



Big Cove News

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Big Cove Presbyterian Church (USA)

FEBRUARY ELDER ON CALL Debbie Book

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Information for March Newsletter
is due to church office by noon,
February 27.

From the Pastor

Well, hello there!

Presbyterians are a learned and orderly group, or so they say. We study a topic, determine its best conclusion, form a committee and dialog its pros and cons to achieve the best results; we ask pertinent questions, give sound advice, pat ourselves on the back for functioning so "decently and in order," and delight in the wisdom we exude.

And God smiles.

I think God sometimes finds us to be delightfully cute. I think perhaps the Creator of the cosmos regards our grown up talk and our educated ways in the same way any proud parent would - allowing us to think we're successful as we steer the ship into a foggy future.

But Yahweh is in charge. Yahweh is always in charge. Oh yes, there was a PNC at Big Cove. They talked with numerous candidates for the position of Pastor for your church. They listened to about ten thousand sermons (or so it felt). They checked references, conducted Skype interviews, had face-to-face meetings, cleared the way through the Presbytery, and of course, voted.

But they also prayed. So did I. And when we prayed, I believe that God smiled even bigger. You see, God wants us to use our minds, and consider differing ideas and opinions, but God always wants to have the tie-breaking vote. And I believe, as does your PNC, that God voted "yes!"

I'm looking forwards to meeting you, hearing you, serving you, and following God's "yes" for all of us, into God's bright future. I hope you'll allow me to walk alongside you. I'm excited about the possibilities.

Praise the Sovereign!

Reverend Candice

And Jehovah said to the prophet Isaiah, "See I am doing a new thing. See how it springs up. Do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the desert." - Isaiah 43:19



Your Session at Work

The Session met on January 31, 2017 with Rev. Mel Strain as moderator and accomplished the following:

- Approved Statistical Report
- Reviewed budget and increased one line item.
- Accepted resignation of Elder Mickey Sharp
- Declined request of second AA group to use the White Church for meetings
- Set Pastor Installation for March 26
- Approved paid Sick Leave for Mary Hooper
- Approved paying Linda Wheeler for substituting for Mary Hooper
- Assigned Session Liaisons to Standing Committees
- Discussed various building issues (bookcases, wedding guidelines, elevator maintenance, water usage at white church building)
- Discussed writing responsibility descriptions for each committee

Session generally meets in the large classroom upstairs on the last Tuesday in each month. These meetings are open. If you would like something addressed, please let the Clerk, Neva Beasley, know beforehand, and please keep all of the church officers in your prayers.



Important Dates in February

February 12: Abraham Lincoln's birthday

February 14: Valentine's Day

February 19: Pastor, Reverend Candice Klein preaching

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Services will be held in white church building.)

February 19: Chili Cook-Off & Bake Sale

Welcome Reception for Reverend Candice

(Activities will be held in brick church immediately following 11:00 worship.)

February 20: Presidents' Day

February 22: George Washington's Birthday

February 23: Deadline for February newsletter info

February 28: Session Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Regularly Scheduled Events

Sunday Worship: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Sunday Christian Exploration for all ages: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Night Youth Group: 3rd Sunday in each month 5:30 p.m.

Monday: Centering Prayer 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday: Noon Prayer Group

Tuesday and Thursday: Steady for Life 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday: Current Conversations 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Fourth Saturday Bible Time: 4th Saturday each month 9:30



Chili Cook-Off and Bake Sale

The annual chili cook-off and bake sale hosted by Big Cove Presbyterian Women will be its accustomed *great time*, but it will also be the first opportunity for us to meet our new pastor Rev. Candice Klein, and for her to meet us.

On Sunday, February 19, everyone is invited to a free chili lunch in the brick building following the 11:00 service. Please let Gail Birdsong know if you will furnish chili and if you will donate baked items for the silent auction. **First, second and third place awards will be given for the best chili!** Judging is done by three volunteers and will judge based on aroma, color, consistency, taste, and aftertaste for a possible total of 50 points.

