



*Appomattox Court House
Presbyterian Church
159 Oakleigh Avenue, Appomattox*

December 2017 Newsletter **Holiday Schedule of Events**

December 2

Decorating the Church

The congregation will meet Saturday, December 2, at 9:00 a.m. to decorate the church for Christmas. Everyone can participate by adorning the tree with Chrismons, hanging wreaths, or placing candles in the windows.

There is no outside maintenance to be done this season, as the men of the church worked diligently before the anniversary celebration to beautify the building and grounds. *Thank you!*

After decorating, join the festivities in downtown Appomattox.

December 2

Experience the Holidays

Downtown Appomattox will celebrate the season on December 2 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Learn the history of the season 1860's style at Courthouse Square.

Enjoy local artisans, entertainment, food vendors, Santa's Village, and Dr. Seuss' Whoville. You can meet your favorite Grinch characters on Main Street.

The parade will start at 3:00 p.m. For more information visit: www.experienceappomattox.com

December 3

Angel Tree

Appomattox Social Services has provided the names of foster children to be our Angels this year. The tree will be displayed with the names available for selection on Sunday, December 3rd.

December 7

The Dynamic Dulcimers and Appomattox Laptop Orchestra

The Dynamic Dulcimers will participate in Open Mic Night at Baines Books and Coffee Shop beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 7.

Also performing that night is a newly formed group by the name of ALO (Appomattox Laptop Orchestra). Members of the group are Lois Eaton, Joshua Kennedy, Susan Book and Cindy Redding.

While the Dynamic Dulcimers play a traditional dulcimer style of music, Appomattox Laptop Orchestra plays a variety of music you would not expect to hear on a dulcimer. These songs are enhanced by the addition of Josh on the slap-top cajon drum.

December 9

"The Living Room" Christmas-Sing-Along

Baines Books and Coffee Shop is the location and 7:00 pm to 9:00 p.m. is the time for the annual Christmas Sing-a-long. Debbie Rush, Ken and Bonnie Swanson, Josh Kennedy, and Bryan Baine (aka The Living Room) will be leading the event.

This has always been a fun get together, so mark your calendars and plan to attend!

December 10

Youth Bell Choir Performance

The Youth Bell Choir will perform during worship service. This choir

has four members returning from last year and a large number of new members, who will be performing for the first time.

December 10

Inception of Pastor

The congregations of Appomattox Court House and New Concord Presbyterian Churches welcomed Rev. Janice Fraser as Pastor effective November 1. An inception ceremony will be held for her on December 10 at 4:00 p.m.

The ceremony will be held at ACHPC with New Concord Church participating. A social hour will follow the ceremony. Everyone is asked to bring an hor d'oeuvre. ACHPC will provide savory foods and New Concord will bring sweet foods.

December 17

Joy Gift Christmas Program By Karen Gibson

The Choir will present its annual Joy Gift Program on December 17 at the 11:00 a.m. service. This year will be a little different from what we have done in the past.

Jeanne commented to me last July that our Chrismons, which were handmade so many years ago by the ladies of the church, are particularly beautiful. She volunteered to put together narrative and scriptures featuring our Chrismons.

By August 1 Jeannie, had this ready and gave it to me to select music that went with each featured Chrismon. *(continued)*

This program will skillfully tie the Christmas Story to the resurrection story. We are using some pieces from our repertoire of Christmas music. In addition, we are singing 3 new pieces: the ladies are singing "Carol of the Birds" by John Jacob Niles, the choir has learned "Angel Carol" by Rutter and "So My Sheep May Safely Graze" by Rod McKuen.

The Bell Choir will start the program with a Prelude and also play an offertory.

We are practicing for a new year already and have several pieces ready for January.

December 17

Joy Gift Christmas Luncheon

The Joy Gift Christmas Program service will be followed by a luncheon. Please bring heavy hors d'oeuvres to share as we fellowship together to celebrate this Christmas season.

December 22

Gleaning for the World

Support for Gleaning for the World is on Friday, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If anyone can participate, Please let Judy Sauls know by 12:00 noon, Thursday, December 21 by phone: 352-8406 or e-mail: judithsauls@yahoo.com

2018 dates are January 26, February 23, and March 23, from 6:00 to 8:00PM.

December 24

Christmas Eve Service

The Christmas Eve Service will be held December 24 with special music by the Dynamic Dulcimers and Friends. Music begins at 3:20 p.m. with the service starting at 4:00 p.m.

Soloists, Autumn Hatcher and Dallas Tinsley will be performing with the group this year.

Please feel free to come in and be seated quietly at any time during the music prior to the service.

December 31 Two-Cents-A-Meal

Diane Miller reports that Two-Cents-A-Meal will be collected on December 31 during worship service.

Music Assistant

Joshua Kennedy has been approved by the Session to assist in the music programs. Josh will be directing the Bell Choir and serving as Music Assistant. We welcome him and look forward to his participation.

Liturgist and Family Ministry

No names listed at this time.



December

- Dec 02 Cindy Redding
- Dec 11 Wade Adams
- Dec 13 Virginia Cardwell
- Dec 21 Brenda Sauls
- Dec 21 Charles Crawley
- Dec 25 Jesus Christ our Lord

January

- Jan 09 Bonnie Swanson
- Jan 12 J. B. Drinkard
- Jan 22 John Redding
- Jan 23 Connie Carwile

February

- Feb 03 Dewitt Goin
- Feb 15 Paul Harvey
- Feb 16 Earl Martin
- Feb 17 Brod Pack
- Feb 18 Bill Briggs
- Feb 18 Sue Pulliam
- Feb 21 Barbara Briggs
- Feb 28 Jane Pack

March

- Mar 02 Jerry Foltz
- Mar 04 Cecil Harvey
- Mar 05 Barry Sauls
- Mar 10 Wanda Simpson
- Mar 12 Nancy Conner
- Mar 19 Tom Evans, Jr.
- Mar 19 William Pack

- Mar 19 Bonnie Tillotson
- Mar 20 Anne Miller
- Mar 26 Robert Tillotson
- Mar 30 Eleanor Wooldridge

After-worship Fellowship

- Dec 03 Tillotson
- Dec 10 Hacker
- Dec 17 Joy Gift Program
- Dec 24 Miller
- Dec 31 Foltz
- Jan 07 Cousins
- Jan 14 Williams
- Jan 21 Briggs
- Jan 28 Martin/Richardson
- Feb 04 Gibson/Rush
- Feb 11 Pack
- Feb 18 Swanson
- Feb 25 Beverly

Girls' Day Out

Lois Eaton invites the women of the church to her home, where she will host Girls' Day Out the third Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m.

Join in a lively discussion and fellowship on each of the following Wednesdays: December 20; January 17; February 21; March 21

Men's Fellowship Group

The Men's Fellowship Group will not meet in December or January. The regular schedule will begin in February 2018.

Video and Photographs from 150th Anniversary

Sylvia Pack made a video of the 150th Anniversary Celebration Worship Service, which she would like to share with the congregation.

To receive a copy of this video, please purchase a 2G Flash Drive and bring it to Sylvia.

Cindy Redding will add photographs from the event to the flash drive upon request.

