

Welcome to Binkley!... “Every Member A Minister!”

We extend a warm welcome to anyone who desires to unite with this church and share in its ministry and mission. We seek to honor the presence of God and follow the teachings of Christ as an inclusive Christian Community of Faith. Membership in Binkley is not dependent upon race, age, ability, gender, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, spiritual tradition, political affiliation, or economic circumstance. Persons may join this church through profession of faith in Jesus Christ and the meaningful experience of baptism by immersion, by transfer from another Christian congregation respecting the mode of baptism by which one has symbolized faith, by reaffirmation of Christian faith, or by request for a watchcare relationship to this congregation while retaining one’s full membership elsewhere. Those who wish to join the church are invited to walk forward during the Hymn of Invitation at the end of morning worship. In a spirit of Christian love, we welcome you.

This Week at Binkley December 9 – 16

SUNDAY	9:30am	Church School
	11:00am	Worship, led by the Chancel and Youth Choirs
	12:00 n	Transition Committee Report
	5:30pm	Board of Christian Education Meeting, Room 11
	6:00pm	Youth Group
	7:00pm	Moravian Lovefeast
		Attention Parents of Nativity Reenactors: Please pick up your costumes today in the fellowship hall. Come in costume to the dress rehearsal Saturday at 10:00am. Be ready next Sunday in your seats at 10:45am. We look forward to experiencing the Sunday of Joy in Advent with this joyful offering from our children!
MONDAY	9:15am	Contemplative Prayer
	7:30	Board of Outreach
THURSDAY	7:30pm	You and Your Aging Parent
SATURDAY	10:00am	Nativity Reenactment Rehearsal, Sanctuary
NEXT	9:30am	Church School
SUNDAY	11:00am	Worship, Joy, Nativity Reenactment
	7:00 pm	Youth Group Christmas Party

Thank You for Serving in the Nursery Today: John Brandon, John, Susan and Chelsea Cullen, Joy Wood, Anne Fishel, Angela Snider

Special Thanks to Janice Pope for accompanying our service today!

TONIGHT! MORAVIAN LOVEFEAST: Join us for our traditional Moravian celebration at 7:00 tonight.



Transition Committee Report to the Congregation, December 9 The Transition Committee will lead the congregation following worship today in a discussion of its recommendations to the Church regarding ministerial staffing needs and leadership models.

Opinion Survey on Immigration You are invited to share your personal views on this controversial topic through the anonymous survey enclosed in the bulletin. The opinions expressed by Binkley members and friends will be helpful to the facilitators of the January Adult Education series on immigration as they prepare to lead discussion about current law, the roots of migration, and the opportunities and challenges faced by immigrants today. Please leave your completed survey in the offering plate or in the basket on Beth Honeycutt's office door. Thank you!



Prime Timers: Join us to celebrate the season! Our Christmas luncheon will be held at Carol Woods on **Wednesday December 12, 12:30 pm**. The cost is \$10.00 per person, and the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from Beth Honeycutt's office at Binkley. Deadline to sign up is **TODAY 12/9**.

Binkley Earth Ministry Committee will gather again on **Thursday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m.**, in the Sun Room. This season continues to be an exciting time to get involved with earth care and advocacy as we continue to revision and plan events and activities ahead. Alice Lloyd, of NC Interfaith Power & Light, a program of the NC Council of Churches, will join us to discuss climate change projects. Please join us! For more information, contact Allison Corum corum34@bellsouth.net, or Lynn Calder lcalder@allen-pinnix.com.

Emmaus Christmas Party! All members of the Emmaus class (past and present) and all friends of the Emmaus Class are invited to our annual party at the Preston home at 106 Majestic Court, Chapel Hill, on **Friday, December 14th**, at 6:30 P. M. Please bring a heavy appetizer and a beverage. RSVP by email to susanpreston@yahoo.com or phone 960-8399.

Church School: Next Sunday, **December 16**, is the final day of regular church school classes. Please come **December 23 at 10:00am** for an intergenerational gathering in the Fellowship Hall for stories, carols and recognition of our wonderful church school teachers. There will be no church school on Sunday, **December 30**; we resume regular classes **January 6th**.



Winter Solstice Celebration: For centuries people have gathered to celebrate the Winter Solstice with candle light, dancing, and drumming. Please join the women's sacred drum circle as we embrace this sacred night. All women are invited to attend whether or not you have ever drummed. Join us on **Saturday, December 22nd**, from 7:00 – 8:30 in the sanctuary. Please bring a candle to light the darkness. Contact Stacy Shelp-Peck at shelppeck@mindspring.com with any questions.



Binkley Readers will have a Very Merry Christmas Potluck Feast on **Saturday, December 22, 6:30 pm**, at the home of Martha Hamilton and Collins Kilburn, 631 Brookview Drive. The discussion time will be devoted to selecting books to read and discuss during the winter and spring. Attendees will bring food. Collins and Martha will provide the Koolaid.

Names for Minister Selection Committee: A list of Binkley members will be posted in the Narthex and kept in the office until **December 30, 2007**. The list is available for those who wish to remove their names before the ballot for nominations is presented to the church on January 6, 2008. Please give prayerful consideration to your ability to serve in this capacity.

Drivers Desperately Needed: The IFC Community Kitchen is desperately seeking more volunteer drivers weekday mornings to help with increased donations from a group of new groceries and food service operations in the community. If you can help with one of the regular rotations, please contact Paul Eberhart at 357-4875 or daymanager@ifcmailbox.org.

