

NEWS & NOTES

Stewardship 2017–Generosity: Beyond Ourselves! If you were not able to present your pledge card at the altar Commitment Sunday, you may place it in the offering plate or pledge online at nrumc.org. Please turn in your pledge no later than December 10.

Our next “First Wednesday” is December 6! Join us from 5:00-6:30 p.m. for roasted pork, sweet potato casserole, green beans, apple salad, and dessert, provided by the New Friendship Sunday School class. Afterwards, for our mission opportunity, we’ll make Christmas ornaments for our Angel Tree recipients. Please RSVP online at nrumc.org/first-wednesday.

Annual Chrismon Service & Yard Angel Illumination is Tonight!

Join us December 3 at 7:00 p.m. as we adorn the tree in the sanctuary with Chrismons. At the end of the service, we will gather on the front lawn to dedicate our Yard Angels. And make sure to stay for refreshments afterward in the Atrium!

Advent Organ Escape On Monday, December 18, drop in between 11:00 a.m. and noon in the sanctuary. This open-house style event provides an “escape” from the Christmas rush, as Dr. Candace Bailey offers her annual organ concert of familiar hymns and carols. You will certainly be blessed by Candace’s musical gift! And please stay afterward for a light lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

Would You Like to Light the Advent Wreath? Sign up in the church lobby today for Sundays in Advent, as well as Christmas Eve. We especially need volunteers for the 10:00 service and our 2:00 & 4:00 Christmas Eve services. Groups made up of families or friends are welcome. Volunteers will be provided with a script and instructions for lighting the Advent candles during worship.

Children’s Nativity Workshop Children & parents, join us on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Youth Center to decorate cookies, enjoy a craft, and hear the Christmas Story. Bring canned goods to support the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle for Backpack Buddies. For more information, contact Cassidy Plunkett (919.847.1536 x103 or familyministry@nrumc.org).

Alleluia Children’s Choir presents *The Mystery of the Manger!*

Next Sunday, December 10, at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, come support our super-talented children and enjoy this engaging story and upbeat blend of new songs with traditional carols!

The Christmas Cantata is Next Week! Join us at 8:30 or 11:15 worship next Sunday, as the Chancel Choir shares Benjamin Britten’s renowned *A Ceremony of Carols*. In a departure from our usual orchestral forces, this challenging, exquisite work will be accompanied by sublime solo harp!

Next Hurricane Matthew Work Day On Saturday, Dec. 16, the Disaster Team will travel to Lumberton. If you’re interested in working off all those Thanksgiving calories, contact Johnny Watkins (johnrcmc@gmail.com or 919.369.3947).

Monday Night Football: UM Men’s Night Out on Monday, December 11th around 8:00-8:30 p.m. at The Hibernian–North Raleigh. Join us to watch a great game, and enjoy great food and fellowship. Contact Tony Reimer (rreimer@nc.rr.com or 919.518.8219) if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

End-of-Year Financial Contributions All 2016 contributions must be in to the office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 29. The office is closed Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 25-27, but will be open Dec. 28 & 29 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. **All credit card online transactions must be entered no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 26.** For more information, contact Ken Black (busadmin@nrumc.org or 919.847.1536 x115).

The Staff-Parish Relations committee is pleased to announce that Amber Hitchcock, Associate Minister of Music, has accepted the expansion of her position to full-time at NRUMC. Amber has been sharing her gifts with us in a part-time capacity since 2014 and, after working at Ravenscroft School for 22 years, will be expanding her ministry role at North Raleigh. Along with her expertise in violin and viola, Amber also brings her passion for teaching and leading children and adults in various musical capacities. As she is under contract with Ravenscroft through May 2018, her role will be gradually expanding at NRUMC and will be full-time in June. Please welcome Amber as she continues to share her gifts with us at North Raleigh.

Program Assistant Positions NRUMC is seeking two full-time professionals for its administrative ministry team. Minimum of a bachelor’s degree and at least 5 years’ experience required. Work in a church or non-profit setting preferred, with a working knowledge of ACS software a plus. Job duties will include administrative support for several ministry program areas, including adult, children & family discipleship, and membership care. Interested parties should email their letters of application, resumes, references, and contact information to jobs@nrumc.org.

Parking during Christmas At this time of year, parking on Sunday morning at NRUMC can be hard to find. Just a reminder that, along with parking at the church garden across Honeycutt Road, we also have permission to park at Lafayette Village. Parking at Lafayette Village will also be available for all of our Christmas Eve services, and there will be parking lot attendants to help.

THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITIES

For more information, visit one of our blue information carts or contact the church office (919.847.1536).

Sun 12/3 12:30 p.m. Confirmation Class (Youth Center)
Exaltation! Rehearsal–Full Band (Fellowship Hall)
3:30 p.m. Youth Band Rehearsal (Youth Center)
4:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir (S4) • Partners in Prayer (Conference Room)
The Girl’s Still Got It Women’s Study (S2) • Illuminate (Youth Center)
5:30 p.m. Belleplates (Sanctuary) • KidChimes (Music Room) • Bible Buddies (S4)
6:30 p.m. High School UMYF–Refuge (Youth Center)
7:00 p.m. Chrismon Service & Angel Illumination (Sanctuary)

Mon 12/4 12:00 p.m. Staff Christmas Potluck (Atrium)
5:45 p.m. 8501 B.C. Youth Bells (Sanctuary)
6:30 p.m. Men’s Study Group (Conference Room)

Tues 12/5 9:30 a.m. Journey Moms’ Group (E25)
11:15 a.m. Emmaus Group (Conference Room)
11:30 a.m. God Is in the Manger Advent Study (S3)
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (S4)
6:30 p.m. Disciple 1 Study (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 p.m. United Methodist Women Board (S4)
United Methodist Men Board (Conference Room)
7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (S3)

Wed 12/6 7:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study & Prayer Fellowship (Y1)
9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (S4)
10:00 a.m. Silver Chords Seniors’ Choir (Sanctuary)
11:00 a.m. JOY (Just Older Youth) Senior Adult Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
1:00 p.m. Silver Bells (Sanctuary)
5:00 p.m. First Wednesday Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 p.m. Handful of Praise (Youth Center) • S.O.U.L. Puppets (Y4)
6:00 p.m. Yokefellow Ministry to Polk Correctional Institute (Off Campus)
6:30 p.m. Rainbow Ringers (Sanctuary) • Al-Anon (S2)
Middle School UMYF–Impact (Youth Center)
7:45 p.m. Revelation Ringers (Sanctuary)

Thurs 12/7 7:00 p.m. Christmas Cantata Rehearsal with Harp (Sanctuary)
7:30 p.m. Smart Recovery Group (S4)

Fri 12/8 9:00 a.m. Partners in Prayer (Sanctuary)

Sat 12/9 7:45 a.m. United Methodist Men’s Fellowship Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
9:00 a.m. Alleluia Choir Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
Christmas Cantata Rehearsal with Harp (Sanctuary)
12:00 p.m. Goodwill Sunday School Class Christmas Lunch (Y1)
3:00 p.m. Children’s Nativity Workshop (Youth Center)
6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Christmas Party (Fellowship Hall)

Sun 12/10 12:30 p.m. CHOIR CANTATA, A CEREMONY OF CAROLS, AT 8:30 & 11:15
Confirmation Class (Youth Center)
3:30 p.m. Youth Band Rehearsal (Youth Center)
4:00 p.m. Alleluia Choir Christmas Musical (Fellowship Hall)
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