



From Your Resident Friar

Expectancy is not the typical word we think of during Advent and Christmas. Yet, the season is filled with expectancy.

Author and pastor, Pamela C. Hawkins, shares the following reflection on expectancy in her Advent devotional book.

“For eleven months of every year, the small cardboard box was stored on the highest shelf of our hall closet. There it was out of my reach and practically hidden from my view...that small brown box with its taped-up corners and slightly torn top remained safely out of sight and mind most of the time, collecting dust.

Then one late autumn day, the box would magically appear on the kitchen table ... I recall the flush of excitement...[when it] was placed in front of me.

I could hardly wait to see what was inside—not because I did not know, but because I DID. I knew what awaited me...A lamb. An angel. Joseph. A donkey. A shepherd. A wise man. Another lamb. Mary. On and on we would discover the beloved characters in our creche...[until] one of us would find the small bundle that held baby Jesus, curled up and squirming in the brown cardboard trough fringed in a few pieces of glued straw....

I still experience the same warming from head to toe when I bring a similar little brown box down from our attic sometime in late November. I expect to find the Christ child wrapped up in swaddling cloths...to behold the beauty of his birth through the season and, hopefully, beyond.”

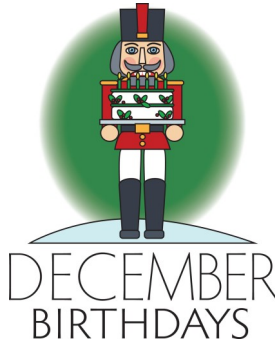
May your expectancy of Christ be realized through the coming year. Merry Christmas!

-Tim



50th Six Mile Christmas Parade Saturday, December 11 10:00 a.m.

Please contact Greg Kelley if you can participate with our entry in the town’s Christmas parade.



- Dec 5 Evelyn Hinton
- Dec 5 Varina Turner
- Dec 6 Jon Holliday
- Dec 10 Bailey Friar
- Dec 14 Marenda Riggins
- Dec 17 Susan Breazeale
- Dec 19 Judy Dierkes
- Dec 21 April Gambrell
- Dec 24 Darrien Smith
- Dec 28 Treadwell Zeigler
- Dec 30 Saige Riggins

Worship Schedule

- Dec 5 **Luke 3:1-6**
“It Only Takes One”
- Dec 12 **Philippians 4:4-7**
“Finding Peace”
- Dec 19 **Luke 1:46-56**
“The Shout of a Mother-to-Be”
- Dec 26 **Hebrews 13:7-9**
“If Christ Were Born Today”

Offering Counters

Mark Bolden, David Bradshaw, Dora Duncan



Special Delivery: Christmas Cards

The children and youth of RDBC will once again deliver your Christmas cards to other church members through Sunday, December 19. Cards and postage can be deposited in the decorated box in the hallway.

Christmas Caroling

Please join our caroling group on Sunday, December 19, at 4:00 p.m. as we share the love of Christmas through song with shut-ins of our church family.



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DEBBIE KELLEY, MINISTER OF MUSIC



Drop-In Christmas Communion

Wednesday, December 22

6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

The sanctuary will be open for quiet meditation and self-serve communion. The communion elements will be available in prepacked individual servings. We ask that you also observe social distancing and wear masks as you enter and exit the building.



Children & Youth Christmas Fellowships



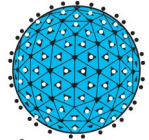
Wednesday, December 15

6:00 p.m.



December 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>REGULAR SCHEDULE</u> 8:45 am, Sunday School 10:00 am, Worship			<u>REGULAR SCHEDULE</u> 2:00 pm, WATT 6:00 pm, Snack Supper 6:30 pm, CC&A 6:30 pm, Youth Group		<u>REGULAR SCHEDULE</u> 11:00 am RDRC Delivers Meals on Wheels	
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5 Second Sunday of Advent 11:00 am Quarterly Business Meeting	6 6:00 pm Deacons	7	8	9	10	11 10:00 am Six Mile Christmas Parade (50th)
12 Third Sunday of Advent 10:00 am Christmas Music	13	14	15 6:00 pm CC&A and Youth Christmas Fellowship	16	17	18
19 Fourth Sunday of Advent 4:00 pm Christmas Caroling	20	21  <i>First Day of Winter</i> <i>Newsletter Info Due</i>	22 6:00 pm-8:00 pm Drop-in Christmas Communion	23 <i>Office Closed</i>	24	25 Christmas Day 
26 First Sunday of Christmas	27 <i>Office Closed</i>	28	29 <i>No Afternoon & Evening Activities</i>	30	31  <i>New Year's Eve</i>	

Looking Ahead

Jan 3 Office Closed for New Year's Day
 Jan 9 Church Council, 5:00 pm
 March 2 Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 pm
 April 17 Easter Sunday



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 A welcoming family of faith,
 With Jesus our example,
 Discipleship our goal,
 And love our action.*