



# MAIN STREET MAGNET DECEMBER 2019

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## Thoughts From Our Pastor

### It's Beginning to Look A lot Like *Advent*

Is that not how the song goes? No? Of course not. Everyone knows the correct lyrics – all the great singers have their own version, “It’s beginning to look a lot like *Christmas*.” But wait just a minute! Though the song is playing on the radio, we are not there yet. We cannot celebrate Christmas unless we go through Advent first! The journey of Advent makes Christmas all the more meaningful. The greenery, the lights, the candles, the wreaths, the banners, the nativity scenes, The Angel Tree Project, cantatas and hymn-singing, the parties, the lights, Abbeville football winning another state championship – it all looks like Christmas – but it’s not. It is Advent. What does it mean?

In the midst of this season before the season, I'm encouraging you to push the reset button on your soul; to welcome the Holy Spirit to reboot your tired human spirit. In the midst of all the chaotic run-up to Christmas, let's do Advent.

Here is something about Advent that may surprise you. It's not first and foremost about Christmas. Sure, we will wind up in the Bethlehem stable with the Christ child, but the journey there will not exactly pass through snow village or by chestnuts roasting by the open fire! Here's the surprising thing: Advent begins by resetting our attention to the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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## PEOPLE TO REMEMBER

- Ned & Mary Barnette – 5 Frank Pressley, Due West, SC 29639
- Ruth Brock – 165 Brock Dr., Troy, SC 29848
- Jane Cox – Brooksdale Room 102 – 1408 Parkway Road, Greenwood, SC 29646
- Irene Deason – 401 Whip-O-Will Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Carroll Hagood – 1694 Cedar Springs Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Ned and Linda Himes – 307 HillCrest Drive, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Bob and Mary Hipsher – 100 Pineview Street, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Petra Jones – 502 Church St., Abbeville, SC 29620
- Col. Bob Lander – 110 Wilewood Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Harvey Lansing – Abbeville Nursing Home Room 111 – P O Box 190, Abbeville, SC 29620
- David Littell – 107 Hillcrest Drive, Abbeville, SC 29620
- John and Cam Marchi – 108 Sunset Dr., Abbeville, SC 29620
- Rowena Parkenson – 306 Millwood Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Lucy Savitz – 206 Millwood Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Leon & Patty Thompson - Wesley Commons Apt. 6117 – 1110 Marshall Road, Greenwood, SC 29646  
P O Box 307, Due West, SC 29620
- Carolyn White – P O Box 158, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Paul Williams – 257 Whip-O-Will Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Marjorie Wilson – 1500 Greenwood Street, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Beverly Wilson – 2623 Stevenson Road, Abbeville, SC 29620



## Prayer Requests

**We pray for and intercede on behalf of:**  
 Claudette Kitchens; The Persecuted Church;  
 Petra Jones; Rowena Parkenson; Harvey  
 Lansing; Michael Snead; Irene Deason; Lucy  
 Savitz; Christian Meyers; Jayne Hagen Davis;  
 Ruth Brock; Eric Moats; Jackie Counts; Susan  
 Saunders; Linda Himes; Ned Barnette; Paul  
 Williams; David Wilson; Bridges Poston;  
 Charles McDonald; Austin Smith; Melva Kay;  
 Martin Huggins; Rose Gray; Rebecca McCoy,  
 Gayle Davison; Elbridge Wright

**Deployment** – Jacob Arnsmeyer; Adam  
 Steele; Clayton Hall; Brad Baughman;  
 Marshall Dukes



## Joys & Concerns

*Please let the church office know of any  
 joys or concerns of our church family*

## IN MEMORIAM

**William Maxwell Blakely**  
 May 15, 1931 – October 29, 2019



## U.M.W. NEWS

United Methodist Women

### CIRCLE MEETINGS



Agnes Rogers Circle will meet for the Christmas Dinner Party at 6:30, Monday, December 2, at the home of Patty Howie.

Ann Moore Circle will meet at Bennie McCoy's home on Tuesday, December 17, at 6:30.

Lovely Lane Circle will meet Tuesday, December 10 at 12 noon at the home of Rowena Parkerson and Sandra Watson.

The Susanna Wesley circle will meet on Monday, December 2 at 12 noon at the home of Nancy Walborn.

