

Help celebrate the season!

Sunday, December 18, continued

Trinity Alternative Gift Market ~ Last day members can purchase a gift by making a donation to one of St. Luke's Outreach partners. Gifts start at \$1, so all can participate. What a wonderful way to be a blessing to the giver and the receiver! This will be held after the 8:30 a.m. service, and before and after the 11 a.m. worship service in the main lobby. Questions? Contact Gretchen Keyser, 404-790-5831 or gretakey@bellsouth.net.

Older, Wiser, Loving, Seniors Christmas Party ~ Join us from 3 to 5 p.m. for a relaxed, elegant gathering at the home of Melba and J.C. Gay, to enjoy conversation, refreshments, perhaps a little song, and generally improve the seasoning of our Christmas Spirit! Those who cannot make Tuesday meetings are especially invited.

Monday, December 19:

Live Nativity with Animals ~ Bethlehem comes alive on the front lawn of St. Luke's from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Bring the entire family, neighbors and friends to experience the magic of the Nativity. Contact Mary Kent, 770-671-0645 to volunteer or for more information.

Tuesday, December 20:

St. Luke's Church-Wide Christmas Caroling, 6-8 p.m. ~ All ages are invited to join in the fun as we share in song the wonderful message of Christmas with those who may be homebound or unable to get to church. We will meet at the church and ride together.

Saturday, December 24:

Christmas Eve Services ~

5:30 p.m. The Christmas story is told through narrative, song, and participation of our church members. All children, who wish to do so, may participate in this Christmas story.

8 p.m. Candlelight & Communion Service with string quartet, harp, and choir *in the Sanctuary*

11 p.m. Candlelight & Communion Service *in the Chapel* with guitar

Sunday, December 25:

No 8:30 Worship Service

10 a.m. Continental Breakfast in the lobby

10:30 a.m. Casual Christmas Carol sing-a-long in the Sanctuary

11 a.m. Casual Worship Service in the Sanctuary

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Now through December 12:

Poinsettias ~ Please help cover the cost of the poinsettias throughout our church during Advent. Donation envelopes are in the pew boxes; \$15 per plant. You may donate these to honor or remember a loved one, whose names will be listed in the December 18 bulletin. (Please put "poinsettias" on the memo line of the check.) They may be taken home January 8, after worship. Questions? Contact Jan Slater, 770-391-0489 or Nancy Self, 404-237-6551.

Today ~ Sunday, November 20:

Salvation Army Angel Tree Deadline ~ Don't forget to return the gifts by 6 p.m. **TODAY!** Do not wrap the gifts; place them in the clear plastic bag provided and secure the angel tag to the front with clear plastic packing tape. Contact Krissy Williams, 404-252-2865.

Operation Christmas Child Deadline ~ Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through gift-filled shoe boxes and the good news of God's love. This is a simple, yet powerful way to share. Remember, final drop-off is 6 p.m. **TODAY!** Questions? Contact Gretchen Keyser, 404-790-5831 or gretakey@bellsouth.net.

Saturday, November 26:

Deck the Halls ~ Meet in the church lobby at 9:30 a.m. to help decorate the church for the Advent season. Coffee, doughnuts and fellowship will be followed by decorating the church. One hour or the entire morning will be appreciated. Questions? Contact Jan Slater, 770-391-0489 or Nancy Self, 404-237-6551.

Sunday, November 27 ~ First Sunday of Advent:

Santa Claus Express Deadline ~ St. Luke's Presbyterian Women are collecting gifts for the residents of the Presbyterian Home & Village. These gifts remind the residents that someone cares and are symbols that they are not forgotten during the holidays. Please select one or more items from the "suggested gift list" posted in the lobby and place in a clear Ziploc bag. **Do not wrap.** Please do not send used items, bar soap, sample items, bubble bath, candles, medical supplies, cash or checks. Questions? See the Red Bucket in the lobby or call Bev Miller. 770-394-4833.

Wednesday, November 30:

FEAST Advent Event for ALL ~ STOP HUNGER NOW, an international relief organization, provides the "know-how" and supplies; we provide the workers to help curb world hunger as we package 10,000 dehydrated meals. This is a family project for all ages. Our dinner at 5:45 p.m. is beans and rice. If you signed up for the 10-week dinner option, you are included. If you wish to sign up for dinner for this night, please fill out the blue pew card. Email Liz Catlett at lizcatlett@slpres.org for the project only. It will be in the Great Hall from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

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Saturday, December 3:

Adult Church-Wide Christmas Party ~ 6:30 - 9 p.m. at the home of Sally and Dan Joyce. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Child care available at the church by reservation, 4:30 - 9 p.m.! Only \$10 a family! Please let us know the number of children, names and ages. Sign-up board is in the lobby during November. Kick-off the holiday season mingling with your St. Luke's friends and family and reserve a space to bring your little ones! Questions? Contact Beth Underhill at bunderhill.mail@gmail.com.

