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December 1, 2008

The Worship Committee would like to announce the following pulpit schedule for December:

December 7th - Rev. Art King

December 14th - Dr. Mickey Efrid

December 21st - Rev. Tom Spence

December 28th - Rev. Kathryn Dudley

Our December 24th Christmas Eve Service will be held at 5:30 p.m. This will be a Communion service conducted by Dr. Dale Miller and the Rev. Ken Lynde.

Special thanks to the different Sunday School Classes and Flower Committee for preparing our church for the Christmas season with beautiful decorations.

Additional thanks to Bill & Lisa McClelland who spent hours cleaning our candle sticks and offering plates.

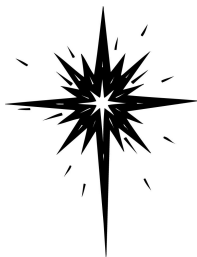


Poinsettias are now on sale. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to be placed in the sanctuary in memory or honor of someone, please call the church office, 775-5216. The poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary on December 21st. The cost this year is \$7.50 each. Orders will be taken until Friday, December 14th. All orders must be paid before December 19th.



Christmas Program

The First Presbyterian Christmas program will be Sunday, December 14th at 3pm in the Harper Center. Refreshments will be served after the program. The Live Nativity will follow the program at 4:30pm in the parking lot behind the Harper Center. This program will include the children as well as adults. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for an afternoon of celebration and fellowship.



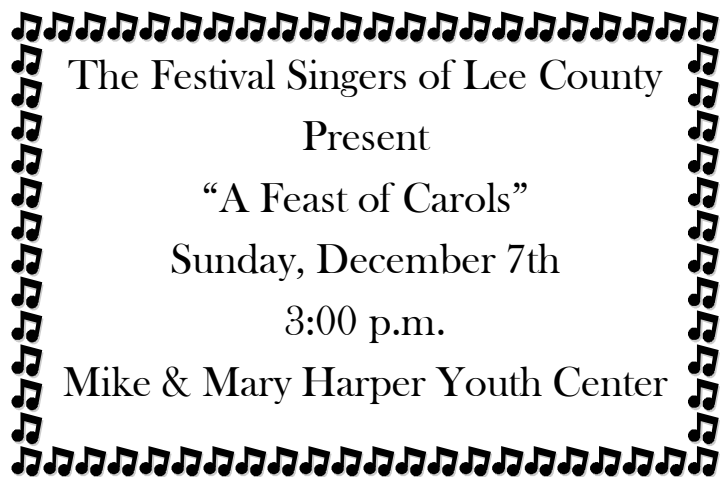
2008 CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Presbyterians have long celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ by giving generously to an offering taken at Christmas time. The offering has had various names – Christmas Joy Gift, White Gift, Christmas Offering, Joy Gift as well as various causes for which the funds were used. In 1989 the offering was renamed the CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING and since 1991 the funds have been divided equally between the Board of Pension and the Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges.

In 2007 \$923 was given by those of us at First Presbyterian. These are hard economic times and there are many requests for our “extra” funds. As you pray about special causes you will give to in December consider the CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING to be received on December 21, remember Jesus’ teachings, “as you have done it to the least of these my brethren you have done it unto me” or “do unto others as has been done unto you.”

Covered Dish Brunch

Mark your calendars for a covered dish brunch on Sunday, December 14th at 10:00 a.m. in the Harper Center. Plan to come and bring your finest breakfast dish.