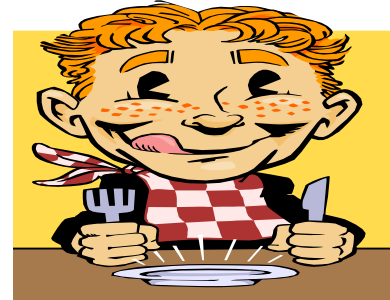
**Congratulations to Petra Jones and Pamela Bowen for being selected as UMW Women of the Year. Thank you for all your contributions to our church.**

## U.M.M. NEWS

United Methodist Men

### United Methodist Men

will meet on  
Sunday  
December 1, 2019  
at 8:00 a.m.  
in the Greene Center.



On behalf of the Methodist Men I would like to congratulate **Bob Glace** for being elected 2019 Main Street United Methodist Man of the year. He is very deserving of this honor.

In Jesus Name, Michael D. Allen

## CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS



### Children

The children will celebrate the birthday of Jesus with a breakfast on Sunday, December 22 in the Greene Center during the Sunday School hour. See page 9 for photos of the children leading the worship service for Children's Sunday.

### Youth Meetings

The youth meet each Sunday night at 5 pm in the Youth Building.

## *Upcoming Meetings and Events*

### **Note from the Church Office**

January magnet Newsletter is  
due in the church office  
no later than Monday,  
December 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Church office will be  
closed on December 25<sup>th</sup> until  
January 6. All information  
for the January 5, 2020  
bulletin is due no later than  
December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Administrative Council**

Our first 2020  
Administrative Council  
meeting will be Thursday,  
January 16. Send your  
committee reports in by  
January 6.



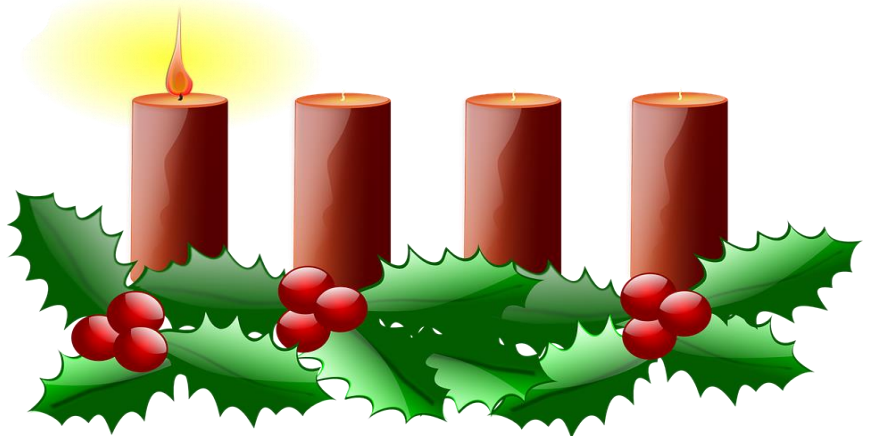
## *Notes from the Choir*



With Thanksgiving falling late in the month of November this year, we must quickly transition from a season of Thanksgiving into a season of Advent and preparation. On Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, we will have a Hanging of the Greens service at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary to help us prepare both ourselves and our place of worship for the season of Advent (and ultimately Christmas).

The Hanging of the Greens service will involve our children, youth and adults as we adorn the Sanctuary with symbols of the season. If you have ever wondered why we use cedar, wreaths, lights, holly and ivy or an Advent wreath, then this is the service for you. We will explain the symbolism of the items that we decorate with as we place them in the Sanctuary. We will also sing Advent hymns which will help us prepare our hearts and minds for the season of preparation for the coming of the King. Make plans to join us for this special service on Sunday morning, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

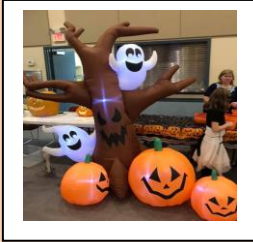
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## 2019 Trunk or Treat at Main Street

Trunk or Treat for the community was held on October 31. Due to the rain Trunk or Treat was held in the Greene Center.



