

## General Announcements

### **Basketball Concessions - Volunteers Needed**

The youth basketball season is about to start and we are excited at Chamblee First! If you are able to volunteer for a Saturday in January or February to work the concession stand, then email [afrench@chambleeumc.org](mailto:afrench@chambleeumc.org) with your availability.

### **El Salvador Mission Trip**

Plans are underway for an international mission trip to El Salvador April 14-21, 2018 and we hope that you will join us for a week of ministry in Ahuachapán, El Salvador. The cost of the trip will be \$1300-\$1500 per person (all expenses are included). If you would like more information and registration forms, contact Rev. Cook or Scott Cook.

### **Confirmation Class Begins January 7**

All current 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders who have not participated in a Confirmation Class are invited to attend. Confirmation will give each person a basic knowledge of the Christian story, teach core Methodist beliefs and explore the vows they will take on Confirmation Sunday if they choose to live out their commitment as a professing member of The United Methodist Church. Classes will be from 9:50 to 10:50 for eight weeks and end on Feb 25 with a Confirmation Ceremony during 11:00 worship. Contact Rev. Cook at [ccook@chambleeumc.org](mailto:ccook@chambleeumc.org) if you have questions or would like to participate.

### **Read the Bible Through in 2018**

Rev. Cook is inviting everyone to read the Bible through in 2018. We will be using the plan from The Bible Project of reading a few chapters each day. You may use the website [www.thebibleproject.com](http://www.thebibleproject.com) or an app called "Read Scripture" available for both Apple and Android. These resources will not only give you the daily readings, but also give you videos that give background information about the readings. We will also print the daily readings in the bulletin each week. Join us in becoming more familiar with God's word in 2018.

### **Christmas Schedule**

Christmas Eve Children's Storytime Service - 2:00pm  
Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion - 5:30pm  
Church Closed - December 25-26 & January 1

### **Breakfast with Santa—Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and talents to help make this year's Breakfast with Santa so successful! We would also like to thank Kristin Boyer of K. Boyer Photography for providing families with complimentary Santa photos, as well as Moonbird Coffee and Starbucks for donating the coffee.

### **Giving Reminder**

In order to receive credit for contributions on your 2017 taxes, all donations must be received at the church or postmarked by 12/31/2017. Thank you and happy holidays.

### **Chamblee First United Methodist Church**

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# Chamblee First United Methodist Church

December 24, 2017  
Christmas Eve

*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*

### **Three Things You Need to Know:**

1. Children's Storytime - Today @ 2:00pm
2. Candlelight & Communion - Today @ 5:30pm
3. Church Closed Dec. 25-26 & Jan. 1



## Welcome Home!

*We are so glad you have decided to worship at Chamblee First United Methodist Church on this Sunday morning. Members and visitors alike, would you sign the attendance register and then pass it to your neighbor. If you would like to join the membership of Chamblee First, please step forward during the last verse of the last hymn. We want you to become an official member of the family! Please remember to turn your cell phone back on as you leave the sanctuary. Nursery is available in Room 100. Welcome!*

# 11:00 am Order of Worship

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## Chiming of the Hour

**Greeting** Rev. Carol Cook

**Announcements** Rev. Cook

**Call to Worship** Rev. Jeff Rogers

**Prelude** Grand Fantasia on “Joy to the World” Cheban  
Mr. Bill Callaway, organist

**\*Hymn** Away in a Manger UMH 217

## Advent Reading

**Prayer Concerns & Celebrations** Rev. Cook

**Prayer of Hope** Rev. Cook

## The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen

**Offertory** Silent Night Mohr & Gruber  
Family Choir with Mr. Callaway, organist

**\*Christmas Doxology** The First Noel

**\*Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Rogers

## Time of Fellowship

**Children’s Sermon** Rev. Cook

**\*Hymn** Infant Holy, Infant Lowly UMH 229

**Special Music** Carol of the Bells Boch  
Miss Hope Swing, pianist

**\*Gospel Lesson** Luke 1:26-38 Rev. Cook

**Sermon** “Mary” Rev. Rogers

## Invitation to Holy Christian Discipleship

**\*Hymn** It Came Upon a Midnight Clear UMH 218

**\*Benediction** Rev. Cook

**Postlude** Ding! Dong! Merrily on High Lasky  
Mr. Callaway, organist

\*Please stand as able

- Hearing Devices and Large Print Hymnals are available

- Please see an Usher if you need any assistance

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## Winter Small Groups

We have begun sign ups for our winter Bible studies and small groups. Sign up in the breezeway or on the webpage. Contact Rev. Rogers with any questions.

## 5th Sunday Brunch

December 31st is a 5th Sunday. We have started a new tradition of having a potluck brunch in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour at 9:45am on fifth Sundays. Enjoy food and fellowship on New Years Eve.

## Connect to Chamblee—January 21

This event is an opportunity for visitors to learn more about our church. Come to the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour at 10:00am and there will be volunteers ready to tell you about the ministries of this church. Contact Rev. Rogers with any questions.

## Sing in Family Choir!

December 31 will feature Family Choir at the 11:00 worship service. ALL are welcome to sing the offertory. Bring the whole family! 12/24 will feature Silent Night and 12/31 will be Away in a Manger. We'll meet each of those mornings in the Music Room to warm up and sing through the song and hymns for that service. Now is the time to make a joyful noise! Contact Allen Barbee with questions, abarbee@chambleumc.org.

## Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday Night Suppers have concluded for the season. We look forward to seeing you back on January 17th.

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## Gospel Lesson

### Luke 1:26-38 (NRSV)

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God.” <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

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