

General Announcements

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu: Lemon pepper chicken with rice, grilled vegetables, rolls and peach cobbler with ice cream
Program: Children's Choirs Performance

2016 Christmas Cantata - Gloria!

Come to the Fellowship Hall today at 3:00pm for a wonderful presentation of familiar hymns and carols with traditional classical anthems. Adult and Children's Choirs, Instrumentalists, Handbells, Organ and Piano, and Congregational participation will bring the sounds of the season alive! Bring all your family and friends to this traditional event and celebrate the coming Birth of Jesus Christ. *Gloria in excelsis deo!*

Youth Fellowship Tonight, 6-8pm in Fellowship Hall

Becky Craven and Kathryn Rodriguez are providing chili and cornbread, and after supper Becky Craven will teach the youth how to make some holiday desserts.

Love Offering for the Staff

As a small token of appreciation for our fabulous staff, we are collecting a love offering. Proceeds will be divided among the staff and will be presented to them prior to Christmas. Please write "Staff Gift" in the memo line of your check and drop in the offering plate or by the office no later than December 18th. Spencer Scarbrough—SPR

Christmas Angel Tree - Benefiting Murphy-Harpst

This year's Christmas Angel Tree is in the hallway. Take a tag and bring back the unwrapped gift to benefit children in need. Collection will take place November 27—December 11th. Contact Jennifer Teahan at jentea74@hotmail.com or Jeff Rogers if you have any questions.

Live Nativity

Help with set construction: We need volunteers to help construct the Live Nativity set by the gym on Saturday, December 10, 9am. If you are good with tools, able to lift heavy objects, or great at encouraging others, we could use your help. Contact Brad Van Duser (404-502-3684) with any questions.

Participate in the Event: Help us spread the word to the community on Sunday, December 11 at 7:00pm. Meet at the gym at 12:00 noon Saturday, December 10 for practice and to pick out costumes. We need participants for wise men, angels and shepherds of all ages and genders. Please contact Kathryn Rodriguez for details at email mamakatrodz@gmail.com.

Need Cookies for Reception After Live Nativity: Deliver to the Fellowship Hall kitchen from 9am to noon, Saturday, Dec 10 or Sunday morning, December 11. Please contact Andrea Rankin at walkergirl00@me.com with any questions. Thank you!

Upcoming Worship Schedule

As we move back into the sanctuary and enter the holiday season, our worship schedule will look a little bit different.

* On December 18th & January 8th there will only be one worship service at 11:00.

We will have Sunday School those days.

* On December 25th & January 1st there will only be one worship service at 10:00.

We will not have Sunday School those days.

Come Consecrate Our New Building with the Bishop

January 8th we will be hosting our new Bishop; we will be consecrating the new buildings. Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson will be preaching on January 8th as we celebrate 50 years of worshipping in our sanctuary.

Breakfast with Santa - Saturday, December 17, 9am-11am

Santa is visiting Chamblee First! Come enjoy a pancake breakfast in Fellowship Hall and be sure to tell Santa what you would like for Christmas. You will not want to forget your camera since photos will not be taken by a photographer.

Longest Night Service - Wednesday, December 21, 6pm

The Longest Night service will be a time to celebrate and to miss those whom we have lost. It will be a service of healing of broken hearts and a time for those to gather who are having Christmas alone this year. We encourage anyone to come even if you have not lost a loved one this year.

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday December 4, 2016

Men's Breakfast Serving Area 7:30am

Children's Church Rooms 104,105, 223 & 225 8:45 & 11 am

Worship Services F.H. 8:45 & 11 am

Sunday School 9:45 am

Children's Choirs Room 215 9:50 am

Set Up for Reception Serving Area 12:30 pm

Christmas Cantata Fellowship Hall 3:00 pm

Girl Scout Troop 15529 Scout Hut 3:00 pm

Reception for Cantata Serving Area 4:00 pm

UM Youth Fellowship Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm

Atlanta Metro Youth Flute Choir 6:30 pm

Monday December 5, 2016

Kindergarten 9:00 am

MG Support Group Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm

Trustees Room 204 6:30 pm

Boy Scouts Scout Hut 7:00 pm

Tuesday December 6, 2016

Kindergarten & PMO 9:00 am

Staff Meeting Room 204 1:30 pm

UMW General Meeting/Christmas Program & Dinner Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm

