

Antioch Christian Church

The Lamp

December 2010

Calendar of Events

- ***Hanging of the Greens*** •
Saturday, December 4, 9 a.m.
- ***Homecoming Potluck***•
Sunday, December 5, noon
- ***Happy Hearts at the Beck's***•
Thursday, December 9, 12:30
- ***Christmas Party at Wigglesworth's***•
Saturday, December 11: 6:30 p.m.
- ***Board Meeting*** •
Tuesday, December 14, 7:30 p.m.
- ***Antioch Open House - Caroling*** •
Saturday, December 18, 1 p.m.
- ***Coffee Hour at Parsonage*** •
Sunday, December 19, noon
- ***Fund Raiser - Youth Group*** •
Sunday, December 19, 2 p.m.
- ***Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*** •
Friday, December 24, 7:30 p.m.
- ***Christmas Service*** •
Sunday, December 26, 11 a.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service

This is one of the most important family traditions to celebrate - the Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service at Antioch Christian Church on Friday December 24th at 7:30 p.m. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to attend this meaningful service to remind us of the meaning of the Season.

Hanging of the Greens

The Hanging of the Greens is when we, as a church family, decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season. Please come to the church at 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 4th to help decorate the Antioch Christian Church with others.

Christmas Party!

Tom and Terry Wigglesworth will again be hosting their annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. Their home is at 9527 Liberty Tree Lane in Vienna, VA. The church family is invited to attend.

Coffee Hour at the Beeman's

December 19th - The Beeman's would like to invite you to the parsonage for Coffee Hour following Church Services to enjoy great food and fellowship and see our home. The Definition of a parson is any member of the Clergy or a minister. So the parsonage is a house provided by the church for the parson. This Christmas season, the parson or pastor of Antioch Christian Church invites you to a Christmas Open House at the parsonage, 9510 Francis Young Lane in Vienna, VA. This open house will be held at noon on Sunday December 19th. We hope to see you there.

Homecoming 2010

Homecoming 2010 will be held Sunday, December 5. The 11 a.m. worship service will focus on our Christian Heritage. A potluck luncheon will be held at noon and everyone is invited to participate by bringing their favorite lunch dish to serve multiple families. We will be honoring Vivian Cruz as our special Antioch Christian Faithful Servant of Antioch this year. Be sure to invite all former members and participants of Church.

Happy Hearts

Happy Hearts, our senior adult ministry, will meet on Thursday, December 9th at 12:30 for a potluck luncheon at the home of Bob and Francis Beck, 2312 Cedar Lane, Vienna, VA.

Board Meeting

There will be a church board meeting for all Elders, Deacons and ministry leaders on Tuesday, December 14th at 7:30 p.m. We will be approving a preliminary budget and reviewing leadership nominations for 2011.

Sunday School & Bible Study Fellowship

What are you planning to do to continue to grow spiritually during 2011? I would suggest attending Sunday School at 9:45 on Sunday mornings or Bible Study Fellowship on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. You could also take one of the daily devotional booklets, The Upper Room, to continue your daily spiritual nourishment.

Antioch Open House

Hosted by eil Romstedt

Ring the bell & Christmas Caroling
Saturday, December 19 from 1-3p.m.

Outreach

We will be helping another family during this Christmas season who has many needs. We would like for you to be involved in meeting the many needs they have. You can bring your items marked with the name of the child or parents to Antioch Christian Church. The mom is Gregoria and the father is Alberto. The youth of the church will assist in delivering the items to the family on December 20th. There is also a tree in the Fellowship Hall where you can select specific items that you would like to give to this family. Here are the things that they are in need of:

Itcel- 5-year-old girl: clothes size 7/8, shoes/boots size 11, toys

Joselyn - 3- year-old girl: clothes size 6, shoes/boots size 9, doll and doll stroller

Angel - 4-year-old boy: clothes size 6/7, shoes/boots size 10, bike

Alberto - 1 year old boy: clothes size 12-18 months, doll

The family is also asking for a stroller for Alberto.

Coffee Hour

Remember that Coffee hour takes place every Sunday following worship for a time of fellowship and encouragement in the fellowship hall.

Youth News!!!

Christmas Card Exchange

Remember mailing out Christmas Cards? Well this year, save on your postage and bring your cards to church for your friends at Antioch and let the youth hand them out for you. Our youth would love to serve you in this way and give you a hug this Christmas season. The youth will be in the foyer before church with baskets to collect any cards to deliver for you.

Fund Raiser - Present Wrapping For You

The youth group would like to do a **fund raiser** on Sunday, December 19th They will wrap presents for you for a donation. All you need to do is bring your items labeled who they are to/from and we will wrap them for you. You can either wait or come back to pick them up. Suggested donation is \$10 for 12 or fewer smaller gifts, \$20 for 12-20 smaller gifts, \$10 for 5 or fewer larger gifts, i.e. larger than a shoe box, \$20 for 5-10 larger gifts, etc. - or whatever you deem appropriate.

When: December 19 **Time:** 2:00 - 6:00pm **Where:** Church Fellowship Hall

Fund Raiser for Winter Retreat

The Youth would also like to raise funds for a winter retreat. As a service project the youth will be wrapping all the gifts for our church's adopted family for Christmas the same day (December 19) and will deliver those gifts on Monday evening with any food items that are collected as well.

December Youth Schedule

December 5th: Youth Meeting at Beemans, 12:30 -8:30. Marcia Wilke & Linda Beeman will be bringing the food. Holiday Movie Day (3 Christmas movies)

December 12th: Youth Meeting at Beemans, 6:30 -8:30. Jeray Simms bringing the food - Service Project

December 19th: Fund Raiser, 2-6 p.m. , Youth Meeting at Beemans, 6:30 - 8:30. Youth Christmas Party - Linda will provide food! Youth to dress in their best Christmas Sweater or Holiday Attire.

December 20th: Deliver gifts to Antioch's adopted family

December 26th: NO Youth Group Meeting

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Elder & Deacon Service Schedule

DATE	ELDERS	DEACONS	READERS
December 5	Bill W. Wilke Donna Hunter	Evelyn Donkor Yaa Donkor	Jasmin Mickael
December 12	Bill W. Wilke John Holley	Faustina Donkor Charles Donkor	Marcia Wilke
December 19	Vivian Cruz Shirley Elliot	Lindsey Beeman Mark Sherwood	Neil Romstedt
December 26	Kevin Wiggs Bill D. Wilke	Lola Wayland Leonard Wayland	Tom Wigglesworth

Remember the ministry of Antioch Christian Church in your year end Giving.

Merry Christmas!