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## *First Notes: November Edition*

### **November Missions Emphasis: Operation Christmas Child / Christmas Angels**

Bring your completed boxes back to the church office from Oct 27 - Nov 10. Our church goal is 1,000 Operation Christmas Child boxes! Make a box online: <https://sampur.se/3ZnA1Yu> // Following the Hanging of the Green service on November 24, you can select your Christmas Angel to purchase Christmas gifts for.

### **Church Conference: November 13**

The next church conference will be on November 13 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Wayfarer Event: November 14th**

Adults 55+ are invited to a Special Senior Adult Lunch on November 14 at noon. Our guest speaker will be Carol Cain of LaGrange, GA. Carol dons coveralls, work boots, and the iconic head scarf to tell the story of women workers on the home front during World War II.

### **Ladies Tea and Men in Black: November 21-22**

Ladies, you are invited to our annual Ladies Christmas Tea! This is an event for the women and friends of FBC Monroe to enjoy a nice meal, encouraging message, and time of fellowship as we welcome in the Christmas season. Men, we need your help with valet parking and serving. If you're available to help, register online.

### **Hanging of the Green Service: November 24**

Our annual Hanging of the Green service will be on November 24 at 6pm in the Sanctuary. At this event, we welcome in the Advent season by sharing the significance of the sights and sounds of Christmas.

### **Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving: November 27-29**

### **Turkey Trot and "Home Alone" Thanksgiving Meal: November 28**

Home Alone for Thanksgiving? Join us at the church for a 1-mile Turkey Trot around the church, followed by a Thanksgiving lunch! We will provide the meat and you can provide the sides. Register online.

### **One Sunday and Christmas Musical: December 1**

On December 1, Sunday School will be at 9:15am followed by one worship service at 10:30am in the sanctuary. The service will be a special Christmas musical put together by our choir.

### **Student Ministry Ski Trip: Sign Up Until December 1**

Students will be going to Boone, NC and skiing at Sugar Mountain. We will leave Jan 18 and come back on Jan 20. It is \$150 per student and scholarships are available. Speak to Kyle Brown if you have any questions.

### **Volunteer for Downtown Christmas Parade: December 5**

Help us share the joy of Christmas with our community by volunteering at the Downtown Monroe Christmas Parade! Our church will be providing free popcorn & hot chocolate, singing Christmas carols, giving away Bibles/Christmas devotions, and sponsoring a raffle. Volunteers can register online.

### **Wednesday Night Dinner & Activities**

We have five adult studies in addition to activities for preschool, kids, and youth. Dinner begins at 5pm and Snack Suppers for kids at 6pm (no reservations required; donations accepted). All studies begin at 6:15pm.