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December 2018

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GBC events

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December

- 1 Buddy Break Christmas Party
 - 2 Coffee and Cider Fellowship
(each Sunday through 12/23)
Hanging of the Green Service
 - 5 Wednesday Night Live
 - 8 Lumberton Disaster Relief
 - 9 Christmas At Greystone:
And on Earth, Peace
 - 12 Wednesday Night Live
 - 15 Youth Christmas Party
 - 16,17 The Living Nativity
 - 18 College Christmas Gathering
 - 19 No Wednesday Night activities
 - 23 Children's Nativity
Service of Hope and Remembrance
 - 24 Carols, Communion and
Candlelight
- Office closed the week of Christmas.
No Wed. night activities on 12/26.
- 30 Donut & Beverage Fellowship

worship@GBC

Proclaimers this month

Dec. 2, 9, 16

10:30 AM - Joint Worship

Dr. Dennis Herman

Dec. 23

10:30 AM - Joint Worship with Children's

Nativity

April Alston

Dec. 24

5:30 PM - Carols, Communion and

Candlelight

Dr. Dennis Herman

Dec. 30

10:30 AM - Joint Worship

Allan Smith

Advent Morning Worship

DECEMBER 2, 9, 16

10:30 A.M.

Advent-themed Morning Worship led by the Adult Choir and instrumentalists

Hanging of the Green Service

DECEMBER 2

6:30 P.M.

Usher in the Advent season with this family-friendly service in which we will decorate our sanctuary — including carols, music and readings

The Living Nativity

DECEMBER 16 & 17

6:15 & 7:00 P.M.

Join us for this retelling of Christ's birth by our nativity characters out on the front lawn of the church (corner of Lead Mine and Sawmill)

Children's Nativity in Morning Worship

DECEMBER 23

10:30 A.M.

Morning Worship featuring readings and songs led by the children

Service of Hope and Remembrance

DECEMBER 23

6:30 P.M.

A reflective service for those living with loss and grief — in the *Gathering Room*

Carols, Communion and Candlelight

DECEMBER 24

5:30 P.M.

A family-friendly Christmas Eve service, with carols, candles and communion

Morning Worship

DECEMBER 30

10:30 A.M.

Help us celebrate the birth of Christ in this last service of the year
Come for donuts and beverages at 10:00 A.M. No Sunday School

DECEMBER

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| 1 Greta McMillan, Alan Oudjit | 15 Katie Dillinger, Steve Jones, Sallie Mueller | 23 Barry Jones, Jane Cregger Blair Andrew, Sam Craig, Lauren Ammons |
| 2 Stephen Hollingsworth, Cierra Sellers, | 16 Mitch Daughtry, Rachel Clark, Georgia King, Emma Muncie | 24 Joy Griffin |
| 3 Kim Craig, David Alston | 17 Donna Naeser, Jennifer Phillips, Hannah Conley, Diana Dew | 25 Barbara Crabb |
| 5 Eileen Trawick, Kathy Deming, Laura Kanai | 18 Steve Rose, Chris Allen, Mark Stephenson, Heather Gardner | 26 John Clark, Leigh Ammons |
| 6 Sheila Brewer, Mark Franz | 19 Brittany Morton, Bryant Morton | 27 Lisha Stewart |
| 7 Travis Eason | 20 Larry Poirier, June Millikan, Tana Grace Alston | 28 Archie McFadyen |
| 9 Lindsay Baker | 21 Cheryl Grimes, Jenna Ostendorff, Zachary Dreitzler | 29 Brooks Long |
| 10 Will Moody | 22 Wayne Smith, Anderson Burris | 30 Sandra Hunt |
| 11 Nicole Moorefield, William Tatum | | 31 Mike Newton |
| 13 Barbara Parker, Ellen Sineath, Greg Beard, Melissa Langston | | |
| 14 Brian Top | | |

Children's Ministry

SUNDAY DEC. 23 - CHILDREN'S NATIVITY

We will present our Children's Nativity on Christmas Eve as part of our morning worship service. Elementary students will gather at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall to prepare for our part in worship. Preschoolers will meet in their regular classrooms and join us for the rehearsal in the sanctuary. Children are encouraged to wear a costume to be a part of the Nativity. Costumes can be simple - white clothing for angels, neutral colors and a bathrobe for shepherds and wisemen. Our preschoolers sometimes enjoy dressing up as the animals in the stable. They can wear the color of their favorite stable animal. We have some costume pieces here to add to what you have. We will spend some time on costumes during the Sunday School hour as well. Children

will present the Nativity during the early part of the service. After we lead in worship, students will return to sit with their parents and preschoolers can move to worship care if they desire, though they are welcome to stay and enjoy the service.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP AT 5:30 PM

Join us for this family friendly worship service with candlelight communion. As a part of worship, we will share communion and offer a blessing for children who do not yet take communion. We have battery powered candles for children during the candlelight portion of the service. During the children's message all children present will be invited to join Mike and sing Away in the Manger. This service is designed for families to worship together so there is no childcare provided during the service. We will have quiet toys in the back corner of the sanctuary for our youngest worshippers.

