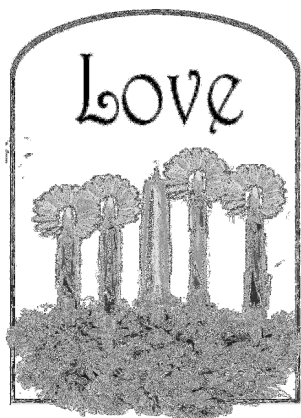


Additional Announcements



Christmas Eve Services – 5:00 & 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The 5:00 p.m. service emphasizes families and features a special “Children’s Time!” Enjoy the “Sounds of the Season” provided by the Grace Bells from 6:15 - 6:50 p.m. The 7:00 p.m. service emphasizes the music and majesty of the season. Make sure you attend one of these services designed to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Worship with us on Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Christmas Day will feature a single worship service designed for all ages so families can spend this special day together. We will not have Sunday School on Christmas Day.

Reminder from the Receiving Treasurers: All gifts and offerings placed into the offering plates on 12/25/2011 or delivered to the church the final week of December will be added into the 2011 Annual Giving Statement. January 1, 2012 is the first Sunday of 2012 and gifts placed into the offering plate that day will be included on the 2012 Annual Giving Statement. Thank you for

your faithfulness to the mission and life of our church.

~ Jean Shrewsbury & Jerry Pangburn

Begin 2012 with mission! Youth and Confirmation/Covenant Partners are needed on Sunday, January 1, to provide a New Year’s Day Lunch and board game fun at Valley Mission from 12:00 (noon) -4:00 p.m. The drop-in lunch and board game fun will serve approximately 80 people at Valley Mission. Our menu will be the traditional New Year’s Day Meal: Spiral Ham (represents progress, pigs root forward), Hotdogs for children, Black Eyed Peas & Rice (prosperity), Collard Greens (fortune), Simple Salad (for those who don’t like collards), Cakes & Donuts (circles- coming full circle; God’s never ending love) Sign up for 1-2 hour slots with April today.

Welcome Sharon Stanley to preach at Tinkling Spring on Sunday, January 1, at the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Sharon is the daughter of one of Tinkling’s former pastors, Rev. John Stanley. She is one of our missionaries and serves as the founder and director of FIRM Inc. in Fresno, California.

Wonderful Wednesdays will not meet on December 21, 28 and January 4. We will resume on Wednesday, January 11, with the return of delicious meals and wonderful faith opportunities for children, youth and adults! If you did not sign up at the finger food social for the upcoming session of Wonderful Wednesdays, please stop by the coffee gathering area today and add your name to the mid-week ministry board.

As we enter into the Christmas season, many of us are involved in various activities and tend to leave purses and other valuables unattended in the church and in our cars. Please keep your valuables with you at all times and when securing items in your vehicles, keep them out of sight and make sure to lock your vehicle at all times. We encourage you to always be aware of your surroundings to ensure your safety.

We need your information! Please take a moment to fill out a database update form for each member of your family. This information will be used to update our database and to generate a friends and family directory. Database Update Forms can be found at any of the three entrances to the sanctuary, on-line at tinklingspring.com (click on media and publications “bulletin, newsletters and other”), or by contacting the church office at either 885-0746 or mbrydge@tinklingspring.com. Please turn your forms into the church office by January 1, 2012.

Youth Mission Trip Deposits are due in December. Please turn in the \$50 mission trip deposits to April for the MS Youth Charlotte Mission trip, April 27-29, 2012, and the HS Youth Atlanta Mission trip, June 24 - 29, 2012.

Mitten Tree: Thank you to everyone who donated to the mitten tree. We collected nearly 200 items delivered along with donations from several other churches in the Shenandoah Presbytery to Zacchaeus’ Kitchen in Washington DC.

Found!!! Northface girls’ jacket. Please call the church office at 885-0746 to identify.

Families with children in preschool and elementary school may pick up their family’s gift from the mission table outside of the sanctuary if they have not done so already. May you and your family enjoy the gift of time and conversation together. Merry Christmas, from the Christian Education Committee!

The Monday Night Weight Loss group will not meet December 19 or 26. The group will resume weekly meetings on Monday, January 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Homebuilder’s classroom, room 215. For more information, please contact Ann Gregory at 949-0829.

Anthem Words

Anthem ~ Bethlehem Procession (8:30)

Come, O come, come to Bethlehem.
Come, O come to Bethlehem,
Join with us to search for Him.
Prophecy leads to the town
Where the infant King is found.

Come look, the star that lights our way
Fills the air with joy and praise.
Though the dusty road is long,
Hope and faith will lead us on.

Come, O come, come to Bethlehem.

Look yonder, see the star is shining bright, (come, see the shining light,)
Filling all the world with light, (come, see the glorious light;)
And proclaims across the sky,
“Glory be to God on high.”

Come, O come, come to Bethlehem.

See the Child of Bethlehem.
Bow down and worship Him.
Gifts of love and praise we bring
To the holy infant King.

Come, O come, come to Bethlehem.

Anthem ~ Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming & Breath Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light (11:00)

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to men a Savior,
When half spent was the night.

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light
Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light,
And usher in the morning;
O shepherds, shrink not with afright,
But hear the angel's warning.
This Child, now weak in infancy,
Our confidence and joy shall be,
The power of Satan breaking,
Our peace eternal making.