If You're Wanting More Stars In Your Crown, you'll have to get in line behind the dear folks that contributed their wonderful energy and time to make the Chili Feast for the Hanging of the Greens a success. At a moment's notice, men, women and teens sprinted forward to make extra chili, stir chili and serve chili. So many helped set up and clean up the Fellowship Hall, prepare the feast, wash dishes, store leftovers and lend their good cheer. We will remember you and thank you for saving the day!! - *The Fellowship Committee*

Binkley's Advent Wreath: Our Advent Wreath helps us celebrate the four Sundays of Advent. The circular wreath of evergreens symbolizes God's unending love. The purple candles signify expectation and repentance, while the pink candle will be lit on the Third Sunday of Advent to emphasize joy and gratitude. The purple and pink candles represent the themes of hope, peace, joy and love, as do the small, carved figures beside each candle. The white Christ Candle symbolizes both death and new life, as well as Christ's loving embrace of our whole world. The small white flowers woven throughout the wreath are known as "Star of Bethlehem". Once again, we are grateful to Charles Carver for providing our lovely wreath.

Water Conservation: What are you doing to conserve water? Share your ideas— write what you are doing on the bulletin board beside Beth Honeycutt's office.



Binkley Preschool Registration: Preschool registration applications for the school year 2008-2009 started December 1, 2007, and Binkley Church Members have enrollment priority until the December 31, 2007 deadline. Applications are available by the preschool bulletin board, and online at www.binkleypreschool.org. Questions, please call Beth Monsour 928-9960.

Advent Devotional Resources for All: Advent devotional materials are available in the narthex. Please take the materials you need and spend time reading, praying and preparing your heart and household for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. The nativity event some 2000 years ago is to be remembered and received by faithful Christian hearts again and again and again. All of these devotional materials give us concrete ways to focus our advent meditations as individuals and as a family of believers.

Inter-Faith Council Holiday Coupon Campaign – 2007: Please consider sharing a holiday meal with someone who might not otherwise get one – with our Holiday Coupon Campaign. Binkley members may pick up their IFC Holiday coupons in the narthex.

Jeanie Arnel has been the kind and determined Director of the Chapel Hill Meals on Wheels program for more than 29 years. On December 31, 2007 Jeanie will be retiring from this outstanding work she has so capably performed. When Jeanie began her work at Meals on Wheels (which Binkley has housed for all 29 years of its existence in Chapel Hill) her office was located in what is now our lounge. Shortly into her service here, the church needed to use the lounge for different purposes and Jeanie was moved to her current closet/office near what we affectionately call the Meals on Wheels doorway. Jeanie states that Meals on Wheels is an integral part of her life and retiring will be bittersweet. She also likes to think of Binkley as her second church home, so she will miss all the Binkley members, preschoolers and volunteers who have crisscrossed her time here. **We will miss you, Jeanie, and we pray God's blessings be upon you in your retirement.**

Thank You, Bob! A Human Testimony to Christian Service named **Bob Henderson** has retired as our church's recycling patriarch. For many, many years Bob has faithfully collected not only Binkley's recycling, but also our IFC food donations for transport to their Carrboro office. Every Monday the staff could count on Bob's humble service to Binkley, to the community and to the Earth's environment. Thank you Bob!

Prayer Concerns in the Church Family: Nettie Wilburn, Gretchen Aylsworth, The Overton Family, Tom Bryan, Sarah Buren, Maurice Cohen, Mary Jo Doughtrey, Martha Henderson, Geraldine King, Lew Miles, Phillippi family, Lyn and Nash Pollard, Coye Rogers, Dean Smith, Pam Swanson-Boyd, Dan Textoris, Norma Willhoit.

Prayer Concerns in the Extended Family: Hope Conway (mother of Kit Conway), Karen Brock (Ann and Roy Brock's daughter-in-law), The family of Thomas Barnett (Karen Long's friend), Joyce Bradley (Family friend of Kent Coyle), Tan and Scott Coats, Richard Cole (Kent Coyle's uncle), Tara Hogan (Talmadge Walker's niece), Thalia Falk, (Nettie Wilburn's friend), Gayle Gordon (Ruth Nagle's sister), Christine Hopkins (Anne Fishel's mother), Bill and Ellen Huffman (Anne Huffman's parents), Verla Insko's mother, Dirk Leiser (Mary Lou Smith's brother), Ethel Moses (Nettie Wilburn's sister), Jessica Mosqueda (granddaughter of JoAnn Flair), Dan Peck (brother of Bill Shelp Peck), Lisa Radford (Jane's sister), Rebecca Rogers (Susan's mother), Jeanne Schulte (friend of Gladess Crisp), Sebene Selassie (Bereket's daughter), Jane Sutton (Willard Hamrick's cousin), Ruby Switzer (Katherine Walker's grandmother), Linnea Smith's father, Don & Sally Weil (friends of Doug and Susan MacKinnon), Mark Zach (friend of Phil and Rhonda Szostak).

In The Military: Brian Buchanan (Tom and Kathy Bryan's son-in-law in Afghanistan), Logan Peck (Bill and Stacey Shelp-Peck's nephew in Iraq).

We Extend Sympathy to Lillian Lee on the death of her sister-in-law.