



Big Cove News

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Big Cove Presbyterian Church (USA)

February Elder on Call

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From the Pastor

Sis. Macrina Wiederkehr, O. S. B., a spiritual guide and author of many books on spirituality, has written a prayer for each one of the Beatitudes in her book, *Season of Your Heart*. One prayer that I think enlightens a season of transition well is entitled, **“Blessed are the Pure of Heart, You shall see the Face of God.”** I encourage you to read a verse, pause, and meditate on it for a short time. Then, read the prayer in its entirety. Take some real time with the prayer so that it can bless and enlighten you.

With deep reverence
I turned to the pure of heart,
How does it feel to be pure of heart? I asked.

With simplicity
One with a pure heart replied:

It feels like a child exploring a new day
It feels like all your false idols have tumbled
as you stand amid ruin and creation
with brand-new eyes.

It feels like having eyes
that do nothing but *see*
and all things are possible
for those who can see.

To be pure of heart
is to be transparent

It is to have a heart that doesn't hide,
an undivided, single heart
a heart that feasts
on the one thing necessary:
life in and of God.

To be pure of heart
is to have a heart
with direction
expectation and purpose.

It is to seek first
the reign of God
believing
all else
will be given it besides.

To be pure of heart
is to be free.

Thank you for our time in Christ's service together. May we seek free and pure hearts for God alone during our respective seasons of transition—yours and mine

Heart-full blessing to y'all, always,

Pastor Linda

* Wiederkehr, Macrina. *Seasons of Your Heart:*

Prayers and Reflections. New York, NY: HarperCollins, 1991.

Brief Important Reminders (Midweek reminders substitute):

The Children's Home Box brought in \$62.00 this week. Thank you!

- **Immersion Bible study** continues Wednesday February 3 at 6:00.
- **Thursday Prayer group** will meet at 10 Thursday, February 4.
- **Centering Prayer** will meet at 6:00 on Monday evening, February 8. Mary is leader.
- **First Saturday Bible Time for Everyone** will gather at 9:30 this Saturday, February 6
- **The Outreach Team** will meet at 6:00 on Monday night, February 8. It's a new year, and we would love new people with new ideas on our team! All are welcome!
- **The Ash Wednesday service** will be on February 10 at 6:30.
- **Chili Cook-off** coming up Sunday, February 14 after the 11:00 worship service.
- **Please remember** to let Mary know when to add names to or take names off the [prayer request list](#).

WORSHIP LEADERS for *this coming Sunday, February 7:*

9 AM: Greeter: Whitney Smith
Host/Hostess: Debbie Book
Worship Leader: Whitney Smith
Power Point: Sylvia Romero

11 AM: Usher: Pat Ltz
Worship Leader: Tennent Lee
Reader: Connie Sharp or Mickey Sharp (Isaiah 25:1-9)

Care Center and Wave Team leaders for *the rest of this week, through February 6:*

Care Center Pick-up: Ann Sublett

WAVE Team: Neva Beasley

Care Center and Wave Team leaders for *next week February 7-13:*

Care Center Pick-up: Ann Sublett

WAVE Team: Jeff & Vicki Irons

Your Session at Work

The session met for its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 26, at 6:00. Committee liaisons were made for 2016:

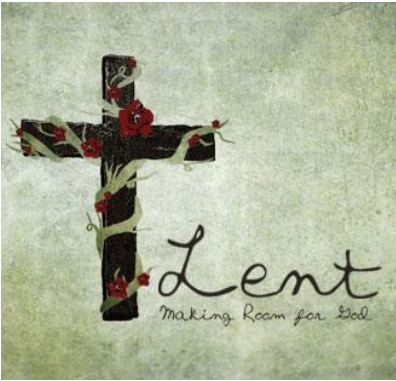
Kathy Barnhart - Planning
Neva Beasley - Outreach
Dexter Gentle - Building and Grounds
Tennent Lee - Personnel
Mickey Sharp - Worship
Todd Worthington - Budget/Finance

In addition, the following actions were taken:

- Approved worship services to be in the white church on Feb. 14.
- The use of facility for Katrina Pepper's wedding was approved.
- The Seder Supper will be on Maundy Thursday.
- An Ash Wednesday Service will be planned for Feb. 10 at 6:30 pm.
- Received resignation of Carla Feehan as choir director effective after the Easter Service.

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 all of the officers for 2016 in your prayers.





THE SEASON OF LENT AT BIG COVE

The Season of Lent is marked by a time of prayer and preparation to celebrate Easter. This season of the year is equal only to the Season of Advent in importance in the Christian year, and is part of the second major grouping of Christian sacred time and festivals that includes Holy Week, Easter, and Pentecost.

Big Cove will begin with an Ash Wednesday Candlelight Service to be held on February 10, at 6:30 p.m. As we quiet our thoughts and slow our pace of the season, may we use this time in preparation of the journey toward resurrection and to reflect our future as a church.

The Big Cove Liturgical Arts Team (LAT) is preparing to lead us into this Season using The Symbols of Lent. We want each member or family unit to participate by bringing a **cross** to display. If you have a cross that has a special meaning to you, we ask that you write a brief description of what it means to you and why, how you obtained it, etc. We will have a special table (s) to display **ALL THE CROSSES** during the season of Lent.

Your cross might be a piece of jewelry, framed picture, wood, glass or metal sculpture, wall hanging, etc.