 The Festival Singers of Lee County
 Present
 “A Feast of Carols”
 Sunday, December 7th
 3:00 p.m.
 Mike & Mary Harper Youth Center

December Birthdays

Dec. 1 - Foss Knight, John Sperry
 Dec. 2 - Louise Berndt, Kathy
 Whitton
 Dec. 3 - Velner Jones, David
 Linney
 Dec. 5 - Kelly Martindale, Robin
 Koury, Jr., Brett Dymond
 Dec. 7 - Rhonda Lemon
 Dec. 10 - David Lewis, Tara Ruffin
 Knight
 Dec. 13 - Blake Byrd
 Dec. 16 - Peggy Hendley, Mary
 Lynn Ingram, Jenny Proctor, Zach
 Angell, Neil Currens
 Dec. 17 - Rebecca Wilson,
 Charlotte Lutton
 Dec. 18 - Don Angell, Jr., Brad
 Marin
 Dec. 21 - Joe Hinton, Anna Vann
 Dec. 23 - Vicki Register
 Dec. 27 - Matt Hinton
 Dec. 28 - Aaron Ellis
 Dec. 29 - Frances Smith, Lib
 Williams, Larry Phillips
 Dec. 30 - Margaret Foushee
 Dec. 31 - David Register

Breadbasket News

Thanks to all our volunteers who worked at the Breadbasket on November 11th: Emily Kelly, Helen Ogburn, Joanna Dempsey and Martha McGee. We served Asian pork and rice, steamed broccoli and cheese, coconut apple delight, tossed salad, coleslaw, buttered bread, tea or lemonade and assorted cakes and pies.

200 plates were served to hungry patrons, who gave us thanks and favorable remarks about the food served.

Team Leaders,
 Joan Suddarth
 Vicki Register

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

This letter was sent to the Witness Committee:

Dear Friends in Mission,

I went shopping with my husband today. Although we were Christmas shopping for six people, it only took about 30 minutes. We didn't have to deal with crowds, fight traffic, or use any gas. We didn't have to look at the sale papers or drive all over town looking for the "perfect" gift for adults who have all they need already. We found some real treasures, and we both had fun doing it, thanks to all of you!

The "Alternative Christmas Gift" booklet was not only a won-

derful idea but a great final product. In this time of a shrinking economy, it's such a pleasure to find ways to remember those we love while providing for the basic needs of those we don't know personally, but whom Jesus loves.

Our family has always enjoyed "meaning" over "money" when it comes to Christmas giving, and this year you have certainly helped us to do that! We have put a "twist" on the gifts by choosing a very inexpensive item to go with each donation...the family member will have a small gift to "open" along with the gift card.

In Christ,
 Anonymous

20 Things You Can Do For Peace In Your World

7. When you read a newspaper story about someone taking a step for peace instead of violence, write a short letter to the editor praising them.


A Special
THANK YOU


Thank you to Nancy James, Lisa McClelland, Peggy Golden and Mary Lynn Ingram for making the beautiful banners located throughout the church. What a lovely addition to our church!

Session Report - November

- The Alternative Christmas Gift catalog was mailed to church members.
- J.C. Perry raised \$280 in the Lee County Hunger Walk through his participation.
- The Breadbasket Board of Directors would like a representative from our church.
- December 4th is the next Presbytery meeting in Calabash, NC.

Shepherd's Corner



In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people..."

Luke 2:8-10

The Brick City Belles & Beaux will have a concert on Sunday, December 7th at 7pm at Center United Methodist Church.

Men of the Church

The Men of the Church breakfast will be held Sunday, December 21st at 8:00 a.m. in the Harper Center.

Don't miss the delicious breakfast (\$3.00), great program and wonderful fellowship!

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to: Phyllis Bennett and Family in the death of her father, Gwen McIver and Family in the death of her brother.

December Meals on Wheels Circle # 5 Church Flowers Flower Committee

December Door Greeters
Bill Miller
Lucille Cameron
David Riddle, Jr.
Randy Robertson

Circles Meet on December 8th at:
#1 - Lib Williams, 413 Carbonton Road
2 - Dot Boaz, 2324 Radius Drive
3 - Eloise Berryman, 1314 Bragg Street
4 - Church Library
5 - Barbara McDermott, 1910 Sutphin Drive
6 - Julie Lemon, 1202 Cotten Road
7 - Rexine Lloyd, 511 Maplewood Drive
8 - Meeting on **December 15th** at Lisa McClelland, 2655 Buckingham Drive
*Bring a \$10 gift and a heavy hors d'oeuvre