## Keep the Music Flowing

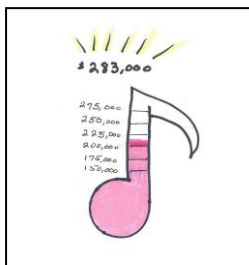
Main Street United Methodist Church

*A Campaign to Replace and Restore the Organ*

### UPDATE

We have raised \$209,942.00 for the organ as of November 17, 2019. That is 74.2% of the total cost of \$283,000. The remainder is being collected over the 3 year faith promise campaign and the \$175,000 loan is being repaid.

Thank you for your participation in this campaign to keep the music flowing. Keep praying, keep working and keep giving.



## Tips for Coping with the Stress & Depression of Holidays

Stress and depression can ruin your holidays and hurt your health. Being realistic, planning ahead and seeking support can help ward off stress and depression.

**Acknowledge your feelings.** If you are feeling sad or lonely, express those feelings. It is ok to feel sad during the holidays.

**Reach out.** Do something for others or get involved with holiday activities if you are feeling lonely or isolated.

**Be realistic.** Don't expect the holidays to be perfect. Things change, families change and you may need to develop some new rituals to replace the old ones.

**Stick to a budget.** Don't create undue financial stress by spending more than you can afford. Set a budget and stick to it. Hand make gifts or donate to a charity in the person's name.

**Plan ahead.** Set a schedule and make lists so you won't leave everything until the last minute creating undue stress.

**Learn to say no.** You can't do everything. Friends will understand.

**Don't abandon healthy habits.** Try not to overindulge as it only leads to more stress and guilt. Eat the healthy snacks and don't go overboard on the sweets.

**Take time for yourself.** When things are getting really hectic, take some alone time. Soak in the tub, take a nap or read. Do anything that relaxes you.

**Seek help or someone to talk to.** Despite your best efforts, you may still find yourself feeling sad, anxious, unable to sleep, irritable, hopeless and plagued by physical complaints. Find a good friend, your pastor, or your family physician to talk with and seek help.

**Find time to laugh.** Laughter relieves stress and depression. Watch comedies, read a joke book or funny stories.



## December Birthdays

- |    |                            |
|----|----------------------------|
| 1  | Grady Butler               |
|    | Stephen Boggs              |
| 2  | Dennis Kollmann            |
| 4  | Becky Bowie                |
| 5  | Jeannie Agan               |
|    | Ben Glace                  |
|    | Meri Hite Estevez          |
| 6  | Barry Edmunds              |
|    | Evan Herndon               |
| 7  | Paul Williams, Jr.         |
|    | Melva Kay                  |
| 9  | John Davis                 |
| 10 | Baileigh Stovall           |
| 13 | Caroline Calvert           |
| 14 | Tina Rosser                |
|    | Brandon Hall               |
| 16 | Brad Baughman              |
|    | Jennifer Hershberger Roark |
| 17 | Illissa Stovall            |
| 19 | Ryan Stovall               |
|    | Jan Stroud                 |
| 21 | Katy Tilley                |
|    | Pat Stanley                |
| 23 | Susan Keaton               |
|    | Alisa Kollmann             |
| 24 | Jane Williams              |
|    | Sandy Martin               |
| 28 | Fred Blakely               |
|    | Charlotte Dunlap           |
| 30 | Jon-Paul Bowles            |
|    | Courtney Tilley            |
|    | Alex White                 |
| 31 | Theresa Ashley             |
|    | Heidi Ann Baughman         |



## December Anniversaries

- |    |                                 |
|----|---------------------------------|
| 2  | Mr. and Mrs. Barry Stone        |
| 6  | Mr. and Mrs. Buck Parnell       |
| 9  | Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Whitlock   |
| 15 | Mr. and Mrs. Harold Prince, Jr. |
|    | Mr. and Mrs. Casey Stone        |
|    | Mr. and Mrs. John Davis         |
|    | Mr. and Mrs. Mack Hite          |
| 18 | Rev. and Mrs. Leon Thompson     |
| 27 | Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Arnold       |
| 30 | Mr. and Mrs. Barry Edmunds      |

## December Acolyte

- |    |               |
|----|---------------|
| 1  | Harper Stone  |
| 8  | Baylee Wilson |
| 15 | Jakob Wilson  |
| 22 | Lucy Kollmann |
| 29 | Ivy Arant     |

Please put the above date on your calendar. This is the Sunday you are to be an acolyte for the morning worship service. If you cannot be acolyte on your day, PLEASE find a substitute or swap Sundays with someone.

