



# Big Cove News

November 2015

Big Cove Presbyterian Church (USA)

## November Elder on Call

Mickey Sharp

## Interim Pastor

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## From the Pastor

Dear Beloveds:

I am settling into my office these days and looking out the windows at the so peaceful mountains.

What a treasure God has given us, both in such a breathtaking creation and the time of transition that we are journeying through together. I am looking forward to meeting you.

I love poetry, so chances are very good that you will be hearing some of the poetry I love. Walter Brueggmann wrote some lovely poetry in prayers in a book titled *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth*. Here is a prayer that I hope blesses us on our way.

Before us  
 giver of all our years,  
 ruler of all our times,  
 for this beginning – and all beginnings, we give you thanks.  
 We pray for energy and freedom and courage  
 proper to a beginning, and ask for your gifts.  
 While we begin, we acknowledge that  
 we are not, here, not ever, at beginning.  
 Before us were our mothers and fathers;  
 before us were our teachers and pastors;  
 before us were many scholars who worked hard and saw much,  
 before us were fanatics who have run great risks,  
 and have kept the text for us.

And before all of them, you  
 you in your wisdom and your glory,  
 you in your power and your mercy.  
 We make our beginning in the presence of all these witnesses,  
 we make our beginning from you and toward you and in you,  
 that our work and study should be as praise for you.  
 You who give all our years,  
 You who rule all our times. Amen.

Beginning blessings,

~Pastor Linda



## Time Change!!

Remember to turn your clocks back an hour on Saturday night/Sunday morning October 31/November 1 (so you will get to church at the right time Sunday morning)!!

*Ready? Set?. . . 3½ weeks till it's a **GO!***

## **Big Cove Presbyterian Holiday Bazaar!**

**November 21, 2015 ~ our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Bazaar!**

The Holiday Bazaar, from 9:00 to 3:00 on that day, is Big Cove Presbyterian's BIGGEST Outreach project. Proceeds from the Bazaar are donated to charity; last year the money was shared between the Presbyterian Home for Children & The Care Center's Bags of Blessings program.

**\*\*\*\*Breaking news: As of this morning—10-29-2015—we have a FULL HOUSE of vendors! Great job, Neva, Debbie, et al!\*\*\*\***



**Our next planning meeting—the last one before the BIG DAY—is at 6:00 Monday, November 9.**

Hosting the bazaar is an elaborate undertaking, and to pull it off, we need **LOTS** of help from many different members of our church family! Please feel free to put it on your calendar and attend this meeting to help finish up the planning!

Take some time to look over the teams below to see where you might be able to help! Pray and think about where your talents or inclinations fit. Let Vicki or Debbie & the team leads know they can count on you.

We have various committees with team leads set up. **YES, you CAN BE on MORE THAN ONE TEAM!** 😊

- Bazaar Co-Chairs – Vicki Waldrop & Debbie Book
- Vendors – Leads – Debbie & Neva – Handle everything associated with Vendors.
- Setup – Carla and the Choir are lead.
- Takedown – Kirk Finley is lead
- Concessions – Michelle & Melinda – Youth & Kids
- Car Show – Dexter is lead
- Money – Jeff Irons
- Advertising – Ray Waldrop
- Bake Sale – Gail & Presbyterian Women
- Raffle – Judy Syles – Vendors donate an item and we make a basket to raffle off
- Basement Bargain Sale in basement of White Church – Pat Lutz
- Flyer – Vicki Waldrop – Linda Wheeler

**Remember to sign up on the sheets on the table in the back of the sanctuary!!**



The next **Bags of Blessings** pack date will be on Wednesday, November 11 at 6 pm. This is Veterans Day, so students will not be in school. As usual, there will be a set-up earlier in the day, so kids who are out of school may want to participate in the early set up.

Sign-up sheets for both parts of the event are on the table in the back of the sanctuary!



## News from Your Session

The Big Cove Session postponed its customary October end-of-month meeting until the beginning of November so that our new Interim Pastor can be present.

