

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows” James 1:17

## OWLS 2024 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER



### *5 Reasons to Celebrate Advent*

- 1. It is the anticipation of Christ's Coming, beginning December 1<sup>st</sup> and ending December 25<sup>th</sup>.*
- 2. It is the Celebration of the Earthly Birth of Jesus Christ, His birth marks the beginning of his ministry.*
- 3. It Keeps the Focus of the Season on Jesus Christ. Where are you in your spiritual Growth? Take an inventory of where you are with your relationship with Christ.*
- 4. It is a Symbol of Eternal Life. Light advent candles surrounded with a wreath which symbolizes a new life with Christ.*
- 5. It is a Reminder of the Grace Offered to us all. With Jesus, it is by grace we are saved, because of Christ's arrival we can experience the unconditional Love and Grace of God.*

### **Upcoming events:**

**OWLS Book Club:** Facilitator is Dawn Schaeperkoetter, meetings are on the **FOURTH WEDNESDAY** of each month, from **10:30-12pm, in the OWLS Nest**. We will resume with discussion on the book:

For Nov/Dec we will meet on **December 4** and discuss *The Matzah Ball* by Jean Meltzer AND *The Perfect Love Song* by Patti Callahan Henry.

**December 5, 2024, 12:30-2:30pm, St Paul's Church, Atrium**-Christmas Craft Workshop Snowmen Sock Ornaments, \$5 per person for craft supplies, **No Sewing involved**, all supplies provided. Contact Margie Smith, at [margie1214@homesc.com](mailto:margie1214@homesc.com), Please provide her with each person's name, phone number, and email address when reserving your seat. There are still openings for this Christmas workshop.



### **St Paul's Choir Christmas events:**

- **Baroque Christmas Quartet Concert** on **Friday, December 6th at 7pm** in the **Church Building**. It is a free event, and the Astralise Ensemble will be playing. Donations are appreciated for this event.

### **2025 Future OWLS Events:**

**February 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am-1:00pm, in the Atrium, A Brunch celebrating the collaboration of the Grandparenting and OWLS Ministries!** Watch for further information in our next Newsletter for this event!

## **Outside St Paul's- December events:**

**December 8, 2024, @ 4pm-Charleston Choir and Symphony Orchestra performs Handel's Messiah**, at St Theresa of the Little Flower, Summerville. Keep an eye open for the Charleston Symphony schedule to purchase tickets for \$20 per person for this beautiful event. This link will take you directly to the online site to buy tickets.

<https://charlestonsymphony.org/event/summervillemessiah2024/>

**December 13 & 14, Holiday Spectacular Summerville Orchestra Christmas** – to review season and purchase tickets here is the link:

<https://summervilleorchestra.ludus.com/index.php?sections=events&widget=1>

**Annual Madrigal Dinners on December 20th and 21st at 7:00pm (Doors at 6:30); and December 22nd at 5:00pm (doors 4:30). Directed by William Bennett, Cane Bay High School Director of Choirs**

The **Cane Bay Cobra Choirs** will once again present The Madrigal Dinners which *are Renaissance* themed dinner theater shows held at Cane Bay High School and features the award-winning Cane Bay Cobra Chorale. Tickets are \$40 for adult seating/meal and \$30 for child/meal (ages 4-11) and include a 3-course meal and the show. We also offer a \$10 limited view balcony seat with no meal. Advanced tickets must be purchased for this show.

Embark with us on our annual madrigal tradition. We can't wait to welcome you to the castle!

Visit [www.canebaychoirs.com](http://www.canebaychoirs.com), or click the links below to purchase tickets, we hope to see you all there!

[FRIDAY DECEMBER 20TH](#) - 7:00PM (doors 6:30)

[SATURDAY DECEMBER 21ST](#) - 7:00PM (doors 6:30)

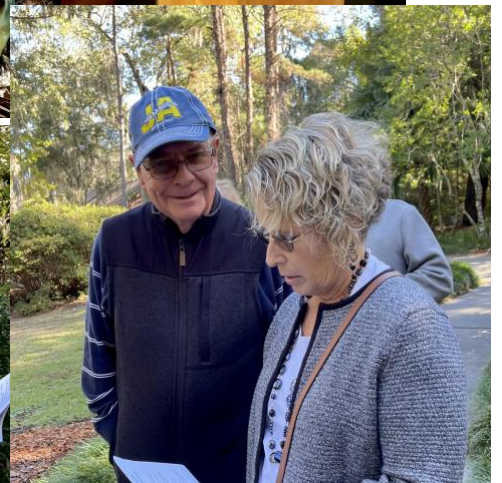
[SUNDAY DECEMBER 22ND](#) - 5:00PM (doors 4:30)

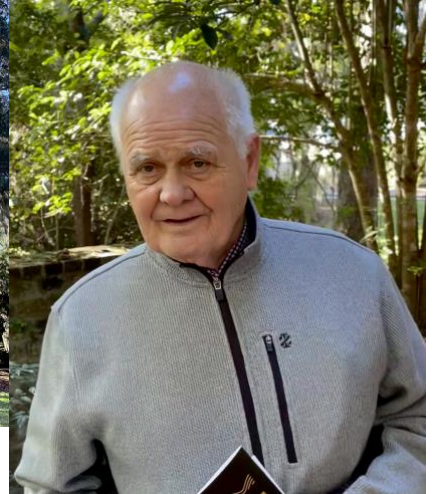
We are continuing our search for New Leaders for the OWLS Leadership Committee if you are Interested, please contact Ronna Toombs, [wtoombs10606@att.net](mailto:wtoombs10606@att.net).

**OWLS** - Our acronym stands for Older Wiser Livelier Servants. Our founding Bible verse is Romans 12:13, "Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality."



# OWLS Mepkin Abbey Creche Tour, November 21st





***“For to us a child born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” Isaiah 9:6***