



The Chalice

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Heart Shapes January/February 2018

Intention, Strength, Courage

Dragonflies come into the world first from small, non-descriptive water bugs. The water bugs lay eggs on the edge of the water. After a time of development, the dragonfly is hatched.

The hatching process is laborious and difficult. Each hatchling works diligently and with great difficulty to shed the container. When they finally shed all that has held them, their wings are cramp and wet. The dragonfly must sit for a while in the sun. It takes time and they are vulnerable to hungry birds, fish and other insects while they sit and wait for their time of flight.

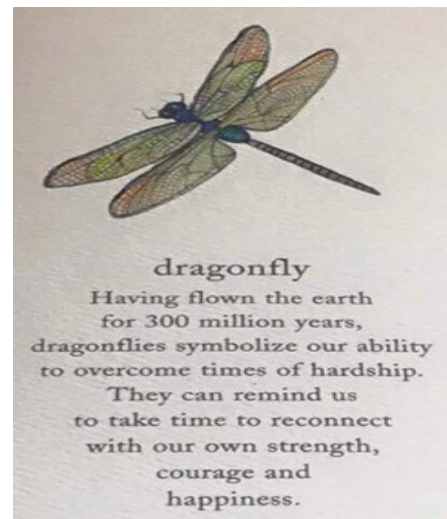
Hundreds of dragonflies come swarming at one time. The dragonflies come together as a community, swarming the backyard and eating every mosquito in sight. Sitting out in the backyard in the afternoon and evening are possible because of the community of dragonflies.

Epiphany is a season of new discovery and new birth in Christ. This season is our time to renew our strength as we become more aware of who Christ is through us and in us. Each step takes courage to live into our feelings, fears, questions

and relationships as we share with one another.

Philippians 4:6-7 *do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Knowing how much I appreciate the meaning of dragonfly, a friend sent this message to me. It was a welcomed reminder of support and care. As we move through Epiphany, let us be persistent in connecting with each other to strengthen our community in Christ name.
Peace for today, Sheila





Worship leadership and attendance at the MLK Service hosted at Bethel Baptist Church. Sheila Hunter participated with other community ministers including Kevin Daniel, host minister. The Watkinsville city council and mayor also attended the annual service. The vision captured is for “unity within community!”

Worship Overview

Epiphany, 2018 Green liturgical colors

February 4: 5th Sunday after Epiphany
Scripture; Isaiah 40:21-31

Sermon: “Rise Up: Focus”

February 11: Transfiguration Sunday-Last Sunday in Epiphany

Scripture: Kings 2:1-12

Sermon: “Rise Up: God is Speaking”

February 14-March 31 2018: Lent Purple liturgical colors

February 14: Ash Wednesday 7:00 PM Service

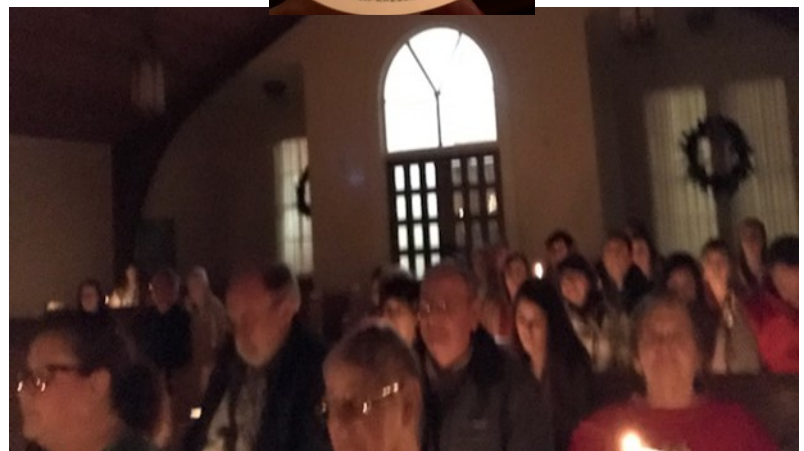
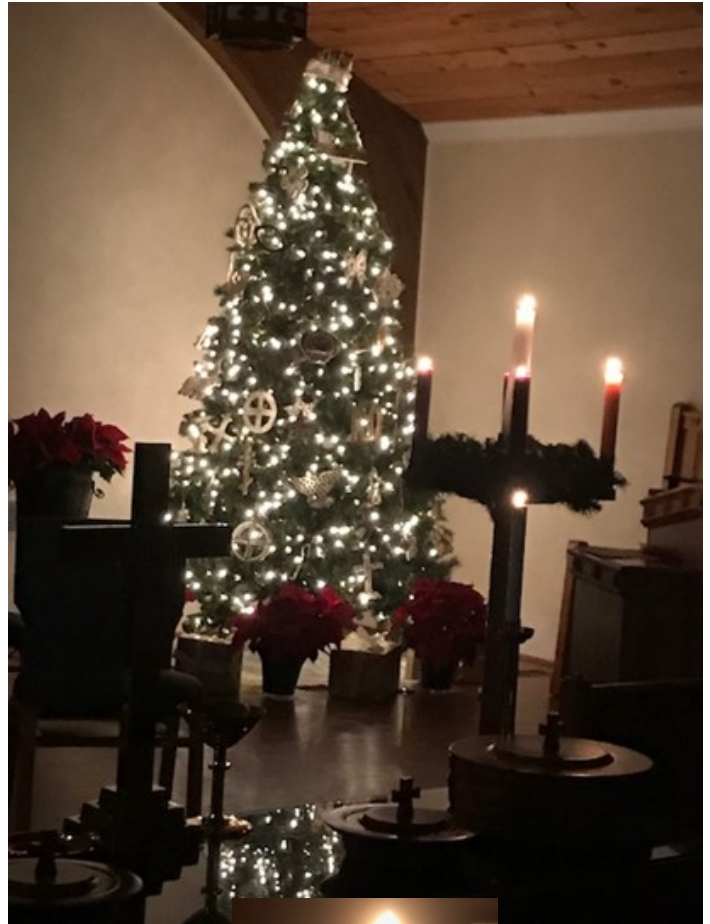
March 24: Palm Sunday

