

## Church Life

**Christmas poinsettia** forms are currently available. Please turn in your forms to Belinda Owenby by Monday, December 9, 2019. The cost is \$12 per poinsettia.

The next **Wednesday Night Supper** will be December 4. The menu will be shrimp and grits, broccoli, and peach cobbler. There will be Kids on Mission and an Advent Study led by Rev. Stacey Rushing.

All are encouraged to join us for a new advent study, **Pauses for Advent** by Trevor Hudson on December 8, 15 and 22 at 10:00 a.m. led by Rev. Stacey Rushing. Books are available for purchase on Amazon or can be ordered through the church for \$9.00.

Join us next Sunday for **A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols** during the 11:00 a.m. worship hour. The stories of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus are told in nine short Bible readings, interspersed with choral anthems, instrumental music, and singing of Christmas hymns.

We want to say a big **THANK YOU to Michelle Watts** as she transitions out of the role of Church Business Administrator. Michelle accomplished so much for the church and she will be missed in the office. When you see her around, please tell her thank you!

Belinda Owenby, bowenby@chambleeumc.org, will serve as **interim office manager** and receive any requests or needs regarding facilities and room use. We also have an **interim bookkeeper**, Nora Harris, who can be reached at the church office or by email at business@chambleeumc.org with any giving or budget questions. We welcome Belinda and Nora to the team, even if only on an interim basis.

All are invited to join us for **Breakfast with Santa** this year on December 14. Registration is required to reserve your spot and the time slots are filling up fast! Please register online at [chambleeumc.org/events/breakfast-with-santa](http://chambleeumc.org/events/breakfast-with-santa).

All are invited to an upcoming conversation about the potential to implement a **Simplified, Accountable Board Structure** here at Chamblee on Sunday, December 15 in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday school hour. The conversation will be led by our Lay Leader, Leslie Hall, along with other leaders and our pastors.

Please join us in making this Christmas season special by supporting our **Angel Tree ministry**. We will be collecting new, unwrapped items for Murphy-Harpst until December 15. The list of requested items is beside the Angel Tree, happy shopping!

Want to help tell the story of Jesus' birth? Participate in the **Live Nativity** December 15 at 6:00 p.m. We need children and adults to play various characters, adults to help with production, and a team to construct the stable. If you are willing to help with production, please contact Kathryn Rodriguez at mamakatrodz@gmail.com and contact Brad Van Duser, bradv2@me.com, to help with set building on December 7.

Our **Children's Christmas Program** will take place on December 24 at 3:00 p.m. If your child or youth would like to participate (with or without a small speaking role), please let Ms. Kristyl know (kkepley@chambleeumc.org.) We will be assigning parts beginning in early December.

## Christmas Events

A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols  
December 8, 2019 | 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Breakfast with Santa  
December 14, 2019 | 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

Live Nativity  
December 15, 2019 | 6:00 p.m. | Front Lawn

Christmas Eve Worship  
3:00 p.m. Family Christmas  
6:00 p.m. Traditional Worship  
11:00 p.m. Modern Worship

## Acolyte

We are thankful for **Elizabeth Jameson** who is our acolyte during worship today.

## Baptisms

We welcome **Dean Michael Shirk**, son of Stephen and Erin Shirk, into membership through the sacrament of Baptism at the 11:00 a.m. service.

We celebrate the baptism of **Ryan Thomas Nigro**, **Tessa Joy Nigro**, and **Wesley James Nigro** at the 9:00 a.m. worship service and welcome them, along with Kimberly Joy Nigro, into membership at Chamblee First UMC.

## Church Financials

Year-to-Date as of October 30, 2019:

Total Tithes & Income:	\$ 692,075
Total Expenses:	\$ 771,042
Variance:	\$ (78,967)

October:

Total Tithes & Income:	\$ 78,632
Total Expenses:	\$ 74,923
Variance:	\$ 3,709

## Worship Leaders & Church Staff

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Welcome to

# CHAMBLEE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## Following the Star

# December 1, 2019

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## Welcome to Worship

Welcome! Whoever you are, wherever you are coming from, and whatever you have going on, you are welcome here. If you are new here, we have a gift for you at the welcome table in the narthex, through the doors in the back of the sanctuary. May you experience the love of God for you here today.

Children's Worship | Children are always welcome to be part of our worship service; there are children's worship bags in the atrium and narthex for use during the service. In addition, your children Kindergarten – 2nd Grade are invited to join our Children's Worship beginning after the children's moment.