The session will meet on Tuesday, November 3, at 6:00 and then will return to its normal meeting time on Tuesday, November 24, at 6:00 PM.

*Session meetings are generally held the last Tuesday of the month at 6 PM in the large classroom upstairs. These meetings are open. If you would like something addressed, please let the Clerk, Neva Beasley, know beforehand, and please keep these servant-leaders in your prayers, along with Deacon Vicki Waldrop.*

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## Care Center Expands



Dear Ministry Partners

It is with great pleasure and a grateful heart to announce that The CARE Center Thrift Store is expanding our reach into the Gurley community with a goal to better serve our neighbors more effectively.

This new store is located right on the highway (kitty-cornered across from the post office) in the plaza with Camry's Kitchen. We will be located in suite C, and the store will be open to the public on November 4.

Our goals are to provide local jobs, to share the gospel, and to make a difference for those in crisis. In time, we hope to offer more of our services to the Gurley community in a satellite. Of course, we will continue to serve them as usual as part of our normal protocol as well.

We plan to host a ribbon cutting soon (TBD) and I couldn't wait to share this exciting news ~ specifically with my prayer partners (YOU).

Please share this with your friends and those who love The CARE Center mission.

Thank you all for all you do to make a difference with our neighbors! May God orchestrate all of our steps so that in all we do we may glorify Him.

Blessings to you all!

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*Nehemiah 8:10 ...for the joy of the LORD is your strength*

## Inter-Generational Christian Exploration Event for Advent

**Advent?** [ad-vent] /'æd vent/ noun

1. a coming into place, view, or being; arrival: the advent of the holiday season.
2. the coming of Christ into the world.
3. the period beginning four Sundays before Christmas, observed in commemoration of the coming of Christ into the world.

All are invited to attend an Intergenerational Exploration Class on Sunday, November 29, 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall of the White Church Building. We will explore how to better observe this time of anticipation in our homes. You will take home a work of art—Your very own Advent Candle Wreath!—while learning the meaning of the greenery, the colors, etc. Families may want to create their home wreath together, or perhaps a child may want to work with a friend. All materials to create the wreath (and, if needed, assistance from Liturgical Arts Team) will be provided

It will be helpful and less expensive if we have a count of participants. A sign-up sheet is available (please sign up as a family unit or single unit.) Donations to cover the cost will be appreciated but not necessary. A drop box will be available to drop in a few bucks to cover.

The class will be hosted by Kathy Barnhart and Linda Wheeler.



## Important Dates in November



**October 31-November 1: Daylight Savings Time Ends (turn clocks back 1 hour!)**

**November 3: Session Meeting 6:00**

**November 8: Congregational Meeting to elect Pastor Nominating Team  
(after 11:00 worship—sandwich lunch provided)**

**November 9: Presbyterian Women 10:00**

**November 9: Outreach / Bazaar Planning team meeting 6:00**

**November 11: Veterans Day**

**November 11: Bag of Blessings Set up 9:00 and Pack Night 6:00**

**November 14: Second Saturday Everybody Come Bible Time 9:30**

**November 21: Big Cove Holiday Bazaar 9:00-3:00**

**November 22: Big Cove Youth Meeting 5:30**

**November 24: Session Meeting 6:00**

**November 29: Inter-generational Advent Wreath-making event 10:00**

## Regularly Scheduled Events:

Sunday Worship: 9 am and 11 am  
 Christian Exploration: 10:00  
 Monday: Centering Prayer 6 pm  
 Wednesday: Immersion Bible Study 6:00-7:00  
 (BYO brown bag supper and fellowship time at 5:30)  
 Choir Practice 7:00-8:00  
 Thursday Morning Prayer Group: 10-11 AM  
 Second Saturday Bible Time: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month 9:30  
 Sunday Night Youth Group: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in each month 5:30  
 Session Meeting: Last Tuesday in each month 6:00

