

## December 2017 Newsletter & Calendar

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Visit [www.fiddleandpick.com](http://www.fiddleandpick.com) for information on jams & special events. Our staff of Nashville professionals teach a variety of musical styles at the center; a comfortable place for all ages and levels to get private lessons, classes, and come to participate in jams. Call Gretchen 615-812-2192 to inquire and find the right instructor. **Go to the home page and sign up to get this free monthly news letter & calendar so you can be the first to know of performances, class series, workshops, pickin’ parties, and be informed of any adjustments to the regularly scheduled jams.** You can unsubscribe at anytime. Be sure to open the attachments in this letter to get essential details. We appreciate your support and hope you would share the flyer ads; so your like-minded friends and family could attend unique Musical Heritage Events! This letter, the website, and Face Book and our base are the only means we have to get the word out to the folks that are interested in **traditional music and beyond!**

**November Reflections:** It is hard to believe we hosted our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Irish Music Weekend! Folks that attended had great praise on these top-notch instructors. These world-class talented performers are so friendly and approachable to learn from. It was such a special experience for all. It looks like all the instructors want to come back next year! I thought we could not top our 8<sup>th</sup> annual IMW ...and we did; we REALLY DID! I want to say a huge thank you to all of the staff of teachers and Suzi & Ben for taking care of the instructors. Chef Bill Finnegan made the most tasty healthy food for us all! What a Blessing he is...Thank YOU Bill! Big thanks to our friend Karl Kersey, getting the Irish imports (our esteemed staff) safely to & fro from the airport. There is so much detail to make an event like this happen, and I most sincerely thank our friend Tom Patten who did a multitude of jobs (too many to count); Tom really went over and above helping, he literally did the work of 10 people! Other folks that contribute their skill and time that I want to thank are Mary Alice Bernal for her lovely graphic designs, Billy & Mary Ella Stevens for all the printing, our website master, Jared Ingersol for newsblasts (even while he was surrounded by fire!), Thanks to my publicist Denise Reagan, FB Church for classroom space, Jenny Hannah (for use of the Goose & Gander), Stephen Byers and Anne Pouliot for help on the front lines, Jennifer Baughman & Cat Downs for assembling the name badges and meal tix maps etc ; Judy Gibson & Audrey Cermak for helping get the great room clean and recycling out. I probably should not tell you this... but our esteemed musicians Rose and Marla actually mopped the floor of the Pegram Station on Sunday (talk about some down to earth friends!) I really need some volunteers besides our famous Irish musicians for that job ... any volunteers for PCC duty next year?

I’m already dreaming about our 10<sup>th</sup> annual Irish Music Weekend. Judging by this year, it looks like we will be full capacity. Mark your calendar for Nov 8-10 and watch to get the “Early Bird” Special when the ads go out as it’s likely to be full before the deadline date.

Announcements: What is next?

OLD TIME JAM info: PLEASE don’t drive out this Tues night! But Sunday instead!

A cancellation, but a special substitute in its place!

Our regularly scheduled Old Time Jam Tues Night will NOT be meeting on Tues Nov 21. However, Fiddle & Pick is hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday NOTSBA Old Time Jam just after Thanks Giving! The Nov 26 “open jam” will start 2:00pm and go to 5:30 or 6:00; Snack break and fellowship at the half. NOTSBA is Nashville Old Time String Band Association (of which I am a member). Ya’ll come and play tunes and a bring treat to share. *Spectators are very welcome at all of our jams.*

### **More big announcements!!!**

SAT Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> Please check out our Neighbor, “**MUD Puddle & Harpeth Art studios**” **Hosting their Annual Open House Art Sale 10-5:00**; It’s a great place to hang out with your friends and family and get some wonderful gifts or things for thyself! They have been wonderful neighbors to us and we hope our peeps will support their Art!

### **Student Christmas Holiday Concert Sunday Dec 10, 4:00 pm**

Students arrive 1:30 to get tuned and be ready to rehearse 2:00 sharp with the backup band.

Our 6<sup>th</sup> annual “Eighth Of January” Old Time Music Weekend Jan 4,5,6, 2018. The event kicks off with the Instructor concert on Thurs night (open to the public). The workshops are all day on Fri and Sat, with mini concerts, history, tune jammin’, food and fellowship. We are thrilled to have another Musical Heritage presentation by Bobby Fulcher, a multiple Award winning Folklorist. Our friend John Hatton will have his vintage music store “The Cleff’d Ear”. Hard to find cd’s and books and more on site! Early bird Dec 9!

**Save the dates!** for “EOJ”Old Time Music Weekend Jan 4-6, 2018 (see the attached brochure) **GET THE EARLY BIRD DEALS** and pre-order your **DELICIOUS MEALS!** Register now! **December 9, 9:00 pm is the Early Bird Deadline! SAVE MONEY!**

Our regularly scheduled hosted Jam called “**Slowjammers**” (not always slow), is held year round on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs each month.