Sunday, December 4 ~ Second Sunday of Advent:

Trinity Alternative Gift Market ~ During Advent season, members can purchase a gift by making a financial donation to one of St. Luke's Outreach partners. Gifts start at \$1, so all can participate. Truly a blessing to the giver and the receiver! This will be held after the 8:30 a.m. service, and before and after the 11 a.m. worship service in the main lobby. Questions? Contact Gretchen Keyser, 404-790-5831 or gretakey@bellsouth.net.

Happy Birthday, Jesus! ~ Come celebrate with all the children in our church family on Sunday, December 4, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Great Hall. We will make crafts, play games, and of course, eat birthday cake as we prepare our hearts for Christ's birth.

Tony Barnhart's Book Signing ~ Tony Barnhart will have a book-signing to benefit St. Luke's Endowment Fund. He will begin after the 8:30 a.m. service, and continue before and after the 11 a.m. service. The books included are, *Always a Bulldog* (\$17), *From Hershel to a Hobnail Boot: The Life and Times and Larry Munson* (\$20), and *Southern Fried Football* (\$20). An autographed copy makes a perfect Christmas gift. If you would like to reserve one ahead of time, contact Shirley Carrier, shirleycarrier@slpres.org or 770-393-1424, ext. 225.

Toys for Tots Holiday Concert ~ Join us in the sanctuary at 5 p.m. as our Chancel Choir, Festival Ringers, and brass quintet ring in the season with this annual holiday concert. Bring one new, unwrapped toy for admission. A free-will offering will be collected for the families of service personnel on active duty or families of service personnel who have given their life.

Monday, December 5:

Presbyterian Women's Christmas Dinner & Communion Service ~ Join us at 6 p.m. as a wonderful way to kick-off your holiday season with a delicious dinner, lively fellowship, and a beautiful candlelight worship service. Make reservations for you and your guests in the lobby or contact the church office. Please RSVP by December 1. Cost is \$15 per person.

Wednesday, December 7:

FEAST Advent Event for ALL ~ Christmas Trivia returns! Everyone is invited to relax, unwind and get into the holiday spirit with an evening of dinner, fun, and fellowship with the church family. Come and be a part of it! Dinner will be at the usual time of 5:45 p.m. If you signed up for the 10-week dinner option, you are included in this fun evening. If you wish to sign up for dinner for this night, please fill out the blue pew card. To sign up for the Advent Trivia night, without dinner, please email Liz Catlett at lizcatlett@slpres.org,

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Saturday, December 10:

Men's Breakfast ~ This month, in lieu of a contribution towards the breakfast, please bring in a new toy for the Toys for Tots drive. The breakfast will still be held at 8 a.m. in the Great Hall.

Sunday, December 11 ~ Third Sunday of Advent:

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Presbyterian Women's Christmas Sale ~ The Presbyterian Women will sell their famous pumpkin bread and fresh apple cake. The cost is \$4 for mini-loaves and \$8 for family loaves.

Chrismons for Children ~ During morning worship services, children will receive handmade Chrismons from the Presbyterian Women, continuing our 17-year tradition. "Chrismon" stands for "Christ Monogram" and is an abbreviation for His name or a representation of Him.

Cherub Choir to Sing ~ The Cherub Choir will sing during our 11 a.m. worship service and also at 4 p.m. for the residents of The Dunwoody Pines.

"Service of Comfort and Rest," 5 p.m. in the Chapel ~ A service for those who have experienced loss - through death, divorce, depression, and many other life challenges - and for those under stress during the holiday season who need a time of rest. With singing and Scripture reading, a homily and special music, this service invites those who attend to take comfort and rest. Hosted by the Stephen Ministry. Join us for a reception immediately following the service.

Youth Christmas Parties ~ The Middle Schoolers will party at the Reid household from 4-5:30 p.m. and the High Schoolers will party at the Ryan/Loerch household from 6-7:30 p.m. There will be a white elephant gift exchange at the parties.

Friday, December 16:

Faith & Film ~ Join us for *Joyeux Noel (Merry Christmas)*. Dinner at 7 p.m., movie at 7:30 p.m. in Room 207. RSVP to Josh & Cindy Nunez at cd_nunez@bellsouth.net or on the sign-up sheet on the lobby bulletin board. To help with food, call them at 770-451-9545.

Sunday, December 18 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Service of Lessons & Carols ~ Join us in the sanctuary during our 11 a.m. worship service as our choirs and instruments present an annual tradition of celebration for the Nativity of Christ in scripture, song and candlelight during this holy season.

Christmas Joy Offering ~ This special offering is a Presbyterian tradition of almost 70 years. Half of the receipts of the offering are for assistance programs that provide support to retired and active church workers and their spouses and families. The other half of the receipts supports Presbyterian-related racial ethnic education. Please place your donation in the pew envelopes.