas and make a commitment to participate fully in this intentional time of developing a closer relationship with God and each other through prayer, caring conversations, and faith sharing!





## Unbinding Your Heart - FAQs



### Is Unbinding Your Heart really about “evangelism”?

*Yes and no. No, it isn't the 'evangelism' most of us have come to associate with this word. It isn't about pressuring people about God. It isn't about increasing our church's membership. It isn't about putting a new coat of paint on an old building.*

*Rather, it's about taking our faith seriously. Yes, it is about experiencing a genuine connection to the One who created us. It's about re-kindling our love for God and one another. And finally – it's about what naturally springs from experiencing a deeper relationship with God which is the desire to tell others – in plain words, who God is and what God has done in your life.*

### Why is Unbinding Your Heart important?

*Our world is full of people, many of them right outside our doors, who need to hear the very message we sometimes take for granted. It is important because not only do we need to be revitalized in our own walk with God – but because there are others who desperately need God's healing and wholeness in their lives and we may be the very ones God is calling to help make that happen. Our church will certainly be blessed by Unbinding Your Heart – but more importantly, you will be blessed personally – and YOU are where it all begins.*

### Will I have to do a lot of reading?

*After a week of getting to know each other in your small group, you will read one chapter for each of the following seven weeks – easily read in one sitting, but better enjoyed over the course of each week. The last session, in week nine, is a time for the group to enjoy fellowship and conversation about the entire experience.*

### What are the requirements for participation?

*The level of your participation is entirely up to you. Each Sunday morning will be a culmination of the reading and devotional time of the week leading up to it – but a person will not have to have read the book or participated in a small group in order to enjoy or be inspired by our worship.*

*For those who choose to participate fully, these things need to be present: an open and willing heart, mind spirit; a copy of Unbinding Your Heart; participation in a small group; and use of the daily prayers and devotions (provided in the book).*

### How will children and youth participate in this study?

*Youth who desire to may sign up to participate in a small group with adults. Children and youth will also engage in this study on Wednesday nights and during Sunday School on Sunday mornings.*

### **Is there a cost to participating in the congregation-wide study of Unbinding Your Heart?**

*The cost of the books pre-purchased by our church is approximately \$10 per copy. We are asking for a donation of \$10 to help cover this cost – understanding there will be some who cannot afford this expense and some who can cover the expense of books for themselves and many others. Book payments will be collected when you register. Please make checks payable to St. Philip and note UYH on the memo line. If you're able to donate additional funds that will help cover the cost of the books for those who are unable to purchase a book for themselves, it would be greatly appreciated. Regardless of one's financial position, we encourage every member to take a copy of Unbinding Your Heart.*

### **Multiple people in my household are participating in the study, do we each need to purchase a book?**

*Because the book includes the 40 days of prayer and journaling, you're encouraged to purchase a book for each member of your household who is participating.*

### **Can I be in the same small group as my family members?**

*When you register, you'll have the opportunity to indicate the type of small group that you prefer. Some may be single gender groups while others may be mixed gendered. Some may include couples or family groups while others may be comprised of singles. Some may include people from various generations while others may include people from the same generation. Be sure to indicate your preference on the registration form.*

### **Will there be a variety of opportunities for me to be in a small group?**

*Yes. Small groups will be meeting at different times during the week. You will have the opportunity to sign up beginning on December 6. Indicate the group meeting time that will work best for you. If none of the options are convenient, suggest another time and we'll see what we can do to organize a group for that time. Once you start in a small group, we ask that you to stick with that group rather than switch between groups in order to establish a small group community.*

### **Who can I talk to if I have other questions?**

*Speak to Dan Heyl, Cathryn Hewett, or Pastor Pam if you have additional questions or need more information.*

### **What should I do now?**

*Registration will begin on Sunday, December 6 and continue through Sunday, January 10. Right now, you're encouraged to make arrangements so that you can fully participate in this study and we invite you to include this whole congregation study in your prayers.*

# Unbinding Your Heart Registration Form

Please Print



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The preferred way to contact me is by:

Phone

Email

Either

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark all that apply. I prefer a group that is:

All male

All female

Both male and female

With my spouse/family members

About my same age

Mixed ages

Without my spouse/family member

Groups will meet for 1 hour and 15 minutes. I am interested in a group that meets on:

Mondays at 10 am

Mondays at 6:30 pm

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Thursdays at 10 am

Sundays at 9:10 am

Sundays at 11:15 am

Sundays at 12:30 am

None of these times work for me. I suggest: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to St. Philip. Note "Unbinding" on the memo line. My check for \$10 is:

Enclosed

Will pay electronically on website

Will put in offering plate

Need to discuss

Contact Pastor Pam: [pastorpam@st-philip.org](mailto:pastorpam@st-philip.org) or 919-987-0102  
if you have questions or need more information.

*Place this registration form in the tray on the display table in the Narthex or  
at the back of Kepley Hall.*

*You may also mail it to or drop it off at the office.  
Registration forms are also available on our website.*



# St. Philip Lutheran Church—2015 Spending Plan

## A Fully Funded Ministry Spending Plan!

Thanks be to God!

