



## 2nd Sunday in Advent

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

to provide shelter, help and hope to the homeless

The Winter Shelter will open Monday, December 2, 2019 and operate 24 hours a day through Monday, March 30, 2020.

**Gloucester Point Baptist Church will host GUEST the week of January 6 thru January 13<sup>th</sup>**

#### **You can help in 3 different ways:**

*Volunteer for a shift from 6-11PM, 11PM – 5 AM or 5-7 AM.,  
Hold a 1/2-1hour Bible study one night or  
Bring in and donate some items (paper products etc.)  
(there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.)*

Upcoming training sessions:

**GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Sunday, Dec. 8, 4:00 pm

**ABINGDON EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Sunday, Dec. 15, 4:00 pm

**GLOUCESTER POINT BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday, Jan.5, 2020, 4:00 pm

**GPBC Site Coordinators will be Kristi and David Patton**

**Please call Pauline Littell 804-815-8030 or  
Ted Fisher 757-870-4156 for more information**

**Debra Wood:** Today is the second Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting. We wait for God to send divine love and light into our dark world.

**ALL:** How does this happen?

**Debra Wood:** God's light comes through Jesus, who became a human being just like you and me, so that he could show us the way back to God's divine love and light.

**ALL:** "Merciful God, give us grace to heed the warnings of the prophets and forsake our sins, so that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer."

**Debra Wood:** A reading from the prophet Malachi: "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts," (**Malachi 3:1**).

**ALL:** We continue to wait for the coming of Jesus. Last Sunday, we began in the dark, then lit one candle. Today, on the second Sunday of Advent, we light the candles of HOPE and PEACE.

**Deacon Family Member Willard Family (Lighting of the Candles)**  
**(Lighting the 1 PINK CANDLE and 1 PURPLE CANDLE) ...**

**Debra Wood:** Every week in Advent, we light another candle. Each candle that we light reminds us that the Light of the World will soon come to us in the human form of the baby Jesus.

**ALL:** The Way of the Lord is being prepared in our hearts. May every valley be filled and every mountain and hill be made low. May the crooked paths be made straight and the rough ways smooth. When our Lord comes, may all of us then see the salvation of God.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Christmas is rapidly approaching. At this time of year, we are called to pray for our missionaries who are spreading the Good News all over the world, and support them with the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The Week of Prayer for International Missionaries is **December 1 - 8**. Our goal for this year is \$2,500.

### CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

There will be a Called Business Meeting on **Wednesday, December 11, 2019**, at 6:00 pm to vote on the Budget and Nominating Committee recommendations.

### ADVENT BIBLE SCHOOL

Advent Bible School will be held on Wednesday's **11th, and 18th**, from 6:30-7:30 pm. We are in need of volunteers to lead/create a craft for each night of Advent Bible School. To sign up or if you have questions, please see Paige Belvin. Thank you!!

### 2019 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

The 2019 Advent Devotional Booklets are available in the Narthex. Please take only one per family. This year we are continuing our 60th year Anniversary by reflecting on "Voices of Advent" written over the years by church members. A special thank you to Lynn Walton for typing the devotionals.~~Advent Devotional Committee

### CHRISTMAS CANTATA & CHRISTMAS DINNER

Join us **NEXT Sunday, December 15th** at 11am as our Chancel Choir presents our Annual Christmas Cantata. All are invited to worship and celebrate with us. The Annual Christmas Dinner will follow.

## THANK YOU!

*Dear Friends,*

*Ray and I would like to tell each of you how much we appreciate the beautiful cards you have sent us. Your thoughtfulness has meant more to us than you will ever know. Thank you for the many sweet words of encouragement. It has made our transition much easier. The flowers were beautiful and we have enjoyed them. Your visits to Ray at Gloucester House have truly made it more pleasant for him. Thank you for your prayers most of all. Without the strength of the Lord and the help of family we cannot make it through each day. May God continue to bless each of you.*

*In His Love,*

*Ray and Pearl Goude*

## VISION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please note that Vision articles, as well as, Announcements for December 22, December 29 and January 5, 2020 will be due by Monday, December 16, 2019.**

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Invite your family and friends to join us for a beautiful candlelight Christmas Eve service on Tuesday, **December 24**, at 5pm. There will be Christmas Music, Scriptures and the Lord's Supper!!