



Big Cove News

January 2016

Big Cove Presbyterian Church (USA)

January Elder on Call

To be announced after session meeting 1/5/16

Transitional Pastor
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Parish Associate
Houston Hodges

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From the Pastor

Dear Beloveds:

Even as we hold steady to celebrating Christmas in a routine way, sometimes in the very same way every year, Christmas is the marking of the world in and for a new way. In Christ, new life has broken into old habits and old directions. Malcolm Guite is a modern English poet who has written many books and poems. One of his poems, "On the Edge," captures the essence of the impact of Christ's birth in the language of realignment, which also speaks well during transition.

ON THE EDGE

by Malcolm Guite

Christmas sets the center on the edge;
The edge of town, out-buildings of an inn,
The fringe of empire, far from privilege
And power, on the edge and outer-spin
Of turning worlds, a margin of small stars
That edge a galaxy itself light years
From some unguessed-at cosmic origin.
Christmas sets the center on the edge.
And from this day our world is re-aligned;
A tiny seed unfolding in the womb
Becomes the source from which we all unfold
And flower into being. We are healed,
The end begins, the tomb becomes a womb,
For now in him all things are realigned.

Happy New Year blessings,

-Pastor Linda

Your Session



The session will meet on Tuesday, January 5 at 6:00. The schedule of Elders on Call for each month in 2016 will be decided at this meeting. Watch for this and other Session news in future publications.

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 and the new officers for 2016 in your prayers.

If you haven't done so, please turn in your pledge card!

The 2016 budget depends on your support, and the finance team and session need to finish plans soon! Extra pledge cards are available in the vestibule.

Don't forget that Big Cove's ministries and missions are also in need of contributions that are not financial, so please turn in your Time & Talent sheets, as well. There are also extra T & T sheets on the table in the vestibule.

Come and (help) Worship!

Please consider prayerfully whether you may be being called to serve in a worship service role at Big Cove. Some of your peers who have served in leadership roles for a long time are feeling that it might be a good time for some new faces and voices to show up in the worship services.

We are in particular need of Power Point Rangers, Worship Leaders, and Hosts/hostesses for the 9:00 services. If you can create Power Point presentations, you can create this important worship tool, and you don't necessarily have to attend the 9:00 service to prepare the slides—a worshipper at the service can use a remote to advance the slides!

The responsibilities of the leaders at 11:00 are under discussion during January, but you can ask Tennent Lee, the chair of the Worship committee, about that discussion, and we will always need readers!

Please examine your talents and commitments and see if you could offer your help in worshipping our lord. Let Mary or Tennent know if you would like to be added to the lists of volunteers!

Brief Important Reminders:

- **First Saturday Bible Time for Everyone** will gather at 9:30 this Saturday, January 2.
- **Christian Exploration for adults** will begin the new year at 10 on Sunday morning, in the upstairs classroom — David Lilly, guide.
- **Christian Exploration K-12** (including the confirmation class) will resume on Sunday, January 10.
- **The Presbyterian Women** will meet on Monday January 11 at 10:00
- **A great big THANK YOU** to Pastor Linda and the Thursday Prayer Group for getting the star Sunday stars ready!!

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
 Choir Rehearsal 7:00-8:00
 Thursday: Morning Prayer Group 10-11 AM
 First Saturday Bible Time: 1st Saturday each month 9:30
 Sunday Night Youth Group: 3rd Sunday in each month 5:30
 Session Meeting: Last Tuesday in each month 6:00

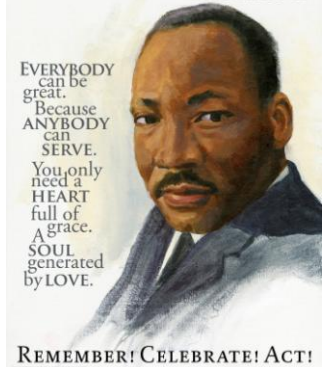
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Important Dates in January

January 1: Happy New Year!
 January 2: Everybody Come Bible Time 9:30
 January 3: Star Sunday
 January 5: Session Meeting
 January 6: Epiphany
 January 11: Presbyterian Women's January meeting 10:00
 January 17: Annual Congregational Meeting
 January 18: Martin Luther King Birthday/ Holiday

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
HOLIDAY



Happy January Birthday!

Jeff Harris on the 8th
 Betty King on the 13th
 Ryan Renfroe on the 16th
 Jessica Birdsong Selvage on the 19th
 Drake Finley on the 24th
 Rebecca Renfroe on the 27th
 Michael Beasley on the 28th
 Jo Stroud on the 29th

Happy January Anniversary!

Houston & Pat Hodges on the 3rd

Financial Corner

For November 2015

Receipts:	\$14,931.00
Operation Expenses:	\$11,170.44
Donations to The Children's Home:	\$141.10
Capital Campaign Donations:	\$100.00

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

Please note deadline for February newsletter: January 25

~Worship Leaders for January~

9AM Worship:

	<u>January 3</u>	<u>January 10</u>	<u>January 17</u>	<u>January 24</u>	<u>January 31</u>
Greeter.	Savanna Harris	Alaina Harvey	Ryan Pepper	Sean Pepper	Renay Nunn
Host/Hostess. .	Debbie Book	Nicole Harris	Ross Rutledge	Melinda Harvey	Vicki Waldrop
Worship Leader.	Don Barnhart	Debbie Book	Ross Rutledge	Tom Jones	Ray Waldrop
Power Point . .	the Harveys	Sylvia Romero	Tennent Lee	the Harveys	Vicki Waldrop

11 AM Worship:

	<u>January 3</u>	<u>January 10</u>	<u>January 17</u>	<u>January 24</u>	<u>January 31</u>
Usher	Larry Clark	Dexter Gentle	Kay Hanks	David Lilly	Hartwell Lutz
Worship Leader .	Tennent Lee	Mickey Sharp	Larry Clark	Neva Beasley	Mickey Sharp
First Reader . . .	Mickey Sharp	Todd Worthington	Neva Beasley	Larry Clark	Tennent Lee
Second Reader .	Kathy Barnhart	Gail Birdsong	Mike Feehan	James Glenn	David Lilly

Centering prayer leaders: January 4: Connie Sharp
 January 11: TBD
 January 18: TBD
 January 25: TBD

Care Center Pick Up

<u>December 27-January 2</u>	Kate Hosna
<u>January 3-9</u>	Juanice Scrimshire
<u>January 10-16</u>	Juanice Scrimshire
<u>January 17-23</u>	Connie Sharp
<u>January 24-30</u>	Connie Sharp
<u>January 31-February 6</u>	Ann Sublett

WAVE Team

Hartwell & Pat Lutz
 Jane Rutledge
 Connie Sharp
 Linda Wheeler
 Pam Worthington
 Neva Beasley

Contact list for Big Cove Presbyterian

Session: Neva Beasley (Clerk), Kathy Barnhart, Mickey Sharp, Todd Worthington (2016 Nominees for elder Dexter Gentle and Tennent Lee; **Nominees** for deacon: Melinda Harvey, Michele Pepper-congregational meeting to be held on January 17)

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:** Julie Loggins and Clay Weir
- Youth Contact:** James Glenn
- 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
- Church Facebook Page:** Houston Hodges or Mary Hooper



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