March 29: Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM Service

April 1-Mary 19, 2018: Easter White liturgical colors

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Christmas Eve Candlelit Service 2017



Disciple Women's Christmas celebration at Pam Crawford's house.



Joan Mann, board chair for 2017, hosted the outgoing and incoming joint board meeting for December.



WFCC collected filled stockings for ACTS as a December project.



Our choir continues to shine under the direction of Patty Wagner.



Evangelism and Membership Committee News:

Plans are to send the new Directory to the Printer by the end of January. If you have had any changes to your phone numbers or e-mail addresses, please contact the church office.

A Historical Membership Book is being developed. You will be asked to complete a form with your membership history. Ann Smith, our church Historian, will be helping with this project.

Many activities for the membership include the Wednesday night suppers and Bible study, the WWW suppers, the Community luncheons, First Fridays in partner with Outreach, and many more new activities are being considered. If you would like to be on the E&M Committee, please see me. We are always in the need for members who can envision activities for membership and evangelism.

Also, if there is a special program you are interested in, please let me know. Our next regular meeting will be on Friday, Feb. 9 at 11:00am at the church. Fun Member Quiz - Do you know who was a gymnast in college in our congregation? Tune in next month for the answer!

Cathy Moorehead, E&M Chair

ACTS Help needed!

This coming Tuesday, February 6th is our church's time to volunteer at ACTS and help is needed! We volunteer every other month on the first Tuesday.

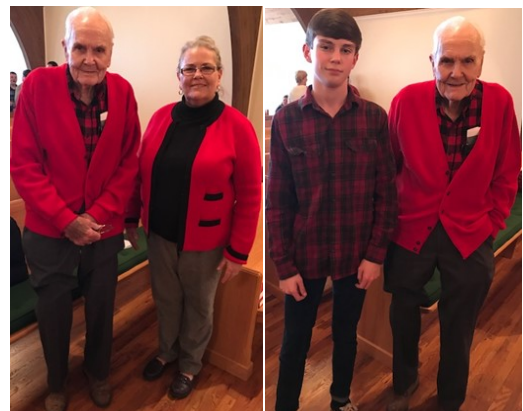
ACTS stands for: Area Churches Together Serving and FCCW is a huge part of the work that goes on there! It is the food bank and clothing closet for Oconee County people in need.

Cindy Pritchard and Pam Crawford are on the board along with Sheila as the board ministerial support. We volunteer with the Trader Joe food pick-ups on Monday, thank you Leo, Doc and Wayne...we work closets, thanks to many members, we volunteer once a year for can a thon, we donate foods and clothing, we donate thru Outreach committee monthly, and thru other committees, and we prepare dozens of Christmas stockings for clients.

Thank you to CMF men's group for the wonderful donation of \$2000 from proceeds of chicken mull!

Members are needed on the 6th to stock canned goods, to prepare food bags for clients, to work in closets, to work at desk, to assist clients to car if needed, and to clean up after the day. It's a busy day from 8:45 to 1:15.

The Smith family coordinated their outfits this morning.



OUTREACH ; REACH OUT IN SERVICE TO OTHERS

UPCOMING SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

TUESDAY FEB. 6TH – ACTS – AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER SERVING

FCCW serves clients at ACTS – 9:00 to 1:00. ACTS is the Food Bank and Clothes Closet for Oconee residents. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board next to Sheila's office. We need at least 6 volunteers. For details contact Pam Crawford 706-202-4590.

TUESDAY FEB. 13TH – FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER 6PM

Fat Tuesday, also called Pancake Day, Shrove Tuesday and Mardi Gras, which is French for "Fat Tuesday", is the last day of feasting before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. FCCW is celebrating with a Pancake Supper in the Fellowship Hall. Cost for dinner is a donation to Relay for Life of Oconee County. Our goal for Relay for Life of Oconee 2018 is \$3000. We will have another supper event in March and sell Luminaries.

SUNDAY FEB 18TH & 25TH – WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING.

Week of Compassion offerings benefit the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church. Our goal is \$1000.

SUNDAY FEB. 25TH – INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK TRAINING – 12:15 AT ASHFORD METHODIST

This is a new opportunity for serving families in need. Families will be hosted at Union Christian Church. In order to volunteer, you must complete 1 hour of training. Ashford Methodist is hosting a lunch and training session. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board next to Sheila's office. Encourage all to attend the training, if you think this might be of interest. Contact Bill Hunt or Cindy Pritchard for more information.

The Choir surprised former Doug Ivey at his retirement reception from First Christian Church of Sandersville.