Please come to Parament room no later than 10:45 a.m. on the Sunday morning you are to be acolyte.



## [LINK TO OUR CHURCH CALENDAR](#)

(Click on this link while holding down the control key)



## Christmas Dinner



This year the Christmas dinner will be served **Monday, December 23**. The volunteers that serve the Christmas dinner in the Greene Center to needy and elderly people need desserts and volunteers. The ham dinners and all the trimmings except desserts are provided by the Haven of Rest Ministries. Anyone willing to purchase or make cakes, cookies, or pies please bring them to the Greene Center by **Monday, December 23**. Anyone that wants to help serve or deliver meals should call June Prince at 366-9713 or Jane Agan at 366-5881



## Flower Calendar

The 2020 flower calendar has been posted for those who wish to place flowers in the chancel during 2020. The calendar is located on the bulletin board in the Education Building, or you may sign up by calling the church office (366-2367) to see if the date you wish is still available.



**Your 2020 offering envelope boxes** are available in the hallway of the Education Building. Please pick yours up today. Also Pledge Cards are at each entrance by the bulletins if you have not filled out yours. You may drop it in the offering plates. Thanks

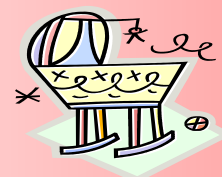
## December Scripture Readings

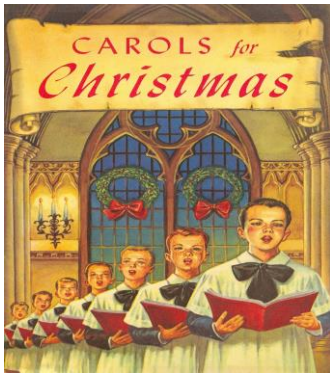
- 1 Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm 122  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:36-44
- 8 Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19  
Romans 15:4-13  
Matthew 3:1-12
- 15 Isaiah 35:1-10  
Luke 1:46b-55  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11
- 22 Isaiah 7:10-16  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-25
- 29 Isaiah 63:7-9  
Psalm 148  
Hebrews 2:10-18  
Matthew 2:13-23



## Nursery Schedule for December

- December 1 Courtney Hite, Lucy Kollmann
- 8 Krista Sammons, Julie Boggs
- 15 Lori Glace, Baylee Wilson
- 22 Jennifer Baker, Pamela Bowen
- 29 Julie Boggs, Jordan Glace





## *2019 Choir Cantata and Hymn Singing*

**Plus a Christmas Party  
December 8, 2019  
3:00 pm**

“A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols” includes beloved scripture readings interwoven with 26 carols that include just a touch of Handel and Bach. If you have a favorite Christmas carol, it is probably included. The format also invites congregational participation. This year’s presentation will feature organ accompaniment. The community will be invited to join us for this musical worship service.

Immediately following the service the church Christmas Party will be held in the Greene Center. You are invited to bring “finger-food”.

New members are invited to bring an ornament and hang it on our Greene Center Christmas Tree. Also, those wishing to do so may “update” their ornaments.

Christmas Carols will be sung and Santa Claus will arrive for a visit with the children.



## **ANGEL TREE**



**Dear Church Members,**

Angel Tree's Wrapping week is really early this year. We will start the Sunday after Thanksgiving. We usually move into the Greene Center and work for 9 days, but because Thanksgiving is late this year, we don't have a week between Thanksgiving and Angel Tree week. The week is early in December and there will be lots to do in less time. Please come and help if you can!

Over the last 31 years, we have seen God’s blessing and support so many times throughout the project. We have had many answered prayers through the Christmas Angel Tree Ministry and have been able to reach out to others in a way that none of us could have as individuals.

