



Flock Talk for Dec 5, 2018

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This Flock Talk includes: 1) Caroling Party 2) Save the dates 3) Bell Ringing 4) Youth 5) Poinsettias 6) Mission Trip update 7) Men's Connection Breakfast 8) Library materials 9) Christmas Open House 10) Candlelight Service 11) Food Drive

1) Caroling and Appetizer/Dessert Party—Join us this Sunday, **Dec 9 at 5:45pm** for a night of food, fellowship, & Christmas caroling with groups going to the Landings neighborhood near church or Juniper Village Memory Care (across from the Y), culminating with hot drinks/dessert back at the church. Dress up warm (for outdoor carolers) in your favorite Christmas gear (Santa hats, crazy sweaters, etc.)! Please bring an appetizer if your last name begins with A-K, or a dessert if your name begins with L-Z (label for allergies). Inviting international students and friends is encouraged! To volunteer to help, please contact the church office (814-237-8020), church@scefc.org or sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4FACAA2AA6FB6-christmas>

2) Save the dates: Here are some upcoming events for our church calendar. Stay tuned for more details:

Dec 9: Church Christmas Caroling Party, 5:45 (Make a joyful noise, invite others, and bring an appetizer or dessert to share before/after caroling!) There will be an email sign-up sent out soon!

Dec 15: Men's Connection Breakfast

Dec 23: Christmas Open House at Grella's, 4-8pm, maps available at info desk

Dec 24: Christmas Eve Service, 6pm

If you would like to help with any of the special events listed above, please email the church office. church@scefc.org

3) Salvation Army Bell Ringing: If you are interested in signing up for bell-ringing this year, please go to the link: redkettlevolunteer.org. There are slots available for the Walmart on North Atherton.

3) Youth—Christmas Party, Dec 16 5:30-8pm.

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4) Poinsettia Memorial Orders: We will be again ordering poinsettia's to decorate the sanctuary. If you would like to purchase one in memory or honor of a loved one, please email the church office: church@scefc.org or fill out a form at the info desk. Please be specific in your email about what you would like printed on the insert. Each flower is \$7. Poinsettias can be picked up on Christmas Eve and there will be a list of memorials in the bulletin that morning. Please fill out the order form and put in your memorial request by Thursday Dec 13, putting "Poinsettia" on memo line if paying by check.

5) Hurricane Florence mission trip update: We're sending 2 teams (one on Jan13 -19 and one on Jan 20-26) to Morehead City North Carolina to serve with EFCA's Reach Global Crisis Response helping the victims of Hurricane Florence! Please pray for the hurricane victims, our teams and the Crisis Response ministry. If you would like to support the team financially, please make a donation to the church with "NC trip" on the memo line of your check.

6) Christian Brotherhood Featured At Upcoming Men's Connection Breakfast
What is "Christian Brotherhood?" If Christian men are more sincere, honest, trustworthy, and dependable, why do they struggle like everyone else in making and sustaining lasting friendships with other men? This upcoming men's connection breakfast will address the theme of "Christian Brotherhood" - through table discussions, scripture to consider, and short testimonies. Join in by attending on Saturday Morning Dec 15 from 8 to 10 am here at the church. Food is provided. Men, ages 12 to 99+, are encouraged to attend. Need more information? Contact Sanford "Sandy" Smith, at 814-380-0699 or sanfordsmith58@gmail.com.

7) Christmas materials are now on display and available in library! Check out the Christmas adult and children's books, videos and music which are displayed in the library and now available for loan.

8) Christmas Open House at the Grella's: All are invited to an open house at the Grella's home: on Sunday, Dec 23. It will be held from 4-8pm and you may come & go anytime during that time. Be aware, parking is limited. A map to alternate parking in Willowbrook Estates will be provided (which accesses our **back** door—weather permitting). Unfortunately, our home is not handicap accessible. If you have any questions, please email Angie at Angie.Grella@mail.com or contact the church office. Come by for some food, fellowship and Christmas spirit!

9) Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Dec 24, 6pm: Join us as we celebrate our candlelight service for Christmas Eve. There will be a reception afterward, so please bring a plate of cookies/snack to share. Be thinking of who you might like to invite to this special time.

10) Non-perishables' food drive Starting in January (and for 6 weeks), the youth ministry @ EFree will continue with our outreach effort 'thinking outside the box' with a non-perishables food drive. You can place any food in the big brown box (in the coat closet) starting

on Jan. 6th and running through Feb 10.th This food will benefit many within Centre county through the ministry 'Common Food' (based in Port Matilda).

The youth ministry will follow up this collection with a 'Common Food' packing event in mid-late February. For more information, or if you would like to help at the packing event, contact Pastor Chris.