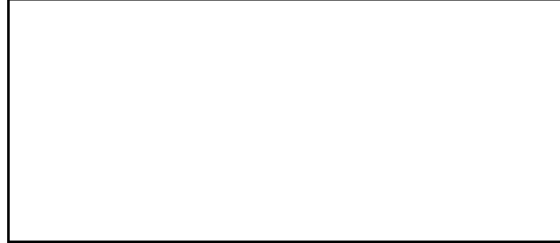


Prayer Requests
Louise Berndt (Sanford Health & Rehab.); Emily Buchanan (Parkview); Dorothy Foushee (Parkview); Margaret Foushee (Ashwood Estates); Doris Gibson; Herb Hardisty (Sanford Health & Rehab.); Mildred Johnson; Charlotte Lutton; Bert McCracken; Dot McNeill (Pinelake); Jack McNeill (CCH); Sally Suther; Nellie Baker; Micah Boggs & Family; Alyce Clark & Sharon Linney's brother - Jack Murchison; Bob Davis's father - Willie Davis; Dawes Graybeal; Betsy Kramer; Lindy Mace; Bill & Marlene McDonald's daughter - Tara Ruffin Knight; Frank Perry; Stephanie Perkins; Mary Sue Riddle's sister - Betty McNally; Burton & Betty Sherrod's son - Marc Sherrod; Lucretia Sperry's grandmother - Mildred Frady; Ida Trout; Lucretia Sperry's brother-in-law - Steve Hogge; Sally Suther's niece - Amanda Mager; Ida Trout; Gladys Weaver's daughter - Mary Jon Herman

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What's Happening in December???

- Tues., Dec. 2** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting temporary Choir; 7:15pm Choir Practice
- Wed., Dec. 3** - 5pm Contemporary Choir; 6pm Keen-ager Banquet; 7:30pm Choir Practice
- Thurs., Dec. 4** - Presbytery Meeting - Calabash, NC; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting
- Fri., Dec. 5** - 9:30pm Staff Meeting
- Sun., Dec. 7** - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School; 11am Worship; 12pm PW Coordinating Team; 3pm Feast of Carols; 5pm Administrative Committee meets; 6pm Youth
- Mon., Dec. 8** - Circles Meet; 5:30pm Deacons Meet; 6:30pm Officers' Supper; 7pm Elders Meet
- Tues., Dec. 9** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting
- Wed., Dec. 10** - 6pm Con-temporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School; 11am Worship; 1pm Youth Groups - Caroling at Park-view
- Thurs., Dec. 11** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting
- Fri., Dec. 12** - 12pm Staff Christmas Luncheon
- Sun., Dec. 14** - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School; 10am Covered Dish Brunch; 11am Worship; 3pm Christmas Program; 4:30pm Live Nativity
- Tues., Dec. 16** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting
- Wed., Dec. 17** - 6pm Contemporary Choir; 7:15pm Choir Practice
- Thurs., Dec. 18** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting
- Fri., Dec. 19** - 9:30am Staff Meeting
- Sun., Dec. 21** - 8am MOC Breakfast; 9am Con-temporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School; 11am Worship; 1pm Youth Groups - Caroling at Park-view
- Wed., Dec. 24** - 12pm Church Office Closes; 5:30pm Christmas Eve Service
- Thurs., Dec. 25** - Church Office Closed
- Fri., Dec. 26** - Church Office Closed
- Sun., Dec. 28** - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School; 11am Worship; 6pm Youth
- Mon., Dec. 29** - 10am Bible Study

Officers' Meeting December 8th

Newly elected officers are invited to attend the December meeting. Deacons meet at 5:30pm in the Hobson Classroom, dinner is served at 6:30pm, and Elders meet at 7pm in the Session Room (old library).