Many of you have helped in the past – a big Thank you! Please consider helping this year by volunteering your time, praying for the project and/or sponsoring an angel or making a donation. **Times**

**to work in the Greene Center:**  
***Come when you can – leave when you must!***

Sunday, December 1.....3:00-9:00 pm  
Monday, December 2.....9:00 – 9:00 pm  
Tuesday, December 3.....9:00 – 9:00 pm  
Wednesday, December 4.....9:00 am– 9:00 pm  
Thursday, December 5.....9:00 am– 9:00 pm  
Friday, December 6.....9:00am - - until finished (possibly midnight).  
Saturday, December 7 .....9:00 - until if we don't finish on Friday, call Lori Glace at 378-1944 to see if we are.

The Agnes Rogers and Ann Moore Circles







## UMW Women of the Year

Congradulations  
to Pamela Bowen  
for being named  
one of the UMW  
Women of the  
Year

## Children's Sunday

The children lead the worship service on Sunday, November 10. They played Amazing Grace on the handbells, and acted out "Up a Tree" about Zacchaeus.



## Christmas Eve Communion Service



We will have 2 Christmas Eve Communion services this year. One at 12 noon and the other, a candlelight service, at 7:00 pm. They both will be in the Sanctuary on Tuesday, December 24. These are very meaningful services. The noon service will accommodate people who are not able to attend an evening service. The 7 pm service is set so that you may enjoy time with your families on Christmas Eve and attend this Service together. Come as you are and Worship with us on this Holy Day and Evening.



Join us for our hanging of greens service, Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, at 11:00am, in which we discover the meaning behind the decorations that adorn the church and bask in the hoy of celebrating the excitement of the upcoming birth of our Savior as we look up and around at our new surroundings.

That's right, even before we re-enact Jesus arriving on the scene the first time, Advent is looking to His Coming again - the end of all things broken and the fullness of all things new. In short, Advent begins with the end in mind. And as we recently studied in our sermon series "Creed," the end reminds the Church of its triumphant destiny!

Advent invites us to leave behind all the apocalyptic anxiety we associate with the end of the world. Advent imagines in vivid detail the arrival of the Son of God on the scene of human suffering and completely and utterly reversing the curse of sin and death.

Or, as Dr. JD Walt, "Sower-in Chief" of Seedbed Publishing writes:

"[Advent] sounds like the last drop of chemotherapy to ever drip. It looks like the last nail in the coffin of those who steal childhood from children by selling them into slavery. It sounds like the gleeful shouts of those children as they are handed their all-access, non-expiring pass to a better-than-Disney World life they had no capacity to imagine. It smells like an endless Whole Foods buffet being set before the famished. It looks like the poor coming out of Nordstrom instead of Goodwill. It looks like jihadists joining the Red Cross."

The Advent reboot begins with the washing away of our cynicism and the lifting of our hearts to the One who is and who was and who is to come; the God who is making all things new. It begins again with the end in mind, believing in a future too good to be true and beginning to yearn for it in a way that fosters a holy discontent with the status quo; a renewed Holy Spirit energy that must begin preparing the way now.

How much better, then, will Christmas look, with a refreshed spirit and wide-open eyes for God's vision of His Kingdom; all at once a past, present, and future reality. My most heartfelt wish is that all of you have a Merry Christmas. But we aren't there yet. So get ready for the Advent journey!

Grace and Peace,  
Rev. Brian J. Arant  
Pastor, Main St. UMC - Abbeville



# Merry Christmas



Main Street United Methodist Church

## 2020 ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Ann Davis, Chair  
Becky Bowie, Recording Secretary

**Ex-Officio:** Pastor: Brian Arant; Lay Leader: Lanny McKay; Lay Member of Annual Conference: Bennie McCoy; First Alternate\* Mike Campbell; Chair of Trustees: \_\_\_\_\_; Committee on Finance: David Wilson; Chair, Staff/Parish Relations Committee: Lori Glace; Chair; Church Treasurer: Kim Mundy; Assistant Treasurer: Mary Beth Peck; Trustees Treasurer: Kim Mundy; Financial Secretary: Betty Bowen; Secretary, Committee on Lay Leadership: Becky Bowie; Membership Secretary: Conway Shirley.

