

**Forever Young
Grove Park Inn**

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018

Name: _____
Attending: _____
I plan to drive my car on Dec. 5
How many can you take? _____
Please return by Today

Parent's Night Out - Participant

Name: _____
Email address: _____

Parent's Night Out - Volunteer

Name: _____
Phone# _____

**Christmas Luncheon
Sunday, December 16**

Name: _____
Eating: _____
Return by Sunday, Dec. 9

**Christmas Caroling
Monday, December 17**

Name: _____
Phone #: _____
Attending: _____
Return by Sunday, Dec. 16

**Aveleigh Children & Youth
Christmas Pageant
Sunday, Dec. 23, 10:30 a.m.**

Name: _____
Phone #: _____
Participating: _____
Please check if your child is able
and willing to read a part.
Return by Sunday, Dec. 9

November 18, 2018:

Total Service Attendance: 109
Sunday School: 64

Financial Figures:

Tithes and Offerings for
Nov 25, 2018: \$4,102.55
Tithes and Offerings through
Nov. 25, 2018: \$313,763.62
Needed to meet budget through
Nov. 30, 2018: \$325,723.63

Children's Ministry for today:

Nursery: Mary Carlisle
Children's Church: Kelly & Fritz
Lewis
AWC: Morgan Hill

Children's Ministry for Dec. 9

Nursery: Vonnie Purcell
Children's Church: Betty &
Michelle Bundrick
AWC: Amy Coleman

Bread Ministry today is Harriet
Waites.

Flowers in the Sanctuary this
morning were placed in memory of
loved ones by Hunt Coffey.

**See someone at worship you
don't know?** Be sure to introduce
yourself and say a word of
welcome.

Need a hearing device? Ask an
usher, and please remember to
return the aid before you leave.

Please note: Pastor Mitch's cell
phone #: 944-0416 and e-mail:
drvanmetre@gmail.com

**Aveleigh sermons are on
YouTube!** You can watch
Aveleigh sermons at [https://
www.youtube.com/user/
TheAveleighWC](https://www.youtube.com/user/TheAveleighWC). Thanks to
Michael Coleman, Leon Madray,
Ray Cheeks and Dr. Mitch
Van Metre.

FOR OUR GUESTS

WELCOME! We hope that this service will be an encouragement to you. If we can be of special service to you, please let us know. We ask that you fill out the "Connection Card", located on the tear-off section of your bulletin, so that we might have a record of your attendance.

AVELEIGH'S blended worship service begins at 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School begins at 10:45 a.m.; Aveleigh Worship Center Service begins at 11:30 a.m.

NURSERY CARE is available for babies and young children who may become restless during the worship service. An usher will be happy to direct you to the appropriate room.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BULLETINS are available for ages three through Grade 5 at all entrances. **SERMON NOTES** for 2nd grade—6th grade.

We Believe: Jesus Christ is the world's singular saving Lord. No one comes to the Father but through Him. The Bible is God's holy Word. Christians are called to live a holy life, which includes the biblical standard of chastity in singleness and fidelity in marriage. Since all fall short of the Glory of God, all are accepted

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Sun (12/2)	8:45 a.m.	Abraham Prayer Partners
	9:15 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School & Advent Adventure
	11:30 a.m.	AWC
	4:00 p.m.	Advent Wreath Making
	5:15 p.m.	Aveleigh Ringers
Mon (12/3)	7:00 p.m.	Joint Deacons & Elders Meet
Tue (12/4)	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
	9:15 a.m.	Young Women's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Chapel Prayer Group
	Noon	Lewis Davis Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Ladies' Bible Study
Wed (12/5)	8:30 a.m.	FY Trip to Grove Park Inn
	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
Fri (12/7)	7:00 p.m.	Awana

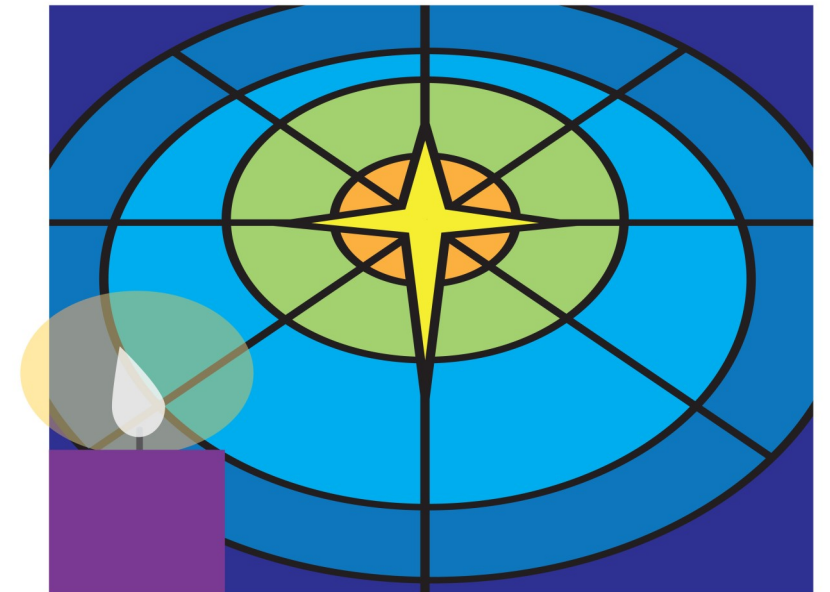
NEXT WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Sun (12/9)	8:45 a.m.	Abraham Prayer Partners
	9:15 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	AWC
Mon (12/10)	2:00 p.m.	Circle 2
	7:00 p.m.	Circle 3 (Becky Coleman's)
Tue (12/11)	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
	10:00 a.m.	Chapel Prayer Group
	10:00 a.m.	Circle 1
	Noon	Lewis Davis Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Ladies' Bible Study
Wed (12/12)	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
Fri (12/14)	7:00 p.m.	Awana

