

**e-Spire Headlines**

Headlines that are underlined are linked to our website for more information.

## Worship

First Sunday After Christmas  
**Service of Worship & Holy Communion**  
Sunday, January 1, 2017  
11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

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Service of Baptism & Holy Communion  
Sunday, January 8, 2017  
6:00 p.m., Chapel

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## Wednesday Night Dinner & Programs

**Standing  
Reservations  
Now available!**

**January 4**  
Epiphany Service  
6:45 p.m., Chapel  
**Dinner reservations  
due by 4:00 p.m.  
TODAY**

**January 11-25**  
Winter Bible Study

## Upcoming Events

### 2016 Contributions

Please [click here](#) to carefully read the important dates and information regarding end of the year contributions.

- **Deliver to the church: TODAY at 5:00 p.m.**
- Postmarked: Saturday, December 31
- Online: Friday, December 30 at 5:00 p.m.

- Contributions put in the offering plate on Sunday, January 1, 2017, will go toward your 2017 pledge.

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**New Year's Eve Labyrinth Walk & Personal Meditation**

**Saturday, December 31**

**10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

Please enter the Fellowship Hall through the doors facing the front plaza. We suggest that you allow approximately 45-60 minutes for the labyrinth experience. For first time walkers, or if you'd like to learn more about the labyrinth experience, Rev. Libby Grammer will offer guided meditative walks from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Appointments are not necessary; everyone is welcome.

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**Children & Youth Activities**

**January 2017**

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**Evening Bridge**

**Tuesday, January 3**

**7:30 p.m., LC #102**

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**FIXERS**

**Thursday, January 5**

**8:00 a.m., Reception Room**

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**Men's Fellowship Breakfast**

**Tuesday, January 10**

**7:30 a.m., Reception Room**

Reservations required.

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**Comma Club Luncheon**

**Tuesday, January 10**

**12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

Reservations required.

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**Church Leaf Collection Day**

**Saturday, January 14**

**8:30 a.m., Plaza**

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**American Legion Post 84 Meeting**

**Saturday, January 14**

**10:00 a.m., Chapel Hall**

All veterans are invited to Post 84's meeting. There will be coffee, juice, and pastries available, conversations and fellowship with other veterans, comments from John Newby (State Commissioner of Veteran's Affairs), and comments about Post 84's activities. Feel free to bring a veteran friend.

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### FLO Brunch

Sunday, January 15

1:00 p.m., The Hard Shell

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### *E. Carl Freeman Concert Series*

St. Olaf Choir

Friday, February 3

7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Northfield, Minnesota

Anton Armstrong, director

**Ticketed Event:** [Tickets are ONLY available online through St. Olaf Concert.](#)

Since this concert is likely to sell out months in advance, tickets will not be available at the door.



## Stewardship

### Stewardship Campaign Update

- \$1,179,167 has been pledged with 266 pledge cards received.
- 129 of the pledges have been increased from last year by a total of \$132,960.
- 25 family units who did not pledge last year have pledged \$48,816 for 2017

If you have not yet made your commitment for 2017, you may do so by filling out one of the commitment cards in the pews, or by calling LeAnne Lane.

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### Thoughtful Giving: *For Such a Time as This*

- [Testimony by Libby Grammer](#) (11/20/16)
- [Sermon "Christian Stewardship" by Tom Graves](#) (11/13/16)
- [Testimony by Chester Phelps](#) (11/13/16)
- [Testimony by Dan Bagby](#) (11/6/16)
- [Testimony by Bob Gallagher](#) (10/30/16)
- [Mission Vision: Thoughtful Giving](#) (10/30/16)



## Missions

[CBF Season of Prayer for Global Missions and Christmas Offering 2016](#)

**Deadline: January 1, 2017**

[Click here](#) for more information including a video by CBF. Envelopes can be found in the pew racks. If you would like to make a contribution online, please select "Global Missions." Any undesignated checks will be applied to your pledge.

**Field Personnel Stories:**

- Missy Ward-Angalla & Francis Angalla ([CBF](#) | [RRCB](#))
- Greg & Sue Smith ([CBF](#) | [LUCHA Ministries](#))
- [Alicia & Jeffery Lee](#)
- [Keith Holmes & Mary Van Rheenen](#)
- [Chaouki & Maha Boulos](#)

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**Panama Mission Trip Donations**

**Deadline: January 25**

**Trip: January 28 - February 5**

- New or gently-used reading glasses (any kind)
- Toothbrushes

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**Micah Opportunities and Needs - Fall 2016**

**Service:**

- Classroom assistance and one-on-one tutoring
- Office assistance
- Food backpack distribution on Friday afternoons

**Donations:**

- Children's book drive
- Clothing
- Bikes



# Rejoice & Give Thanks

**Campaign Updates**

- **[Sound Update Fall 2016](#)** (09/06/16)
- **[Photo Galleries](#)** (updated 09/06/16)
- [New Sound, Old Sound](#) (06/15/16)
- [Summer 2016 Update](#) (06/01/16)
- [Spring 2016 Update](#) (03/01/16)
- [Winter 2015 Update](#) (12/01/15)
- [Fall 2015 Update](#) (09/01/15)
- [New Organ Console Delivery](#) (06/09/15)
- [Piano Refurbishment Project](#) (02/09/15)

# Church Information

## Minister On Call

December 31 - January 3  
Libby Grammer ~ 804-229-6163

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## Christmas Decorations Take Down - Thank You

Our church Christmas decorations were taken down and cleaned up on was December 28 by volunteers who shared their time and talents. We would like to say thank you to the following people who were a part of this special time: Margaret Almond, Kevin Harris, Joyce Leshner, Steve Lessels, Betsy Lowery, Doug Phelps, Kristen Phelps, and Julia Tyler.