The silent auction/bake sale is the only fund raiser for Presbyterian Women each year. If you who don't cook or bake, you can help by bringing crackers, drinks, bread, etc.

Let's have a good showing to meet and greet our new pastor!

Fellowship Opportunities in 2017

At the annual congregational meeting, the following monthly fellowship gatherings in 2017 were proposed. Watch for details to come or contact the person or people in charge for more information.

<u>Date/Month</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact</u>
February 19	Chili Cook-off/ New Minister Reception	PW / Gail Birdsong
March	Movie Night	Pat Lutz, David Lilly
April	Seder Supper	Kathy Barnhart
May 7	End of School Party	Vicki Waldrop, Kate Hosna, Michelle Pepper
June 25	Pool Party	Pat Lutz
August (Friday evening)	Ice Cream Social/ Outdoor Concert	Sandra Stephens, Linda Wheeler
September 17	Birthday Party for Entire Congregation	Judy Styles, Gail Birdsong
October 31	Trunk or Treat	Vicki Waldrop, Linda Wheeler
November 19	Men's Breakfast	Dexter Gentle
December	Choir Reception	Kathy Barnhart



SOMETHING NEW FOR 2017 - Steady for Life

Big Cove PCUSA has opened its doors to members and guests to help accomplish those possible/potential goals for becoming stronger, more flexible and knowledgeable, where fitness is concerned. We welcome Steady for Life instructor, Debra Wade. Debra's goal for her class is to improve breathing, balance, flexibility, strength and movement. She is a certified Pilates instructor, Yamuna Body Rolling practitioner, and a certified RedCord specialist. She also has a senior fitness specialist certification. Debra has been teaching Pilates for the past 20 years and was a Pilates Studio owner in Huntsville for 10 years. She teaches Pilates at southeast YMCA and Core Connection Pilates in Huntsville.

Your first class is free. The fee for one month is \$20.00 per person. The class is held each Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 until 11:00 a.m. Steady for Life is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization with nine locations throughout Madison County. For more information: www.steadyforlife.org

WELCOME BASKET for NEW PASTOR

February 19, will be Reverend Candice's first Sunday as our pastor. The welcome committee asks for your help in putting together a terrific basket of goodies, gift certificates, gift cards, and welcome notes to be given to her following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Certificates and cards can be for local venues, i.e. Lyn's Gracious Goodness, Whole Foods, Fresh Market, restaurants, entertainment, etc. If you prefer you may donate money and the committee will make a purchase for you. If you want to donate or have a question, please contact a committee member Kathy Barnhart, Jennifer Ferneau, Vicki Waldrop, or Pam Worthington.

THANK YOU BIG COVE

Dear Friends,

I ended up having the more complicated surgery on Friday because the mass was large and tangled, but the surgery went well and the pathology report says the growth was benign.

The doctor sent me home Sunday morning, and Charles took Monday and Tuesday off to take care of me. I haven't needed the heavy duty pain meds since early Tuesday morning, and I continue to feel better and better all the time. If things continue to go well, I expect to go back to work for at least a few hours per day during the week next week.

Thank you for all of your prayers; I am truly blessed!

Mary Hooper

THANK YOU FROM PHFC

Thank you for supporting the Presbyterian Home for Children this Christmas season. Your support helped us pay for the necessities like power, water, and groceries; you also helped us make sure our residents felt the love of God. The text below was sent to Mrs. Moore, director of Transition to Adult Living, after a resident returned home to Mohns Cottage and opened her gifts of household items to help her in her next step of independent living, school supplies, and of course, a few fun things. **Thank you for making this Christmas a season full of hope & joy!**

Hi, Mrs. Moore, I'm so sorry for texting you so late but this couldn't wait. I just made it to Mohns and almost burst into tears when I saw and opened every single Christmas gift. Thank you all so, so, so much from the bottom of my heart. I really really do appreciate it. You don't know how blessed and thankful you all have me feeling right now. Love, Jennifer

NEWS FROM MARANATHA CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

Registration for 2017 Summer Camp is now open.