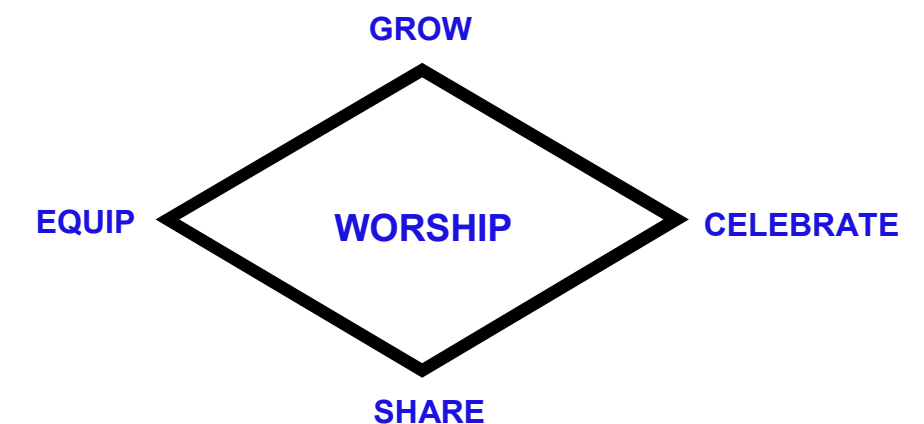
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December 2, 2018



**FIRST SUNDAY
OF
Advent**



**Our mission is to ...
CELEBRATE God's presence
GROW closer to God's Son
EQUIP God's people
SHARE God's Good News**

Aveleigh Fellowship of Presbyterians

December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent

Prelude “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Carter

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

***Hymn** “Days of Elijah”

*Affirmation of Faith:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Church universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

*Gloria Patri

Prayer of Confession and Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn** “Here I Am To Worship”

The children of the congregation are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary for the lighting of the candle.

Lighting of the Hope Candle Gene and Kitty Crocker

***Hymn #245** “O Come, Oh Come Emmanuel”

A Family Advent Wreath Ann Price

Offertory “O Come, Oh Come Emmanuel” Harbach

***Doxology and Fourth Stanza of “America”**

Reading: Luke 21:25-31 pg. 1131

Sermon: Unwrapping the Gift of Advent Hope

Rev. Dr. Mitch Van Metre

***Hymn #244** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Benediction

Postlude

**The congregation will please stand if able*

Aveleigh Worship Center

Welcome and Announcements

”When Hope Came Down” Kari Jobe

The Lighting of the Hope Candle The Coleman Family

Silent Prayer

“O Holy Night” Hillsong Worship

Children’s Church Dismissal (three years old - 1st grade)

Offering

Action/Sharing

Prayer Requests

Reading: Luke 21:25-31 pg. 1131

Sermon: Unwrapping the Gift of Advent Hope

Rev. Dr. Mitch Van Metre

“O Little Town” Matt Redman

Prayer

Challenge and Dismissal

Announcements

FYI our **Advent Adventure for children** ages three through High School will take place this morning during our Sunday School hour (10:45 a.m.) The children will be participating in an Advent lesson, craft and service project.

Just a reminder that Aveleigh’s **Advent Wreath-making for your table** will be held this afternoon in Truesdell Hall (gym) anytime from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

We are in need of a few **volunteers** to stay and **help clean-up** after the wreath making today. Thank you for your help.

The annual Joint **Session/Deacons meeting is tomorrow** at 7:15 p.m. in Truesdell Hall. Deacons pre-meet in the Chapel from 7:00 to 7:15 p.m. Elders pre-meet in Truesdell Hall at the same time. This Session meeting is to establish our 2019 budget. All officers for 2018, 2019, 2020 & 2021 must attend.

Remember Forever Young has an outing planned to **Grove Park Inn** with lunch at Edison Kitchen in Asheville, N.C. on Wednesday, December 5. Meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. for a brief devotion. You can still sign up on the [Connection Card](#).

