



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight. I am always struck by the ways that the Holy Spirit works through the church seasons to meet us where we are. “Advent” means coming. Of course at this time of the year, we celebrate the coming of the Christ Child at Christmas, but there is a second Advent we anticipate that is just as important as the first: the return of Christ in glory as God’s Kingdom is brought to fulfillment. It is a holy and wonderful anticipation, but one that also ought to invite us to sober reflection on the state of our own lives: are we confident that Jesus would be pleased with how we are acting in the world and in our neighborhoods? Advent reminds us to be prepared—let every heart prepare Him room—to be certain that our minds are focused on God and God’s Kingdom, that our hearts are filled with grace and generosity, that our spirits are open to see what God will do in the world and in the church in the coming year.

But Advent isn’t a season just for the church and the Kingdom of God writ large. We are also invited to joyfully and seriously wait for our own small Advents. How might Christ be born anew in your heart? your family? our church community? To be sure, sometimes all that newness that God’s Spirit brings carries with it a certain amount of the fear that old hymn mentions—what will it be like as God’s Kingdom is revealed? What possessions, positions, or powers might I have to give up or change? But greater than any anxiousness that the coming of Christ might bring, is the hope of Christmas. That is indeed what we remember when we light the first candle of Advent: when Christ comes, there is hope. And where there is hope, peace, joy, and love are sure to follow.

I cannot wait to celebrate this season with you, and I wait with eager anticipation to see what God will do in this new season.

Karla

“Tidings of Comfort & Joy”
A Candlelight Christmas Concert
December 17th at 3pm
in the Sanctuary

Piano, David Ott
Flute, Robin Horne
Harp, Katie Ott
Sopranos, Sara Florence
Ruby Stillions, Laura Hernandez

Visit with Santa
&
Join the Girls Scouts of Walton County
Stock the Trolley
For the Walton County Guardian ad Litem Children

Saturday, December 9th
9 am - 11 am
Point Washington Methodist

Special Thanks to Point Washington Methodist,
Sunshine Shuttle & Santa

**Christmas with the Ecumenical Choir
of Walton County at St. Rita Catholic Church**
December 10th at 2:30pm and December 11th at 7:00pm
Several of our choir members will be singing in this wonderful performance! Love offering proceeds promote community outreach. Please bring a canned item to share with those in need. Refreshments and holiday shopping will be offered at each presentation.



the Faces of Point Washington

Amy Persons comes to us as a native of rural Alabama; she grew up in the small town of Hurtsboro and attended the Uchee UMC and the Hatchechubbee UMC. From the age of twelve, Amy felt the call of God to greater service in the church; but when she was younger, she didn’t know it was possible for a woman to be called and equipped as a pastor. However, during her years at Huntingdon College, Amy served as a youth minister at Millbrook First UMC. She remembers one day that the senior pastor Rev. Dan Morris asked her directly if God might be calling her into ministry; that question was turning point in her journey of faith. Soon Amy began to work toward candidacy and ordination in the church which led her to seminary at Candler School of Theology, Emory University. Since graduating from Candler in 1998, Amy has served has served in ministry as a campus minister, an associate pastor, a rural church pastor, as co-pastor in the United Church of Canada, and most recently as the Pastor at St. Andrew UMC in Panama City. Amy’s mission as a pastor is to help others experience the love of God; she believes that when a person experiences the love of God they cannot help but be changed and so become ambassadors of God’s transformative love in the world.

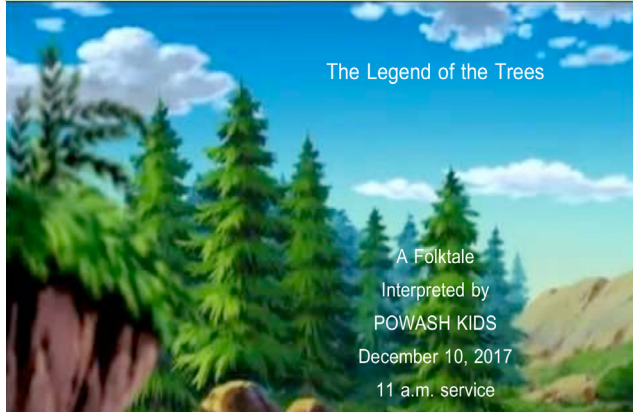
In September, Amy and Scott Miller were married as Hurricane Irma was making her way ashore; and together, they have five children. Will (in 9th grade) and Harper (in 6th grade) will be here at Point Washington with Amy and Scott; and their daughter Emma is a freshman at the University of Georgia. They also have two sons Lance and Adam, who are both pharmacists in Georgia; and they have a wonderful daughter-in-law Claire, who is married to Adam. Scott is from Donalsonville, Georgia, where he is the Chief Quality Officer for American Peanut Growers Group.

