

# NEWS & NOTES

## Christmas Eve Service Times

2:00 & 4:00 p.m. Family Services with Candlelight  
6:00 p.m. Contemporary Service with Candlelight & Communion  
7:30 & 9:30 p.m. Traditional Services with Candlelight & Communion\*

As children are welcome during this family time, no childcare will be available for any services. \*The 7:30 service is very popular. We encourage you to be at the church by 7:00 or consider attending the 9:30 service.

**Parking during Advent & Christmas** At this time of year, parking on Sunday morning at NRUMC can be hard to find. 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.

## Annual Chrismon Service & Yard Angel Illumination is Tonight!

Join us tonight at 7:00 p.m. as we adorn the tree in the sanctuary with Chrismons during this special service. At the end of the service, we will gather on the front lawn to dedicate our Yard Angels. Stay for refreshments afterward in the Atrium!

**Young Adult Small-Group Outing December 4** Join the young adults as we shop for the Angel Tree December 4 at 6:30 p.m. We'll meet at Starbucks in Target at Poyner Place and then celebrate the season with ice cream, fellowship, and community-building. For more info, contact Ashley Will (associatepastor@nrumc.org or 919.847.1536 x114).



## First Wednesday Fellowship Dinner is December 5!

Join us from 5:00-6:30 p.m. for a salad and baked potato bar sponsored and prepared by the NRUMC staff! Afterward for our mission project, we will create Christmas ornaments to put on the Angel Tree gifts that are given to children of the incarcerated. RSVP online at [nrumc.org/first-wednesday](http://nrumc.org/first-wednesday), or scan the QR code to the left.

**Children's Nativity Workshop** We invite all children to join us this Saturday, December 8, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Youth Center to decorate cookies, enjoy a craft, and hear the Christmas Story. There will also be music and dancing! Bring a few canned goods to support the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle for Backpack Buddies. If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up at [nrumc.org/childrens-nativity-workshop](http://nrumc.org/childrens-nativity-workshop). For more info, contact Cassidy Plunkett (familyministry@nrumc.org or 919.847.1536 x103).

**Please Bring Angel Tree Gifts by December 9!** This very popular prison ministry makes sure the children of the incarcerated have presents under the tree for Christmas. We still need volunteers to make phone calls, help distribute angels, sort packages, and deliver them. To sign up, please visit [nrumc.org/angel-tree](http://nrumc.org/angel-tree). For more information, please contact Anna Kosak (ak41065@yahoo.com or 919.616.6006 after 5:00 p.m.).

**The Christmas Cantata is Coming!** Join us at 8:30 or 11:15 a.m. worship next Sunday as the Chancel Choir shares *Sing Christmas*, a beautiful mixture of new music and traditional favorites for the Advent season. We hope you will come and enjoy this truly uplifting choral work, which is accompanied by full orchestra!

**Would You Like to Light the Advent Wreath** on Sundays in Advent? Only a few spots remain! 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. Sign up at [nrumc.org/advent-wreath-lighting](http://nrumc.org/advent-wreath-lighting), or look for the link in the weekly email.

**Blue Christmas Service December 14 at 7:00 p.m.** The holiday season ought to be a time of joy as we eagerly await celebrating the birth of Jesus. However, for many, this season stings with reminders of the loss of loved ones, broken relationships, illness, or other situations that make celebrating difficult. Join us in the Sanctuary for a service of comfort as we gather near the winter solstice, the longest night of the year.

## Alleluia Children's Choir presents *Christmas in Reverse!*

On Sunday, December 16 at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, come support our super-talented children as they present this unique Christmas musical, STARTING with the manger and reversing the sequence of events that led us there!

**Advent Organ Escape** On Monday, December 17, drop into the sanctuary between 11:00 a.m. and noon. This open-house style event provides an "escape" from the Christmas rush, as Dr. Candace Bailey presents her annual organ concert of gentle arrangements of familiar carols. You will certainly be blessed by Candace's musical talent! And please stay afterward for a light lunch in the Fellowship Hall!

**Our Next New Member Class** begins on Sunday, January 13, and continues through February 3. Each session runs from 11:00-12:30 p.m. in the Youth Center Main Room; and Duke, Alan, or Ashley will lead discussion on a different topic. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our church and heritage as Methodists, as well as provide a great stepping-off point to membership at NRUMC! To register for the class, visit [nrumc.org/new-member-class](http://nrumc.org/new-member-class) and fill out the online form, or call the church office.

# THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

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

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<b>Sun 12/2</b>	12:30 p.m.	Church Council (Fellowship Hall) Confirmation Class (Youth Center Main Room) Exaltation! Rehearsal-Vocalists Only (Sanctuary)
	3:30 p.m.	Youth Band Rehearsal (Youth Center Main Room)
	4:45 p.m.	Alleluia Choir (Fellowship Hall)
	5:00 p.m.	Cherub Choir (S4) • Jubilation Choir (S1) • Illuminate (Youth Center) Partners in Prayer (Conference Room)
	5:30 p.m.	Belleplates (S3) • KidChimes (Music Room)
	6:30 p.m.	High School UMYF-Refuge (Youth Center)
	7:00 p.m.	Chrismon Service & Angel Illumination (Sanctuary)

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<b>Mon 12/3</b>	9:30 a.m.	United Methodist Women Covenant Circle Gift Basket Project (Y1)
	12:00 p.m.	Staff Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
	5:45 p.m.	8501 B.C. Youth Bells (Sanctuary)
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Choir (Sanctuary) • Men's Study Group (Conference Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Discipleship Team Meeting (S3)

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<b>Tues 12/4</b>	9:30 a.m.	Journey Mom's Group (E25)
	11:15 a.m.	Emmaus Group (Conference Room)
	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry (S4)
	7:00 p.m.	United Methodist Men Board (Conference Room) United Methodist Women Board (S4) Young Adult Small Group (Off Campus)
	7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (S3)

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<b>Wed 12/5</b>	7:00 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Bible Study & Prayer Fellowship (Y1)
	9:00 a.m.	Full Staff Meeting (S4) JOY (Just Older Youth) Golden Age Senior Breakfast (Off Campus)
	10:00 a.m.	Silver Chords Seniors' Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	1:00 p.m.	Silver Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	5:00 p.m.	First Wednesday Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30 p.m.	S.O.U.L. Puppets (Y4) • Handful of Praise (Youth Center)
	6:00 p.m.	Yokefellow Ministry to Polk Correctional Institute (Off Campus)
	6:30 p.m.	Rainbow Ringers (Sanctuary) • "I've Been Wondering..." (S4) Middle School UMYF: Impact (Youth Center Main Room) Al-Anon (S2)
	7:45 p.m.	Revelation Ringers (Sanctuary)

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<b>Thurs 12/6</b>	10:00 a.m.	JOY (Just Older Youth) Southern Supreme Trip (Off Campus)
	6:00 p.m.	Choir-Stole Planning Group (Conference Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Cantata Rehearsal w/Orchestra (Sanctuary)
	7:30 p.m.	Smart Recovery Group (S4)

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<b>Fri 12/7</b>	9:00 a.m.	Partners in Prayer (Sanctuary)
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<b>Sat 12/8</b>	7:45 a.m.	United Methodist Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
	9:00 a.m.	Christmas Cantata Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	9:30 a.m.	Alleluia Choir Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
	3:00 p.m.	Children's Nativity Workshop (Youth Center Main Room)