

BIG COVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MID-WEEK REMINDERS

Week of May 18-25, 2014



WORSHIP LEADERS for *this coming Sunday, May 25:*

9 AM: Greeter: Alaina Harvey
Host/Hostess: Debbie Book
Worship Leader: Ross Rutledge
Power Point: Gary Indihar

11 AM: Usher: David Lilly
Worship Leader: Tennent Lee
Readers: Gail Birdsong (Acts 17:22-31)
Larry Clark (1 Peter 3:13-22)

Care Center and Wave Team leaders for *the rest of this week, through May 24:*

Care Center Pick-up: Kate Hosna
WAVE Team: Tom & Sharon Bell

Care Center and Wave Team leaders for *next week, May 25-31:*

Care Center Pick-up: Connie Sharp
WAVE Team: Ron Harris

The Children's Home Box brought in \$20.00 this week. Thank you!

From Michelle at the CARE Center: WOW - what a great showing of Big Cove people for the pack night! It was awesome and amazing to see the turn out. I don't feel that I thanked everyone properly/ enough so please let them know how much we appreciated them. They might have set a record for packing that number of break bags in such a short time frame.

MEETINGS and Activities this week:

- **Tonight, Wednesday, May 21, we will welcome special guests, Max and Millie Rosenthal to the Wednesday night Bible study. Max has taught a course on Jewish History at LearningQUEST at the Huntsville Public Library. He will discuss Esther and Ruth as figures in the History of Jewish people. Discussion at 6!**

*****NOTE the meal at 5:30 will be pizza instead of bring-a-dish; if you haven't already let her know you are coming for the meal, please call or e-mail Pat Lutz so that she can order the right amount of pizza.***

- **Thursday morning prayer group** will meet at 10:00 on May 22.
- **The Church office will be *closed* on Monday May 26**, in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.
- **The session** is taking a well-deserved break from meeting this month.

Important Announcements, Dates & Deadlines

- **Remember that the pastor** is on vacation May 19-June 2. Contact Mary in the office or Dallas Ferneau, the Elder-on-Call.
- **To the Women of the Church:** Want to go to Spanish Fort, Alabama, from July 16-18 to attend the PW Women's Gathering? This is a fellowship and study event that includes all PW's in Alabama and in Mississippi. Cost is \$135 for registration and \$89/room. Not too far from the Gulf! The deadline for registering is May 30. If you are interested, please see Gail Birdsong. Gail says she will be happy to go with someone else, but would not plan to go by herself.
- **Check out the thank you notes** on the table in the sanctuary. They from the some of the college students who received the exam time CARE packages from Big Cove. Some other thank you notes, including those from Michael and Joseph Harris, went to Pastor Rosemary. The students were very appreciative!
- **You Are Invited!! The McMahan's are hosting an Open House** on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, from 4-7 PM, *to honor the Indihar Family* as they plan to relocate to Cape Coral, FL, at the end of June. Plans are for Janet and Dana to move first and Gary to join them at the end of the year. Alex will remain here and attend UAH. Let's spend some time with them, thank them for all their many contributions to our congregation, and wish them well.
- **Don't forget to sign up your children** and those of your friends, neighbors, and relatives for the **SONWest ROUND-UP Vacation Bible School** at Big Cove June 23-27. You can sign up through the church website: bigcovechurch.org There are still a few volunteer positions that need to be filled; contact Glenda Harris to find out how to help!

Free Books! Parish Associate Houston Hodges is doing some garage disencumbering, and has a limited supply of the books he's written, to give to Big Cove folk:

Circle of Years, a Caregiver's Journal: 1998. The Huntsville years of Betty Hodges, mother of Houston Hodges, 1992-8: grace and grit, tears and smiles.

Faith Alive: Interactive Worship for the Great New Church, 2006, by Matt Cooney and Houston Hodges. The creation of the Faith Alive worship service at Faith Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, AL: Ins and outs of more participatory responses to the worship of Almighty God.

The Lessons: Fifty Years of Ministry from the Outside In: 2009. Various aspects in the life of Presbyterian minister Houston Hodges: Texas, Manitoba, California, Alabama.

So Far (an e-book, MS Word .doc file): the memoirs of Houston Hodges, 1930 to April, 2012.

Houston will have copies of the first three at church on Sundays May 25 and June 1, from 8:30 until just before the 11:00 service; if you can't pick up what you want then, send HH an e-note and he'll leave them for you at the church to pick up during regular hours. Send him an e-mail if you would like a copy of the e-book (*So Far*) file.

*****Opportunities for service**

- **For the second year we have agreed to help** the *New Hope Community Learning Center* - a partnership between NHS & The Care Center with meals during their Summer Camp. This year they have asked for us to adopt a week for breakfast. Our week will be June 9th. They are estimating for as many as 45 students. Suggested donations include, but are not limited to:

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| pop tarts | fruit cups | granola bars |
| fish crackers | small water bottles | cereal bars |
| yogurt snacks | raisins | 100% juice boxes / pouches |

So please, the next time you are at Costco or Sam's if you would pick up something or if you would rather donate cash to buy supplies please contact Vicki Waldrop.

- *****The CARE Center** will continue to need **canned vegetables** throughout the month of May. Please give as God leads. Thank you in advance!
- **Kids to Camp - Outreach Opportunity!** Covenant Presbyterian Church hopes to send 20 homeless Huntsville children to Camp Maranatha this summer. Needs include financial support, toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, etc.), beach/bath towels, children's clothing (new or gently used), back packs/duffel bags, and volunteers to help sort clothing, help the children's mothers "shop" for clothes, and shop for children's swimsuits. If you are interested in helping, please contact Elaine Woodling.
- *****Please consider signing up for a week** or two over the next few months to help keep the church grounds looking spiffy! There is a "**Curb Appeal**" list of weekly tasks with a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the sanctuary. The mulched areas in the beds and around the trees have been looking a little weedy lately and could use some attention!

Happy Birthday this week!

Dixie Elrod on the 19th
Conrow Book on the 21st
Sherry Sakovich on the 22nd
Jane Rutledge on the 23rd
Merrie Duncan on the 24th

Happy Anniversary this week!

Carlos & Sylvia Romero on the 24th
David & Kate Hosna on the 24th