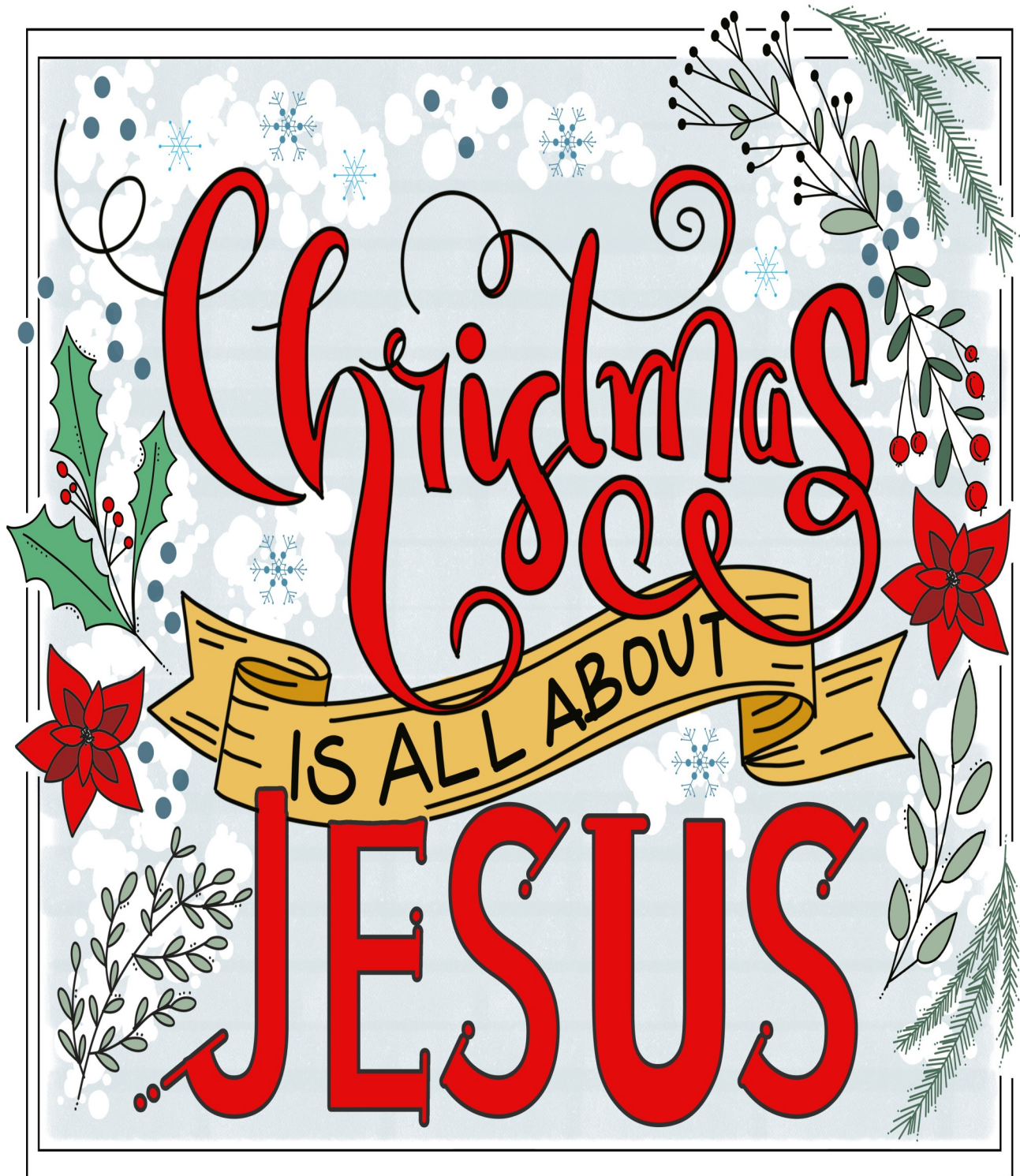


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# Church Mouse





# DECEMBER 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Food Pantry Sunday 10:30am Worship & Holy Communion 11:30am Fellowship 4:30pm Light Holly Christmas Tree	9:30 Harvest Happening	11:30am TTO	10:00am Women's Bible Study	4:30pm Choir Rehearsal		
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<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship	NO Operation Shoebox Sewing Group this month	11:30am TTO	10:00am Women's Bible Study SESSION Committee Reports Due in Office	4:30pm Choir Rehearsal <b>ANGEL TREE Gifts due today before noon for gift wrapping</b>		ANGEL TREE families to pick up gifts
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
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<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> No 10:30am Worship 4:00pm <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> Candlelight Service Christmas Cantata	NO Operation Shoebox Sewing Group this month	11:30am TTO	10:00am Women's Bible Study	4:30pm Choir Rehearsal		



# NOVEMBER PHOTOS

Seniors dined at Campo Azul Mexican Kitchen this month. There were some exotic dishes! (Note the pineapple bowl.)



