



# THE LOVELETTER

First Presbyterian Church • Cartersville, Georgia

December 2010

## Sermons

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Series: Matthew's Advent  
Message

#2 "Straighten Up!"

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Message

#3 "Don't Give Up!"

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Message

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## From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

As we begin one of the holiest seasons of the year – Advent – I came across a beautiful poem that expresses well the longings of this blessed season:

### **Pregnant with Hope**

Now is a time of watching and waiting  
A time pregnant with hope  
A time to watch and pray.

Christ our advent hope,  
Bare brown trees  
Etched dark across a winter sky,  
Leaves fallen, rustling,  
Ground hard and cold,  
Remind us to prepare for your coming;  
Remind us to prepare for the time  
When the soles of your feet will touch the ground,  
When you will become one of us  
To be one with us.

May we watch for the signs,  
Listen for the messenger,  
Wait for the good news to slip  
Into the world, our lives.  
Christ our advent hope,  
Help us to clear the way for you;  
To clear the clutter of our minds,  
To sift the silt from our hearts,  
To move the boulders that prevent us meeting you.

Help us to make straight the highways  
To unravel the deception that leads to war,  
To release those in captivity.  
May sorrow take flight,  
And your people sing a song of peace  
And hope be born again.

By Kate McIlhagga, from *Encompassing Presence: Prayer Handbook 1993*

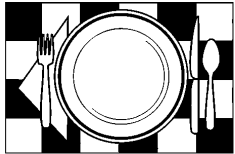
May each and every one of us be pregnant with hope in this season.

Your pastor and friend,

Ted

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## Wednesdays Together



There's something for the whole family – good food, choir rehearsals for all ages, and spiritual growth for everyone. Here's the schedule:

### **Children's Choir Rehearsals**

4:30 – 5:00 Cherub Choir (grades K and 1<sup>st</sup>) – The Choir Room

5:00 – 5:40 Seraph Choir (grades 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>) – The Choir Room

### **Dinner is served - 5:45 – 6:30**

December menus:

- December 1 – Country fried steak, squash casserole, oven roasted potatoes, green beans
- December 8 – Scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, grits, hash brown potatoes, biscuits and gravy, and mixed fruits
- December 15 – Baked chicken, potato cakes, carrots, broccoli casserole

Great homemade desserts each week!

Cost for dinner is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children under 10, \$20 max per family

**Programs for All Ages - 6:30 – 7:15 – Will resume in January 2011**

## **Church Family News**

### **Welcome our New Members!**

**Charlie Culverhouse** joined on November 7 by transfer of letter from Heritage Baptist Church. Charlie is married to FPC member Abby Waters Culverhouse and they have recently moved back to Cartersville. He is employed with Travelers Insurance as a claims agent. He and Abby are expecting their first child in the spring. The Culverhouses live at 160 Cedar Creek Road, Cartersville GA, 30121.

**Katie and Craig Godfrey** united with FPC on November 21. Katie joined by transfer from Buford Presbyterian Church and Craig by reaffirmation of faith. Katie is employed as a mechanical engineer and Craig is the band director at Rockmart High School. The Godfreys lived at 12 Carrington Drive, Cartersville, GA 30120.

### **Pastor Ted's New Book is available!**

A book of seasonal sermons entitled *A Listening Season: Sermons for Advent and Christmas* is available in the church office for a cost of \$10. Written by our Senior Pastor, the book would make an excellent seasonal gift for family and friends. The book can also be purchased online at <http://www.lulu.com/spotlight/fpcpastor1>

**11th Annual "Nick And Friends" Holiday Concert** is Sunday, December 19 at Peachtree Presbyterian Church at 6:00pm (buses will leave Cartersville at 4:00pm), admission is free. The Society of the Saints hope that you will join us for this wonderful holiday concert. It's fun for all ages and all are invited! It is a popular event so we will leave Cartersville at 4:00pm to get good seats. We encourage you to bring a snack for the bus. Boxed sandwich meals from Village Porch Cafe are also available for \$7.00 each. Contact the office to reserve your spot on the bus.