Though Amy is not a “marathon runner,” she does enjoy going for a 5K run. She also enjoys gardening and sitting on the back porch drinking a good cup of coffee watching the birds at the feeder and bath. Most weekends, Amy and her family are outside working in the yard, going for a bike ride, or finding a new trail to walk.

Amy is excited to be joining the congregation at Point Washington as the new senior pastor beginning January 1, and she is looking forward to learning about all the ways that our church is sharing the Good News of Jesus with our local community and the world.



December Birthdays	
2 - Justin Martini	14 - Jim Fisher
4 - Chaz Guernsey	Matt Prosser
Susan Benton	Janice Helms
Stacey Salveson	Tim Williams
5 - Joseph Messer	15 - John Irwin
Ella Sherman	16 - Kathryn Henry
Dana Giles	17 - Joseph Asay
6 - Ty Nunn	18 - Chad Marshall
7 - Paige DeMeester	19 - Seth Davis
Caroline Coker	Bob Deremer
8 - Tim Norris	Allyson Raymond
Emi Jane Johnson	20 - JoAnn Gehrdes
Maysie Snyder	21 - Richard Just
9 - Cal Kesterman	24 - Mary Orr
Norah Elizabeth Etheredge	25 - Mary Lamb
11 - Katie Milam	30 - Edna Horne
Cobb Snyder, Lila Daniel	31 - Mitzi Millsaps
	Mark McDavid



The Legend of the Trees

A Folktale
Interpreted by
POWASH KIDS
December 10, 2017
11 a.m. service



December Youth Calendar Events

December 2 - Mission PoWash: Special Olympics
December 10 - Mission PoWash: Elf Ride
December 21 - Middle School Movie Bible Study 7-10pm
December 22 - Deeper for High School 7:00p-11:00p

Wildside for Middle School on December 3rd and on December 10th Wildside Christmas Party for ALL STUDENTS! Last Wildside until after holidays!
Our Sunday night program, Wildside is from 6 to 8 pm and includes time for hanging out, games, prizes, a relevant message, dinner, student testimonies, and more.

“Big Wednesday’s” meets every Wednesday with programs beginning at 3:00 and ending at 8:00pm. These programs include: Open House from 3:00 to 5:30, Dinner 5:30 - 6:15, Small groups 6:15 - 7:45, Pickup at 8:00pm. For students in 7th - 12th grade! Dinner is \$5! **Last “Big Wednesday” is December 6th until after holidays!**
Winter Fun Day on December 30th - Ice Flyers Game and Ice Skating \$30 for 5th-12th grade *must sign up* Sign up for High School **Winter Retreat** to North Carolina Snowboarding, tubing, and more! **February 16-19 \$325**

Club 56 is for 5th and 6th graders meets every Thursday from 3:30 to 5:30pm. There will be time for homework and snacks, games, a message, breakout groups and freetime in gym!
December 7th will be the last Club 56 until after the holidays!

Sunday School meets every Sunday morning from 10:00am to 11:00am. We will have two Youth Sunday School groups; one for students in 5th-8th grade and one for students in 9th grade and up. Sunday School is a great time of fellowship and spiritual growth.

Contact Paul Barnett, Youth Director powashyouth@gmail.com

Children’s Ministry

Join us for Christmas on the Beach!
Gulf Place Saturday December 2nd
1:00 to 4:00 pm

There will be free kid’s activities, arts and crafts, handmade holiday shopping, caroling, and live music!



Save the Date!
We are offering the **“Created by God”** sexuality seminar designed for preteens (5th - 7th grade) **January 12-13.** Please contact **Marri Helen Taylor at pwumchildren@gmail.com** for more information or to sign up.
Registration deadline is January 8th!

10th Annual South Walton Elf Ride!
December 10, 2017 at 1:00 pm

Elves of all ages will meet at Van R. Butler beach access in Watercolor and bike, walk, longboard, etc. to the SWFD’s Watercolor Fire Station. Bring one unwrapped gift for Angel Tree!



Little Lambs Mommy and Me Play Group
10:00 am in the SC
2nd Tuesdays and 4th Mondays
December 12th only this month!
Fun and fellowship for all!
Invite a friend!
Contact Lauren Justiss at 334-701-7777

Women's Ministries

The next United Methodist Women's Meeting will be **Tuesday December 5th at 9:30 am** in the Stephens Center. All ladies of the church are invited!

Thank you to all who participated in the Angel Tree Project wth Caring and Sharing this year!

Emmaus News!

This month's joint Emmaus Cluster Meeting will be **Thursday December 14th** at Seagrove Baptist Church at 6:30 pm. At the last meeting we discussed changing the meeting time to the **THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH!** In recognition of the Christmas schedule, December's meeting will be on the second Thursday for this month only. The purpose of holding our cluster meetings on the third Thursday is to avoid conflict with up and coming walks that seem to occur near the beginning of the month.

