

The Newsletter of Bainbridge First United Methodist Church

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Calendar for December 5, 2018

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

12:00 PM-----Keenagers, J. O. Smith Building
3:00 PM-----Knitting/Crochet Ministry, Simmons Parlor
5:30 PM-----Two Year Old Music Group, Circle Room
*6:00 PM-----Christian Fellowship Dinner, J. O. Smith Building
*6:25 PM-----Preschool Music and Arts, Circle Room
*6:25 PM-----Children's Worship Arts, Drama Room & Sanctuary
*6:40 PM-----Youth Small Group Bible Study, Youth Basement
*7:30 PM-----Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Saturday, December 8, 2018

10:00 AM-----Children's Musical Dress Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 9, 2018 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 AM-----United Methodist Men's Breakfast, J. O. Smith Building
*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
4:30 PM-----Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
5:30 PM-----Come to Christmas, Sharp Building
TBA-----Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Handbell Room

Monday, December 10, 2018

11:30 AM-----Clark-Morris UMW, Ricky's

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

9:00 AM-----Food Bank, Adult S. S. Building
9:30 AM-----Church Staff Meeting, Simmons Parlor
6:00 PM-----Cub Scout Pack #519 Meeting, Scout Hut

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

3:00 PM-----Knitting/Crochet Ministry, Simmons Parlor
5:30 PM-----Two Year Old Music Group, Circle Room
*6:00 PM-----Christian Fellowship Dinner, J. O. Smith Building
*6:45 PM-----Children's Musical "Twelve Days of Christmas", Sanctuary
*7:30 PM-----Youth and Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

* 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 9, Second Sunday of Advent

Come to Christmas, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Sharp and J.O. Smith Buildings

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 9—Second Sunday of Advent—Malachi 3:1-4—"Preparing"

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"!

90th Birthday Reception

A reception honoring Sis Cook on her 90th birthday will be held Saturday, December 8, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in Simmons Parlor. No gifts, please, and don't tell Sis—it's to be a surprise!

United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men will meet for breakfast this Sunday, December 9, at 7:30 a.m. in the J.O. Smith Building. Piper Loeffler will provide the program.

Come to Christmas

Save the date! Our annual family activity, "Come to Christmas," will be Sunday, December 9, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. There will be soup, sandwiches, crafts, and a visit from Santa himself.

Clark-Morris UMW Circle

The Clark-Morris UMW Circle will meet on Monday, December 10, at 11:30 a.m. at Ricky's for their Christmas gathering.

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

We are in need of two trailers for caroling. If you are able to provide a trailer for this event on December 19, please call the Church Office or email/call Lauren. Thank you for helping with this.

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 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 be prepared to bring your estimate of giving to the church on December 2! (Of course, you can always mail your estimate 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!

Christian Sympathies

Bainbridge First United Methodist Church expresses Christian love and sympathy to Keith and Carolyn Newberry and family in the death of Keith's brother, Dale Newberry, who passed away Friday, November 30. The funeral was Sunday, December 2.

Bainbridge First United Methodist Church expresses Christian love and sympathy to Charles and Diana Kirbo and family in the death of Diana's mother, Barbara A. Pendley, who passed away Friday, November 30. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 8, in Reynolds Chapel, First United Methodist Church.

Bainbridge First United Methodist Church expresses Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of Charles Eubanks, who passed away Wednesday, November 28. The funeral was Sunday, December 2.

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 2, 2018 Attendance: Sunday School:-----80
Contemporary Worship: 9:00 a.m.-----62
Traditional Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.-----78

Members Who Minister

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

Greeters for December 9, 2018: 9:00 AM Mack & Melissa Strickland

11:00 AM Beau Hatcher

Contemporary Worship Leader for December 9, 2018: Steve Reynolds

Acolytes for Traditional Worship, December 9, 2018: Bennett Earnest, Jacey Murray

Lighting the Advent Wreath during Traditional Worship: Al and Marilyn Collins

Services of Worship

December 9, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 AM – Contemporary Worship Service

11:00 AM – Traditional Worship Service

ANTHEM-----“Chill of the Night”-----Chancel Choir
SCRIPTURE -----Malachi 3:1-4----- Rev. Mike Brown
SERMON-----“The Church in Advent: Preparing”-----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): Our last Wednesday night for this year will be December 5. We will resume in January for another season.