### **Poinsettias**

**You may remember a loved one or honor someone** by making a donation to the **Poinsettia/Decorations Fund**. A list of names will be published in the Christmas Eve bulletin. You may place your donation in the offering plate, or at the church office, designated for Poinsettias/Decorations along with the name(s) you would like to be printed in the bulletin.

## **Consecration Sunday Report**

On November 14, our church held Consecration Sunday as we made our spiritual commitment to Christ and the Church by way of estimating our giving to FPC for 2011. The day was joyful! Our sanctuary was filled with members, and we overflowed into the Upper Room where, thanks to the efforts of members Todd Jacobson and Craig Clark, we were able to simulcast the service to an additional 50 members who could not squeeze into the sanctuary pews. Following worship we all made our way to Fellowship Hall for the Celebration Luncheon coordinated by Kathy Farnon and a group of willing and able volunteers. *Just on November 14<sup>th</sup> alone, we received 116 estimate of giving cards totaling \$557,550. Of these estimate cards nearly 90% reflected an increase in planned giving for 2011.*

On Wednesday, November 17, there were 120 letters sent out to member families who could not be present on Consecration Sunday and we should hear from those families soon. The good news is this: even if all of these families simply give in 2011 what they have in 2010, *we will see a 17% increase in planned giving in 2011!* What can we say but "Praise the Lord!" Of course, we hope that these 120 families will consider an increase in giving as well.

If you have not turned in an estimate of giving card, we hope you will soon. If you need one call the church office and we will be glad to get one to you. We will make a complete report by the end of the year.

Thank you FPC members for your faithful stewardship and for heeding the Lord's call to give generously and joyfully to the ministry of Christ through our congregation!

**The Stewardship and Finance Committee** - Phil Bridges, Chairman, Tinsley Cline, Frank Johnson, Janet Martin, Ellyn Olson, Brac Panter, Charlie Strong, Randy Thompson, Earl Williamson

## **A History Lesson**

On November 5, a small Society of the Saints (SOS) group along with Ted and Julie enjoyed a wonderful day at Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta. While the day was cold, the reception by the faculty, staff and students was warm and gracious. We attended chapel and were invited to an open discussion with the Seminary President and his Advisory Counsel. Of course, Ted and Julie spent some time reliving their Glory Days as students and were happy to show the rest of us the sights!

The highlight of the trip for all, however, was a private guided tour of the Library Archives. The Seminary Library houses an amazing collection. Much of this collection was moved from Montreat, N.C. some years ago and includes the Presbyterian Women's history from around the country. Chris Paton, Archivist, was kind enough to show us records from our church.

Below are just a few samples of the rich history that we all share at First Presbyterian:

- The first Woman's Missionary Union was organized in 1867. There was a recognized need as the men of the church were busy "...helping to overcome the damage made to the building when the Federal Army used the church building for a blacksmith shop during the War between the States, so the Woman's Missionary Union took on the spiritual needs of the church..."
- In 1922 new carpet was purchased for the church auditorium at a cost of \$400. Mr. Vass, the Pastor at the time, insisted the carpet should be green since "...church members always bought brown, because that is a serviceable color, and he wanted to look at something different for one time in his life." Isn't it reassuring to know the Presbyterians never change?
- In 1927 the women gave \$20 towards the purchase of a "Ford" car for Miss Louise Milam who was "...doing Home Mission work in South Georgia." Many of you remember that we just lost Miss Louise a couple of months ago.

We are so lucky that this history is being so lovingly stored and maintained by the staff of the John Bulow Campbell Library on the Columbia campus.

If this interests you and you would like to learn more, check out the library website at [www.ctsnet.edu/Library/ArchivesOnlineCatalog.aspx](http://www.ctsnet.edu/Library/ArchivesOnlineCatalog.aspx). Many of these records are available for viewing online.

**At the November 9, 2010, monthly stated meeting, the Session took the following actions:**

- The Session voted to approve the hosting of a concert by the Maryville College Choir in March, with church members and local families to host the students in their homes for a night.
- Frank Johnson and Peter Olson were approved to serve as co-chairmen of the church's upcoming strategic planning and visioning process.

