

The Chimes Lite

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Saints of the Season

The seasons of Advent and Christmas were breathtaking and meaningful this year. We are so grateful for the reminders of God's love come down to us in real and powerful ways. We were able to see and experience that love this year in large part to all of those who did small and large things that made all the difference. Let's call them the saints of the season. If you arranged flowers, practiced long hours for the choir, decorated the sanctuary, worked on the altar, imagined and created Advent gifts for each Sunday, taught the children, fixed food, brought reverse Advent gifts, swept, mopped, dry vac-ed, fixed the busted pipe, came to the services . . . thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Your effort, your offering, helped all of us see Jesus this season. We are the church TOGETHER! I can't wait for what God will do for us and through us in 2018!

Peace,

Sally

Program Shorts for January

Boomers will meet for dinner on Friday night, January 19, at the Palace in Trussville (next to the Regal Theaters). Be sure to come and hear important news about 2018 Boomer programming.

Super Seniors will not meet in January due to the winter cold. However, we will resume with a make-up Valentine Bingo party on February 13. (Not sure there will be warmer days in February, but we'll hope!)

Children's Bell Choir? We would like to start a bell choir for children aged 8 years and older. If you have a child in that age group that might be interested, contact Jane Phares.

Breakfast resumes! Sunday breakfast will be back up and running on Sunday, January 7. Service will run until 10:15, at which time the kitchen workers need to focus on cleaning up so they can get to 11 o'clock worship. Please hurry down after the 9 a.m. service!

Lectionary Readings for January

Your word is a lamp before my feet and a light for my journey – Psalm 119:105 (CEB)

Sunday, January 7 – Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

Baptism of the Lord

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

Sunday, January 14 – 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

Sunday, January 21 – 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

Sunday, January 28 – 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

January 2018

Monday, January 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY – CHURCH OFFICE AND DINER
CLOSED

Wednesday, January 3

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Fireside Room)

Saturday, January 6

New Year's Soup and Fellowship – 11 a.m. (Diner)

Sunday, January 7

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)

Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

Wednesday, January 10

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Fireside Room)

Trustees Committee – 1 p.m. (back room of the
diner)

Sunday, January 14

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)

Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

Finance Committee Meeting – 2 p.m. (Office
Conference Room)

Monday, January 15

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY –
CHURCH OFFICE AND DINER CLOSED

Wednesday, January 17

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Fireside Room)

Friday, January 19

Boomers outing to the Palace (Trussville) – 6 p.m.

Sunday, January 21

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)

Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

Wednesday, January 24

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Fireside Room)

Sunday, January 28

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)

Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Wesley Hall)

Wednesday, January 31

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Fireside Room)

January Birthdays

January 1 - Corinne King

January 2 - Marshall Spencer

January 3 – Vivian Shirley

January 5 – Mimi Jackson

January 13 – David Evans

January 15 – Jane Walker

January 18 – Mike Dorriety

Allen Hodges

January 20 – Roxane Serrano

January 24 – Mitchell Nash

Barry Norris

January 25 – Jim Elliott

Jane Hayne

Tracy Heathcock

January 31 – Tallulah McDonald

Editor's Note: We are abbreviating *The Chimes* just for the month of January. As you can see, there is little on the calendar, after an extremely busy (and beautiful) holiday season. We will be back up to our expanded version next month.

EASTERN AREA CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Item for January:

SOUP

BELLTOWER PLAYERS AUDITIONS FOR *SECOND SAMUEL*

Thursday, January 18, 6 p.m. and Saturday,
January 20, 2 p.m.

Men are especially needed.

Call Mitchell Nash (835-1377) if you are interested.