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Wreath Making and Music Rings in Advent Season

A Note from Pastor Anne:

Advent began with a Eucharist chapel service, prompting attendees to stay awake and alert while watching for Christ. Students read selections from Isaiah as well as Luke, highlighting the call to be alert for God's coming. Meanwhile, in this time of waiting, the presence of God can be felt. The Christmas season is a wonderful reminder of His presence and the ultimate reason for the season. While we wait, we are hopeful for Christ's second coming in glory, bringing suffering and death to an end.

After chapel, all the students went to the dining hall where each cottage had an opportunity to make their own Advent wreath. A green ring awaited them along with an assortment of fresh cut cedar greens, pine cones, bells, beads and berries. Each cottage created their own unique wreath, which held four new candles. The wreaths will be used along with Advent devotions provided by Katherine Doyle (Executive Director Chris's wife and an Episcopal priest) during nightly prayers in the cottages.

The second Advent chapel featured Music that Makes Community, offered by Martha Ann Burford, minister of music at Grace Episcopal Church in Lexington, Virginia. Music that Makes Community is a non-profit that empowers and liberates communities' spiritual life through singing. Boys Home students were familiar with Ms. Burford. Several weeks prior she led a music workshop with her musical friends Paul Vasile and Onome. During chapel, her call and response singing, along with drumming, helped bring alive the Advent message to prepare the way of the Lord. The energy brought great life to the Boys Home community as they prepare to celebrate Christmas.



Boys Home students were excited to assist with the service at All Saints Episcopal Church in Union, WV.
Thank you Bishop Matthew for the warm welcome!

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STUDENT PRAYER CORNER



Nazayah's Prayer:

"I am currently praying for safe travels home for Christmas break. I am excited to see my sister and brother."



Brian displays Brown Cottage's advent wreath

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2022 Boys Home Christmas Card Photo

Expectation vs. Reality