We usually 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): Our last Wednesday night for this year will be December 5. 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 meet this Wednesday, December 5, in the Drama Room from 6:25 to 7:25 p.m. We are continuing rehearsals for our Christmas play!! Our performance will be Wednesday, December 12, at 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will have dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir: will meet for rehearsal on Wednesday, December 5, at 7:30 p.m. 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): will meet for rehearsal this Sunday, December 9, at 4:30 p.m. in the Choir Room to finalize preparations for "Lessons and Carols". 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: will rehearse this Sunday, December 9. Look for the e-mail announcement to let you know if practice will be at 5:45 p.m., or following "Come to Christmas" at 7:30 p.m., in the Bell Room. 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 not meet this Sunday. We will all be at "Come To Christmas"!!!!

Don't forget, we will be rehearsing "The Twelve Days of Christmas" this Saturday, December 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This will be our last rehearsal, so I hope you have been learning your lines!

Mark your calendars for December 19, that's the night for "Cornbread and Caroling"!!

Youth News

We will have our regular activities this Wednesday, December 5. But on Sunday, December 9, we will not meet for UMYF at 6:00 p.m. We will instead join in the "Come to Christmas" activities from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Sharp and J. O. Smith buildings. I hope to see you all there!

Pay attention to the rest of the upcoming dates published in the December calendar handout.

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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Sue Jones	1904 Douglas Dr, P.O. Box 245, Bainbridge, GA 39818	0245 246-3141
Steele & Kathy Malone	1808 Woodridge Drive, Bainbridge, GA 39819	229-246-1381
Gloria Murphy	111 Bunny Lane, Bainbridge, GA 39817	229-246-8005
Ruth Sansom	161 Redwood Drive, Bainbridge, GA 39819	229-220-2313
Pat Smith	1118 Julia Circle, Bainbridge, GA 39819	229-246-0875
William & Peggy Wildhagen	1104 Douglas Court, Bainbridge, GA 39819	229-248-0817
Sue Cole	Memorial Manor, 1500 E. Shotwell Street, Bainbridge, GA 39819	
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Betty Jo Fulmer	Riverside Place, Room #152, 1151 W. College Street, Bainbridge, GA 39819	
Evelyn(Pat) Morgan	Memorial Manor, Room #16, 1500 E. Shotwell Street, Bainbridge, GA 39819	
Helen Tillman	Riverside Place, Room #113, 1151 W. College Street, Bainbridge, GA 39819	

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Memorials

General Fund

In Memory of:

Bill Holt
Pat Reynolds
Bill Holt
Pat Reynolds
Mary Ruth Gilliam
Pat Reynolds
Pat Reynolds
Bill Holt
Pat Reynolds
Pat Reynolds
Mary Ruth Gilliam
Pat Reynolds

By:

Frank & Suzy Loeffler
Frank & Suzy Loeffler
Marion Reynolds
Marion Reynolds
Claudia Brown
Claudia Brown
Katherine Powell & Sabrina Calhoun
Kinney & Beth Wilson
Kinney & Beth Wilson
Lofley Hinson
Harry Heaton
Lesley Taylor

Memorials continued

Roof Fund

In Memory of:

Mary Ruth Gilliam
Mary Ruth Gilliam
Mary Ruth Gilliam

By:

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Palmer
Jason & Melissa Okane
Bonnie Vos

Building Fund

In Memory of:

Pat Reynolds

By:

John & Penny Reynolds

Food Bank

In Honor of:

Jay Kres
Mark Kres
Jan Kres
Robert Johnson

By:

Jack & Roslyn Palmer
Jack & Roslyn Palmer
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Jack & Roslyn Palmer