<b>November 30</b>
<b>Goal: \$449,364</b>
<b>Actual:</b>

As of 10/31 the amount needed each month to fully fund the ministry spending plan is \$46,186

<b>September 30</b>
<b>Goal: \$356,793</b>
<b>Actual: \$344,824</b>

<b>July 31</b>
<b>Actual:</b>
<b>\$264,222</b>

<b>God has blessed us with all that we need to do the work of ministry in this place!</b>
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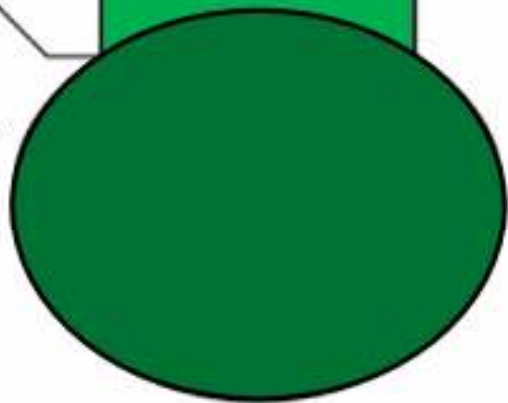
<b>December 31</b>
<b>Goal: \$495,650</b>
<b>Actual:</b>

<b>October 31</b>
<b>Goal: \$403,079</b>
<b>Actual: \$403,279</b>

Actual giving in October was \$58,436. This is \$18,243 over plan!

<b>August 31</b>
<b>Goal \$310,508</b>
<b>Actual: \$306,862</b>

<b>Your generosity in the first half of 2015 got us this far!</b>
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# Anniversaries and Birthdays...

## December Anniversaries

<b>Earl &amp; Cindy Crumpler</b>	12/3/1994	21
<b>John &amp; Barbara Sullivan</b>	12/10/1977	38
<b>Bob &amp; Marilyn Caple</b>	12/12/1964	51
<b>Michael &amp; Diane Seaver</b>	12/14/1963	52
<b>Alan &amp; Judy Swartz</b>	12/20/1969	46
<b>Jim &amp; Laura Harris</b>	12/27/1986	29
<b>Edgar &amp; Debbie Voress</b>	12/30/1989	26

## December Birthdays

<b>Matthew Mahler</b>	12/2	<b>Margaret Krynock</b>	12/14
<b>Pierce Holbrook</b>	12/3	<b>Ellie Darrow</b>	12/17
<b>Dot Copeland</b>	12/5	<b>Anita Grumbine</b>	12/17
<b>John Darrow</b>	12/5	<b>Mary Beth Smith</b>	12/18
<b>Louise Bouknight</b>	12/6	<b>Jake Sullivan</b>	12/20
<b>Liese Faircloth</b>	12/6	<b>Lori Ubertini</b>	12/21
<b>Matthew Mahl</b>	12/6	<b>Christopher Wolfe</b>	12/21
<b>Judy Swartz</b>	12/6	<b>Nicholas Mahler</b>	12/22
<b>Austin Swartz</b>	12/8	<b>Shari Foil</b>	12/23
<b>H.B. Williamson</b>	12/10	<b>Taylor Fagan</b>	12/24
<b>Linda Bennett</b>	12/12	<b>Michael Maness</b>	12/26
<b>Kathy Cunningham</b>	12/12	<b>Sharon Pfalzgraf</b>	12/28
<b>Conor Darrow</b>	12/13	<b>Kadin Tallon</b>	12/28
<b>Jim Kosmar</b>	12/13	<b>Gillian Kepley</b>	12/30
<b>Tom Dapp</b>	12/14	<b>Betty Deal</b>	12/31
<b>Sandra Kosmar</b>	12/14		

# December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Property Team 7:00 PM TEC	<b>2</b> 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel 6:00 PM GROW Meal (Luther Hall) 6:30PM MS & HS Youth Groups 6:45 PM Joyful Noise Kidz Choir 6:45 PM Bible Study 7:30 PM Adult Choir	<b>3</b> 6:30 PM Crossing Team 6:30 PM Girl Scouts	<b>4</b> 10:00 AM Al-Anon 10:15 AM Sr. Bus Trip 7:00 PM AA	<b>5</b> 9:30 AM VDC 7:00 PM AA
<b>6</b> 8:00 AM Worship Service with Communion 9:10 AM Crossing 10:20 AM Budget Meeting 10:20 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Worship Service with Communion 1:30 PM Flute Choir 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:00 PM Forward Together	<b>7</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Women's Fellowship Group	<b>8</b> 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:30 AM Saints & Sinners 6:00 PM Pub Ministry Christmas Party 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Preschool	<b>9</b> 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel 11:00 AM Quilting 6:00 PM GROW Meal (Luther Hall) 6:30PM MS & HS Youth Groups 6:45 PM Joyful Noise Kidz Choir 6:45 PM Bible Study 7:30 PM Adult Choir	<b>10</b> 12:00 PM Ladies Lunch 6:30 PM Crossing Team 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Finance	<b>11</b> 10:00 AM Al-Anon 7:00 PM AA 7:00 PM K-5 Lock-In	<b>12</b> 10:00 AM Brown Bag Ministry 6:00 PM Christmas Dinner 7:00 PM AA
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Mark Your Calendars Now!!! You don't want to miss this. "The Spectacular, Incredible, Pre-Sabbatical, Buffet, Potluck, "Come as you are' Blow-out Lunch" on January 14 beginning at 11:30 am in Luther Hall. This lunch will replace the Ladies Lunch for the month of January. Everyone is invited: men, women, church members, and their friends. Watch for more information in future BBNs and the January Epistle. If you would like to help plan this event, contact Sandra Kelly, 919-247-1038, [sankelly55@hotmail.com](mailto:sankelly55@hotmail.com) or Frank Bouknight, 919-302-1812, [bounightf@yahoo.com](mailto:bounightf@yahoo.com).



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**Sunday Morning Schedule:**

8:00 a.m. Traditional Service  
9:10 a.m. Crossing Service in  
Kepley Hall  
10:20 a.m. Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. Traditional Service

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