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Ridge-Garden Christmas Programs

This year brings new traditions to our celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. As the Ridge-Garden Charge, we will join with our sister church, Clover Garden UMC in observance of several of these festivities throughout the month of December. Times and places are outlined in each separate article. Please plan to attend and experience the love and fellowship as we joyfully relive the age old story of our Savior's birth.

NATIVITY NIGHT EVENT AND THE HANGING OF THE GREENS DECEMBER 7, 2008 4:30 PM--7:30 PM

Plan to join the festivities of a multiple event evening. Drive through the outdoor live Nativity and experience the tableau depicting the arrival of our Savior. Our Youth will be featured participants. Inside the church, imagine that you are on the streets of Bethlehem as you stroll through a replica of Bethlehem.

Take part in decorating the sanctuary and the trees. Of special interest is the Chrismon Tree. The ornaments were lovingly hand made by present and past church members and bring back precious memories to many. The "Mitten Tree" will await it's array of gloves, hats, and sox etc that will be donated to help clothe the needy.

And to top off your time of fellowship and fun, there will be hearty refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

SEE YOU THERE!

CHARGE-WIDE CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

DECEMBER 14, 2008



11:00 AM

Chestnut Ridge UMC presents its annual Christmas Cantata by the CRUMC Choir, Directed by Julie Perez

6:00 PM

Clover Garden UMC will host our 1st Annual Charge –Wide Christmas Program

Please plan to attend both of these events and invite your friends to carpool to Clover Garden



DECEMBER 24, 2008

CHRISTMAS CANDLE SERVICE

7:00 PM

Chestnut Ridge UMC will host tonight's Christmas Eve Service.

Oh, Holy Night

Luke 2:1-7 (NRSV)

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

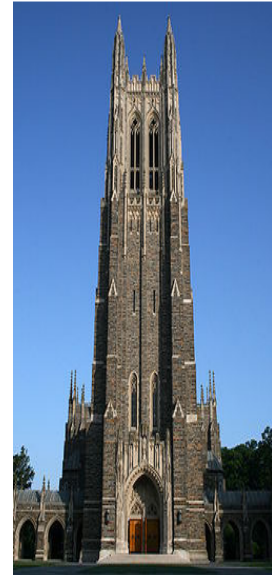
THIRD THURSDAY GROUP VISITS DUKE CHAPEL

What an experience we had! On Nov 18th, Pastor Sang waved goodbye as nine eager members from CRUMC joined, Rev. Judy Stephens, Retreat Ministry Coordinator, as she and an assistant led a group of 16 on a tour of Duke Chapel. We were taken to the Chapel by van and given a tour and information about the Chapel. We were privileged to attend a

special and unusual service in the Goodson Chapel. This was the Service of Prayers and Music on the Occasion of the Blessing and Dedication of an Icon of Christ. This solemn and moving ceremony was presided over by the Duke Divinity Chaplain and conducted by the Priest and Assistants from Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church of

Raleigh. Music was provided by members of the Duke Choir. (including Loletuth) We had a nice lunch in the cafeteria and returned to the Chapel to quietly meditate before returning home.

December's event will be at the Camp and include horse drawn sleigh rides. See Joyce to sign up.



YOUTH NEWS

Debra Elmore and *Tina Hooker* accompanied **Brandon, Dana, Katelyn, Jordan, Morgan** and **3** of her **friends** to the annual Youth Pilgrimage in Fayetteville. *Loletuth* was able to join them for one day. During this event, 6,000+ voices were raised in praise and thanks to God. Our Youth Group chose two

projects as their focus. As their Global Mission, they have adopted the Zimbabwe based Zoe Project. For their Local Service Mission, they are committed to help with the Chestnut Ridge Camp & Retreat Center's community based Playground Project. We congratulate these dedicated

young people for their commitments.

Dana's Project

Special recognition goes to *Dana Clayton*, who since the age of 12 has baked pecan tarts each year to help support the "Mitten Tree" Project. She has sold out one baking this year and hopes to have a second baking soon.