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Missions  
Stewardship  
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Healing Hands/Adult  
Safe Sanctuary

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Nancy Walborn  
Chris Griffin  
Dawne Hershberger  
Melva Kay  
Jane Agan  
Ann Davis  
Tom Howie

### Age Level and Family Coordinators

Children  
Youth  
Family

Pamela Wilson  
Jordan Glace  
Don and Dawne Hershberger

Church School Superintendent: Caroline Calvert; Bereavement Committee: Wanda Sprouse; Youth Representative: Jonah Kollmann; Goodtimers Representative: Ann Davis; United Methodist Men: Thomas Wilson, Bill Glace; United Methodist Women: Amanda Moss

### At Large Members

2020  
Alice McNeil  
Mike Erwin  
Yvonne Whiteside

2021  
Jenny Jackson

2022  
Michaela Potts  
Dennis Kollmann

\*Not a member of the Administrative Council

ADMINISTRATION

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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2020	2021	2022
Mike Shirley	Chris West	Bobby Bowen
Julianna Hershberger	Kim Mundy	Brandt Addis
Bob Glace	Barry Stone	Mary Wolfe

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

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Chair of Trustees: \_\_\_\_\_, Chair, Commission on Stewardship: Chris Griffin; Chair, Administrative Council: Ann Davis; Lay Member of Annual Conference Bennie McCoy; Financial Secretary: Betty Bowen; Church Treasurer: Kim Mundy; Assistant Church Treasurer: Mary Beth Peck; Trustees Treasurer: Kim Mundy; Lay Leader: Lanny McKay

2020	2021	2022
David Wilson	Bob Whiteside	Susan Keaton
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**COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP**

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Becky Bowie, Secretary

Lanny McKay, Lay Leadership

2020	2021	2022
Becky Bowie	Scott Jackson	Chaney Wilson
Luke Williams	Walt Roark	Nancy DeLoach
Dennis Kollmann	Amanda Moss	

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Melva Kay, Chair

Conway Shirley; Susan Hagen; Nancy DeLoach; Jacob Arant (Under 12);

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Bennie McCoy; Lay Member of Annual Conference

Lanny McKay, Lay Leader

2020	2021	2022
Walt Roark	Ray Peck	Beth Addis
Ann Davis	Lori Glace	Dawne Hershberger
Becky Bowie	Ivan Randolph	Russell Wolfe

**COMMISSION ON EDUCATION**

Paula Weis; Chair

Church School Superintendent: Caroline Calvert; Children's Coordinator: Pamela Wilson; Youth Coordinator: Jordan Glace; Adult Coordinator: Ann Davis; Family: Don and Dawne Hershberger

2020	2021	2022
Pamela Wilson	Marianna Fleming	Conway Shirley
Paula Weis	Julianne Hershberger	Jenny Jackson
Paige Robertson	Lauren Addis	Courtney Hite



### **COMMISSION ON MISSIONS**

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2020	2021	2022
Susan Keaton	Kathi Culbreath	Nancy Walborn
	Cecily Ferguson	Luke Williams

### **COMMISSION ON STEWARDSHIP**

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Kim Mundy, Church Treasurer; David Wilson, Chair, Committee on Finance

2020	2021	2022
Ray Peck	Chris Griffin	Jane Agan
Bill Saunders	Eric Shepard	Nancy Walborn

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Dawne Hershberger: Chair

Dennis Kollmann, Organist; Kerri Hall, Choir Director;

2020	2021	2022
Sandy Martin	Jeri Stone	
Walt Roark	Frank McCoy	
Bennie McCoy	Dawne Hershberger	

### **NURTURE TASK FORCE(Hospitality)**

Kerri Hall, Ann Davis, Dawne Hershberger, Lori Glace, Kim Mundy, Zee Saunders, Jane Agan, Mary Beth Peck, Jeri Stone, Courtney Hite, Kathi Culbreath, Pamela Wilson, Elaine Nixon

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Jane Agan, Chair; Mikki Campbell; Jordan Glace

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Tom Howie; Chair; Jane Agan; Lanny McKay; Ruth Bacon; Heather Stone

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Michael Hall; Mike Shirley; David Wilson, Brandt Addis; Walter Roark; Walt Wilson; Brandon Hall; Matthew Hall (Youth); Jordan Glace; Jonah Kollmann (Youth); Greg Potts, Russell Wolfe

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