

The Newsletter of Bainbridge First United Methodist Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Calendar for December 12, 2018

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

- 3:00 PM-----Knitting/Crochet Ministry, Simmons Parlor
*6:00 PM-----Christian Fellowship Dinner, J. O. Smith Building
*6:25 PM-----Children's Christmas Program, Sanctuary
*7:30 PM-----Chancel & Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Saturday, December 15, 2018

- *9:30 AM-----Youth Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
*9:30 AM-----Quartet Rehearsal, Sanctuary
*10:00 AM-----Youth & Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
*10:30 AM-----Chancel & Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
*11:00 AM-----Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 16, 2018 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- *9:00 AM-----Contemporary Worship Service, J.O. Smith Building
*9:45-10:45 AM-----Sunday School, Sharp Building and Adult S. S. Building
*11:00 AM-----Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
*7:00 PM-----Lessons and Carols Service, Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

- 9:00 AM-----Food Bank, Adult S. S. Building
11:30 AM-----Church Staff Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

- 3:00 PM-----Knitting/Crochet Ministry, Simmons Parlor
*6:00 PM-----Cornbread and Caroling, J. O. Smith Building

* denotes 'nursery provided'

2018 Advent and Christmas Calendar

Advent and Christmas are busy and exciting seasons at Bainbridge First United Methodist, filled with special services and activities. Join us in participating in the following events!

December 12, Wednesday

Last Christian Fellowship Dinner for 2018, 6:00 p.m., J.O. Smith Building
Children's Christmas Program, 6:45 p.m., Sanctuary

December 16, Third Sunday of Advent

Service of Lessons and Carols, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

December 19, Wednesday

Chili, Cornbread, and Caroling, 6:00 p.m., J.O. Smith Building

December 24, Monday, Christmas Eve

Come-and-Go Communion, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Reynolds Chapel
Communion and Candlelight Service, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

December 30, First Sunday after Christmas Day

Fellowship Breakfast, 9:30 a.m., J.O. Smith Building (No Sunday School)
Unity Worship Service, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Pastor Mike's Upcoming Sermons

Sermon Series: "The Church in Advent"

December 16—Third Sunday of Advent—Zephaniah 3:14-20—"Rejoicing"

December 23—Fourth Sunday of Advent—Micah 5:2-5a—"At Peace"

Sermon Series: "The Church at Christmas"

December 24—Christmas Eve—John 1:1-18—"Enlightened and Alive"

December 30—First Sunday after Christmas Day—Colossians 3:12-17—"Transformed"

January 6—Epiphany of the Lord—Isaiah 60:1-6—"The Church at the Epiphany: Shining"

January 13—First Sunday after the Epiphany—Baptism of the Lord—Luke 3:15-17, 21-22—"Water, Wind, and Fire"

Have You Invited Someone to Church Lately?

The Advent and Christmas Seasons are an excellent time to invite others to join us for worship and our special activities. In the holiday season, people are more receptive to our invitations—and, any time of the year, people will respond positively if asked! Make it a point to invite someone—or several someones—to worship and our other activities during these "holy days"!

Seasoned Saints

The Seasoned Saints will take an evening trip to Tallahassee to eat dinner and see the Christmas lights. We will also return to Bainbridge and drive through the Boat Basin and other areas of town to see the lights. We will leave the church at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 17. Since it will be dark when we get back home, please let Lauren know if you need assistance being picked up and carried back home. Please call the Church Office or let Lauren know if you can attend.

Cornbread and Caroling

Our "Cornbread and Caroling" will be Wednesday, December 19. We will gather to eat chili and our signature "Cornbread" beginning at 6:00 p.m. Around 6:30 p.m. we will leave for caroling from the J. O. Smith Building, and we have two wagons available for those braving the chill. The van will also be going for those who wish to participate but want to do so in comfort. We will go caroling to those in our church family who have a harder time getting out to enjoy the holiday festivities. Then we will come back to the J. O. Smith Building to enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. Come enjoy this traditional Christmas activity!

Church Office Closures for the Holidays

The Church Office will close at noon on Monday, December 24, and will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, December 25-26.

The Church Office will close at noon on Monday, December 31, and will be closed New Year's Day, January 21.

Last Newsletter for 2018

Our last newsletter for 2018 will be published Tuesday, December 18 (dated December 23). The next newsletter will be published Tuesday, January 8, 2019. Any announcements for publication between these dates needs to be in to the Church Office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 17!