GREYSTONE NUMBERS

	[8:45]	[11:00]
Nov. 4:	[10:30]	322
Nov 11:65.....	148.....
Nov. 18:	*	139.....
Nov. 25:59.....	183.....

* no count turned in

Generosity (10/31/18)

2018 General Fund	\$989,791.82
YTD General Fund needed	\$859,870.10
YTD Operating Receipts	\$662,803.23
YTD Operating Expenses	\$683,920.99

Music Ministry

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALS

The Adult Choir will meet on Wednesday, December 5 at 7:15 PM and on Friday, December 7 at 6 PM in preparation for the Sunday, December 9 music program. Also, there will be an abbreviated rehearsal on Wednesday, December 12 at 7:15 PM before taking a break for the rest of the year.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (WAM!) THIS DECEMBER

Children's Choirs (K-5) will be singing for the Children's Nativity on Sunday morning, Dec. 23 at 10:30 AM. April and myself will be in touch regarding a meeting time. The children will also be singing in the Family Christmas Eve Service on Dec. 24 at 5:30 PM. We are grateful for the children's participation in worship throughout this season.

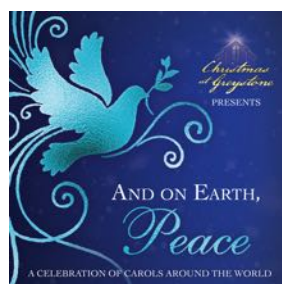
CHRISTMAS AT GREYSTONE: AND ON EARTH, PEACE, SUNDAY, DEC. 9 AT 6:30 PM

FEATURING THE GBC MUSIC MINISTRIES WITH NARRATION AND ORCHESTRA

The whole world yearns for peace—and peace is a promise of God as found in the gift of Jesus Christ.

Join us this night as we celebrate with songs and carols of peace from cultures around the world in this program of music and the spoken word.

Childcare available.



ENSEMBLES THIS JANUARY

Following the holiday season, our music ensembles will resume in the new year on the following dates:

Children's Choirs (WAM!)—Weds @ 6:00 PM

*Resumes rehearsals on Jan. 9

Adult Choir—Weds @ 7:15 PM

*Resumes rehearsals on Jan. 9

Grace Tones Ensemble—Sun @ 4:00 PM

*Resumes rehearsals on Jan. 13

Student Choir—Sun @ 5:00 PM

*Resumes rehearsals on Jan. 13

Handbell Choir—Sun @ 6:00 PM

*Resumes rehearsals on Jan. 13

Faith Formation Ministry

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

On December 5 and December 12 we will celebrate the Christmas season with a special meal cooked in our kitchen by our Wednesday volunteers.

On the 5th we will be serving BBQ, boiled potatoes, and green beans. Children can get spaghetti if they wish. The 12th will be spaghetti and salad. We also have a special price for these two nights: \$4.00 each adult and \$3.00 each child. Come and join us for Bible Study and a great meal.

THANK YOU! ASANTE! MERCI!

Thank you for your generous donations to our Thanksgiving food collection. On Monday night, November 19, the

Missions Committee delivered 35 turkeys, 69 quarts of cooking oil, 253 pounds of rice and over \$200 in grocery store gift cards to Pastors Felix and Nicole Iyoko of Shiloh Restoration Church. Pastors Iyoko and the church deacons then shared this gift with their community. As you gathered with family and friends on Thursday to offer thanks and celebrate the goodness of God, know that our friends from the Congo celebrated with us. For several of these families, this was their first Thanksgiving in America. Happy Thanksgiving indeed!

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

As you begin to think about and plan for Christmas, take note of our Christmas Eve Offering. This year's offering will go to *Read and Feed*. *Read and Feed* is a local charity. Working with Wake County schools, this group of volunteers runs an after-school literacy program that provides meals, tutoring and books to children from low-income families in Wake County. The genius of *Read and Feed* is that it goes into the children's neighborhoods, offers a hot meal and then provides reading instruction through a one-on-one weekly relationship. We are excited to see how our gifts given to honor the Christ child will build up children in our community.

