

THE ANGEL'S BREATH



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FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

The Christmas season is upon us, and with it comes added activities, duties, and responsibilities. For those with kids on school there are extra school programs and activities. Work schedules change to adjust to the season and its demands. Church schedules grow busy with added Christmas programs and advent services. Travel schedules are full, financial resources are strained. The Christmas season can quickly become a time of unfathomable stress.

Step back, take a breath, find a moment, seek solitude amidst the bustle. Remember what this season is truly about.

December 25th is the day that we commemorate and celebrate the birth of our Savior. December 25th, therefore, is and should be a day of great joy. The days leading up to it should be joyful also. I encourage you to take moments daily to go to the Lord in prayer. Take moments daily to meditate on the message of salvation that Christ brought. Take moments daily to focus on God's love. Take moments daily to share the love of God with those around you. This is a time of joy, peace and love.

"Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with an Angel, praising God and saying,"

"Glory to God on the highest,

And on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

Surely this is what this season should be about. Peace to all on whom his favor rests.

Humbly yours in the service of God ,
Vicar Dan Simmons



RESPONSIBILITY LIST

Music: Jeff Perkins

Altar Guild: Sandy Noland, Brandi Simmons

	12/3 <i>Communion</i>	12/10	12/17 <i>Communion</i>	12/24	12/31 <i>Communion</i>
Assisting Minister	Daniel Greene		Louise Humes		Autumn Greene
Acolyte	Quinn Garrison	Sawyer Simmons	Sailor Simmons	Autumn Greene	Ethan Hammond
Ushers/ Greeters	Bill Berry & Jim Noland	Charlotte Squyres & Louise Humes	Sawyer Simmons & Diana Russell	Mark Greene & Tom Lamb	Brandi & Sawyer Simmons
Hosts	Terry Mize	Brandi Simmons	Jim & Sandy Noland	Don & Yvonne Garrison	Charlotte Squyres & Tracy Mitchell
Lector	Tracy Mitchell	Terry Mize	Sawyer Simmons	Rachel Bowker	Mark Greene
Offering Counters	Tracy Mitchell & Daniel Greene	Bill Berry & Miranda Anderson	Louise Humes & Elizabeth Lamb	Mark Greene & Tom Lamb	Tracy Mitchell & Daniel Greene



Your service to this congregation is very important.

Thank you for your time, talents and treasures.

UGLY QUILTS: We are taking Christmas vacation through Monday, January 8th.

BIBLE JOURNALING CLASS: Currently taking a break until after the holidays.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Sunday, December 17th

We will be having a Congregational Meeting immediately after our Church Service on Sunday, December 17th to elect new council members



UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:

• **Advent soup/supper and services:**

Tuesday, December 5th

Wednesday, December 13th

Soup Supper at 6:30 pm followed by 7:00pm Advent service

- **The women's Christmas Party:** Tuesday, December 12th at 6:00 pm. Bring a finger food to share and a \$10-\$15 gift.

- **Wednesday, December 20:** Christmas Dinner and Children's program will be on December 20th. Dinner starts at 6:00 pm with the children's program at 7:00 pm. Dinner will be pot luck. So, dazzle us with a favorite holiday dish. Sign-up sheet is on the table in the back. Let's be merry and bright with lots of good food, fun and Christmas fellowship.

- **Friday, December 29th:** Youth lock in coordinated by Derek Garrison. Possible activities include swimming, video games, movies, pizza, and/or Hi Jinx trampoline park. Kids should bring sleeping bags, pajamas, swim suit, play clothes, drinks & snacks, and \$20.00.



WED. NIGHTS BEGINNING ON JANUARY 3RD:

Confirmation classes. Be looking for information in the future.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

12/8 Mark Greene
12/11 Tom Lamb
12/13 Sailor Simmons
12/16 Terry Mize
12/28 Alex Mize

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

None

(We ask for your assistance: Please notify the church office of any incorrect or missing birthdays or anniversaries so we can keep our lists current.)



PRAYER CHAIN LIST:

The prayer chain is being coordinated by Diana Russell. If you have a prayer request you can contact her at her home phone number 634-4272 (you can leave a message if she is not available to answer), text her on her cell phone 936-414-3944, or send her an email: dianarus1969@gmail.com.

Daisy Oehler, Elizabeth Lamb, Ruth Martin, Melinda Greene, Ken Handley, Donna Cordery, Russ Peterson, Don Belden, Bryan Barryweeks, Joe Behnke, Haley Harris and children, James Mitchell, Judy Hardgrave, Kathy Ivy, DonMitchell, Pam Ashfordand those serving in the military: Randy Bowker (US Marines), Bryan Weems (US Marines), Daniel Novak (US Navy), Blaine Berry (US Navy).

DECEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Church Cleaning Day 9:00AM
3 1 st Sunday of Advent 9:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship Holy Communion	4	5 Advent soup/supper 6:30 pm Advent Service 7:00 pm	6	7	8	9
10 2 nd Sunday of Advent 9:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship	11	12 Women's Christmas Party 6:00pm	13 Advent soup/supper 6:30 pm Advent Service 7:00 pm	14	15	16
17 3 rd Sunday of Advent 9:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship Holy Communion Congregational Meeting Immediately after service	18	19	20 Annual Christmas Dinner 6:00 pm Children's Program 7:00 pm	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve 9:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
31 1 st Sunday of Christmas 9:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship Holy Communion						