

BIG COVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MID-WEEK REMINDERS

Week of December 6-13, 2015



WORSHIP LEADERS for *this coming Sunday, December 13:*

9 AM: Greeter: Kirk Finley
Host/Hostess: Nicole Harris
Worship Leader: Whitney Smith
Power Point: the Harveys

11 AM: Usher: JC Scrimshire
Worship Leader: Tennent Lee
Readers: James Glenn (Zephaniah 3:14-20), Mike Feehan (Isaiah 12:2-6)

Care Center and Wave Team leaders for *the rest of this week, through December 12:*

Care Center Pick-up: Kay Hanks
WAVE Team: Pam Worthington

Care Center and Wave Team leaders for *next week December 13-19:*

Care Center Pick-up: Kay Hanks
WAVE Team: Neva Beasley

The Children's Home Box brought in \$24.50 this week. *Thank you!*

ACTIVITIES this week:

- **Immersion Bible Study** will meet on December 9 at 6 pm. This evening the Immersion group will tackle Session 1 of the handout booklet, "The Present Word," with Tennent Lee at the reins; copies of the booklet are still available.
- **Thursday Prayer Group** will meet on Thursday December 10 at 10.
- **There will be an "Everybody Come On Y'all" Bible time** Saturday, December 12, beginning at 9:30 — bring any Bible and any question.
- **There will be an Outreach team** meeting on Monday, December 14 at 6:00.
- **REMINDER: Christian Exploration K-6th and Youth Confirmation** will meet December 13, 10:00. There will be a Christmas break for these gatherings on December 20 and December 27.
- **Centering Prayer** will *not* meet on Monday, December 14.
- *******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 available on the sanctuary table.

Other Important Information:

- **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
- **There will be only one worship service at 10:00 on Sunday, December 27.** There will be no Christian Exploration gatherings that day.

Your Session at work:

(The most recent session meeting took place after the December newsletter was out.)

- Dr. Tammy Gregory Brown and Sarah Martin, the Pastor Nominating Committee and Committee On Ministry Liaison, visited.
- Session voted to accept the resignation of Katrina Pepper as youth leader.
- Worship team recommended one service for December 27 at 10 am with Houston Hodges conducting the service. The recommendation was approved.
- Received a report on stewardship drive.
- Made a decision concerning securing the building after the 11am service.
- This is now the responsibility of the worship leader.
- Scheduled a meeting to accept new members Jeff and Sandra Stephens.

Opportunities for Service:

- **Please bring your donations of warm gloves and body lotion for Operation Santa Claus** (providing Christmas for adults with mental illness who live in group homes in Madison County) **in by this Sunday December 13th**. There is a collection bin in the stairwell. Thanks!
- **This Saturday(December 12) from 9:00-12:00** (or until 40,000 pounds of sweet potatoes are all bagged, whichever comes first) there will be another sweet potato drop sponsored by the Society of Saint Andrew. This time the drop will be at **Asbury United Methodist Church** at the corner of Hughes Road and Gillespie in Madison, AL. In case of inclement weather the drop will relocate indoors at the **Madison County Farmers Market on Cook Ave** behind Krispy Kreme off North Memorial Parkway. Some of you have participated in drops before, either at the Farmers Market or at Faith Presby, and this one is further away, but the process is the same (probably not as messy and smelly as the one in the summer was, since the weather is cooler!).
- **The Presbyterian Home for Children** has asked for help in getting several bicycles and tricycles for their residents for Christmas. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church on Sunday, December 13th that includes ages and genders of the children who have requested bikes. Feel free to share a bike purchase with another person or other people if that is easier for you. If you can purchase a bike and bring it in, please leave it in the stairwell **no later than Sunday, December 20th**. If you would like to order one, it can be ordered from Wal-Mart and picked up at the local store in Talladega by the Children's Home staff. Please contact Julie Loggins if you would like to make arrangements for ordering so that you have the appropriate name on the order.
AND there is a need for a forward-facing, 5-point harness car seat for a 12 month old. It can be convertible, but not one that converts from rear-facing to forward-facing. It has to be a forward-facing car seat that converts to a booster seat.
The Home for Children has also asked for assistance in acquiring spiritual development items (children's study Bibles, devotionals, Christian-themed movies and toys) for ages toddler through age 24. About 60 children at PHFC need these items. If you can provide any of those, please drop them off in the stairwell of the church **no later than Sunday, December 20th**, as well.

- **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)