Student Ministry

YOUTH FALL RETREAT FILLED WITH JOYMENT

"So I recommend having fun, because there is nothing better for people in this world than to eat, drink, and enjoy life. That way they will experience some happiness along with all the hard work God gives them under the sun." - Ecclesiastes 8:15 (NLT)

These words served as a theme verse for the Youth Fall Retreat, held at Camp Cale on the Albemarle Sound during the weekend of November 9 - 11. The retreat centered on the idea of "Enjoy Life" as the students reflected on how life is a gift from God and is supposed to be something that is enjoyed, not something that causes stress and tension.

Students discussed how envy, particularly envy related to social media and technology, can draw them away from friendships and into more isolated lifestyles. They also discussed the hard work that God gives them under the sun — the many stresses that tug at them in their daily lives. All of these things can take away from a life which should be enjoyed, but they are blessed with many friendships to encourage them.

In addition, the students had the opportunity to live out the theme of the weekend by playing archery tag, knockerball, and climbing a rock wall as well as several other games featured by Camp Cale. What an opportunity to put away the textbooks and the smart phones and laugh with friends while watching a beautiful sunset.

Thank you as well to the adults who attended the retreat as adult leaders. It is a lot easier to enjoy life when adults are enjoying it alongside the students!

JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST

Stay informed of all youth activities by subscribing to our weekly email, "*Happenings This Week*". Subscribe by emailing the church office.

RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGE NOTIFICATIONS

Sign up to receive text message reminders through Remind. Text the message @2cg2b6 to the number 81010. If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @2cg2b6 to (919) 336-5052.

Other Ministry News

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like a copy of the prayer list, it can be found in our Sunday bulletins and on the church website.

SENIOR ADULT TEAM-SPONSORED TRIP

On Saturday, Dec. 15, we will visit Bennett Place and witness how Christmas was celebrated in the Piedmont during the Civil War. There will be cooking demos, soldiers in the field, a bake sale, hot apple cider and Old Saint Nick. No entry fee. We will enjoy a casual lunch before returning around 4:00 PM. We will leave from the Sawmill parking lot at 9:30 AM. Sign up in the hallway.

SOLOS FOR LUNCH

This is for any adult who is single or whose spouse is out of town, etc. Meet at the back of the Sanctuary after the 10:30 service. November schedule: 12/2-Imperial Garden, 12/9-Jason's Deli, 12/16-Carrabba's, 12/23-Winston's, 12/30-Chili's

2018 CONTRIBUTIONS

If you wish to have a tax credit for contributions in 2018, please note that they should be left at the office or in the drop box outside the office no later than December 31, or mailed to the office postmarked by Dec. 31.

If you plan or would like to make a contribution in the form of

stock, please remember, any stock contributions for 2018 must be received by Greystone, in Greystone's account, by December 31 to be counted as a 2018 contribution.

Contact the financial secretary for the information you will need to complete the transfer of stock to Greystone. Call 919-847-1333 or email finance@greystonechurch.org.

The deadline for the January newsletter is noon, Tuesday, 12/18/18.

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MATURING AND MINISTERING - The Stewardship Committee would like to thank you for renewing your commitments to our church for the upcoming year. We look forward to working along side you to reach our ambitious goals within our community, and as we continue to mature and minister together as a family in 2019. If you were unable to attend the pledge Sunday service on November 18, and have not submitted your updated pledge card for the year, please turn these in to the church office. Thank you for your continued support this year and beyond!

JANUARY 6, 2019 - EPIPHANY SUNDAY GIFT EXCHANGE

We hope that as you begin 2019 that you will join us for worship on the first Sunday of the new year, Epiphany Sunday. Epiphany is the church's celebration of the Magi bringing their gifts for the Christ child. We are asking that you bring a small gift to worship on this Sunday. Gifts can be homemade or purchased, edible or not. Please bring a small gift to share with a fellow worshipper. At the end of worship you will choose a gift to take with you. Join us as we celebrate the gifts of the Magi, the gift of our church fellowship and the eternal and transformative gift of Jesus to our lives. There will be two worship services (8:45 and 11:00).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS AT GREYSTONE - **Reservations are essential**

We need your reservations for Wednesday night dinners and will accept them each week until noon on Monday. You can reserve your meal by filling in a reservation card (located in the Sanctuary pew racks) and placing that card in the offering plates, calling the church office (919-847-1333) or by signing up through our church website.

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