

Announcements for Sunday, December 24th - Saturday, December 30th



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Memorial United Methodist Church

Today

(SWEL) Single Women Enjoying Lunch Will Not Meet Today (12/24) or Next Sunday (12/31)

Single women or women who attend church alone are invited to join SWEL Sundays at 12:30PM. Starting January 7th, the ladies will be lunching at Fernandina Beach Golf Club, 2800 Bill Melton Rd. at 12:30PM. RSVP to Marilyn Perkins at mjperkins1@comcast.net.

Tonight

Candlelight Worship Tonight At 5:30PM is the contemporary worship in Maxwell Hall with our Praise Band. At 7:30PM is our traditional worship with the Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary. Come early to this service, it fills up fast! Overflow seating with a live feed will be open in the Multipurpose Room. Our last service of the evening is at 11:00PM in the Sanctuary. At this peaceful worship, carols will be sung accompanied by guitar and Holy Communion served.

Planning Ahead: The Church Office in the Partin Center will be closed starting tomorrow for the week after Christmas and will re-open on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd. Please plan accordingly if you have business in the church office.

A Reminder About Year-End Giving As we near the year's end, please remember all end-of-the-year gifts must be postmarked or physically received by Thursday, December 28th to be considered a 2017 gift. You can use the mail slot in the Partin Center door if you are making a gift while the office is closed.

Living Our Calling

The opportunity to worship through music is so important here at Memorial, not just for our members but also for our community. Last week, the Chancel Choir led us in musical worship as they beautifully presented selections from *Handel's Messiah*. A very special thank you to Joan Averett, Bob McCleary, Max Pigg, and all the singers, musicians and soloists. Their talents and dedication enriched us all and provided a marvelous celebration of the birth of Jesus!

Planning Ahead

TODAY – Christmas Eve Worship:

9:00AM – Traditional Sunday Service

10:30AM – Children at the Manger Service

TODAY – Evening Candlelight Worship

5:30PM – Contemporary with Praise Band

7:30PM – Traditional with Choir

11:00PM – Holy Communion & Classical Guitar

Dec. 25th - Jan. 1st - Church Office Closed

Dec. 26th - Lamb Early Education Center Closed

Dec. 28th - Last Day to Turn in 2017 Givings

Dec. 31st - NYE Special Sunday Worship Times,
9:00AM and 10:30AM, both in the Sanctuary

Jan. 1st - Church Office and Lamb Closed

Jan 2nd - 5th - Youth Ski Trip to Maggie Valley

Jan. 6th – Browning of the Church, 10:00AM

Jan. 7th – Info. Meeting for Youth & Adult

Confirmation, 12:15PM, Multipurpose Room

Jan. 7th – Taizé Worship, 6:00PM at Trinity

Jan. 10th - Wednesday Night Dinners and
Classes Begin, Beef Tips are on the Menu

Jan. 11th – Coffee with the Pastors, 6:30PM,
Multipurpose Room

Jan. 14th – Bloodmobile at Memorial

Jan. 21st – Pastor Beth's Last Sunday
Preaching at Memorial

Have a Church-Wide Announcement to Share?

Email the **Who, What, Where, When, Contact & RSVP info** to CarrieMac@mumconline.com

TWO Sundays before it should run.

Upcoming Events

Special Worship Time on December 31st The morning of New Year's Eve, Sunday, Dec. 31st, there will be **two worship** services, at **9:00AM and 10:30AM**. Both services are in the Sanctuary. Our own Rev. Larry Beman and Barbara Bruce will lead the song-filled services, focusing on our Wesley Covenant Prayer, to help us prepare for the new year ahead. There will be no Sunday School for kids and adult classes will meet per the decision of each class. Check with your class leader or Pastor Carrie.

Help the Sandwich Ministry Volunteer to make meals December 27th and January 3rd at 4:00PM in Maxwell Hall. Donate toward supplies by designating "Sandwich Ministry" on your offering check.

Confirmation for Youth and Adults Beginning Soon Confirmation is a time to explore your faith and confirm, or re-confirm, yourself as a follower of Jesus. Classes go through core beliefs of the Christian faith and focus on the history of Methodists and our distinct theology. Memorial offers two parallel confirmation classes. One for youth (6th grade and older) and one for adults. Both classes will begin on January 21st at 3:30PM. There will be an informational meeting on January 7th at 12:15PM in the Multipurpose Room. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Drew or Pastor Carrie.

MUMC Softball Team Gearing up for 2018 Memorial's sixth season participating in the Family Driven Softball League begins in February. Each 60-minute game is played on Saturday at the fields at Springhill Baptist Church. For more info., email David Keay at davidkeay65@gmail.com.

Help Take Down and Store the Christmas Decorations at Memorial The "Browning of the Church" is Saturday, January 6th, at 10:00AM. If you can come and help, contact Laura Giordano by emailing lagiorda@gmail.com or call 494-683-1660.

Important Acolyte Training for all Current and New Acolytes All children currently serving or children 3rd grade and above interested in serving as acolytes at our worship services are asked to come to an **important** training session January 14th at 12:15PM in the Multipurpose Room. This is for ALL acolytes, even those who have been trained before. **One parent must also attend the training to assist with the learning process.** Lunch will be served. Please contact Pastor Carrie with questions.

Come Have Coffee with the Pastor's Join Pastors Beth, Drew, and Carrie at "Coffee with the Pastors," Thurs., Jan. 11th, 2018 at 6:30PM in the Multipurpose Room. Hear more about membership expectations and meet other newcomers as you enjoy an informal time of fellowship. Find out ways to get better connected at Memorial and ask any questions you may have. Light refreshments will be served, and childcare is available. RSVP to Karen Schmitt, New Member Coordinator.

Been Putting off Joining the Church? There's a Special Day Just for You! Members of Memorial commit to support the mission of the church through their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. If you are already doing these things but have not "made it official," Memorial is offering a special day, Jan. 14th, 2018, to join the church. Membership is not for everyone, but if you are interested, please contact Karen Schmitt or speak with one of the pastors.