**Committee reports:**

**Finance and stewardship:** The church deficit through October is about \$140,000, which is about \$30,000 less than it was at the same time last year. It is hoped that the usual giving pattern in which most of the church's revenue is received in November and December will hold true this year.

**Properties:** The replacement of the front doors to the church sanctuary is moving forward. The committee is working on several small ongoing maintenance projects, including diagnosing several leaks and replacing ceiling tiles. A major repair upcoming in the next year will be waterproofing of the bricks around the church's front doors.

**Christian Education:** The annual family advent celebration is planned from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Dec. 5. There is a need for setup and cleanup help. The fall youth fundraiser is Dec. 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will be a soup and potato bar, and proceeds will go toward a youth trip in January. Confirmation class starts Jan. 19. A middle school Sunday School teacher is needed starting in December, as well as Sunday School teachers in December and January.

**Preschool Board:** The board is working to develop a plan to market the preschool more effectively in hopes of increasing enrollment.

**Diaconate:** The older adults had a good trip to Columbia Theological Seminary on Nov. 5. The next trip is planned for the Nick and Friends concert at Peachtree Presbyterian Church on Dec. 19. The trip is open to anyone. The Mission and Witness Committee is planning the annual International Christmas Market. Planning for an adult mission trip next summer has started. The Congregational Care Committee is developing a plan for funeral receptions here at the church. The plan will allow the process to run more smoothly. It's also working on plans for Christmas gifts for shut-in members and for military members.

**Milestones:**

**New members:** John and Happy Adams were welcomed into church membership by transfer of letter from Sam Jones United Methodist Church on Oct. 24. Charlie Culverhouse was welcomed into church membership by transfer of letter from Heritage Baptist Church on Nov. 7. Craig and Katie Godfrey were welcomed into church membership on Nov. 21.

**Births:** Samantha Caroline Porter was born Nov. 1 to Clayton and Melissa Porter. She is the granddaughter of Rich and Rhonda Gaffoglio.

**Deaths:** Donald H. Kordecki died on Oct. 26, 2010. Agnes A. Griffin died Nov. 17, 2010.

**What's new at Friendship Table**

The Friendship Table has established a resource table of materials for community individuals in need. We are still feeding between 80 and 100 people each week. We wanted to make available additional assistance by providing informational resources to help with daily living needs. The Bartow County Resource Center and the Health Department have provided us with some materials. We ask FPC members to forward ideas for resource materials to Julie Jensen so that we can be of greater help to the community. Volunteers for the Friendship Table are always needed and appreciated.



# *Love Notes*



## ***MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS AT FPC***

### ***HANGING OF THE GREENS***

Come Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:45 P.M. to see the Sanctuary as it is decorated with greenery. The Sanctuary Choir will sing four pieces from John Purifoy's, *Holly and Ivy*, as well as Robert Sterling's, *Jesus Christ, the Evergreen*.

### ***THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT***

Come watch The Cherub and Seraph Choirs on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 P.M. as they make the manger scene unfold in the Sanctuary. Listen as they sing *R-E-J-O-I-C-I-N-G*, *Baby Jesus and the Animals*, and *Go Tell It on the Mountain*. The Sanctuary Choir will give them a boost with John Purifoy's, *O Come Little Children*, and Dan Kantor's, *Night of Silence*.

### ***CHRISTMAS CAROLING***

On Wednesday, December 15, come to the Fellowship Hall at 6:15 for an informal Christmas Sing-a-long.

### ***CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES***

5:00 The Cherub and Seraph Choirs

7:00 The Upper Room Band

9:00 The Sanctuary Choir

### ***CHRISTMAS SERVICES***

Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00:

Phil and Lynn Dean, Trumpets

Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00:

Lisa Morrison, Violin



## Advent Calendar 2010

- **Wednesday, December 1 – 6:45pm** – *Hanging of the Greens service – a wonderful celebration of Advent for all ages as we worship and decorate the church sanctuary for the holiday season.*
- **Thursday, December 2 – 6:00pm** – *Annual Community Christmas Parade- Join fellow FPC members on the front patio of the church for one of the joys of small town life. Hot chocolate will be served!*
- **Saturday, December 4 – 10:00am till 4:00 pm and Sunday, December 5 – 9:45 till 11am and 12:30pm till 3:00 pm** – *International Christmas Market/Fellowship Hall – An opportunity to shop and invest in the world; helping others feed, clothe, and educate their families. Bright, colorful, beautifully handcrafted, items at reasonable prices. All proceeds/donations benefit non-profit organizations. Items include: pottery, baskets, jewelry, ornaments, stained glass and fudge!*
- **Sunday, December 5– 5:30pm** – *Advent Family Celebration – Starting with an Advent Meal together in the Fellowship Hall, we will spend the evening celebrating the coming of Jesus by singing Christmas carols and working on a variety of Christmas craft projects such as making Chrismons and more. We will conclude with dessert, hot chocolate and cider. Everyone will receive a special gift at the end of the evening. Please bring a dish to share based on the first letter of your family's last name: **A-E:** dessert (peanut-free, please!), **F-M:** salad/fruit, **N-Z:** Sides-Veggies, Pastas, Casseroles, etc.*
- **Monday, December 6 – 11:45am** – *Presbyterian Women Covered Dish Lunch/Fellowship Hall*
- **Monday, December 6 – 7:00pm** – *PW Evening Circle Christmas Party/Home of Mary Gilreath*
- **Wednesday, December 8 – 6:45pm** -*Christmas Concert and Pageant - Our choirs will present a traditional program of Christmas music and carols ending with our annual Children's Pageant.*
- **Saturday, December 11 – 9:00am-1:00pm** – *American Red Cross Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall– A wonderful way to give the gift of life in this holiday season.*
- **Sunday, December 12 – 11:00am – 1:00pm** – *Soup and Potato Bar/Fellowship Hall – Have lunch at the church and support the Presbyterian Youth in their mission plans for 2011.*
- **Wednesday, December 15 – 6:30pm** – *Christmas Carol Sing-Along in Fellowship Hall. Come out for the final Wednesday evening dinner of the year and sing the songs of the season.*
- **Thursday, December 16 – 4:30pm** – *Hands of Christ After School Program Christmas Celebration/Fellowship Hall.*
- **Friday, December 17 – 9:30am** – *Preschool Sing Around the Tree/Fellowship Hall*
- **Sunday, December 19 – 10:00am** – *Birthday Party for Jesus – During Children's Sunday School, we will be celebrating the birth of Jesus!*
- **Sunday, December 19 – 4:00pm** – *Nick & Friends Concert at Peachtree Presbyterian Church. Sponsored by Society of the Saints and open to everyone wishing to attend.*
- **Tuesday December 21 – 7:00pm** -*Advent Hope and Healing Service/Sanctuary – This contemplative service of scripture, prayers and music will be especially meaningful to those who have recently experienced a loss in their lives.*
- **Friday, December 24 – 5:00, 7:00 and 9:00pm** *Christmas Eve Candlelight Services of Lessons and Carols in the Sanctuary. (Nursery provided for all services)*
  - **5:00** Children's Choirs singing
  - **7:00** The Upper Room Band leads music
  - **9:00** The Sanctuary Choir will lead music. (Holy Communion will be celebrated)
- **Sunday, December 26 – 9:45am** – *Covered Dish Brunch in the Fellowship Hall – Bring a covered dish and join in this happy, relaxing time with all ages to share Christmas joys. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL.*
- **Sunday, December 26 – 11:00am** – *There will be ONE worship service on this Sunday with all services combining to fill our Sanctuary in praise and celebration of the first Sunday after Christmas.*
- **Sunday, January 2 – 11:00am** - *There will be ONE worship service on this Sunday with all services combining in the Sanctuary. SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE HELD AS USUAL AT 9:45.*



## *Ways to give Back this Christmas*



**Make a donation to the Deacon's Fund.** This fund supports people in the community in need of assistance. We use it for medical, transportation, food, housing, utility, and clothing assistance.

**Make a donation to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.** Similar to the Deacon's fund, it provides confidential assistance when church members need help paying for medical needs, food, rent, housing, utilities, or transportation.

**Make and send cards** to the members of our congregation on the prayer list to let them know you are thinking of them - -or send one to anyone else in the church directory!