Please remember to:

- **begin bringing your crosses on the first Sunday in Lent, February 14, by placing them on the CROSS TABLE or you can give them to a member of the LAT** (Kathy Barnhart, Debbie Book, Jane Rutledge, Connie Wilson, Linda Wheeler)
- **identify your item with your name**
- **write a description of the item on a note card, available in vestibule this Sunday** (this is optional)



Youth Christian Exploration is alive and well!

We meet every Sunday between services starting at 10:00 a.m. upstairs in the Church. Come and see what we are talking about. We have two classes - K thru 6th grade, and 7th thru 12th grade. You don't have to be a member to join in.

If you are already attending our Sunday classes, bring a friend! See you there!



It's CHILI Time!!

Plans are falling into place for this year's **Chili Cook-Off**. This annual free luncheon event is scheduled in the new church building after the 11:00 worship service on **Valentine's Day, February 14**.

Please let Gail Birdsong know if you are planning to bring a pot of chili. If you are not bringing chili, please bring crackers for people to eat with their chili.

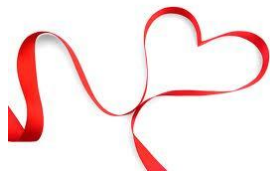
Also feel free to bring baked goods for the bake sale that benefits Presbyterian

Women. And many thanks to Glenda Harris for organizing the bake sale and handling decorations.

Don't miss this wonderful and delicious chance for fellowship with other Big Cove friends!

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



Important Dates in February



February 1: Presbyterian Women met
 February 6: First Saturday Everybody Come Bible Time 9:30
 February 10: Ash Wednesday (Service at 6:30)
 February 14: Valentine's Day & Chili Cook-Off (after 11:00 service)
 February 15: Presidents' Day
 February 21: Big Cove Youth (Plans TBA)
 February 23: Session Meeting 6:00

Happy February Birthday!

Tommy Blakemore on the 2nd
 Kay Gentle on the 3rd
 Sylvia Romero on the 5th
 James Glenn on the 6th
 Gary Thie on the 7th
 Tom Bell on the 9th
 DJ Book on the 10th
 Mariah Dickinson on the 14th
 Kirk Finley on the 14th
 Sally Harris on the 16th
 Myra Lott on the 16th
 Vicki Irons on the 19th
 Ann Sublett on the 20th
 Kay Hanks on the 22nd
 Neva Beasley on the 24th
 Renay Nun on the 25th
 Pat Burke on the 26th

Happy February Anniversary!

Tom & Sharon Bell on the 6th
 Tom & Shirley Jones on the 12th

Financial Corner

For December 2015

Receipts:	\$14,843.00
Operation Expenses:	\$20,477.03
Donations to The Children's Home:	\$78.50
Capital Campaign Donations:	\$100.00

Increase in expenses due to costs of full-time minister, and two months' benefits and withholding taxes.

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

*Please note deadline for March
newsletter: February 22*

~Worship Leaders for February~

9AM Worship:

	<u>February 7</u>	<u>February 14</u>	<u>February 21</u>	<u>February 28</u>
Greeter.	Whitney Smith	Nicole Harris	Savanna Harris	Alaina Harvey
Host/Hostess. .	Debbie Book	Nicole Harris	Vicki Waldrop	Melinda Harvey
Worship Leader.	Whitney Smith	Don Barnhart	Ray Waldrop	Tom Jones
Power Point . .	Sylvia Romero	Tennent Lee	Vicki Waldrop	the Harveys

11 AM Worship:

	<u>February 7</u>	<u>February 14</u>	<u>February 21</u>	<u>February 28</u>
Usher	Pat Lutz	JC Scrimshire	Mickey Sharp	Gary Bass
Worship Leader .	Tennent Lee	Larry Clark	Neva Beasley	Mickey Sharp
First Reader . . .	Connie Sharp	Todd Worthington	Gail Birdsong	Mike Feehan
Second Reader .	Mickey Sharp	Kathy Barnhart	Larry Clark	Joanie Kerr

Centering prayer leaders: February 1: Debbie
 February 8: Mary
 February 15: Renay
 February 22: Kathy
 February 29: Connie

Care Center Pick Up

<u>January 31-February 6</u>	Ann Sublett
<u>February 7-13</u>	Ann Sublett
<u>February 14-20</u>	Gary Bass
<u>February 21-27</u>	Gary Bass
<u>February 28-March 5</u>	Gail Birdsong

WAVE Team

Neva Beasley
 Jeff & Vicki Irons
 The Lutzes
 Jane Rutledge
 Connie Sharp

Contact list for Big Cove Presbyterian

Session: Neva Beasley (Clerk), Kathy Barnhart, Dexter Gentle, Tennent Lee, Mickey Sharp, and Todd Worthington; **Deacons:** Melinda Harvey, Michele Pepper

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:** Kathy Barnhart and Linda Wheeler
- Congregational Care:** Deacons Melinda Harvey and Michelle Pepper
- Nursery Contact:** Whitney Smith
- Personnel:** Tennent Lee
- Property/ Grounds:** Dexter Gentle & Bruce Harvey
- Planning Ministry Team:** Kathy Barnhart
- Outreach Team (& Christmas Bazaar):** Vicki Waldrop & Neva Beasley
- CARE Center:** currently vacant
- Presbyterian Home for Children:** Julie Loggins and Clay Weir
- Youth Contact:** James Glenn
- Presbyterian Women:** Gail Birdsong
- First 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