



Big Cove News

January 2014

Big Cove Presbyterian Church (USA)

**Elder on Call
for January**
Ray Waldrop

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Houston Hodges

**Administrative
Assistant**
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From the Pastor ~ Calling All Members!

Happy New Year! Let's give thanks that God has gifted us with another year to continue our journey of being disciples who make disciples! Now that my studies have been completed, I look forward to having more time to minister to and with you!

Our first item of ministry will be our Annual Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, January 19, at 5 PM**. In another article in this newsletter, you will find the responsibilities and privileges of membership listed, but the ones that pertain to this important meeting are "taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation" and "demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church." In other words, as active members, you, the congregation, have an important role to play in the ongoing development of Big Cove Presbyterian Church. You, as members, have a voice and a vote in the ministries and vision of this congregation, and your presence is essential.

For one thing, you will be voting on approving the incoming class of officers: elders Todd Worthington and Ray Waldrop and deacons Vicki Waldrop and Sally Harris. Church officers are the people that you elect as leaders and agree to follow, pray for, and support. Nominations to these offices also may be made from the floor. In addition, you will be nominating and electing the four people you feel are best qualified to serve on the 2014 Nominating Committee. You may even nominate yourself!

Secondly, an active, engaged member is a good steward. You have the right to know how your pledges are being used, what the church finances look like for 2014, and how the building fund is progressing. You will hear both Treasurer's and Finance reports for an up-to-date review of our stewardship goals. The Clerk's report will include our current membership number.

The session intentionally chose a 5 PM meeting so that no one is asked to bring food for a luncheon. The meeting should last no more than an hour. If you need a ride, please call the church office and we will provide one for you. If you need a babysitter, please call the church office and we will make provisions for the nursery. The session hopes that EVERY member will attend and use his/her privileges of voice and vote. Haven't officially "joined" the church? While you may not vote, you are certainly welcome to share your voice as we continue to discuss where we are and where God is leading us. I hope to see you all there.

Blessings! ~ Rosemary



Annual Membership Review

According to the Book of Order, the session is required to examine the membership roles each year and to remove those people who no longer are active in the life of the church. The Presbyterian Church (USA) no longer keeps an “inactive membership” list because one cannot be a member, cannot be part of the life of the church, without being present.

The main reason for doing this review is pastoral—if someone has chosen not to attend for over a year, the session wants to do what it can to invite that person back into community. If there are hurt feelings or misunderstandings, the session hopes to be able to reconcile any differences. However, if the former member has joined another church or no longer wishes to participate in the worship and ministry of Big Cove Church, the session wants to know that, as well, so that its membership records are a true reflection of this church community.

While the pastor does try to check on missing members, she doesn’t always catch everyone. If you know of someone who has “gone missing,” please let Pastor Rosemary or Clerk Neva Beasley know. As our Book of Order states, membership is a “joy and a privilege,” as well as a “commitment to participate in Christ’s mission.” This commitment includes the following involvement:

- proclaiming the good news in word and deed
- taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation
- lifting one another in prayer, mutual concern, and active support
- studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life
- supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents
- responding to God’s activity in the world through service to others
- participating in the governing responsibilities of the church, and
- reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one’s membership.

As we make our New Year’s resolutions, let’s also review the integrity of our church membership and determine what areas may be increased and made more meaningful.

Nominating Committee 2014

You, the membership of Big Cove Church, will be nominating and electing the 2014 Nominating Committee at our Annual Congregational Meeting. What does this committee do? It is tasked with praying about and discerning who God may be calling to be church officers—elders and deacons—for the next year, contacting these people, and then preparing a list of nominees to present at the annual meeting.

This committee has a great deal of responsibility since additional nominations are rarely made from the floor. Therefore, it is most helpful to this community if the people nominated possess the following qualities:

1. They are active in the life of the church.
2. They are people who are prayerful.
3. They are people who work well with a team.
4. They are responsible and will make a commitment to the work needed on the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee will meet in the first quarter of the year for training, and then begin its work of discernment in August, 2014. Questions? See the pastor.





Important Dates in January



- January 1: New Year's Day**
- January 5: Star Sunday—normal worship times resume**
- January 6: Epiphany**
- January 6: Presbyterian Women meet at 10 am at Pastor Rosemary's home**
- January 8: Immersion Bible study resumes 6-7 (Light supper at 5:30)**
- January 9: Thursday prayer group resumes 10 am**
- January 11: Men's Bible Time 9:30**
- January 19: Annual Congregational Meeting 5:00 pm**
- January 20: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**
- January 27: January Session Meeting**

Looking Ahead: Installation and Ordination of Elders at 9 am worship February 2



Happy January Birthday!

Jeff Harris on the 8th
Betty King on the 13th
Ryan Renfroe on the 16th
Rosemary McMahan on the 18th
Jessica Birdsong Selvage on the 19th
Wayne Deaton on the 23rd
Drake Finley on the 24th
Rebecca Renfroe on the 27th
Michael Beasley on the 28th
John Marshall on the 28th
Jo Stroud on the 29th
Izabella Gallo on the 31st

Happy January Anniversary!

Houston and Pat Hodges on the 3rd

*Please Note February
newsletter deadline:*

January 27

Financial Corner

November 2013

Receipts: \$12,743.00

Operation Expenses \$11,874.68

Donations to The Children's Home: \$164.00

Capital Campaign Donations: \$2,618.75

Any questions relating to the above may be addressed to Diane Lee, Bookkeeper, or any of the current elders.

~Worship Leaders for January~

9AM Worship:

	<u>January 5</u>	<u>January 12</u>	<u>January 19</u>	<u>January 26</u>
Greeter	Alaina Harvey	Nicole Harris	Savanna Harris	Renay Nunn
Host/Hostess .	Merrie Duncan	Vicki Waldrop	Christie Finley	Nicole Harris
Worship Leader.	Pastor	Ron Harris	Sally Harris	Tom Jones
Power Point . . .	Gary Indihar	Kirk Finley	Dennis McMahan	Katrina Pepper

11 AM Worship:

	<u>January 5</u>	<u>January 12</u>	<u>January 19</u>	<u>January 26</u>
Usher	Gary Bass	Pat Burke	Larry Clark	Dexter Gentle
Worship Leader .	Dennis McMahan	Mike Feehan	Kay Hanks	Pastor
First Reader . . .	Tom Bell	Gail Birdsong	Mike Feehan	Hartwell Lutz
Second Reader .	Kathy Barnhart	Larry Clark	David Lilly	Pat Lutz

Care Center Pick Up

<u>January 5-11</u>	Connie Sharp
<u>January 12-18</u>	Connie Sharp
<u>January 19-25</u>	Kate Hosna
<u>January 25-February 1</u>	Kate Hosna

WAVE Team

Jeff & Vicki Irons
Ron Harris
Hartwell & Pat Lutz
Jane Rutledge

(I'm hoping to get the 1st quarter Worship leaders schedules for weeks after January 12 will be in the mail on Monday!
Mary)