Acolyte Training

We will start training our new Acolytes after the beginning of the New Year. Anyone in grades 2nd-5th grade is welcome to become an Acolyte. Call the Church Office at 229-246-1864 to sign up. Christi Murray, Meg Yarbrough, or Suzi Loeffler will contact you in January to schedule your training class.

2019 Confirmation/Church Membership Class

The 2019 Confirmation/Church Membership Class will begin Sunday, January 13, during the Sunday School hour. We will meet in the Library. Confirmation/Church Membership Class is for youth in sixth grade and above and prepares these young people for making a profession of faith in Jesus as Savior, entering into the professing membership of the church, and embarking on a life of discipleship. The class will be received into membership on Sunday, April 28.

One of the highlights of the Confirmation/Church Membership Class is going to the Confirmation Retreat at Epworth By The Sea. This year the retreat will be March 1-3. Because this retreat fills up quickly, we need to get our confirmands (students) registered as quickly as possible. The cost is \$60. Please contact Pastor Mike for more information and/or to get your student registered!

Stewardship Letters Have Gone Out!

Letters inviting members of the congregation to make an estimate of their pledge to the work of Jesus through Bainbridge FUMC in 2019 have been mailed. If you have not received one, please check with Mary Nell Lovering, our Financial Secretary, in the Church Office. Please pray about your will response to God's grace in 2019 through your financial discipleship, and please get your estimate of giving to the church as soon as possible! You may bring it to worship and drop it in the offering plate, mail it, or drop it by the Church Office!

Financial Faithfulness Checkup!

We're into the last month of 2018, and now is a good time to check on your financial faithfulness to the work of Jesus through Bainbridge First United Methodist Church. Are you up-to-date? Are you behind and need to catch up? Can you give a little extra? We still have ministry expenses for the rest of the year, and we also have 1 apportionment payment to make. Please make the ministry of BFUMC happen through your faithful giving!

Apportionment Scoreboard

Total Apportionments for 2018: \$79,588

Payments Made: 11
Amount Paid: \$72,955.67
Payments to Be Made: 1
Amount Due: \$6,632.33

Let's keep up our great record of paying 100% of our apportionments and being in ministry beyond the local church by being faithful to our financial stewardship and perhaps giving a little extra if we can!

Food Bank

Food Items Needed:

Peanut Butter (16 oz), Dried Beans (16 oz), Evaporated Milk (12 oz), Canned Soups (10.5 oz), Chunky Soups (18 oz), Canned Vegetables – Green Beans, Corn, Tomatoes, etc. (14.5-15 oz).

Still Waters

Still Waters is a nondenominational, faith-based, temporary residence for women and children. The ministry relies on volunteer help and donations of items. They are always in need of the following: Trash Bags (13 gal.), Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue, Kleenex Tissue, Dishwasher detergent, Dish detergent, Laundry detergent, Dryer Sheets, Vinegar, Bleach, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Soap, Deodorant, Towels (new), and Washrags (new). Contact Cheri Jaeger at Still Waters (229) 254-3877, or the Church Office for more information.

I will support my church with my prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

December 9, 2018 Attendance: Sunday School:-----102
Contemporary Worship: 9:00 a.m.-----80
Traditional Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.-----98

Members Who Minister

Ushers for December 2018: Jack Leverett, Todd Martin, Steve Morrison, Ansley Yarbrough

Greeters for December 16, 2018: 9:00 AM Glenn Brown
11:00 AM Martha Hatcher

Contemporary Worship Leader for December 16, 2018: Carla Robinson

Acolytes for Traditional Worship, December 16, 2018: Charlee Harper, Ruth Yarbrough

Snack Supper for December 16, 2018: Catherine Gossett

Services of Worship

December 16, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 AM – Contemporary Worship Service

11:00 AM – Traditional Worship Service

ANTHEM-----"Ave Maria"-----Chancel Choir & Youth Ladies Choir
SCRIPTURE -----Zephaniah 3:14-20----- Rev. Mike Brown
SERMON-----"The Church in Advent: Rejoicing"-----Rev. Mike Brown

Music Notes

Children's Music and Arts Ministries: Our Preschool Music and Arts and Children's Worship Arts are happening! Join us on Wednesday afternoon/evenings!

Two Year Old Music Group (for ages 18 months-2 years old): has finished for this year. We will resume in January for another season.