**Be an Angel. The Hands of Christ After School Program Angel Trees** are located throughout the church. Return one wrapped gift by December 8<sup>th</sup> to the church. You may also make a donation to the Hands of Christ for an Angel if you are unable to shop.

**Buy a Christmas Tree from the Douglas Street Hands of Christ After School Program.** These 7-8 foot North Carolina Firs will be hand delivered to your home by the Hands of Christ elves! Each tree is \$100, half of which can be written off as a donation to the program. Contact Claudia Laughridge at 770-815-8103 or Jennifer Cupp at 404-285-5126.

**Toys for Tots: Purchase one extra toy** for a child and place it in a Toys for Tots box around town. Boxes are located at the courthouse, Belk, Publix, Hobby Lobby, Cartersville Medical Center, and other places.

**Give the Gift of Life :** One blood donation can save three lives! **December 11<sup>th</sup> from 9-1** is the last Red Cross Blood Drive of the year at FPC. While you shop for presents to put under the tree, take an hour to give someone a gift they may not even know they will need --the gift of life. There will be homemade baked goods and every donor will receive a ticket good for dinner the following Wednesday night!

**Clean out your pantry** and bring unexpired canned goods to church for the food pantry - -the blue buckets are out at church every week. The monthly **Food Drive** will be held on **Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Be part of a Community Meal. The Second Annual Bartow Community Christmas Luncheon** is **December 18<sup>th</sup>** from 11-4. **Fresh-baked desserts** from local churches are needed to feed the expected 3000 people in the community who will attend the meal this year. Brownies, cakes, pies, cookies, and specialty desserts are welcome to be dropped off at Civic Center between 8 and 11 am. Contact Diane Harris at 678-232-2074 or [diane.harris@dalecarnegie.com](mailto:diane.harris@dalecarnegie.com)

**Helpers are needed to help with set-up, clean up and serving.** Contact Zach Tinkle at [zrtinkle@gmail.com](mailto:zrtinkle@gmail.com) or 770-655-4535.

**Don't forget a coat!** Drop off new or gently used coats in all sized between now and December 14<sup>th</sup> at Renasant bank on Joe Frank Harris Parkway for the Coat Drive happening that day as well.

**Make dessert for Friendship Table.** Contact Bill Devine or Jackie Thompson to see what night it may be needed most.

**Choose an item from the Good Neighbor Shelter Needs list** available on their website [www.goodneighborshelter.org](http://www.goodneighborshelter.org) and add it to your shopping list to take to the shelter.

# Advent Celebration!

**Sunday, December 5th**

**5:30pm-Dinner in the Fellowship Hall**

**6:30pm-Christmas Crafts & Dessert**



Join us for a covered-dish dinner followed by a variety of Christmas craft projects for ALL ages in the classrooms upstairs. Dessert, hot cocoa & cider will be served in the Café! Please bring a PLENTIFUL covered dish (or 2!!!) based on the first letter of your family's last name:

**A-K: Vegetable/Pasta**

**L-R: Dessert**

**S-Z: Fruits or Salad**

## **Vacation Bible School Planning Team!**

If you would like to help us pick out a theme and make plans for VBS 2011, please join us on **Wednesday, December 1st, at 5pm**, in Room 161! We will look through various VBS ideas and possibilities and start delegating responsibilities.

## **New Sunday School Curriculum—Wee Believe! & We Believe!**

The PC(USA) has recently updated Sunday School materials for children, so we are going to jump right into the “We Believe” series in December when our “Live BIG” materials expire. The younger students, 3's & PreK, will use the “Wee Believe” curriculum specially designed for their age level. The older students, Kindergarten-5th graders, will use “We Believe” which will also consist of age-level appropriate materials and activities.

December's Sunday School lessons will focus on: “Messengers of Jesus”. Our students will look at the messages of Jesus' birth to: Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the Wise Men. Please note, no SS on Dec. 26th.



