



Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church

P. O. Box 187

Catawba, North Carolina 28609

The Reverend Paul Gregory Alms, Pastor



DECEMBER 2017 UPDATE

WEBSITE www.redeemercatawba.com

828/241-2371 – CHURCH



ADVENT 2017: GOD IS COMING!

December 6: God is Coming Who Cares?

December 13: God is Coming Run Away!

December 20: God is Coming Oh, Boy!

Soup and Sandwich at 6:00 p.m.

Midweek Advent Service at 7:00 p.m.

REDEEMER'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Christmas Program - Sunday December 17th at 6:00 p.m.



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP 5:00 p.m.

Redeemer will have two opportunities on Christmas Eve to worship our newborn Savior. At 5:00 p.m. we will have a service focusing on joyful prayer and hearing the good news that Christ is born for us.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE WITH THE LORD'S SUPPER 11:00 p.m.

At 11 p.m. we will have a candle light service with Holy Communion.

CHRISTMAS DAY LESSONS AND CAROLS WITH THE LORD'S SUPPER 10:00 a.m.

On Christmas morning we will have a service of Lessons and Carols at 10:00 a.m. with Holy Communion. Please come and sing with the angels and with God's people: Glory to God in the highest!

POINSETTIA ORDERS – Due by December 3rd. Pickup and complete order envelope in Narthex and include your payment of \$11 for each poinsettia you wish to order. See Lynn Westray if you have questions.

REDEEMER ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

Again this year Redeemer will adopt children from our local elementary school to assist with making their Christmas a little brighter. Connie Burkett is coordinating this effort and will be making available a Christmas list for each child/family. Members are invited to select one or more of the children from the tree, purchase the gifts and return them to Redeemer wrapped and tagged.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE JANUARY 2018

Phillip Davis has agreed to coordinate for Redeemer a blood drive on January 25, 2018 from 2-6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. More details to come in January.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The children, staff and volunteers are busy putting together the 2017 Children's Christmas Program to be presented on Sunday, December 17th at 6:00 p.m. Not too late if you would like to volunteer to be a part of this production.

SAMARITIAN SHOEBOXES

Thank you Redeemer family for putting together shoeboxes for 73 children's lives in far-away lands with the gift of a shoebox. Total of 73 boxes -- 40 Sunday school and 33 from the congregation are on their way to brighten a child's life. A special thank you to Amy Huffman for making this possible for us and for delivery our filled boxes.

HAPPENINGS AND CELEBRATIONS

NEW MEMBERS AND ADDRESS CHANGE

Stephen Andresen
145 Grayrock Drive
Statesville, NC 28677

Richard Brown
5955 Bridges Street
Catawba, NC 28609

John and Jennie Eagle
2810 Jack Whitener Road
Newton, NC 28658

Steven and Heidi Pelto
1058 Arabian Court
Catawba, NC 28609

Stephan Raddatz
3760 Old Towery Lane
Vale, NC 28168

Kevin Medlin
4139 Laurel Hill Road
Claremont, NC 28610

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES: Dean Bruns, Bill Knauf (1), Tracie Onsager (2), Kelsie Herman (3), Ashlyn Houston, Peyton Wesson (5), Kelsie Lael, Sandra Yount (8), Judi Moser (9), Joanna Wilson (17), William Robinson (21), Zoey Rose (23), Madelyn Rose (25), Chole Todd (28)

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Mr. & Mrs. Allen Bumgarner (6), Mr. & Mrs. Jim Brown (11), Mr. & Mrs. Chad Lail (15), Mr. & Mrs. Barry Edwards (17), Mr. & Mrs. Joe Midkiff (18), Mr. & Mrs. Allen Sherrill (19), Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Galloway (21), Mr. & Mrs. Devin Houston (22), Mr. & Mrs. Michael Pray (23), Mr. & Mrs. Robert Eury (24).

BIRTHDAYS: Elsie Johnston (3), Michael Medlin (4), Zoey Rose (8), Bryant Isenhour, Carroll Yount (11), Nicholas Bumgarner, Glenda Frazier, Michael Rivers (12), Bryce Bratton, Cindy Pray, Mary Wanzong (13), Janice Yount, Lori Yount (17), Ann Garvin, (18), Greg Fisher, Karen Rohde (19), Rita Isenhour (21), Jeffrey Medlin (22), Jody Sigmon (24), Phillip Davis (25), Amanda Eury, Rodney Lowrance, Johnny Wesson (26), Adam Matthews (27), Taylor Laney (30), Cassidy Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Tammy Bell (31).

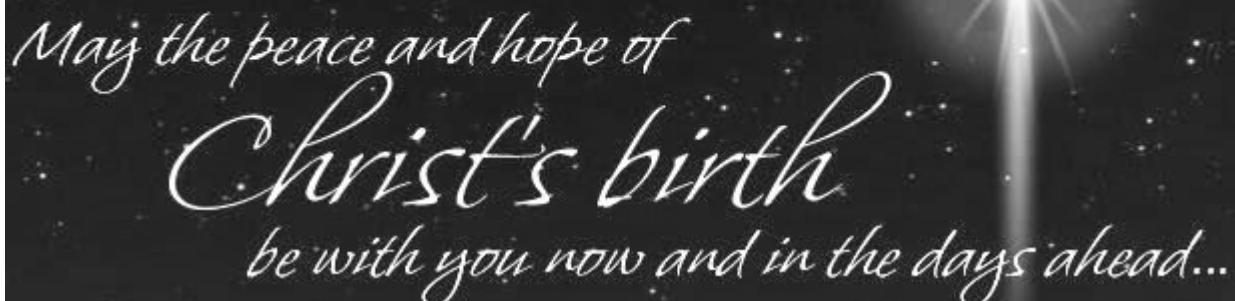
If your December celebration is not listed above, please drop a note in the basket on the Secretary's office door.

MEN'S ANNUAL REDEEMER BEACH RETREAT is set for are March 14 – 18, 2018, if you are interested please sign-up in the parish hall or speak with Phillip Davis this morning.

REDEEMER CAMPOUT/RETREAT JT Rufty is coordinating a trip to Stone Mountain State Park May 4-6, 2018. A sign-up sheet and map are in the Narthex for anyone who is interested in this weekend adventure. Call JT or Connie at 241-3554 if more info is needed.

YTD as of November 19, 2017

Average Sunday Attendance	124
Budget Needs	\$177,176.37
Contributions/Receipts	(\$173,288.44)
Over/(Short) of Budget	(\$ 3,887.93)



May the peace and hope of
Christ's birth
be with you now and in the days ahead...