

## BIG COVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MID-WEEK REMINDERS

Week of November 30-December 6, 2014



### WORSHIP LEADERS for *this coming Sunday, December 7:*

**9 AM: Greeter:** Nicole Harris  
**Host/Hostess:** Vicki Waldrop  
**Worship Leader:** Gary Indihar  
**Power Point:** Gary Indihar

**11 AM: Usher:** Mickey Sharp  
**Worship Leader:** Mike Feehan

**Readers:** Mike Feehan (Isaiah 61:1-3), Tennent Lee (2 Peter 3:8-15a)

**Care Center and Wave Team leaders for *the rest of this week, through December 6:***

**Care Center Pick-up:** Joyce Clark  
**WAVE Team:** Jeff & Vicki Irons

**Care Center and Wave Team leaders for *next week-December 7-12:***

**Care Center Pick-up:** Kay Hanks  
**WAVE Team:** Ron Harris

**The Children's Home Box brought in \$15.00 this week. Thank you!**

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: If you have need of a ride to any evening event at the church, please call the office and we will make arrangements!**

### MEETINGS and Activities this week:

- **Wednesday Night Immersion continues** on December 3, focusing on Chapters 11-12 of Luke. 6:00-7:00 (with BYO brown bag meal and fellowship time at 5:30).
- **Thursday morning prayer group** will meet on December 4 from 10-11 am. Anyone interested is warmly welcomed.
- **Christian Exploration for December 7: Youth and Parents**, how much do you know about Advent? Come match wits with Pastor Rosemary. We will meet in the large classroom upstairs. **Adults:** David Lilly will be leading a discussion on the meaning and history behind a favorite Advent hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." Meet him across the hall from the big classroom. Study attached. Next Christian Exploration meeting on December 21!

- **Those who wish to place a Christmas poinsettia** in the church in memory or in honor of someone may do so by using a form on the table in the back of the sanctuary. ***This year the poinsettias will be white and will cost \$11 each.*** Make checks payable to Big Cove, and designate "For Christmas Poinsettia" on the check. ***This Sunday, December 7 is the deadline!*** Thank you for your help in making the church beautiful for the up-coming holidays.
- **Come, and bring your friends, to a very special Big Cove Christmas program.** At 6 PM on Sunday, December 7th, our choir will perform "***When Earth Received Her King***", a Christmas Cantata arranged by *Marty Parks*. Fresh and unique arrangements of favorite carols and hymns are woven together with connecting scriptural references, in a moving celebration of the Christ-child's birth. Please join us!

**\*\*\*Please bring a plate of finger foods to share at the reception afterwards.\*\*\***  
(Drinks will be provided)

### **Important Announcements, Events-to-Come, Deadlines, Etc.**

- **Christmas Joy Offering!** Big Cove Church will once again be collecting for this special offering on Sunday, December 21. Fifty percent of this offering goes to provide assistance and support to retired ministers (such as our own Houston Hodges) and to active ministers and their families. The other 50% goes to support Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. Your giving makes a difference. For more information, please go to <http://www.pensions.org/Pages/default.aspx>.
- **The Second Saturday/ "Everybody Come!" Bible time** will meet at 9:30 on Saturday, December 13.
- **The Hosnas are hosting a Christmas party for the youth group** on Sunday, December 14, from 4-7 p.m. Contact Kate Hosna if you have questions.
- **The special Advent "O Antiphons!" service** will take place on Wednesday, December 17, at 6:30.
- **The Christmas Eve Worship service** will include communion and candlelight, and will begin at 5:30.

### **\*\*\*Opportunities for service**

- **Gifts for children at Presbyterian Home For Children** will be delivered to the home this **Saturday, December 6**. If you have not already gotten your gift to the church, please contact Linda Wheeler to make arrangements.
- **\*\*\*Please remember the December 9 deadline to help The Mental Health Center of Madison County provide Christmas bundles for 300 residents of Madison County who are hospitalized, living in group homes or attending special programs because of severe and persistent mental illness.** Big Cove members who would like to help Santa Claus out with this project should bring full-sized:
  - toothpaste** (60 tubes are needed)
  - deodorant** (60 solid sticks, a mixture of men's and women's, are needed)
 There is a collection basket in the vestibule. Contact Jeff Irons or Debbie Book with questions.

- \*\*\*The CARE Center Bags of Blessings Pack Night will be December 10, 2014.**

If you prefer not to drive at night, there is also an opportunity for a few extra folks to help with the *set up* for the pack night *on the morning of the 10th*. If enough people want to help with that, Michelle can let some of the regulars "have the day off." It will take place 9 am-11 am-ish (depends on when the set up is finished). Please let Melinda Harvey know as soon as you can if you wish to help with that part of the project so that she can pass the info on to Michelle.

Sign-up sheets and the starting time for the evening part of the Pack process should be found on the table in the back of the sanctuary. See Melinda if you have questions.
- \*\*\*For the rest of the holiday season, focused donations for The CARE Center** are any items to support Christmas meals. Suggestions:

Canned Yams	Stuffing/Dressing Packages
Cream of Mushroom Soup	Canned Green Beans
Canned French Fried Onions	Canned Cranberry Sauce
Canned Corn	Canned evaporated milk
Canned pumpkin pie mix	Box cake, bread, muffin, coffee cake, pie crust mixes
Or anything other non perishable items to support Christmas meals. <i>Thank you!</i>	

**No birthdays or anniversaries this week!**

Celebrate the Blessed Season!