On Thursday, December 6 all who have signed up to work at the **Shoebox Distribution Center** will travel to Charlotte. There are four additional spots available. If you are interested in going along, contact Hunt Coffey at 924-1542 to reserve a spot.

Aveleigh’s Adult and Family Council is hosting another **Parent’s Night Out** on Saturday, December 8, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Parent’s Night Out is a time when parents can go out for the evening (without children) with the intention of focusing on their relationship with each other. Our Infants and Toddlers will have free play in our nursery with a paid child care worker while our 3 years olds – 5th graders will have games, crafts and watch a short Veggie Tales DVD. Middle and High School students are encouraged to attend as helpers/assistants (like for VBS); please still sign-up (for food). We will be serving pizza (so if your child is unable to eat pizza, please bring/pack their dinner). See the tear-off [Connection Card](#) found in today’s bulletin to sign up (once signed up, Cindy Long will send a registration form to be completed). Please sign-up by Sunday, December 2 so we can make sure that we provide enough food and craft projects.

We need volunteers to help with the upcoming **Parent’s Night Out** on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.! Volunteer forms are found on the table outside of our DCE’s office. For more information, please contact Cindy Long, DCE, or Gene and Kitty Crocker, Adult and Family Co-Chairs.

With Christmas on the way let’s remember our friends at the **Clinton Presbyterian Community** again this year with our gifts of love and care. Deadline is Sunday, Dec. 9th, and the box is outside Mitch’s office.

Aveleigh’s Children’s Council is sponsoring a “Happy Birthday, Jesus” Party on Sunday, December 16. All Children and youth are invited to Truesdell Hall (gym) at 9:30 a.m. to help celebrate this special birthday. ***Please note the time change for Sunday School** since it’s a Joint Service. This party, entitled **Joy to the World** (by C. E. F.), will take children on a trip around the world to see how other countries celebrate Christmas. Our **mission offering** this year will go to help a family from Ivanhoe, N.C., that was displaced by the recent flooding caused by Hurricane Florence. Children attending the party are asked to **bring an unwrapped toy, book, socks, gloves, hats, etc.** for **girls ages 3 and 11**. **Optional:** If anyone would like to give a monetary donation (so that necessities can be purchased), you can bring it to the gym before 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 16 or give it to Becky Coleman or Cindy Long. Checks can be made out to Aveleigh Church, with **“Flood Victims”** on the memo line. May we give these gifts in honor of the greatest gift of all, Jesus!

Aveleigh is having a **Luncheon** on Sunday, December 16 immediately following our Joint Service Christmas **Hymn Festival** at 10:30 a.m. **Please note** there will be no AWC Service this day, and **Sunday School** will be held at **9:30 a.m.** See the [Connection Card](#) to sign up. (Please sign up by Sunday, Dec. 10.) Pastor Mitch’s Luncheon Team is serving roast beef or turkey, gravy, dressing, all of the trimmings and pumpkin pie for dessert. Cost is \$7 per person (children 12 years and younger eat free).

Aveleigh friends and family are invited to come **Christmas caroling** on Monday, December 17, and help spread some Christmas cheer to our residents at Springfield Place. If interested in attending, we will be meeting in the parking lot of Springfield Place at 4:15 p.m. Please sign-up (by Dec. 16th) on the [Connection Card](#) in today’s bulletin, so Ginny will know how many caroling sheets to prepare. For more information, contact Ginny or Cindy at 276-3534.

If you are going to be in town on Sunday, December 23, plan to have your children join in the **Old-Fashioned Christmas Pageant** that we will have as part of the 10:30 a.m. Joint Sunday Service. Children and youth will be dressed as angels, shepherds, wise men, and sheep to act out the story as it is read from the Bible. There will only be a few speaking parts for the older children. We’ll have two rehearsals (Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 4 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 22 at 10:30 a.m.) and then meet that Sunday, Dec. 23 at 9:30 a.m. (during the S.S. hour) for a brief run through and costume change. Please use the [Connection Card](#) in the bulletin to sign your child up...even our smallest toddlers are welcome to join in!

The final money count from Oktoberfest which included several generous contributions was \$1,926.40.

Did you attend the Spiritual Gifts Classes? The 301 Class surveys are scored. If you have completed one, make an appointment with Mitch to go over the results. If you have yet to complete yours, the deadline is December 17th.

Upcoming Events:

12/16 Joint Service-Christmas Music, Luncheon & Happy Birthday Jesus party.

12/17 Christmas Caroling at Springfield 4:15 p.m.

12/23 Joint Service-Children’s & Youth Christmas Pageant

12/24 Candlelight Service

Connection Card

Welcome to Aveleigh

If you are visiting with us, we welcome you as our guest.

Please fill out the Guest Information and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

GUEST INFORMATION

Date _____

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

____ Guest

____ I am a student.

____ I am a new resident.

____ I wish to become a member of Aveleigh.

____ I would like to talk with some one about the Christian faith.

Ushers for December are Zach Gayden & Sally Hillman

Elder for December is Matt Rose