You have shown your generosity once again with your donations for the Harvest Table. The food was taken to the Food Pantry and distributed to families for their Thanksgiving dinners. Thank you for sharing.



## THANKSGIVING DAY AT WEIRSDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We had 30 people come bearing delicious salads, veggies, fruit dishes and desserts! The turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and dressing were “gobbled” up also. It was a superb feast and no one went home hungry.



I know there is always a picture of the buffet table, but I just love sharing how generous our congregation is when we have potluck dinners. The food is always scrumptious!!



# GREENING THE CHURCH NOVEMBER 26TH



This year we put labeled ornaments on the tree representing our members & friends who have gone home to be with the Lord in the past two years. Diana Harris did her magic and painted each bulb.





## WE ARE IN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

December 3rd is the 1st Sunday of Advent; Also, all Poinsettia forms are due in the office. December 3rd will be the lighting of the Holly Christmas tree in front of Douglas Hall.

Please come at 4:30pm

December 20th, the Seniors will enjoy a nice meal at Cheers Restaurant in Stonecrest

December 24th will not have a morning service or Fellowship; Christmas Eve service will be at 4:00pm and will include the Christmas Cantata. (Please note the announcement in the newsletter per children participating.) You may take your poinsettias home after the Christmas Eve Service.

December 31st Fellowship will be pork & sauerkraut to ring in the New Year.

January 7, we will remove the Christmas decorations from the church after the service.

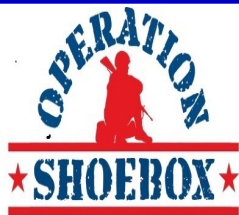


### LIGHTING THE TREE

We will celebrate the lighting of our new Holly/Holiday Tree on Dec. 3rd around 4:30pm.

It will be a fun time and will get you in the spirit of the season with refreshments and caroling!

If you would like a ride, please let Jeanette know as soon as possible. She can be reached at 937-660-0719.



The Operation Shoebox Sewing Group that meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday each month is **taking a break for December.**

They will resume sewing on January 8, 2024 at 9am downstairs in Douglas Hall.

If you have any questions, you can call Diana Harris at 352-425-4351.

### DIRECTORY UPDATES

Since the church photo directory was published earlier this year, there have been changes that should be updated in your directories.

Those updates are available and can be sent to you if you request a copy.

Contact me at the office by phone or by email to get your updated sheet.

352-821-2757 or [weirsdalepres@gmail.com](mailto:weirsdalepres@gmail.com)

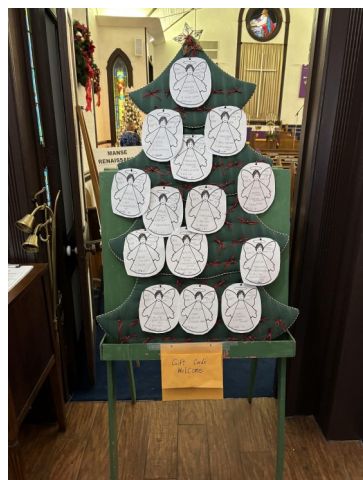
Linda

## A NEW LOOK FOR THE CROSS

Linda Spence sewed new curtains for the background of the cross in the front of our Sanctuary while Ilene Newton assisted her in handling all of that fabric.

David Vincent hung the cross after Jeanette Molique painted it a pearl white and the entire finished look is stunning!

Once again, we appreciate the volunteers in our congregation!

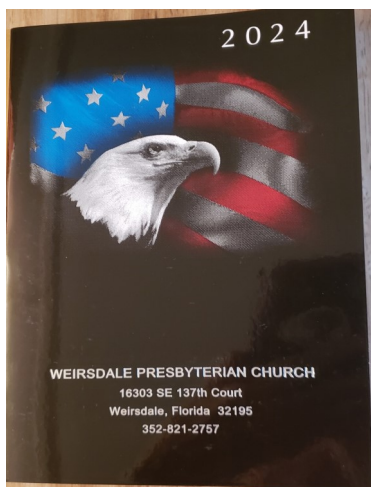


The Angel Tree has the angels with the children's Christmas wishes. If you are so inclined, please take an angel, purchase the gift and return it to Douglas Hall by early Thursday morning, Dec. 14th, with the angel tag attached. Do not wrap the gift; place it in the box corresponding with the family number. You will make some child very happy this Christmas.

