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A note from our Pastor

by Mimi Walker

December has come around again. The "Holiday" season is in full swing, decorations are going up and parties are being planned. Here at the Church @ Ponce & Highland we are making preparations to celebrate the birth of hope, peace, joy and love in the coming of Christ, as a child, into our world.

Although the sounds of construction are still buzzing around us there is a renewed sense of peace in this place. It's hard to believe that it was just one year ago that we held our last service in the chapel and went on to receive the gracious hospitality of Druid Hills Methodist Church. Each week of the past year had brought some new change and now we are worshiping in our warm sanctuary, watching children run to their new nursery and classroom, and meeting and celebrating in the Parlor.

But the greatest joy is seeing the faces of new neighbors mixed in with old friends as those around us realize that we are still here with open hearts and inquisitive minds seeking to live our lives of faith together. There is much to be grateful for and much to celebrate and that is what we are going to do this month. We will start on Friday, December 4th with decorating in the morning and a family party for the children in the evening. On Sunday Dec. 6 we will follow worship with a church-wide Pot Luck Lunch and Party.

There are opportunities to serve and share with our neighbors as we collect warm clothes for the clothes closet and then eat dinner and study the Bible together on Wednesday Dec. 9th.

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What's happening...

This month at DHBC

Hanging of the Green: Come out and help decorate for the Holidays, this Fri, Dec. 4, 10 – 12 in the Parlor and Sat, Dec. 5, 10 – 12 in the Sanctuary.

Family Ministry Christmas Party: Fri, Dec. 4 from 6-8 pm in the Selah Center. Pot Luck "Breakfast for Dinner," Christmas Caroling, storytelling, cookie decorating, and ornament making with the children!

Congregational Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon & Party: Sun, Dec. 6, after worship in the Parlor. The church will provide ham and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

Welcome Table Meal & Scripture Study: Wed, Dec. 9 at 6:00 pm – come join in as we share a meal with our homeless Community at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Fair Trade Artisan Gift Sale: Sat, Dec. 12, 11 – 2pm here at The Church @ Ponce & Highland. Bring your friends and shop for Christmas. You will be supporting good causes while finding unique Christmas gifts.



Christmas Joy Service of Song: Sun, Dec. 13 our choir will present a Christmas Cantata as a part of our 11:00 am worship. This is a great opportunity to invite your music loving friends!

Christmas Caroling with Lakewood Church of Hope: Sat, Dec. 19 at 12:00 noon - we will join our sister church for caroling and refreshments at 1766 Lakewood Ave. ATL 30315.

History Team Meeting: Sat, Dec. 19 at 1:30 PM

Christmas Eve Service: Thur, Dec. 24 at 5:00 PM, Childcare provided.

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sunday
9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship
2:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Monthly
3rd Sunday, 12:15 PM Deacons' Meeting
3rd Monday, 6:30 PM Men's Shelter Meal
4th Wednesday, 7:00 PM Admin. Meetings



December Birthdays

12/10 Elisa Koehl 12/11 Charlene Gibson 12/12 Christina Crenshaw
 12/16 Harold Zwald 12/18 Anne G. Williams 12/19 Marilyn Barry
 12/23 Kimberly Charles 12/27 Allen Jones 12/29 Roger Faggen

Please pray for our special members:

Doris Berry * Beth Carter* Ethel Jansson * Grace Jarrell * Mary Kerr *
 Harold Mote * John Phillips * Moss Robertson * Richard and Georgia
 McClure * Gerald and Jeannine Pritcher * John & Carole Strickland *
 Harold and June Zwald

Note from Pastor cont....

Our Fair Trade Artisan Gift Sale on Saturday Dec. 12th provides a chance to support good causes and local artists by shopping right here at the church. Come out from 11 – 2 to finish off your Christmas list. On Sunday Dec. 13th our choir will present a Christmas Cantata as a part of our 11:00 am worship - always a joyful highlight of the year. On Saturday Dec. 19th you are invited to come outside to sing as we go caroling with our sister church, Lakewood Church of Hope, on Lakewood Ave. We will gather there at 12 noon and share refreshments and song. Then we will finish our Advent worship with a Christmas Eve service at 5:00pm on the 24th.

Come as you are able and hold one another in prayer as we celebrate this season of love together.

Winter Clothes Drive - Bring Items on Sunday December 6

Our C@PH goal is to provide 40 each for men's items and 10 each for women's (Dark colors are preferred): Winter hats, gloves, scarves, long white socks, underwear (med., large, XL), bra (any size), & rain ponchos.

WAYS YOU CAN SERVE:



Volunteer @ Food Pantry

Intown Collaborative Ministries Food Pantry needs your support through volunteering and providing food. The Intown Food Pantry operates every Saturday at DHUMC located at 1200 Ponce de Leon Ave. NE. To learn more visit www.intowncm.org/volunteer/



Welcome Table Meal

Volunteer at Mercy Church at St. John's Lutheran for the Meal & Scripture Study for our homeless community every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 6:00 PM



Men's Shelter Meal

Every third Monday of the month, DHBC provides the Men's Shelter meal in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve dinner. Contact Allen Jones at allen.jones@dhbc.org for more information.

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