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Dec. 5 Mary Campbell
Dec. 6 Dee Foster
Dec. 8 Jim Fleitz
Dec. 9 Carson Pelley
Dec. 10 Parker Moore
Dec. 11 Lynn Ingram
Will Puckett
Dec. 12 Mark Osteen
Dec. 13 Madie Moore
Dec. 14 Alex Winebarger
Dec. 16 David Taylor
Alan Calloway
Dec. 17 Trevor Bielek
Dec. 19 Kim Avila
Marilyn Korsedal
Dec. 20 John Gardner
Dec. 23 Adam Calloway
Dec. 25 Katelyn Supra
Dec. 26 A.J. Fleitz
Dec. 27 Claire George

Christmas Festivities at Eastminster

Celebrate Christmas with great joy, with deep meaning, and with delight... by participating in the different festivities here at Eastminster during December. You will find more details about each of these events elsewhere in this newsletter and Sunday bulletins, but here are the great plans for the season:

Alternative Market - Purchase hand-made items or share the love of the Christ child with someone in need by making a contribution in someone's honor to a ministry of compassion and hope, such as United Ministries, Heifer Project International, or Church World Service. The Market will be open after worship each Sunday of Advent.

Hanging of the Greens - Come decorate the church and enjoy the children's Christmas pageant before sharing a bowl of soup, Sunday, December 6 from 5 - 7 p.m.

Christmas Cantata - Delight in the power of music to lift our spirits with the peace, joy, and love of Christmas, Sunday, December 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Worship - Rejoice in the birth of the Christ child, as we sing Christmas carols, share communion, and bask in the glow of candlelight, Thursday, December 24, 5 p.m.

Angel Tree

Once again the chance to show the true holiday spirit to a needy child comes to Eastminster in the form of the Angel Tree. I know you'll respond, as you always have, to this opportunity to help a child find a few presents under the tree. The children are chosen from Robert Cashion School, the Building Dreams program, or needy Hispanic families in Greenville, and are especially hard hit this year.

Starting November 29th and running till December 13th, angels can be adopted from the tree in the commons area. Please sign up, buy, wrap, bag, and tag your gifts and return them to church by Dec. 13th, so we can give the gift of love to these special children and be the answer to a Christmas prayer!

You may also contribute, if you can't shop yourself, by putting a check in the Angel Box, with Angel Tree on the memo line, and I will shop for you.



Blessings and thanks,

Gail Pocock (864)322-7238

Women's Circle

The Thursday morning circle will meet at Jane Couch's house, 209 Middle Brook Rd. Greer, on December 10th at 10 a.m.

Calendar Dates For December

Tuesday, December 1 - 6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 2 - 6:30-7:30 p.m. Children's Choir rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 6 - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship-Communion
2nd Sunday of Advent
2 cents a meal
God's Pantry Food Collection
5:00-7:00 p.m. Hanging of the Greens

Monday, December 7 - Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 8 - 6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 9 - 6 p.m. Adult Planning Team
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 10 - 10:00 a.m. Women's Circle

Sunday, December 13 - 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship-Cantata- Congregational Meeting
3rd Sunday of Advent
11:30 a.m. Finance Team
7:00 p.m. Session
Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, December 15 - 6:45 Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 16 - 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 20 - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
4th Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 21 - Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 22 - 6:45 Men's Bible Study

Thursday, December 24 - 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 27 - No Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship-Baptism
Benjamin Finney

Monday, December 28- January 2 Church Office Closed (whole building closed - floor refinishing)

Joys and Concerns

Please remember to pray for the following:

- Pat Watkins is now at Roger C. Peace for several weeks of rehab.
- Mae Page's recent surgery had disappointing results; she has moved back into the health care wing of Rolling Green. She is in good spirits, but her energy is low; she requests no visitors at this time.
- Clyde Foster is home following a short hospitalization.
- Betty Brantley is home recuperating from a fall.
- Dianne Jacob's mother Charlotte died.
- Roxana Talwar is home following a mild heart attack.
- Craig Vial had hip replacement surgery and is doing well.

- Steve James had eye surgery and is doing well.
- Syble Drake's newborn grandson "Bear" is having seizures.
- Ron Kurta's Uncle Buzz died..
- Jane Couch's mother Frances was moved to an assisted living facility.
- Barry Campbell's father Ralph is home from the hospital after having heart and kidney problems. He may need dialysis.
- Mark Shiolen's Aunt Ann was experiencing heart and kidney failure.

Let us also remember those serving in the military

- Gill and Sally Seal's son-in-law Tony.
- Mark and Linda Sucher's nephew James.
- Chuck Landers' brother Mark.
- Syble Drake's son-in-law Cliff.

Help Needed For God's Pantry

God's Pantry needs our help! Founded in 2002 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Mauldin it's an all-volunteer staff & it receives support from area churches, like EPC. The pantry is running low and even had to close for 2 days the other week. WOW. In the past we collected food items on the 1st Sunday of the month but this Summer we changed it to allow everyone to bring in pantry items every Sunday. And during the current economic situation this holiday season more families are facing difficulties, so not only will we be taking donated food items weekly, we'd like to challenge everyone to try to bring in a few more items over the next few weeks so we can help God's Pantry be able to feed those in need & not have to close its doors or turn anyone away. Please share if you can, below are items needed:

Canned vegetables, fruit & beans,
Soups,
Canned Tomatoes,
Dried pasta, rice, grits and beans,
Peanut butter,
Cereal, and
Ramen noodles.

Thank you,
The Outreach Team

Eastminster Session

Class of 2009	Class of 2010	Class of 2011
Jerry Calloway	Susan Carlson	Sharon Daugherty
Armin Meyer	Beverly George	Robb Ellis
Mark Osteen	Mark Sucher	Ed Irick
Elaine Wiegert	Melinda Finney	Karen Shiolen
Gail Pocock		Craig Winebarger
Katie Winebarger		

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