



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Pastor's

Meets weekly from 10:30-11:30 AM in the Church's Conference Room.

We study the texts selected in the Revised Common Lectionary for the next Sunday. Large print editions are available each week and for the upcoming Sunday. Discussion is deep and wide and lively. All are invited.



#### Every 1st & 3rd Thursday at 7:00 PM in the Church Parlor

**Praver Shawl** 

Ministry

If you are not sure how to knit or crochet, no problem, there will be plenty of people to help you get started. This group is open to anyone who would like to join! For more information call Susan Harlan at 770-377-3869.

7:30 PM - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

#### SUNDAY, January 27—Third Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 AM - Handbell Rehearsal 9:30 AM - Church School 10:25 AM - Children's Choirs Rehearsals 11:00 AM - Morning Worship - Sanctuary **TUESDAY**, January 29 10:00 AM - Staff Meeting 11:00 AM - Worship Planning WEDNESDAY, January 30 10:30 AM - Pastor's Morning Bible Study THURSDAY, January 31 7:30 PM -Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday Morning Worship Scriptures January 20 Second Sunday after Epiphany Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11

January 27 Third Sunday after Epiphany Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21

These are the Lectionary Texts for the day, but the texts used in worship may vary.

#### **NORTHSIDE DRIVE STAFF** Rev. Dr. James Lamkin Pastor Rev. Daniel Headrick Associate Pastor Dr. Keith H. Walker Director of Music Ministries Mary Lou Swann Director of Children's Choirs Melinda Clark Organist Andrea Johnson Director of Children's Ministries Rose Hidlav Business Office Manager Will Mathews Administrative Manager Joleen Neel Preschool Director David Vaughns

Custodian Nick Bonner Custodian **Gregory Colson** Director Emeritus of Music Ministries

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the church all week long. As you see the names

below, please affirm them in their work, pray for them in their dedication, and encourage them in their service. Time and effort are gifts to God and God's people. For these

> The Membership **Development Ministry Team** 2018-2019

Syd Janney, Chair

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only how we go at worship, it is how we work at *being* 

gift-givers, we are grateful.







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# Upcoming Events Souper Bowl Sunday

# Sunday, January 27, 2019

Volunteers are needed to either prepare a pot of soup or chili, or to bake cookies or brownies. If you are not fond of cooking we can always use help with set up and/or clean up. Whatever your talents are, join us that day for fellowship and fun. The donations we collect this day help support the Hunger Fund. To volunteer contact Mona Stines at mona.stines@att.net or 404-936-8812.

### **Church Council meets**

- Tuesday, January 22 @ 7:00 PM
- **Church-in-Conference meets**
- Sunday, January 27 during the Souper Bowl lunch.

# **Triple E Valentine Luncheon** February 12, 2019 @ NOON in the Fellowship Hall

**Mark Your** 

Calenda

This month's program will be our Annual Valentine Luncheon to celebrate NDBC retirees. Bring a friend and come celebrate Valentines with us. The women's group A Ca Bella will be providing entertainment for us.

### NOTE: The time is different for this month.

#### **Pastoral Reflections**

#### **By James Lamkin**

*"When the Government Shuts Down, the Church Opens Up"* 

A casual reading of the New Testament offers little help for churches or individual Christians when it comes to dealing with the government and politics. Yes, there are isolated verses here and there; but, they often are taken out of context.

The most difficult leap interpreters have to make is about power. Christians in the first century had no power to influence politics or government; and the scriptures reflect that. But, these days, Christians have a lot of power *and responsibility* to speak with moral and ethical conviction to the government. In addition, even if the government is low-functioning or non-functioning, churches must do what they can to "do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God." Like the Serenity Prayer says, "…we change the things we can."

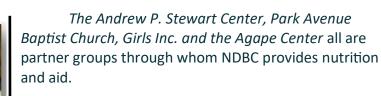
This gets confusing. But, doing nothing is not a choice.

In this Season of Shutdown, I thought about the invisible ways NDBC is trying to "do justice." There are a lot of things we can't do. We can't give a night's warm shelter to 75 homeless men who stand outside the door, as does Central Presbyterian downtown. But we can give to venues beyond our doors which minister to those who have been impacted by the partial government shutdown. For instance....

Urban Recipe is run by "our own" Jeremy Lewis. He says, "Our folks are affected by the loss of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits. We are able to increase the amount of food that we distribute through the Co-ops and we are already talking about how we can increase that amount of food through our every other week meetings for as long as needed."

The Atlanta Community Food Bank. They receive contributions from our Thanksgiving Service and at Christmas Eve. It has reached out to government workers.

*Buckhead Christian Ministries* has upgraded its food distribution program, focusing on food security and nutritious diets.



And...*The SOUPER BOWL!* It is January 27. Everybody comes. Many people cook. All people eat. Plus, ALL donations go to the Hunger Fund which is divided by the Missions Ministry Team to go to many of the above ministries and agencies.

Whew! We may not run a soup kitchen in our basement or a homeless shelter in the balcony, but we stay connected with groups who do.

When the government shuts down, the church should open up. We do. We, "...change the things we can."



33rd Annual Women's Retreat April 25-28, 2019

(You can decide to come on Thursday or Friday.)
Blue Boar Retreat at Lake Santeelah, Robbinsville, North Carolina. Excellent meals provided.
Very relaxing with time to visit, read, play games, canoe in lake, etc. Many enjoy hiking and a picnic in nearby Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest. Communion service on Sunday morning

Reservation deadline: February 17, 2019 Make your reservation with \$100 deposit. Make your check out to Joyce Wilson. Give the check to Joyce or to Virginia Gilbert. It can also be mailed to Joyce Wilson, PO Box 311 Adairsville, GA 30103-0311 For more information contact: Joyce Wilson at joyceowilson@wildblue.net, 770-773-3333 Virginia Gilbert at gilbertva3@gmail.com,

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flowers for the sanctuary? The cost is \$100, or you can share the cost with someone. If you are interested, please call Will Mathews at 404-237-8621 or email at will@northsidedrive.org.

Would you like to donate



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Valentine Luncheon to celebrate NDBC retirees. Bring a friend and come celebrate Valentines with us.

The entertainment will be provided by A Ca Bella. This is a women's acapella singing group.

Make your reservations.

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#### Lunch will be at NOON.



Lifespan Winter Classes 2019

# Words that Moved a Nation

Richard Botters will take a look at the documents, literature, and music that inspired the American people during the presidential term of Warren G. Harding to John F. Kennedy. January 10-February 29, 2019 at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church , 3180 Peachtree Road NW, Atlanta, GA 30305.

Class is from 11:15 AM-12:15 PM.

Call 404-266-2373 for more information and to sign up.

# The Ukulele Group



The Ukulele Group is still playing along!! Last session was our first try and we have the

beginnings of a wonderful group. NO MUSICAL TRAINING IS REQUIRED, BUT LOTS OF FUN TO BE HAD! Just get yourself a soprano ukulele and a gig bag and bring it on in. You will need to also pick up an electronic tuner and The Daily Ukulele Book by Liz and Jim Belof. The group meets at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church, 3108 Peachtree Road NW, Atlanta, GA 30305.

Call 404-266-2373 for more information.



ROMEO'S WILL MEET TUESDAY, January 15, 2019 AT NOON

Piccadilly Cafeteria, 536 Cobb Pkwy S. Marietta, GA 30060.

(Highway 41 just south of the Big Chicken).

The only cost is your food, plus a tip. Good meals. Good conversation. Visit with NDBC members and the ministerial staff. For further information call Posey Starkey: 404-904-0890.

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