Cub Scouts Scout Hut 7:00 pm

Missions Committee Room 204 7:00 pm

Youth Council Room 223 7:00 pm

Wednesday December 7, 2016

Kindergarten & PMO 9:00 am

Wednesday Night Supper F.H. 6:00 pm

Children's Choirs Performance Fellowship Hall 6:45 pm

Youth Bible Studies Rooms 200 & 205 6:30 pm

Chancel Choir Fellowship Hall 7:30 pm

Thursday December 8, 2016

Kindergarten & PMO 9:00 am

Kindergarten Chapel Fellowship Hall 9:15 am

Faith Class Curriculum Planning R207 2:00pm

Peachtree Symphonic Winds F.H. 6:30 pm

AA Meeting Gym 8:00 pm

Friday December 9, 2016

Kindergarten & PMO 9:00 am

Saturday December 10, 2016

Live Nativity Construction Outside Gym 9:00 am

Rehearsal for Live Nativity Gym 12:00 pm

AA Meeting Gym 8:00 pm

Christmas Events at Chamblee First UMC

Dec 4	Christmas Cantata	3pm
Dec 11	Live Nativity	7pm
Dec 17	Breakfast with Santa	9am
Dec 18	Move back into Sanctuary—I service	11am
Dec 21	Longest Night Service	6pm
Dec 24	Children's Christmas Storytime	2pm
	Christmas Eve Communion Services	5:30pm & 9pm
Dec 25	Christmas Day* —Combined Services	10am
Jan 1	New Year's Day* —Combined Services	10am

*Welcome back to Sunday School Jan 8.



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Chamblee First United Methodist Church

December 4, 2016

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Three Things You Need to Know:

1. Christmas Cantata—Today at 3pm
2. Children's Choirs Performance—December 7th at 6:45pm
3. Live Nativity— December 11th at 7:00pm



Welcome Home!

Welcome! 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. Welcome!

8:45 & 11am Order of Worship

Greetings and Announcements		Rev. Dr. Royeese Stowe
Call to Worship		Dr. Stowe
Prelude	<i>Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella</i> Mr. Bill Callaway, organist	Laubengayer
*Hymn	<i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed</i>	UMH 203
Advent Reading		
Prayer Concerns & Celebrations		Dr. Stowe
Prayer of Hope		Rev. Jeff Rogers
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	<i>As with Gladness Men of Old</i> Chancel Choir with Mr. Callaway, organist	Dix and Weber
*Advent Doxology		
*Prayer of Dedication		Rev. Rogers
Time of Fellowship		
Children's Sermon		Rev. Rogers
*Hymn	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	UMH 216
Special Music	<i>Away in a Manger</i> Mr. Callaway, organist	Murray
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 3:1-12	Rev. Rogers
Sermon	"Warnings"	Dr. Stowe
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Hymn	<i>Heralds of Christ</i>	UMH 567
Choral Response	<i>Very Soon</i> Chancel Choir	
*Benediction		Dr. Stowe

Postlude

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing
Mr. Callaway, organist

Young

*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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Gospel Lesson

Matthew 3:1-12 (NRSV)

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹ Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

If you Need Us!

Ministers - Congregation

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Sid Berry, Susan Burdick, Ron Clyne, Olin Craven (Becky Craven's brother), Joann Gibson, Elle Gieselmann, family of Milla Gieselmann, Jim Gonyea, Kelli Gonyea, Ron Gonyea, The Reverend Chuck Hodges, family of Wilton King, Susan Nichols and Mary Nolte (Belinda Owenby's cousin). Please remember those serving in the military, our shut-ins, and all those battling cancer.

Memorial & Honorarium Gifts

In Memory of Wilton King: Gene & Jo Anne Lawson

In Honor of Travis & Eleanor Gillispie: Travis & Celia Coker

Financial Report - General Fund

48th Week: November 27, 2016

Total Tithes & Income: \$793,413.84

Total Expenses: \$819,651.61

Variance: \$(26,237.77)

REMINDER: 2017 Pledge cards are available from the Ushers and the Church office. Please remember to fill out your 2017 pledge card and to honor your 2016 pledge. Thank you.

Restore II Weekly Report

We have 138 pledges for Restore II.

Cash on hand: \$669,047

Pledges outstanding: \$323,997

Total funds available for project: \$993,044

Updated Restore II Report - 12/01/16

At last Sunday's worship services Dr. Stowe reported we would return to the sanctuary on December 18. What a joy it will be for our church family to return home for the Christmas Season. To that end, let me bring you up-to-date as we enter the home turn stretch.

The new red carpet is in place. Talk about a huge room with no pews, it was a sight to see. But that did not last long. The pew refurbishing team arrived last Monday, November 28 and all the pews have returned to their respective places. When finished, new foam padding covered with new fabric matching the carpet will be on the seats and backs providing comfortable seating for us.

In addition to the sprinkler system, new fire alarm monitors along with cameras in the sanctuary and throughout all the new spaces are being installed. Cameras will also monitor our new entrances and parking areas providing a measure of safety for us. Every way one turns there are technicians tripping over each other.

In the new areas electrical and plumbing work is almost complete. Wall insulation is in place covered by huge sheetrock panels. This work has revealed some high walls and ceilings. Very soon a new door behind the Fellowship Hall corridor will provide entrance to the new bathrooms.

We are headed for exciting times as we move forward. God has blessed our church. Please remember to support Restore II financially and with your prayers.

Submitted by Ray Dunahoo