

## BIG COVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MID-WEEK REMINDERS

Week of December 13-20, 2015



### WORSHIP LEADERS for *this coming Sunday, December 20:*

**9 AM:** Greeter: Whitney Smith

**Host/Hostess:** Ross Rutledge

**Worship Leader:** Ross Rutledge

**Power Point:** Sylvia Romero

**11 AM:** Usher: Gary Bass

**Worship Leader:** Mickey Sharp

**Readers:** Tennent Lee (Micah 5:2-5a), Judy Styles (Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19)

**Care Center and Wave Team** leaders for *the rest of this week, through December 19:*

**Care Center Pick-up:** Kay Hanks

**WAVE Team:** Neva Beasley

**Care Center and Wave Team** leaders for *next week December 20-26:*

**Care Center Pick-up:** Kate Hosna

**WAVE Team:** Jeff & Vicki Irons

**The Children's Home Box** brought in \$24.00 this week. *Thank you!*

When I arrived at the church last Sunday, I was **WOWED! What a beautiful place!** You make one feel Christ's love and the joy of celebration **as soon as one opens the door.**

**THANK YOU ALL WHO DID SUCH A THING!** Your artistic gifts are a marvel!

Advent blessings! ~Pastor Linda

**Thank you to the Outreach Team and all of the individuals who are providing bicycles for children at the Presbyterian Home for Children!**

Thanks to your generosity, all of the bicycles we were asked to provide, along with the car seat, have been adopted!! (See "Opportunities for Service" below for **additional information and needs.**)

### ACTIVITIES *this week and Christmas week:*

- **Immersion Bible Study** will meet on December 16 at 6 pm.
- **Thursday Prayer Group** will meet on Thursday December 17 at 10.
- **CHRISTIAN EXPLORATION REMINDERS:**  
Confirmation Class will meet Sunday, December 20, 1st Floor  
K-12 will meet Sunday, December 20 in the Youth Room, 2nd Floor  
Adults will meet in Adult Room 2nd Floor  
All Classes are dismissed for Sunday, December 27, resuming on January 3
- **The Big Cove Presbyterian Youth Group Christmas party** will be at the Hosnas' house on Sunday, December 20, at 3pm. All middle and high schoolers are welcome for food, fun and fellowship. Contact Kate Hosna for more information.

- **Centering Prayer** will *not* meet on Monday, December 21.
- **Immersion Bible study** will not meet on Wednesday December 23.
- **Thursday Prayer Group** will not meet on Christmas Eve.
- **The Christmas Eve service will be at 5:30.**
- **There will be a Joy Gift offering** collected at the Christmas Eve service.
- **\*\*\*\*\*Please turn in your pledge card! \*\*\*\*\*The 2016 budget depends on your support**, and the finance team and session need to finished budget plans soon! Extra pledge cards are available on the sanctuary table.

**Other Important Information:**

- **There will be only one worship service** at 10:00 on Sunday, December 27. There will be no Christian Exploration gatherings that day.
- **Pastor Linda has asked that in lieu of Christmas gifts** for her, members make gifts in her name to the Presbyterian Home for Children or the CARE Center.
- **There are Christmas cards and thank-yous** to Big Cove from the Children's Home and the CARE Center posted on the bulletin board next to the elevator downstairs.

**Opportunities for Service:**

- **We have had a wonderful response to the Presbyterian Home for Children's request** for bicycles and other items for Christmas. At this point, there are 15 of the 25 specific items accounted for and the bazaar funds earmarked for the Children's Home will be purchasing the remainder of what they need.

**If you signed up for a bike, please contact Julie** and let her know if you have ordered (or will order) it so that it will arrive at the Talladega Wal-Mart no later than December 23<sup>rd</sup> or if you will be bringing it to the church by Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Please forward Julie your confirmation e-mail which should include the estimated delivery date for your purchase if you have not done so already. Chelsey Glassco should be listed as the pickup person on your order; If dropping off at the church, please attach your pink or blue card to the bike so it ends up with the appropriate child, and leave it in the in the basement of the white church **after Wednesday** (if you need to leave it *on Wednesday*, please put it *in the stairwell vestibule* and we will move it). **\*\*\*Additionally, please remember that the Children's Home also still needs spiritual development items (children's study Bibles, devotionals, Christian-themed movies and toys)\*\*\*** for approximately 60 children and young adults, ages toddler through 24. Those can also be left in the stairwell area of the church by Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

- **Your Church needs you in 2016!**  
Below are two opportunities for you to be of service to your church community in the new year:

1. **Want to help out in the church but do not know where you can fit in?**

**Don't have much time?      Can't get out often?**  
**Want to help other members of the church community feel loved and appreciated?**

This is for you!      Card writers needed for 2016!  
Slots available are:      Adult Birthdays 3rd Quarter & 4th Quarter  
Anniversaries 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Quarters  
Kids Birthday 1st half and 2nd half

We will supply you with dates, cards and stamps...whatever you need.  
If you can help, contact Glenda Harris

2. **Would you like to help make worship happen?** There will soon be a new schedule of worship participant/leaders for the first quarter of 2016, and we can always use more volunteers. In particular, the group of people who can create Power Point slide shows for 9:00 worship has shrunk a bit; (I believe we have folks who can teach you how to do that if you are interested but aren't sure how to do it.) And we also need more hosts/ hostesses who will take turns providing refreshments and we need a few more worship leaders for the 9:00 service. *Always needed* are greeters, readers and ushers.

If you would like to help with worship, please let Mary know: [bigcovechurch@gmail.com](mailto:bigcovechurch@gmail.com)  
(If you are already serving in one of these roles, please let me know of any Sundays in January, February, and March when you will be unable to serve and I will try to work around those dates as I make the schedule.)

- **FYI sometime in the not-too-distant future:** Several Huntsville area Presbyterian Churches are going to take part in an *all Presbyterian Habitat for Humanity* house-building. So far, the churches that will participate, either financially or hands-on or both, are Covenant, Faith, Fellowship, and First—and maybe Hope. In the past, building sessions are usually concentrated on Saturdays, and usually scheduled in the late February to late May months. I will try to keep you posted as the info becomes more specific. Meanwhile, if you think you might be interested in participating, let me know; I'll keep a list of Big Cove folks who might be interested in helping and will contact you specifically if/when I know more. –Mary
- **Thanks to everyone who generously provided flowers for the sanctuary this year!** The 2015 calendar is full through December, so the *2016 calendar* is now posted on the bulletin board in the stairwell vestibule. If you have special Sundays in 2016 you'd like to reserve, please feel free to sign up for them. Arrangements cost \$25, and you may take the flowers home after the 11:00 service on the Sunday you have provided them. (Make checks to Big Cove designated "Sanctuary Flowers" and place them in the envelope by the chart or in the offering plate)

**LATE Happy Anniversary** wishes to Jeff and Sandra Stephens on December 10!

**Happy Birthday this week!**  
Sandra Stephens on the 17th  
Juanice Scrimshire on the 20th