Prayer Requests

MEMBERS

Amber Ray Jones,
 Winfred Hooker, Allen
 Cates, Gordon
 Elmore, Michael
 Elmore, Morgan Ivey,
 Jennifer Hooker,
 Edna Dawkins,
 Francis Thompson,
 Jeff & Julie Perez

MILITARY SERVICE

Chris Collins, Iraq
 Siobhan Celusa,
 Germany
 Erika Couturier,
 Kuwait
 Wes Hughes, SC
 Marv Singer, Iraq
 Chris Andrews, Iraq
 NaDarius Whitfed

Family and Friends

Joyce Collins,
 Curtis & Michelle
 Turner, Aaron
 Westbrook,
 Donald Dodson,
 Joyce Bradshaw,
 Ray deFriess, Beth
 Newton, Scott Cecil,
 Chris Tapp, Beth Bell,

Joan Walsh, Mason
 Cates, and Family of
 Joyce Dawson.

Those who are far
 away from family,
 may they feel the
 warmth of love from
 people who are
 nearby

Those who have lost
 loved ones and are
 grieving during this
 special season.

Birthdays

12/8 Alex Sykes
 12/10 Kent Cates
 12/10 Gloria Holmes
 12/24 Michael Elmore
 12/25 Buck Clayton
 12/31 Earl Cates

Anniversaries

12/24 Winfred & Tina
 Hooker
 12/31 Scott & Missy
 Cecil

New Members

10/26 Kay D. Brown
 10/26 Richard Brown
 10/26 In Seo Song



Community Bulletin Board

- 12/6 8:30AM -4:00PM Peace Matters Conference @ Chestnut Ridge Camp & Retreat Ctr
 12/7 4:30-7:30 PM Nativity Night Event and Hanging of the Greens
 12/9 7:00 PM Worship Committee
 12/14 11:00 AM Christmas Cantata @ Chestnut Ridge
 12/14 6:00 PM Charge-wide Christmas Program @ Clover Garden UMC
 12/21 11:00AM Worship Service by Elaine Walker, former Intern at Clover Garden UMC
 12/22-23 Pastor Sang's days off
 12/24 7:00 PM Charge-wide Christmas Candle Service @ Chestnut Ridge UMC



Merry Christmas

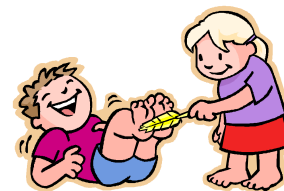
WE GIVE SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- *Joyce Clayton, for her efforts in coordinating & mailing Christmas Military Care Packages*
- *All who helped prepare & deliver Thanksgiving baskets to our shut ins*
- *Sally Ivey for her work on the Angel Tree Project (benefits needy children at the Stanford Middle School)*

The Lighter Side

From Crosswalk.com

- No matter how many bulletins you print, you'll always need one more
- A member living 15 miles away will be 15 minutes early: Members living two blocks away will be 15 minutes late.
- The shorter the agenda, the longer the meeting
- When you answer the Bible Teacher's question right, nobody remembers: when you are wrong, nobody forgets
- Film projectors always work before the meeting begins
- The furnace only fails when the outside temperature is less than 30 degrees and the air conditioner only fails when the outside temperature is 90 degrees or above.
- God so loved the world that he did not send a committee
- Signs on a church property:
Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!



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Deadline for January 2009 issue submissions: Dec. 28, 2008

PLEASE DON'T FORGET!

Christmas poinsettia orders, with payment of \$12.00, must be placed with Denise Collins by Dec. 9th. Forms are available
Orders are still being taken for Christmas Hams. Cost is \$35.00
Signup sheet is in the hallway
If you are helping with the Angel Tree Project, Sally Ivey will need the gifts by Dec. 14th

Our Mission and our Vision

As a community of believers in **Jesus Christ**, our Vision is to be a "Beacon of God's love reaching out and growing!"

Our Mission is Go and Make passionate disciples for **Jesus Christ**.

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Fridays

SCHEDULE

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

7:00 PM Choir Practice
1ST & 3RD Wednesdays

We're on the Web!
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