## **Wednesday Nights in December**

*JAM & BibleMax will not take place in December due to special events & services in which all children may participate :*

**Dec. 1, 6:45pm:** Hanging of the Greens

**Dec. 8, 6:45pm:** Christmas Pageant

**Dec. 15, 6:30pm:** Christmas Sing-a-long

**Dec. 22 & 29:** Winter Break

## **Bridge to Worship**

Our next class will be on December 12th.  
Join us at 11am in Room 163.  
(Worship preparation class for 2nd Graders)

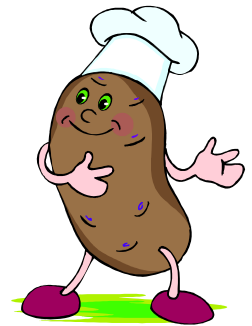
## **Moms' Breakfast Group**

You are invited to join us for prayer, breakfast and fellowship on Thursday, Dec. 16th, at 9am, at the Cracker Barrel on Hwy. 20.

*Youth Fund-raiser Luncheon....*

# **Soup & Baked Potato Bar**

**Sunday, December 12th, 11am-1pm**  
**In the Fellowship Hall**



**Suggested donation: \$5 per person**

*Funds will benefit the Winter Youth Retreat to Orlando in January.*

Also, if anyone would be interested in sponsoring a youth in financial need for this event or any future events, please contact Ellen: [fpcycm@earthlink.net](mailto:fpcycm@earthlink.net)

## **Winter Youth Retreat**

*Orlando, Florida*



January 15-17, 2011  
*(Depart at 6:30am on Saturday,  
return by 10pm on Monday)*

### **Summer Bay Resort**

Swimming, Putt-Putt, Karaoke, & more! Universal Studios & Islands of Adventure, Downtown Disney

**Cost:** \$100

**Deadline:** Sunday, December 19th

\*\*Attending youth must participate in the Potato/Soup luncheon on Sunday, Dec. 12th!



## **Youth Summer Mission Trip!**

**Save the Dates:**  
**July 3-9, 2011**

**James Island  
Presbyterian Foundation  
in Charleston, SC**

We are going to spend a week in the Charleston area at the James Island Presbyterian Mission House. We are in the process of organizing work projects. Also, we will celebrate the 4th of July while we're there and work on team-building activities. Free time will be spent touring parts of Charleston and going to the beach!

The cost of this trip will be minimal, and the rest of the trip details will be announced soon!



December 2010

# Hands of Christ After School Program

## Angel Trees Are Here!

Please remember the children of the After School Program this Christmas. There's not much time left to pick an angel from the tree and make a Christmas wish come true. This year we have 130 boys and girls who are looking forward to our annual Christmas celebration. Please join us on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> for a production of "The Friendly Beasts", and a Christmas carol medley. You will find the angel trees in the children's education area, in the Fellowship Hall, and in the upstairs café area on Sunday morning. Please remove an angel from the tree, sign the gift list, and return your wrapped gift with the angel tag to the church office. **All gifts need to be here by Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>.**



## Welcome Winter Dec. 21



## COAT DRIVE

Please donate your gently used jackets and coats for the families of our After School children. We would like to have a variety of sizes ranging from infant to adult. Please drop these off in the ASP office or the church office by **Sunday, Dec. 5th.**

## What's Happening in our World?



Dec. 2 – No ASP

Dec. 8 - Bring Angel gifts to church office or ASP office

Dec. 16 – Christmas Celebration 4:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Dec. 20 - Jan. 3 - Holidays



# December 2010

Need Extra Time for Christmas Shopping?

Extended Session Available

11:45 - 2:00

Monday - Friday

**NO** Extended Session on  
Tuesday, December 14 &  
Friday, December 17



*Sing Around the Tree*

*Friday, December 17*

*9:30 am - Fellowship Hall*

Classroom parties to follow

No Extended Session



Christmas Break

December 20 -

January 3

School Resumes

January 4

*Have a wonderful Christmas!*

**Registration for the  
2011 - 2012 School Year**

- **Monday, January 10, 2011**  
**Presbyterians & staff members**
- **Friday, January 14, 2011**  
**Students already enrolled & their  
siblings**

### **Keeping our children well**

To prevent illness from spreading, please do not send your child with a runny nose that is anything but clear. Also very important, please make sure your child has been without fever or symptoms (without Tylenol, etc.) for 24 hours before returning to school.