### THE FELLOWSHIP

**COMMITTEE** is asking for hosts for December and January. No one has signed up to contribute snacks.

If you are willing, it would be appreciated. The sign-up sheet is in the kitchen and you may call Diana Harris for more information.



The 2024 Weekly Planners are now available in the Narthex. Please take just one per family until further notice.

### ALLIANCE STAMP MISSION

With the holidays quickly approaching, it is time to remind you to cut out the stamps on all of those envelopes of holiday cards and bring them to church for Diana McDonald to send to the Alliance Stamp Mission.

These stamps are donated and used to publish and buy Spanish curriculum books for the Sunday Schools in Latin America. Place your cancelled stamps in the wooden box in the Narthex.



On Sunday, December 24th, Christmas Eve, we will have our Choir perform

## *"Sing Christmas: A Christmas Cantata"*

Within this beautiful music, there are parts for children to sing.

If you have a little birdy who loves to sing and will be celebrating with you on Christmas Eve, we would love to have them join us. We will practice with them on Wednesday evening December 20th  
Ages 6 to 16 please  
Contact Helen at (404) 643-2201 if interested.



## MANSE RENAISSANCE CAMPAIGN

**\$50,000**

The Manse Renaissance Capital Campaign has officially begun! We have targeted a goal of \$50,000 to be raised within the next 6 months to make needed improvements to the manse. We hope to make the beauty of the manse very enticing to attract a potential Called Pastor in the near future. The improvements include a new roof, interior and exterior painting and new flooring.

**\$45,000**

**\$40,000**

**\$35,000**

**\$30,000**

**\$25,000**

**\$20,000**

**\$15,000**

**\$10,000**

**\$5,000**

You should have received a notice, which included a pledge card and envelope, in your mailbox about this important fundraiser. There are also extra pledge cards and envelopes in the church Narthex.

This is a separate pledge than the upcoming annual Stewardship Pledge drive. To assist our tracking, please return your pledge card and/or your check as soon as possible.

Your pledge card gives you the opportunity to pledge into 2024. Please note that if you want to donate in 2024, hold your check until the new year. We cannot deposit checks designated for 2024 in the year 2023.

If you have other questions, please contact Elder Linda Spence  
at 352-653-8835.



## HARVEST HAPPENINGS 2024 IS REVVING UP AND MAKING PLANS

The Crafting Group met on October 16th and decided to hold our biennial Arts & Crafts Fair on Friday and Saturday, 11th & 12th of October, 2024.

We will meet 1st and 3rd Mondays beginning November 6th, 2023. Everyone is welcome. Come when you can; leave when you have to. We usually start at 9:30am and work until lunch time. Many of us stay and share a meal before heading home.

There were lots of ideas for new and exciting projects. We have an immediate need for supplies. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

Our wish list includes:

Hats

**Rope**

Grass skirts

*Work gloves*

Old pillows

Plastic grocery bags

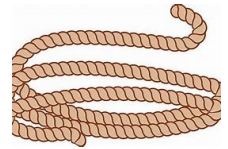
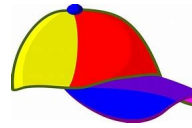
10-12" plastic pumpkins

*Artificial sunflowers*

*Wreath forms*

Holiday ribbon (wired)

*Old flannel shirts*



Questions? Call Priscilla Olson  
352-805-9804





*Sometimes I just look up and smile and say, "I know that was you, God. Thank you."*

### PRAYER CHAIN INFORMATION

**If you have a prayer request or are interested in helping on the prayer chain, please contact Barbara West.**

**734-558-1878**

**Email: [barbwest26@yahoo.com](mailto:barbwest26@yahoo.com)**



### DECEMBER WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

**Head Usher: Jean Cox**  
**Liturgist: Priscilla Olson**  
**Communion Setup: Starr Patterson/Ilene Newton**  
**Lock-up: Jean Cox**



**As always, if you cannot serve as listed, PLEASE find a substitute.**

**And thank you for your willingness to serve our church!**



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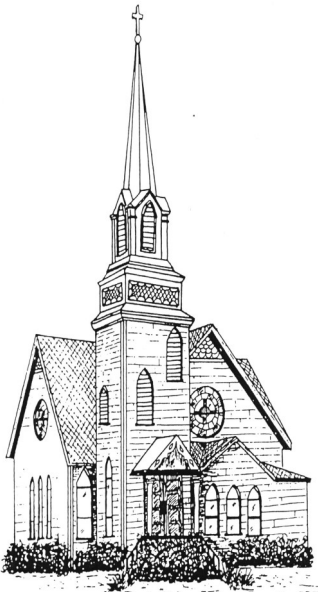
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