**We resume on Dec 14 & 28. Stan hosts Dec 14 and Gretchen hosts Dec 28. Bring friends & family, it’s a good hang!**

DEC 9 “**DRIVE THRU BETHLEHEM**” at the First Baptist Church of Pegram 6-8pm  
Enjoy the outdoor scene of the Christmas Story you can see from your car!  
Bring canned food for this fundraiser for families in need (money donations accepted)

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**PICKIN’ Parties will be back Dec, Jan, Feb Featuring Legendary Bluegrass Artists. We will soon have an announcement about a concert and pickin’ party to be help on either Dec 29 or Dec 30 ; a special surprise guest TBA!**

### **December day by day Calendar**

Dec 1 Fri Teen Guitar Ministry First Baptist Church of Pegram w Gretchen 3:15-5:00

Dec 2 Sat Bears Adult fiddle Class with Gretchen **NEW TIME!**    **10:30am-12:00 noon**  
      **Sat Hosted Mid tempo Irish session NEW TIME!**    **1:15pm -2:45 pm**  
      **Sat Hosted Fast tempo Irish session NEW TIME!**    **3:00pm -5:00pm**

**Dec 2 Sat** Please check out our Neighbor, “**MUD Puddle & Harpeth Art studios**”  
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Dec 4 Monday lunch Hour; Miss Gretchen and Bob, Bob Bodhran play music and bring cheer! We could use some singers to help us; Ya’ll come!  
Christmas party for special-ed friends at Granny’s Kitchen on Hwy 70 in White Bluff.

Dec 5 Tues Jazz Class with Instructor Paul Abrams (meets weekly 7-8:30)

This series is for all instruments! Call Paul 615-310-7275

Tues **Old-Time Jam night (meets on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues each month) 7:00-9:30pm**

Open & inclusive multi-level jam; group hosted & spectators welcome

Dec 7 Thurs **End of the year Christmas Holiday Gypsy JAZZ NIGHT !**

**Spectators very welcome (hosted Jam):** Tim May, Stan Lawrence & Suzahnn Fiering

*There is a group e mail to connect with this group* meets on 1st & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thur 7:30-10:00pm

Dec 8 Fri Teen Guitar Ministry FBCP w Gretchen

3:15-5:00pm

Dec 9 Sat Bears Adult fiddle Class with Gretchen **NEW TIME! 10:30am-12:00 noon**

**Dec 9 Sat** No Irish Sessions today; Come see Gretchen and friends in the event called, “**DRIVE THRU Bethlehem** ”! **from 6:00 to 8:00 pm** at the Church behind the Fiddle & Pick. Hannah Ford Drive off of Hwy 70 and left at the Church Drive way. You Drive thru the scene with live animals and actors of the Christmas story before Jesus was born to his birth. Lots for you to see! Bring canned food donation for people in need.

**Dec 10 Sun 10<sup>th</sup> annual Student Christmas Concert at The Fiddle & Pick 4:00pm**

**Potluck reception to follow.** Wear your fun Holiday attire but not your thickest sweater!

*Students arrive 1:30 to tune get in place for rehearsal with the back up band 2:00 sharp.*

(Visitors PLEASE be quiet at the rehearsal, thank you in advance). Bring a music stand if you need one.

Dec 12 *Happy Hanukkah! (begins at sundown)*

Dec 12 Tues Jazz Class with instructor Paul Abrams (meets weekly 7-8:30)

This series is for all instruments; Call Paul 615-310-7275

Dec 14 Thur **Slowjammers Night “not always slow”!** hosted by Stan & Fire Capt Bob

meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs each month 6:00-8:30pm

Dec 16 Sat NO IRISH SESSIONS today; See you next year on Jan 13<sup>th</sup> & 27!

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Dec 20 Wed Teen Guitar Ministry w Gretchen at the First Bapt Church service 6:00

Dec 22 Friday **Spontaneous Mountain Boyz “Christmas Spectacle” 7:30 Show  
(comedy Bluegrass Fun for all ages- kids under 18 free)**

Dec 24 Sunday Bluegrass Christmas Eve Service Kingston Springs Methodist Church  
11:00pm

Dec 25 *Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to All!*

Dec 26 Tues Jazz Class Jazz series with Paul Abrams (meets weekly 7-8:30)

This class is for all instruments!

Better Call Paul to see if meeting tonight 615-310-7275

Dec 28 Thurs Gretchen Hosts “Post Christmas” Slowjammers night! Maybe you and the family should get out of the house and come pick. Spectators are very welcome! Fiddle & Pick is a comfortable good hang for all ages! Slowjammers is not always slow but it is always inclusive. Don’t be shy and come out even if you never participated in a jam before  
See you there 6:00pm -8:30 pm

### January Sneak peaks

“Eighth of January” Old Time Music Weekend is VERY EARLY THIS YEAR of 2018!  
SAVE The Dates!

Early bird registration will get you the best deal to attend “EOJ”!

**JAN 4, 5, 6 Thurs, Fri, and Sat (the 8<sup>th</sup> of Jan is on a Monday this year!)**

Stay tuned to pickin party updates to be announced.

Stay tuned for FREE Movie nights this winter with popcorn and featured Pickers pre show!

And one more thing...

It's a long way off , but tuck in your memory band that we host Kids Music Day Camp around June 21 every Summer. This year it falls on June 18-June 22 Monday-Friday For Kids that play an instrument ages 12-16 (we have had age 11 and 17 before)

We are going to have two kid's Day camps. One for kids that play and also one for kids that don't play an instrument to be hosted on June 11-15. That will be younger age group. Save the dates!

Thanks everyone for being part of our little corner of the world. Help one another, Love one another, teach and pass on what you learn. Hope to see you at our place or in your corner of the world.

Musically yours,

Miss Gretchen