The next Blue Lake Walk to Emmaus is a women's walk #257 scheduled for **January 25th thru the 28th** with Patty Checkler as Lay Director and Sara Shaver as Spiritual Director. This is the make-up time for the walk that was canceled due to bad weather. We will NOT have an agape work night as we will use what was prepared earlier for this walk.

The candlelight service at Blue Lake is **Saturday January 27th!** Carpooling makes this an easy venture and the conversation to and from Blue Lake is always stimulating. And if we have enough people attending we will take either the van or the bus.

In Christ.....UNITED
Danny Powell, Cluster Contact



Wednesday Night Family Dinners For December
December 13th is our annual Churchwide Christmas Party and the last family dinner for the month! There will be NO BIG WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES that night. **We will resume all Wednesday night activities on January 17th!**

December 6th Menu
Chicken Alfredo, Mixed Italian Vegetables, Salad, Garlic Bread and Cookies.
Set up Crew: Janice and Chris Helms, Don Pace

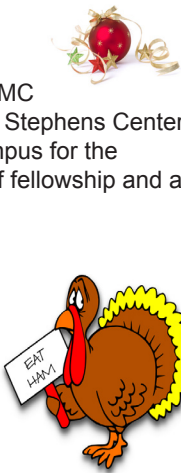
December 13th Christmas Dinner
Rib Roast, Roasted potatoes, green beans, green salad, rolls and dessert assortment.

Set up Crew: Jerry and Nivine Todd, Shannon Lewis



Men's Ministry News
Saturday December 2nd Christmas Decorating Day!
The Men and Women's Ministries of PWUMC will be joining together for Breakfast in the Stephens Center at 8:00 am followed by decorating our campus for the Christmas holidays! This is a great time of fellowship and a team effort! **All are welcome to join us!**

UMM Holiday Ham and Turkey Sale
If you didn't get a fried or smoked turkey for Thanksgiving the PWUMC Men's Group is giving you another chance! **Smoked Ham or Turkeys, and Fried Turkeys, \$25 each!** Order at pwumc.org or call or email Bill Drinkwater to place your order at dunndea2000@aol.com or 850-399-0344 (cell) 850-835-8482 (home). **All orders must be in by December 17th!**



Dont forget!
Annual Charge Conference
Wednesday December 6th
6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

FINANCIAL REPORT
As of October 31, 2017
Year to Date Giving to the General Fund: \$792,648.28
Year to Date Expenses: \$900,374.48

Point Washington UMC Calendar -
DECEMBER 2017



31 8:45 Worship-Sanctuary 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship - FLC 				Visit with Santa & Join the Scouts of South Walton	1 10:00 Caregivers - SC	2 8:00 - UMM Monthly Meeting- SC Christmas Decorating! 7:00 Mission PoWash - Special Olympics 1:00 Christmas on the Beach
3 10:00 - One Service Only Christmas Cantata- FLC 6:00 Wildside for Middle School	4 2:30 PoWash Kids 5:30- Seaside Basketball practice- FLC	5 6:30 Iron Men's Bible Study - SC 9:30 Women's Ministry Meeting - SC 2:30 PoWash Kids	6 2:30 PoWash Kids 5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner 6:15 Small Group Bible Studies 6:00 Charge Conference- Sanctuary	7 6:30 Men's Bible Study 1:30 - Piecemakers 3:30 Club 56	8	9 8:00 Girl Scout Event - SC
10 8:45 Worship-Sanctuary 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship and Children's Christmas Program- FLC 1:00 - Mission PoWash - Elf Ride 6:00 Wildside Christmas Party for All Students	11 9:00 All Day Staff Onboarding Mtg NO PoWash Kids 5:00 Onboarding for Adults - SC	12 6:30 Iron Men's Bible Study - SC 10:00 Little Lambs Play Group 2:30 PoWash Kids	13 10:00 Little Lambs Play Group 2:30 PoWash Kids 5:30 Christmas Party- No BIG Wednesday Activites 	14 6:30 Men's Bible Study 1:30 - Piecemakers 6:30 Emmaus Cluster Meeting - Seagrove Baptist	15 10:30 Choir Singing at Brookdale for Edna 5:30 Staff Christmas Party	16
17 8:45 Worship-Sanctuary 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship - FLC 3:00 Christmas Concert- Sanctuary	18 2:30 PoWash Kids 5:00 - 30A Dance Wave - FLC	19 6:30 Iron Men's Bible Study - SC 9:00 Preschool Christmas Program	20 	21 6:30 Men's Bible Study 7:00 Middle School Movie Bible Study - Christmas Edition	22 7:00 Deeper for High School- SC and Sanctuary	23
24 10:00 Worship Service - FLC Christmas Eve Services 5:00 and 7:00 PM	25 	26	27	28	29	30 Youth Winter Fun Day- Ice Flyers Game and Ice Skating!