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## Stewardship Discovery Report

The Stewardship Discovery Report from this summer's work by Dr. Tom Melzoni and Horizons Stewardship is available by contacting the Church Office. You may request a digital copy or hard copy.

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## Pastor's Blog

- [In Touch](#) by Dan Bagby
  - [Patiently Waiting \(Sort of\)](#) by Libby Grammer
  - [A Great Sunday Together](#) by Daniel Glaze
  - [Some Things We Shouldn't have to Wait for](#) by Kim Crowley
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## Glimpses of Faith

### Four most recent stories:

- ["Ubi caritas" by Duruflé](#) by RRCB Chancel Choir
- [Glimpses Across Liminal Thresholds](#) by C. Page Highfill
- ["Agnus Dei" from Duruflé Requiem](#) by RRCB Chancel Choir
- [Wonderful Words of Life from Mike](#) by Nancy Brown

Share your faith story with us through written words, poetry, art, or other media, and we'll share it with others who may grow from it.

To see an invitation from Dan Bagby, for more information about your submission, and to find the full list of stories click [here](#).

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## Happy Birthday!

### December 30

Hilary Blanchard; Mark Cipolletti;  
Stuart Seaton, Jr.; Katie Trott

### January 2

Donna Brown, Kitty Davis, Elisabeth  
Dixon, Ellie Dixon, Bonnie Suwal

**December 31**

Steve Pugh

**January 3**

Terry Booth, Don Pate

**January 1**

Carole Bates, Whitley Draper, Patrick Green, John Hutcheson, Sam Ouk, Erin Stuhlman, Sondra Trent, John Whitty

**January 4**

Judy Morris, Malcolm Page

**January 5**

Jo Ann Weinhardt

**Happy Anniversary!****December 30**Kathy & Harper Alexander - 45 years  
Judy Collins & Joe Teefey - 22 years**January 2**

Cindy and Topper Davis - 20 years

**December 31**

Sandra &amp; Carl Sizemore - 50 years

**January 4**

Rick and Anne Byrne - 20 years

**January 1**

Currie and Sandra Carter - 17 years

**January 5**

Andrew and Hilary Blanchard - 15 years

**Church Family Information***Folks who are bolded are additions or changes from last week's list.***AT HOME:** Mary Ellen Berry, Marian Brooks, Margaret Collins (daughter's home), Doris Curtis, Margaret Daniel, Doug Edwards, Barbara Paterson, **Jim Paxton**, Sam Nixon, Jackson Savedge, David Sims Sr., Avery Small, Bill Smith, Mary Lee Stark, Beth Stuhlman, Mac Taylor**IN HEALTHCARE:** Jean Eubank - The Hermitage, Eunice Garrett - Morningside, Mary Haydon - The Crossings at University Park, Charlotte Ladd - Lakewood, Ann Moss - Westminster, Martha & Bob Younger - Westminster**IN ASSISTED LIVING:** Jane Budwell - Beth Sholom; Ellis Cunningham - Elmcroft Assisted Living; Mary Gauldin - Our Lady of Hope; Jeanette Gholston - Chestnut Grove Assisted Living; Lovell Glasco - Lakewood; Sue Kalbaugh - Gayton Terrace; June Lane - Lakewood; Sarah MacLellan - Culpeper Baptist Retirement Community (Culpeper, VA); Clayton Marr - Our Lady of Hope; Vivian Mathews - St. Mary's Woods; Mary Noble - Cedarfield; Gloria & Doug Pace - The Memory Center Richmond; John Pearson - Lakewood; Merle Showalter - Lakewood; Mary Shreve - Spring Arbor Assisted Living; Sandy Thornton - Sanders Health Care Center (Gloucester, VA), Kemp West - The Hermitage**IN REHABILITATION:** Jerry Crute - Westport Manor, Janet Currie - Beaufont Rehab & Healthcare**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of Mary Lib Grizzard upon her death on December 29. Memorial service arrangements are pending.

## Calendar of Events

***If you have an event or meeting planned at the church, please contact Cassandra Ducca to schedule it on the calendar.***

### **Saturday, December 31**

10:00 a.m.: Labyrinth Walk,  
Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, January 1**

11:00 a.m.: Worship, Sanctuary

### **Monday, January 2**

Church Office Closed

### **Tuesday, January 3**

Church Office Closed

7:30 p.m.: Evening Bridge, LC #102

### **Wednesday, January 4**

8:00 a.m.: Men's Group: The Huddle,  
Reception Room

4:30 p.m.: Stephen Ministry, Parlor

4:45 p.m.: River Road Camerta, Choir  
Room

5:30 p.m.: Wednesday Night Dinner,  
Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m.: Epiphany Family Worship  
Service, Chapel

7:30 p.m.: Chancel Bell Choir, Bell  
Room

### **Thursday, January 5**

8:00 a.m.: FIXERS, Reception Room

7:30 p.m.: Chancel Choir Rehearsal,  
Choir Room

*Key: LC - Lower Commons | UC - Upper Commons | CH - Chapel Hall*

### Stay Connected



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