

BIG COVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MID-WEEK REMINDERS

Week of November 22-29, 2015

Happy Thanksgiving! And looking forward to the first Sunday in Advent!



WORSHIP LEADERS for *this coming Sunday, November 29:*

9 AM: Greeter: Sean Pepper
Host/Hostess: Michele Pepper
Worship Leader: Tom Jones
Power Point: DJ Book

11 AM: Usher: Hartwell Lutz
Worship Leader: Neva Beasley

Readers: Kathy Barnhart (Jeremiah 33:14-16), Gail Birdsong (Psalm 25:1-10)

Care Center and Wave Team leaders for *the rest of this week, through November 28:*

Care Center Pick-up: Joyce Clark
WAVE Team: Connie Sharp

Care Center and Wave Team leaders for *next week November 29-December 6:*

Care Center Pick-up: Joyce Clark
WAVE Team: Linda Wheeler

The Children's Home Box brought in **\$27.00** this week. *Thank you!*

One More BIG THANK YOU (from Vicki and all of the Outreach Team) to everyone who helped with the Bazaar, Bake Sale and Basement Boutique on Saturday! It was a lovely day and raised a total of nearly **\$4300** for charity missions we support!

ACTIVITIES this week: (please note the Thanksgiving week info marked with ***)

- **Immersion Bible Study** will NOT meet on November 25, "Thanksgiving Eve." *** (But it will resume on December 2 at 6 pm.)
- **The choir** will *not* meet to rehearse on "Thanksgiving Eve." ***
- **Thursday Prayer Group** will NOT meet on Thanksgiving! ***
- **The Church office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day** ***.
- **CALLING CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND ADULTS to the November 29, 10:00 a.m. Christian Exploration Class** Don't let the holiday busy-ness define your preparation for the Christ Child! This class is designed for all ages (Pre-K through 102) to gather in one setting while having fun and learning. We have supplies for your FAMILY to create an Advent wreath or just come hang out and lend a hand or observe.
Parents of CONFIRMATION students: Please encourage your child to take part in this class. It would be a blessing for them if you joined them during their time of learning the beliefs, traditions, and prayers of our Reformed Faith.

If you've not already signed up please contact Linda Wheeler.

Other Important Information:

- **Please be sure to turn in your pledge card soon! The 2016 budget depends on your support** and the finance committee and session need to get plans finished very soon! Some extra pledge cards and Time and Talent sheets are available on the table in the sanctuary.
- **Centering Prayer** will meet on Monday, November 30 at 6:00. (Mary is leader)
- **Last year you may remember we collected** toothpaste and brushes **for Operation Santa Claus** (adults with mental illness who live in group homes) and this year we have been asked to collect: **warm gloves** (for adult-sized hands) **and body lotion**.
All donations need to be in by Sunday December 13th. There will be a collection bin in the stairwell. Thanks!!
- **The third annual women's dinner** sponsored by Presbyterian Women will be Thursday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. Dinner menu will be planned and executed by Kathy Barnhart. Please call or email Gail Birdsong or Mary Hooper (256-533-5570 bigcovechurch@gmail.com) if you plan to attend. Numbers are needed to plan meal. As the "price of admission," **please bring a can or two of food or some other items to donate to the CARE Center**. Also, note that this gathering will take the place of the Presbyterian Women's December morning meeting.
- **You are invited to join us on Sunday evening, December 6th**, for a very special event as our **choir performs "When Earth Presents Her King," a wonderful music cantata** arranged and orchestrated by Marty Parks. The program begins at 6 PM and should last approximately 30 minutes. Light "finger-food" snacks will be provided afterward.
- **Immediately after playing for our choir's Christmas cantata on December 6th, Jervon** will drive over to Oakwood College to play in a music program featuring an ensemble comprised of several of the college's higher level musical students. Everyone is welcome to attend this public program, which begins at 8 PM. We hope you'll join us there for this additional musical treat! The specific location and directions will be provided this week in flyers available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.
- **What Presbyterians Know**
Pastor Linda is forming a class on *the basics of our Presbyterian tradition*.
The class will be offered in January 2016. The day and time is under development at this time. If you would like to know more about who we are, what we do, and why we do it, or if you are interested in joining the membership of Big Cove Presbyterian Church, this class is for you.
Please sign up with Mary in the office and tell her your #1 and #2 choices for a day and time.
God bless! ~Pastor Linda
- **The Presbyterian Home For Children has been sending thank you notes** to Big Cove each month for the donations we make through the donations box we contribute to each week. We had been recycling those letters, but it finally occurred to me last week that you might want to see those! (Yes, I'm slow on some things!) So I will post them each month, starting with today's letter thanking us for October's donations! I will try to remember to let you know when a new one has arrived and is posted.

Happy Birthday this week!

Glenn Wheeler on the 26th