



**STAYING IN TOUCH...**  
**HAPPENINGS WITHIN OUR**  
**COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

## Steve's Corner

This week I will continue my four part Christmas story, Journey to Bethlehem. The texts are Isaiah 2:1-5 and Luke 3:1-16. We will light the candle of Peace. Advent is a time for dreaming. Two poems come to mind. First, from Langston Hughes, poet of the Harlem Renaissance:

"Hold fast to your dreams,  
 For if dreams die  
 Life is a broken-winged bird,  
 That cannot fly."

Then second, from Shel Silverstein:

"Listen to the mustn'ts, child,  
 Listen to the don'ts.

Listen to the shouldn'ts, the impossibles, the won'ts.  
 Listen to the never haves, then listen close to me...  
 Anything can happen, child. Anything can be."

**This year's Advent offering will go to the  
 Baptist Peace Fellowship of North  
 America Disaster Relief Fund.  
 These Funds will be forwarded to those in  
 need in Puerto Rico and Mexico**

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*Those who have lost loved ones:  
 Bill Robertson family, Scott Young  
 family, Roy Rogers family.*

*Our friends on homebound:  
 Mary Alice Woods,  
 Tressie Starrette,  
 Nellie Grant, Ernie Hendrix,  
 Mary Ruth Godfrey,  
 Rosemary Rector, Ernestine  
 Lanford, Barbara Robinson,  
 Mary Jean Grose,  
 Beecher Grose.*

*Those issues close to us:  
 Lee Ann Seely, Donna and  
 Christopher Hahn, caregivers,  
 First Baptist Church of Sutherland  
 Springs, Texas Church Massacre,  
 Hurricane, Earthquake and Wild  
 fire victims, homeless children, our  
 nations immigrants.*

*Those facing tough times,  
 those who are mentally ill, those  
 who are affected by violence, those  
 who are incarcerated.*

*In our community and in our  
 world: Children who are a part of  
 the Guardian ad Litem program,  
 local law enforcement officers and  
 fire fighters.*

*Those in the military:  
 Molly Murphy, Greg West, Josh  
 Wingfield, James Pulliam, Mark  
 Staley, Adam Ivey, Austin Frutig,  
 Zach Spoor, Mary Jane Johnson,  
 Travis Clower, Logan Frutig,  
 Caleb Sisk.*

## NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

### CELEBRATIONS:

#### *Birthday:*

*3 - Anna Beth Parlier  
 4 - Sloane Goodman  
 6 - John Barnard  
 6 - Bob Rawls  
 8 - Mark Rawls*

*The Statesville Masonic lodge  
 presented an award in honor  
 of Gerald Grant.*

### NEW CONCERNS:

*Cindy Atkins*

*Health care workers*

## Calendar

### Wednesday

7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal  
 At the Gardens

### Sunday

9:00am - Church Conference  
 10:00am - Sunday School  
 11:00am - Worship

## Upcoming Events

December 10 ~  
**Next Church Conference**  
**9:00am**  
**Blood Drive at Grace.**  
**12:00pm to 4:30pm**

December 17 ~  
**Christmas Potluck with the**  
**Resident Staff of 5th Street**  
**6:00pm**

December 24 ~  
**There will be no Sunday**  
**School.**  
**Christmas Eve Service**  
**6:00pm**

**Please mark these dates for**  
**Meals on Wheels:**  
**Christmas Day**  
**New Years Day**

## Scriptures for the Week

Isaiah 2:1-5  
Luke 3:1-16

### SUNDAY'S SERMON

*JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM*  
*PART TWO*

### Budget

Needed year to date: \$81,549.23  
Received year to date: \$96,053.99  
Over budget: \$14,504.76  
Weekly needs: \$1664.27

### Weekly Assignments

**Church Maintenance**  
**Shaver**

*Worship Leader*

*Reader's Choir*

*Worship Reader*  
*Reader's Choir*

### Second Hour Helpers

**Susie Wiberg and**  
**Kevin Angell**  
**Alt. Linda Marshall**

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