# 2010

DECEMBER						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## Committee & Officer Meetings

### **\*Tuesday, December 14**

6:00pm Christian Education  
 6:00pm Properties Committee  
 6:00pm Worship Committee  
 6:00pm Outreach Committee  
 6:00pm Stewardship & Finance Committee  
 7:00pm Session Meeting

## Choir Schedule

### Sunday

6:15pm – Handbell Choir

### Wednesday

4:30pm – Cherub Choir

5:00pm – Seraph Choir

6:30pm – Quartet Rehearsal

7:15pm – Adult Choir



## DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

### *Week 1 – Dec. 1 - 4*

December 1	5:00pm 6:45pm	VBS Planning Meeting Hanging of the Greens
December 2	6:00pm	Downtown Christmas Parade
December 3	1:30pm	Fun and Games
December 4	10:00am	International Christmas Market

### *Week 2 – Dec. 5 - 11*

December 5	9:45am  5:30pm	International Christmas Market Advent Family Celebration
December 6	10:30am 11:45am 7:00pm	PW Morning Circle PW Covered Dish Luncheon Evening Circle Christmas Party @ Mary Gilreath's
December 8	6:45pm	Christmas Pageant
December 11	9:00am	Red Cross Blood Drive

### *Week 3 – Dec. 12 - 18*

December 12	11:00am	Youth Fundraiser – Soup & Potato Bar
December 13	10:30am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
December 15	6:15pm	Christmas Sing-A-Long
December 16	9:00am  4:30pm	MOYC Breakfast @ Cracker Barrel ASP Christmas Celebration
December 17	9:30am	Preschool Sing Around the Tree

### *Week 4 – Dec. 19 - 25*

December 19	4:00pm	SOS to Nick & Friends
December 21	7:00pm	Hope & Healing Service
December 24	5:00pm 7:00pm & 9:00pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

### *Week 5 – Dec. 26 - 31*

December 26	10:00am	Covered Dish Brunch
December 27	10:30am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
		Church Office Closed

## Weekly Ministries

**Monday – Friday** – Preschool 8:00am – 12:00pm

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday** – ASP 2:30pm – 6:00pm

**Tuesdays** – Friendship Table 6:00pm – 7:00pm  
 Meals on Wheels (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues) 10:45am

**Fridays** – AA & Al-Anon Meetings 8:00pm

## December Birthdays



1	Sharon Bickford		
2	Darlene Vessels		
2	Nikki Murphy	20	Floy White
2	John Thomas	20	Stan Tilley
5	Laurie McAfee	20	Emma James
7	Ken Thornton	20	Owen Pruitt
7	Andy Johnson	21	Christine Greene
8	Bill Carlson	22	Melissa Porter
8	Cayce Jacobson	23	Wilma Cameron
8	Sonny Conyers	25	Opal Munn
9	Suzanne Collins	25	Laura Layne
9	Greg Allen	26	Rick Richardson
9	Joe Hall	28	Linda Shaver
10	Joe Noble	28	Mary Cullens
10	Eury Strange	28	Lisa Neal
10	Weston Melton	28	Alyson Atwell
10	Christopher Jacobson	28	Allyson Ireland
11	Boyd Cook	29	Nina Carlson
11	James Hall	29	Jean Ivie
11	Summer Gomez	29	Faye Johnson
12	Nona Smith	30	Molly Collins
12	Jennifer Nebergall		
12	Gillian Bergman		
13	Bonnie Floyd		
13	Joyce Smith		
15	Happy Adams		
15	Kathy Farnon		
15	Logan Davis		
15	Sophia Gomez		
16	Andrew Jett		
18	Bud Shaw		
18	Molly Mendenhall		
18	Terry Lavender		
19	Bob Frink		
19	Holley Earl		
19	Allison Shaver		

If we have left anyone off the birthday list, please contact the church office.

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### **Christmas Eve**

## **Candlelight Services of Lessons and Carols in the Sanctuary**

**5:00pm The Cherub and Seraph Choirs**

**7:00pm The Upper Room Band**

**9:00pm The Sanctuary Choir**

A nursery will be available for all three services.