

The Good News Letter

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Hanging of the Greens

December 5, 2010 ~ 3:00 p.m.



Everyone is invited to participate in the annual "Hanging of the Greens" event on Sunday, December 5 at 3:00 p.m. There will be ample opportunity for you to pick an activity to display your decorating talents. There will be a hot dog and hamburger supper at the conclusion of the decorating. If you have a nativity scene that you would be willing to loan to decorate the windows in the Fellowship Hall, please let Jodi know. Lots of boxwood, magnolia leaves and any other type of greenery that you could bring would be greatly appreciated.

The following Chairpersons will be looking for you to come and join in the fellowship and gala decorating event:

Sanctuary

Chrismon Tree-Libby Burke and Crew

Fellowship Hall

Jodi DeVillier and Company

Front of Church

Apple Fan and Wreaths in Niches-Riley Oakley,
Leigh Woodall and accomplices
Front Door Adornments-Carolyn Woodall and
Carolyn Rattican

Children's Activities

Angie, Comer Barrett and Laura Dallas

Lights on Holly Tree Nearest Street

Richard Sherman

Community Room

Delories Sherman

Technology/Engineering Team

Vic Powley, Jamie Dallas and Richard
Sherman

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sleepers, Wake! The Long-Expected Jesus is coming! He is called Emmanuel, O Come, Let Us Adore Him! He is A Rose to brighten the garden. Come let us celebrate the birthday of our Savior in Word and in Song – Sunday, December 19, 2010 – 11:00am the Roxboro Presbyterian Church Choir will lead in Worship with music to Honor the King of Kings!



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Church School 9:45 a.m. – Worship 11:00 a.m. – Wednesday Bible Study 10:00 a.m. – choir rehearsal, Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
Edward W. Donnell, minister – Jane Snipes, clerk of session – Barbara Gentry, choir director – Bonnie Montague, organist



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CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

5:30 p.m. Friday, December 24 in the sanctuary. Join in the sharing of carols for the season, candle lighting and a reading of the Christmas story. This service, less formal than morning worship welcomes all and encourages your friends and guests to attend.



Old Christmas-EPIPHANY DINNER

... Will feature a special menu by the Congregational aCare and Fellowship Committee and entertainment by a quartet headed by Greg Hicks.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

A Presbyterian tradition for almost 70 years, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to provide congregations direct ways of supporting specific causes that help those in need.

You are encouraged to support the Christmas Joy Offering through gifts to our congregation's offering.

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MISSIONS Committee
elder Randy King

CHRISTIAN HELP CENTER by Pat Cobb

Our last Friday for this year for serving lunch at the CHC is on December 3rd. Jodi DeVillier and Pat Cobb so far are lined up to serve. Anyone else wishing to volunteer to help Jodi and Pat serve or provide a dish (meat, vegetable, starch, dessert) are asked to please call Pat (336-694-6145.)

A personal "thank you" so much to all you RPC members who helped make these lunches a success in 2010. You either provided the food, the money to buy food, or your time to be there to help serve.



FINANCE Committee
elder Henry Newell



Summary: as of October 31
Income \$ 111,056.
Expenses \$ 97,668.
net \$ 13,388.

THANK YOU ...

A great big thank you for the three special gifts honoring the dedication, hard work and devotion to RPC of Randolph and Mary King, Alice and CW Boyette and Libby Burke. The congregation appreciates this thoughtful and helpful expression of financial stewardship "over and beyond" to assist and support the mission of the congregation and to show gratitude for these special people.

from the Pastor:

Preachers need new understandings. Especially when it comes to God! Now, certainly this is no revelation to you. (My family confirms it regularly.) Today I am privileged with one: a thought and meditation on Luke 1:39-56 ("Mary's Song") which was written by William M. Paul, a minister member of Pittsburgh Presbytery. Mr. Paul writes more than I can put here, but I shall try to give you a flavor of it.

"Three Christmases" is the title and the meditation reminds us that American Christians celebrate three Christmases. SPARKLE Christmas is the first: mistletoe and holly; stockings and parties; frenzy and exhaustion. It is both fun, bringing pleasure, and distracting, sometimes keeping us from something better.

The second is FAITH and FAMILY Christmas. Candlelight and sacred carols, cantatas and pageants are part of this celebration. God's story in Christ Jesus is our root here. The Bible's record means much to us and it does have a depth we'll never fully experience (on earth). Yet this also "...is incomplete unless it leads us to the still larger truth toward which it points."

The Christmas of MARY and MESSIAH is the third of our celebrations. But here we are confronted. "It provoked King Herod to slaughter the innocents. ... [God] intends to establish goodness and we are often standing in the way." The Christmas of Mary and Messiah "... turns commonly accepted religious assumptions inside out ... unmasks common political assumptions ... reverses economic and social assumptions ..." because God has ... COME!

