**SUNDAY - 12/11**

- 9:45 - Sunday School
- 10:30 - Fellowship with coffee & donuts in the Family Life Center (FLC)
- 11:00 - Morning Worship
- 4:30 - Cantata Practice, Sanctuary
- 6:00 - Bible Study, FH
- 6:00 - Youth, FLC
- 8-9 p.m. - AA - Fellowship Hall (FH)

**MONDAY - 12/12 (Newsletter Deadline)**

- 6:30 - Prayer Shawl Ministry Team, Library
- 7:00 - Called Staff Parish Meeting, Parlor
- 7:00 - Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts, FLC

**TUESDAY - 12/13**

- 8:30 - MDO
- 12:00 - Let’s Do Lunch, FLC
- 7:30 - Trustees’ Meeting, Parlor

**WEDNESDAY - 12/14**

- 10:00 - Disciple I Bible Study, FH
- 6:00 - Youth, FLC
- 6:00 - Ding-a-Lings
- 6:30 - Young Adults Gathering
- 6:30-8:00 K.I.C.K.
- 7:00 - Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY - 12/15**

- 8:30 - MDO
- 5:00 - Community Christmas Dinner, FLC

**FRIDAY - 12/16**

- 8:00 - Kiwanis Club Christmas Basket Preparation, FLC (All day)

**SATURDAY - 12/17**

- 9:00 - Kiwanis Club’s Christmas Basket Distribution, FLC
- 10-11:30 - Boy Scouts, FH

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**CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS OFTEN USED FOR CHRISMONS**

- Iota, Chi, and Lillies - The first letters in the Greek words for Jesus Christ. The lilies symbolize the resurrection. We are reminded that Jesus rose from the dead.
- The Circle symbolizes the world, God’s wholeness, and eternity. The X imposed on the cross represents Christ dying on the cross. The butterfly represents the resurrection and new life.
- Eastern Cross - This is the “official” cross of the Eastern Orthodox Church.

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**TODAY’S SCRIPTURE**

**PSALM 126 (NRSV)**

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”
3 The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.
4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.
5 May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.
6 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

**Ding-a-Lings**

- Nancy Gilliam
- Sylvia Baldwin
- Patty Crowder
- Susan Maddux
- Carol Price
- Glenda Keylon
- Beverly Allison
- Pat Garner
- Molly Graham
- Sam Hanson
- Carolyn Reid
- Judy Ezell, Director

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ORGANIST - Bryan Massengale
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CAROL OF THE BELLS
Ding-a-Lings

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISTRIBUTION OF GUEST CARDS
Lay Leader

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“The Joy to the World”
No. 246
(Enter your name in the friendship pad and pass it to the person next to you. When the pad reaches the end of the pew, pass it back, noting the names of others.)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed”
No. 881

ADVENT READING AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES
Eric, Gretchen, Brynn & Greer Bowman

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN OF FAITH

“Hark! the herald Angels Sing”
No. 240

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

“Canon in C”
Bryan Massengale

THE DOXOLOGY

No. 95

GREETING EACH OTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

HYMN

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”
No. 328

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

John Hanson

HAND CHIME CHOIR

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
“Away in the Manger,” “O Come, Little Children”
Ding-a-Lings

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 126
Worship Leader

WORSHIP LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God

MORNING MESSAGE

“Joy Unspeakable”
Rev. Dale S. Wyrick

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
No. 234

INVITATION TO BAPTISM AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Benediction
Rev. Dale S. Wyrick

CHORAL AMEN

“Jesus, Name above All Names”
Congregation & Choir

Jesus, name above all names,
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us,
blessed Redeemer, living Word.

POSTLUDE

Bryan Massengale

CONGREGATION STANDS

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FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

In memory of William E. Barber Sr. by the Barber Family.

RED ROSE BUD
in the sanctuary is in honor of great-grandson, Wyatt Francis Matz, born November 23, 2011, to Jeffrey and JoniLee Matz, of Charlotte, NC. Proud great-grandparents are George and Phyllis Schaller.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP

for the new year will be passed around today during worship service. Please add your name on the day you wish to reserve altar flowers in 2012 and pass the sign-up sheet on to the next person. Please keep the altar flower calendar moving throughout the congregation.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA PRACTICE

at 4:30 p.m. today in the sanctuary.

BIBLE STUDY

at 6 p.m. this evening in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

YOUTH WILL MEET TONIGHT

at 6 p.m., in the Family Life Center.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY TEAM

meets at 6:30 p.m., Mon., Dec. 12, in the library.

CALLED STAFF PARISH MEETING

7 p.m., Mon., Dec. 12, Parlor.

LET’S DO LUNCH

is Tues., Dec. 13, 12 noon, in the Family Life Center for ladies 60 and up.

TRUSTEES

meet Tues., Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m., in the Parlor.

COMMUNITY DINNER

is Thursday, Dec. 15, 5 p.m., in the Family Life Center.

KIWANIS CLUB

will prepare their Christmas baskets in the Family Life Center, Fri., Dec. 16, and distribute them on Sat., Dec. 17, at the Family Life Center.

YOUTH

have 10 pocket calendars left for $6 each. They make great stocking stuffers. Contact Beth Keylon at 365-6324 for assistance. Nursery available by Fellowship Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- PASTOR DALE’S HOLY LAND TRIP

is Thursday, Dec. 15, 5 p.m., in the Family Life Center.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA, “Lead Me Back to Bethlehem.”
Sunday, December 18, at 11 a.m., in the sanctuary. The sanctuary was packed at last year’s Cantata so you may want to arrive early to get a seat.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLIGE SERVICE

is 5 p.m., Saturday, December 24th. This is another service that always has a large number in attendance. Be sure and get here early to get a seat.

CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER 25th

Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and Worship Service at 11 a.m. May each of you have a happy and blessed Christmas.

PASTOR DALE’S HOLY LAND TRIP

Pastor Dale will leave on Mon., Jan. 2, for his 2012 Holy Land Experience. SCUMC member, Tim Guthrie, will join Pastor Dale and is thrilled to be able to share in the Holy Land Experience. This is Tim’s first visit to the Holy Land. Pray they will have a safe journey. Pastor Dale will be away until January 12th.

Announcements