We meet on Wednesdays in the Circle Room from 5:30 to 5:55 p.m. We welcome all our little ones in joining us for developmentally appropriate music activities, including: singing, playing instruments, movement, and social interaction.

Preschool Music and Arts (PreK 3-4): has finished for this year. We will resume in January for another season.

We meet on Wednesdays in the Circle Room at 6:25 p.m. for developmentally appropriate music activities and then move to the Arts and Crafts Room for Bible stories and art from 7:00 to 7:25 p.m.

Children's Worship Arts (Grades K-5): will be performing our Christmas Program this Wednesday, December 12, at 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. On Wednesday, be in the Children's Choir/Drama Room by 6:30 p.m. to warm up. Wear holiday clothing. Study hard on your lines!

The Christmas Program is our last event for this year. We will start back in January for another season. We usually meet on Wednesdays from 6:25-7:25 p.m. in the Drama Room.

Chancel Choir: will meet for rehearsal on Wednesday, December 12, at 7:30 p.m., following the Children's Christmas play. We are continuing our Christmas music rehearsal for "Lessons and Carols," which will be Sunday evening, December 16. We will have a joint rehearsal with the Youth Choir on Wednesday, December 12, at 7:30 p.m. following the Children's Christmas play. Our dress rehearsal for "Lessons and Carols" will be on Saturday, December 15, beginning at 9:30 a.m. See the schedule below for your time to participate.

Youth Choir (Grades 6-12): We will have joint rehearsal with the Chancel Choir for "Lessons and Carols" on Wednesday, December 12, at 7:30 p.m. following the Children's Christmas play. Our dress rehearsal for "Lessons and Carols" will be on Saturday, December 15, beginning at 9:30 a.m. See the schedule below for your time to participate. The "Lessons and Carols" service will be Sunday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Handbell Choir: We are preparing for our part in the Lessons and Carols on December 16. Our dress rehearsal for "Lessons and Carols" will be on Saturday, December 15, beginning at 9:30 a.m. See the schedule below for your time to participate. The "Lessons and Carols" service will be Sunday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

"Lessons and Carols" Dress Rehearsal Schedule

Saturday, December 15 dress rehearsal - Meet in the Sanctuary for "Lessons and Carols" rehearsal. We will try to rehearse within the allotted times as closely as possible. A Nursery will be provided.

9:30 a.m. Youth Choir

9:30 a.m. Quartet rehearses with guitar, and soprano solo rehearses with piano

10:00 a.m. Youth Choir and Chancel Choir

10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir with Handbell Choir and Youth Ladies

11:00 a.m. Handbell Choir

Sunday, December 16 - All choirs meet in the Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. for warmups.

Children's Chat

Children's Fellowship WILL meet this Sunday at our regular time!! We will be having a Christmas Movie evening.

Next Wednesday night, December 19, is "Cornbread and Caroling"—come ready to sing and enjoy the fellowship!!

Looking ahead to January, mark Friday, January 11, and Friday, January 25, on your calendars—those will be our first two movie nights in the New Year. More info on times and how to sign up will come in January.

Youth News

On Sunday, December 16, we will not meet for UMYF at 6:00 p.m., but will instead join in the "Lessons and Carols" program at 7:00 p.m. following Youth Snack Supper. I hope to see you all there!

Next Wednesday, December 19, we will join in the "Cornbread and Caroling" activities as our last gathering of the Year. UMYF and our Small Group Bible Studies will resume in January. Enjoy the Christmas and New Year's holidays with your family.

1 Timothy 4:12 Youth Group Regular Weekly Schedule

Sunday Night:

5:30-6:00 pm--Snack Supper (J.O. Smith Building)

6:00-7:00 pm—1 Timothy 4:12 UMYF (Youth Basement)

Wednesday Night:

6:00-6:40 pm--Christian Fellowship Dinner (J.O. Smith Building)

6:40-7:30 pm--Small Group Bible Study (Youth Basement)

Members to Visit, Call or Send a Card

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Pat Smith	1118 Julia Circle, Bainbridge, GA 39819	229-246-0875
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Memorials

General Fund

In Memory of:

Bill Holt

By:

Sue J. Jones

In Honor of:

Sally Bates

By:

Cathy Cox & Mark Dehler

Food Bank

In Memory of:

Bill Holt

By:

Ridge & Jenny Harper

Building Fund

In Memory of:

Pat Reynolds

By:

Sally Bates