

All Nations Newsletter

December 2025



Advent Season

Each week, we light candles, beginning with the HOPE candle, as we focus on the prophetic messages of Christ's coming. Next the PEACE candle, to reflect on the tranquility that Jesus brings. The candle of JOY is the pink candle, to celebrate the season. Then the candle of LOVE, God's love demonstrated through the gift of His Son. The center candle, the white candle, is the CHRIST candle and is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Let us embrace the transformative power of this special season.

Community Outreach

Caroling at the
nursing home
December 21st,
after worship---
see Odette.



**The Christmas
Story Contada.
Deacon Margaret
needs readers
and singers to
participate in.**



Get Ready for Elder Elections in January!

As we look ahead to January, we want to share some exciting news about our upcoming Elder elections! This is an important time for our church, as we'll be electing a new leader to serve as Elder, guiding us in our spiritual journey together. We're thrilled to introduce this year's nominating committee members: Elder Christy, Odette Burton, and Yolande Pierre. During the congregational meeting in January, we'll present the slate of nominees, and we'll also open the floor for additional nominations. If you have someone in mind who you believe would be a great fit for the Elder role, this is your chance to speak up! Just a reminder: all nominees must be active members of our church for at least six months and must be willing to serve if elected. Elders' meetings are every second Sunday of the month at 12:30pm – 2:00pm.



Advent Candles

Greetings from the Pastor

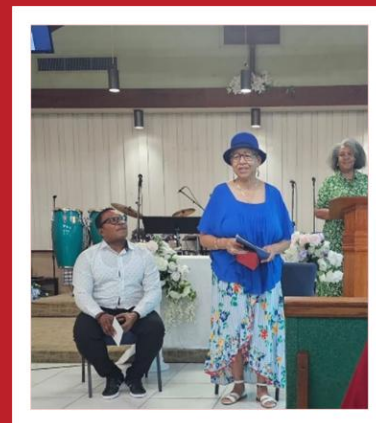
Happy Advent Season! I encourage you to join us for caroling at the nursing home, led by Odette. It's a beautiful opportunity to bring joy to the community. We will also have our Advent candle lighting, cantata and speeches led Deacon Margaret, which will deepen our understanding of this special season. Let's enjoy all the bright lights, tasty food, and fellowship with family and friends as we make lasting memories together.



World Communion Sunday at Myrtle Grove



Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal



Members Appreciation Sunday: June and Kesner



Yardwork by Biwaki, Kesner - pictured,
Barry, Humphrey



New Member Michaelle Colins



December 21st Praise Offering Worship and Fellowship Meal

December 14th



11:00 am

This is a special time to remember our loved ones. We come together to share happy memories while also feeling okay about being sad. Everyone who is willing can light a candle in memory of those we miss. Remembering them helps us feel connected and gives us hope that one day we will see them again. It's a comforting way to celebrate love and memories.



Y & Y Experience

“Train Up a Child in the way they should go.”

All Nations and Shekinah church came together again for 5th Sunday Youth and Young Adult Experience. Now, in the spirit of growing our church community, we are setting a goal. Over the next month, we will invite Good Shepherd youth to join in the experience the 5th Sunday in March 2026. We want to plan well and explore how they can contribute in a meaningful way with the gifts God has blessed them with.

Falling Into Thankfulness

Beloved family in Christ, what a blessed and uplifting experience we had on this past 5th Sunday! Just days after our Thanksgiving celebrations, and with the rain falling outside, we came together in a beautiful demonstration of unity and gratitude that can only come from our Lord.

Our two churches joined forces once again, and it was our youth and young adults who were at the forefront, showcasing the incredible gifts that God has blessed them with. From the moment we entered the church, the energy was felt! The youth led as worship leader keeping us inspired, lighting the Advent candle setting our focus on Christ, reflecting on Bible stories and engaging crafts that not only stirred creativity but also nurtured our hearts. Their spirited praise songs and passionate performances—through song, dance, and music—echoed through the space, lifting us closer to heaven with each joyful note.

In this digital age, we are so grateful for our young men who took charge of the live-streaming and audio-visual efforts, ensuring our message of hope and togetherness reached not just those present but also those joining us from afar. Their dedication is a testament to the bright future God has in store for our church! As the day unfolded, we were blessed to hear a phenomenal message from Pastor Rose. She reminded us of the hope we have in Christ, encouraging us to remain true to our identities as children of God. This beautiful message set the stage for a time of heartfelt prayer. We united in praying for our children, asking God to guide their spiritual growth, keep them safe, and help them hold fast to their identities in a world that often tries to pull them away. We recognize the weight of this world, but together we declare that our children are covered in the love and grace of our Lord!

While our littlest ones joyfully crafted their thankfulness trees—each leaf a celebration of God's blessings—we witnessed the beautiful truth that gratitude is a practice we can all partake in, no matter our age.

And, of course, we sealed our gathering with the delightful nourishment of pizza!

What better way to strengthen our bonds than breaking bread together? As we shared laughter and stories around the table, we were reminded that our fellowship is a reflection of the love Christ has for each of us.

This 5th Sunday was more than just a day on the calendar; it was a powerful reminder that when we gather in God's name, our diversified strengths come together in harmony. As we move forward, let us continue to support one another, nurture our spiritual growth, and boldly celebrate the identities God has given us! As we reflect on this joyful day, may we carry the spirit of gratitude and unity with us. Let us continue to encourage one another. Thank you to every one of you who participated and poured your hearts into making this day so special! Truly, our best days are ahead as we walk together in God's light! Amen!

Wishing you a Joyous Christmas and a Blessed New Year

As we celebrate this wonderful season, may your hearts be filled with the joy and hope that the birth of our Savior brings.

Merry Christmas! May the love of Christ shine brightly in your homes and illuminate your lives with peace, joy, love, and hope.

As we approach the New Year, let's renew our faith and commitment to one another, embracing the exciting journey God has laid before us.

Wishing you and your family abundant blessings, love, and happiness throughout this holiday season and in the year to come!

With warmest wishes,

Pastor Denise McLeod