Birth – Pre-K: Room 100

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade: Upstairs Room 215

Interested in joining Chamblee FUMC? Please note it on the attendance pad or call the church office to speak with one of the pastors.

## This Week at Chamblee FUMC

### Monday, December 2

6:30 p.m.

MG Support Group

7:00 p.m.

Trustees Meeting

### Tuesday, December 3

12:00 p.m.

Staff Meeting

11:30 a.m.

Book Club Rm. 200

6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

UMW General Meeting

### Wednesday, December 4

9:00 a.m.

Pickleball

5:45 p.m.

Wednesday Night Supper

6:30 p.m.

4th-6th Grade Bell Choir

6:30 p.m.

Kids on a Mission

6:30 p.m.

Advent Program Rm. 200

7:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, December 5

7:30 p.m.

Mission Committee

8:00 p.m.

AA Meeting

### Saturday, December 7

10:00 a.m.

Cantata Rehearsal

8:00 p.m.

AA Meeting

### Sunday, December 8

9:00 a.m.

Modern Worship

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship

5:00 p.m.

UM Youth Fellowship

## 11:00 Order of Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting

Rev. Eric Lee

Prelude

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent  
Mr. Bill Callaway, organist

Travis

Choral Call

Veni Emmanuel  
Chancel Choir

\*Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

UMH 206

Baptism

Dean Michael Shirk

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Sanchez Family

Prayers of the People & The Lords Prayer

Rev. Lee

Offertory

Toccata on "Veni Emmanuel"  
Mr. Callaway, organist

Denton

\*Advent Doxology

Veni Emmanuel

\*Prayer of Dedication of Offering

Rev. Lee

Children's Moment

Kristyl Kepley

Time of Fellowship

\*Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

UMH 196

\*Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-10

Rev. Lee

Anthem

Come, O Come, Lord Jesus  
Chancel Choir with Mr. Callaway, organist

Sermon

Following the Star

Rev. Lee

Invitation

\*Hymn

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

UMH 569

\*Benediction

Postlude

Toccata on "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"  
Mr. Callaway, organist

Good

\* All who are able, please stand

-LARGE PRINT hymnals available upon request

## Prayer Requests

**Please keep the following in your prayers today and throughout the week:**

### **Our members:**

Sid Berry, declining health; and Denise (his daughter) as caretaker.

Susan Burdick, starting physical therapy

Elizabeth Dunlap, recovering from tonsilectomy

Russ Dunlap, upcoming outpatient surgery

Bill George, in need of a kidney transplant

Robin Gray, continuing health issues

Steve Rieck, complications from Crohn's disease

Penny Rose, upcoming treatment

Laura Hammond Trammell, Les and Ann's daughter, upcoming surgery

Wendell Turner, at home

Kate Winne, at home

### **Loved ones and others in our community:**

Betty Connell, sister of Eleanor Wilson, entering hospice care

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius, Denise Berry's cousins, both in poor health

Cindy Fuller, Kathryn McBroom's aunt

Elizabeth Goff, Dana Jenkins' mom, upcoming treatment

David Griffin, Beth Scarbrough's dad, treatment options

Davida Lambeth Hildebrant, friend of Jan Rowell,

Hattie Hostrup, granddaughter of Scott Hostrup, in NICU at Gwinnett Medical

Chet Jameson, Andy Jameson's brother

Molly Jonas, niece of Holly Swing and Robear Stumpe

Martha Lynn, sister of Dave Lynn

Will McDaniel, Andy Jameson's cousin

Moi Monroe, brother of Ann Hammond

Ila Nichols, Dean and Susan Nichols' daughter in law

Dr. Harvey Olds, brother of Barbara Olds

Cheryl Partlow, friend of Kathleen Heller & Swing family

Robert Gibbon Pender, Sr., grandfather of Kathryn Nabulsi, continued health issues

Mary Rieck, Steve Rieck's mother, treatment for melanoma

Jeff Schulz, Jackie's son

Grandmother of Omar Smith, treatment for breast cancer

Al Stephens, Lee Turner's brother

Dick Wendelburg, Kristin Boyer's dad and her family, especially her mom

Michael Wilson, husband of Tiffani Christopher

Ron Wright, Susan Matlick's step brother, recovering from cancer surgery

### **Loved ones and others in our community:**

The family of Kristyl Kepley on the death of her step-father last Friday.