#### **CALENDAR**

#### YOUTH

#### **Thursday, December 12**

10:00 A BBQ

6:00 P Sherwood Middle **Christmas Concert.** 

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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

**Tuesday, December 17** 

9:30 A Yoga

6:00 P First Place

Wednesday, December 18

7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast Library Opens

5:15 P Family Dinner 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.

# **Christmas Party**

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

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

# **Ringing Bells** for Salvation Army

Saturday, December 14 Cortana Walmart 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Parents and youth need to call 7:00 P Four Piano Concert, Sanct. Dave to volunteer for a time slot.

### **CHILDREN**

# **Children's Christmas Party**

Wednesday, December 11 6-7 p.m.

Join us as we welcome Christmas with fun for all our children 3 years old -5th grade. We will meet in the multipurpose room upstairs.

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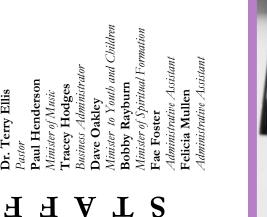


# Christmas Dinner

6 p.m.

Four Piano Concert

> 7 p.m. December 15





I love Christmas. It's quarrels cease; fill the whole something I look forward to all world with heaven's peace." year long. I can hardly wait for Unlike the first three stanzas, it to arrive. I love the music. I love the decorations and the something from us. When I celebrations. I even love the sing that last stanza I'm left 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 Blessings, when I hear this song.

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

the fourth stanza expects 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.

#### **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 **Fiano 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 homebound 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 sympa-

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