### Happy November Birthday!

Jack Hosna on the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Clay Weir on the 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Lorrie Miller on the 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Ron Harris on the 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Kate Hosna on the 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Glenn Wheeler on the 26<sup>th</sup>

### Happy November Anniversary!

Gary & Glenda Bass on the 22<sup>nd</sup>

*Please note deadline for  
 December newsletter:  
 November 23*

### Financial Corner For September 2015

Receipts:	\$12,588.77
Operation Expenses:	\$11,012.47
Donations to The Children's Home:	\$302.00
Capital Campaign Donations:	\$125.00

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





*~Worship Leaders for November~*

9AM Worship:

	<u>November 1</u>	<u>November 8</u>	<u>November 15</u>	<u>November 22</u>	<u>November 29</u>
Greeter. . . . .	Nicole Harris	Savanna Harris	Alaina Harvey	Kirk Finley	Sean Pepper
Host/Hostess. .	Ross Rutledge	Debbie Book	Nicole Harris	Melinda Harvey	Michele Pepper
Worship Leader.	Ross Rutledge	Whitney Smith	Don Barnhart	Debbie Book	Tom Jones
Power Point . .	Harveys	Vicki Waldrop	Sylvia Romero	Tennent Lee	DJ Book

11 AM Worship:

	<u>November 1</u>	<u>November 8</u>	<u>November 15</u>	<u>November 22</u>	<u>November 29</u>
Usher . . . . .	Dexter Gentle	Kay Hanks	Jeff Irons	David Lilly	Hartwell Lutz
Worship Leader .	Neva Beasley	Mike Feehan	Tennent Lee	Mickey Sharp	Neva Beasley
First Reader . . .	Tennent Lee	Connie Sharp	Judy Styles	Todd Worthington	Kathy Barnhart
Second Reader .	David Lilly	Mickey Sharp	Mike Feehan	Neva Beasley	Gail Birdsong

Centering prayer leaders: November 2: Renay Nunn  
 November 9: Mary Hooper  
 November 16: TBD  
 November 23: TBD

Care Center Pick Up

<u>October 25-31</u>	Gail Birdsong
<u>November 1-7</u>	Gail Birdsong
<u>November 8-14</u>	Pat Burke
<u>November 15-21</u>	Pat Burke
<u>November 22-28</u>	Joyce Clark
<u>November 29-December 5</u>	Joyce Clark

WAVE Team

Tom & Sharon Bell  
 Jeff & Vicki Irons  
 Hartwell & Pat Lutz  
 Jane Rutledge  
 Connie Sharp  
 Linda Wheeler

Updated Contact list for Big Cove Presbyterian

**Session:** Neva Beasley (Clerk), Kathy Barnhart, Debbie Book, Christie Finley, Mickey Sharp, Todd Worthington  
**Deacon:** Vicki Waldrop

**If you have questions about a particular ministry or mission in the church, please contact:**

**Treasurer:** Kirk Finley  
**Finance:** Larry Clark, Todd Worthington, or Diane Lee (bookkeeper)  
**Adult Christian Exploration:** David Lilly  
**Christian Exploration, Children & Youth:** Linda Wheeler  
**Congregational Care:** Deacon Vicki Waldrop  
**Nursery Contact:** Whitney Smith  
**Personnel:** session liaison Christie Finley  
**Property/ Grounds:** Bruce Harvey & Dexter Gentle  
**Planning Ministry Team:** Kathy Barnhart  
**Outreach Chair (Christmas Bazaar):** Vicki Waldrop  
**CARE Center:** Michele Pepper  
**Presbyterian Home for Children:** **currently vacant**  
**Youth Contact:** Katrina Pepper  
**Presbyterian Women:** Gail Birdsong  
**Second Saturday Bible Study:** David Lilly or Houston Hodges  
**Worship Team:** Tennent Lee: session liaison, Mickey Sharp  
**Church Website:** Mike Feehan



E-mail addresses and phone numbers may be found in the current directory.