

## CALENDAR

### Thursday, December 12

10:00 A BBQ  
6:00 P Sherwood Middle  
Christmas Concert,  
Sanct.

### Saturday, December 13

6-9 P Youth Christmas Party,  
Futch's house

### Saturday, December 14

10A-8 P Youth Ring Bells, Cortana  
Walmart

6:00 P College Christmas Party,  
Bobby & Kelli's house

### Sunday, December 15

#### Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 A Library Open  
9:15 A Bible Study  
10:30 A Worship, Adult Choir &  
Orchestra — Messiah

#### Extended Teaching Care

Valerie Barnes, Sarah & Mary Mullen,  
Amanda & Zafer Goncu, Greg  
Edwards

6:00 P Christmas Dinner, CAH  
7:00 P Four Piano Concert, Sanct.

### Tuesday, December 17

9:30 A Yoga  
6:00 P First Place

### Wednesday, December 18

7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast  
5:00 P Library Opens  
5:15 P Family Dinner  
6:00 P All Church Caroling  
7:00 P Sanctuary Choir

### Thursday, December 19

10:00 A BBQ

### Saturday, December 21

6:00 P Longest Night Service,  
Sanct.

## YOUTH

### Christmas Party Home of Baileigh Futch Friday, December 13 6-9 p.m.

Bring chips or a dessert to  
share! Also bring a white ele-  
phant gift (limit \$10) to ex-  
change.

### Ringling Bells for Salvation Army Saturday, December 14 Cortana Walmart 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Parents and youth need to call  
Dave to volunteer for a time  
slot.

## CHILDREN

### Children's Christmas Party Wednesday, December 11 6-7 p.m.

Join us as we welcome Christ-  
mas with fun for all our chil-  
dren 3 years old -5th grade.  
We will meet in the multi-  
purpose room upstairs.

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Christmas  
Dinner  
6 p.m.  
&  
Four Piano  
Concert  
7 p.m.  
December 15

Handel's  
*Messiah*  
Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra  
December 15, 10:30 a.m.  
*Joy*



I love Christmas. It's something I look forward to all year long. I can hardly wait for it to arrive. I love the music. I love the decorations and the celebrations. I even love the bell ringers at Wal-Mart. Christmas is a big deal to me; it has been since I was a kid.

As much as I enjoy Christmas, I've come to appreciate advent more and more each year, too. The older I get the more I realize the need to make myself ready for Christmas. I've learned that I need four weeks to prepare myself, so that I can fully appreciate what the coming of Jesus means for us. I've learned to love the waiting just as much as the celebration.

My favorite way to celebrate advent is to sing advent songs; loudly and typically off key. There are some good ones: *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus, Hail to the Lord's Anointed, In the Bleak Midwinter.* My favorite by far, however, is *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.* For me, advent officially begins when I hear this song.

The fourth stanza grips me every year. In it we sing, "O come, desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind. Bid envy, strife, and

quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace." Unlike the first three stanzas, the fourth stanza expects something from us. When I sing that last stanza I'm left with the sense that I am somehow supposed to participate in God's peacemaking. It may be God's initiative, but I am supposed to bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease. It is my responsibility, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to begin to fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Wow.

This second week of advent is focused on peace. It is a reminder that while God is the ultimate peacemaker, we are called to join God in peacemaking. In this second week of advent we are called to, "Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it (Psalm 43:14)." It's my hope this advent that we will answer God's call to participate in peacemaking.

Blessings,

Dave

## ADULTS

### Church Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 15,  
6 p.m.  
\$5 per person

Menu:

Pork Loin, Dressing, Cranberry Salad, Green Beans, Rolls, Coconut Cake

Please make reservations for dinner by calling the church office.

### Four Piano Concert

7 p.m.

Following the Christmas Dinner, join us for an exciting night of Christmas music with Bernadette FitzPatrick, Paul Henderson, Francisco Silva, and Donna Toney.

### Poinsettias

Our sanctuary is decorated for the Advent season. If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, please call the church office. Twelve large poinsettias are available for \$40 each and small poinsettias are \$10 each.

### "Our Journey Together"

As of 12/11/13 we have received 197 cards representing \$896,692 or 72% of our 2014 Budget goal of \$1,252,025. Please return your pledge cards as soon as possible.

### Remembering Our Commitments

Only three Sundays remain in the year for church members to complete their contribution Commitments to the 2013 Church Budget. It is very important for the church to enter 2014 on a sound financial basis. To achieve this goal, we ask you to remember and honor the commitments made to our church's ministries. **All financial gifts mailed to the church must be postmarked by Tuesday, December 31 to be counted for 2013. The church is counting on your stewardship faithfulness!**

### 2014 Offering Envelopes

Please come by the church office to pick up your offering envelopes for 2014. We will only be mailing envelopes to our home-bound members.

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### BRG Bluebonnet

Mary Ann Barton

Home from the Hospital

Kathy Miller

### Thank You

Words of sincere appreciation have been received from **Charles and Alice Steele.**

### Sympathy

We express our sincere sympathy to:

**Brian and Dawn Quantrille and family** on the death of his grandmother.

## ADVENT CALENDAR

### December:

- 11-Prayer Walk, 5-7 p.m.  
Children's Christmas Party, 6 p.m.
- 13-Youth Christmas Party, 6-9 p.m.
- 14-College Christmas Party
- 15-3rd Sunday of Advent (*Joy*)  
*Messiah*, 10:30 a.m.  
Church Christmas Dinner, 6 p.m.  
Four-Piano Concert, 7 p.m.
- 18-All Church Caroling, 6 p.m.
- 21-Longest Night Service, 6 p.m.
- 22-4th Sunday of Advent (*Love*)
- 24-Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service, 6

To reach the On Call Minister call 328-3474.

### Wednesday Night Dinner

December 18  
Chili, Green Salad, Cornbread, Impossible Coconut Pie