Check out our brand new website for more information [HTTP://MARANATHA.CAMP](http://MARANATHA.CAMP)

Happy February Birthday!

February 2 Tommy Blakemore
February 3 Kay Gentle
February 5 Sylvia Romero
February 6 James Glenn
February 9 Tom Bell
February 10 DJ Book
February 14 Mariah Dickinson
February 14 Kirk Finley
February 16 Myra Lott
February 20 Ann Sublett
February 22 Kay Hanks
February 24 Neva Beasley
February 25 Renay Nunn
February 26 Pat Burke

Happy February Anniversary!

February 6 Tom & Sharon Bell
February 12 Tom & Shirley Jones
February 14 Jim & Elizabeth Butz

FINANCIAL CORNER JANUARY 31, 2017

Receipts:	\$16,081.00
Operation Expenses:	\$15,455.36
Donations to The Children's Home:	\$124.75
Christmas Cantata Offering for Presbyterian Home for Children	\$216.00
Christmas Joy Offering	\$392.00

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

Worship Leaders for February

First Light 9:00 a.m.

	<u>February 5</u>	<u>February 12</u>	<u>February 19</u>	<u>February 26</u>
Greeter	Sean Pepper	Renay Nunn	Alaina Harvey	Rachel Jones
Host/hostess	Debbie Book	Vicki Waldrop	Melinda Harvey	Michelle Jones
Worship Leader	Debbie Book	Ray Waldrop	Clay Weir	Don Barnhart
Power Point	The Harveys	Vicki Waldrop	The Harveys	Ron Jones

11:00 a.m.

	<u>February 5</u>	<u>February 12</u>	<u>February 19</u>	<u>February 26</u>
Usher	Mickey Sharp	Gary Bass	Larry Clark	Dexter Gentle
Worship Leader	Tennent Lee	Sandra Stephens	Joani Kerr	Tennent Lee
Reader	Neva Beasley	Gail Birdsong	James Glenn	Larry Clark

	<u>The CARE Center Food Pick Up</u>	<u>WAVE Team</u>
January 29-February 4	Joyce Clark	Pam Worthington
February 5-11	Joyce Clark	Neva Beasley
February 12-18	Connie Sharp	Pat and Hartwell Lutz
February 19-25	Connie Sharp	Jane Rutledge
February 26-March 4	Kate Hosna	Connie Sharp

Contact list for Big Cove Presbyterian

You may want to make a copy of this page for future reference

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

Pastor: Rev. Candice Klein beginning February 19

Church Administrative Assistant: Mary Hooper

Session Ruling Elders: Kathy Barnhart, Debbie Book, Dexter Gentle, Bruce Harvey Tennent Lee, Mickey Sharp, Neva Beasley (Clerk)

Deacons: Clay Weir, Judy Styles

If you have questions about a particular ministry or mission in the church, please contact:

Finance: Sandra Stephens, Bruce Harvey, Diane Lee (Bookkeeper)

Christian Exploration:

Adult: Sunday gatherings David Lilly; Wednesday evening studies Debbie Book

Children and Youth: Kevin Wilson

Congregational Care: Deacons

Nursery Contact: Presley Birdsong

Personnel: Tennent Lee

Property/ Grounds: Dexter Gentle

Planning Ministry Team: Kathy Barnhart

Outreach Team and Christmas Bazaar: Vicki Waldrop, Debbie Book, Julie Loggins, Neva Beasley

CARE Center: Currently vacant

Presbyterian Home for Children: Julie Loggins, Clay Weir

Youth Contact: Currently vacant

Presbyterian Women: Gail Birdsong

Fourth Saturday Bible Study: David Lilly

Worship Team: Linda Wheeler

Church Website: Jeff Stephens

Church Facebook Page: Julie Loggins, Mary Hooper