To celebrate the Christmas of Mary and Messiah is to work in the Kingdom as pictured by Mary.

A Christian celebration of Christmas is to be a part of the good of all three celebrations but especially to include and be included in the Christmas of Mary and Messiah. As I pray you God's blessing for Christmas 2010, may you know God's 'filling you, that you may fill others' and may you have a celebration of God's coming into and being in your life.

Shalom,

Ed



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Committee

elder Angie Wilson

The next **KNO (Kids' Night Out)** will be on Friday, Dec 3rd from 6pm - 9pm or anytime between these hours that they can come. We will have dinner, movies and bedtime stories. Members from the congregation are being asked to come and help read the bedtime stories.

The children should wear their pajama's and

bring a blanket and pillow for laying on the floor to watch movies. They may bring their favorite bedtime story.

The movie selections are The Berenstain Bears and Veggie Tales.

Parents are invited also, however this would be a great time to meet with Santa and finalize plans or just have a quiet dinner.

What Child Is This?

What Is the Christmas Joy Offering?

For over seventy years, Presbyterians have given generously at Christmas to support the unmet needs of families who have devoted their lives to the mission of the PC(USA). Today this Offering is shared equally by the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, which provides critical assistance to Presbyterian church workers and their families, and Presbyterian-affiliated racial ethnic schools and colleges, which enable students to develop their gifts and find their calling. The Offering dates back to the 1930s, when the former Presbyterian Church in the United States began an offering to supplement inadequate retirement income and provide supplemental medical insurance for former ministers, missionaries, church workers, and their families.

Although its roots trace back many years, this special offering remains just as essential today. Equally important to the financial help provided is the spiritual benefit received. Again and again, the individuals and families helped by the Offering say that as crucial as the financial assistance is, what really sustains them is the knowledge that the church is standing with them in their time of need.

For more information and reports please see the bulletin board.

If you have information for the bulletin insert or the newsletter, please place it in the box so labeled in the church office or email to Ed at the church office, rpc@esinc.net. (A note of protocol: all inserts for distribution to the congregation should be approved by the session prior to their use.)

CONGREGATIONAL CARE and FELLOWSHIP Committee

elders Riley Oakley and Carolyn Rattican

Judy Newell was hostess for our October 6th Wednesday Night supper. Fried chicken was the basis for the meal for thirty-five in attendance.

On November 21st Roxboro Presbyterian celebrated our Thanksgiving lunch for sixty-eight people. The church furnished ham and turkey which were prepared by Sharon Gideon, Anne Powley, Mabel Cleveland and Carolyn Rattican. Vegetables and deserts were provided by the congregation.

Hanging of the Greens on December 5th will feature a hamburger and hot dog supper as a finish to the decorating of the church buildings.

Our Epiphany Dinner will be on January 9th, 2011 in the fellowship hall at 5:30 p.m. Special entertainment will be a treat for us as we celebrate "Old Christmas." The Congregational Care and Fellowship Committee has not finalized the menu for this date.

We wish each of you a joyous and reverent holiday season.

Congregational Notes

Congratulations to **SAM WILSON**, who as a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, was elected secretary of the IFC, Inter-fraternity Greek Council at ECU.

WORSHIP Committee

elder Nancy Dallas



The sacrament of the Lord's Table (communion) will be celebrated during morning worship January 2.

DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET available "These Days," a daily guide for personal worship and spiritual study is available in the entry of the sanctuary. Please help yourself to one and share another with a friend.

SESSIONS CORNER

Recent actions of the Session at its October stated meeting:

- ◆ held worship based on Luke 12:13-21 with prayers for others and the world
- ◆ received a report from presbytery commissioner Randy King on his and reverend Donnell's attendance at the October 16 meeting of the Presbytery of New Hope
 - * worship was a high light of the gathering
- ◆ received a copy of the Ministries of Mission of New Hope Presbytery
- ◆ heard about the Acts 16:5 Initiative, a program for church development and renewal
- ◆ called for a celebration of reverend Betty Hale's ministry on the occasion of her being granted the status of honorably retired
- ◆ instructed a special gift be sent to the new Discovery Church on the occasion of its chartering
- ◆ heard commendation from Brian Blount for RPC long and faithful support of the seminary fund
- ◆ recorded the transfer of membership of non resident members Victoria Warren, Chris and Michelle Kreh and Priscilla McQueen
- ◆ gratefully received special gifts in honor of Libby Burke, Randolph and Mary King and Alice and CW Boyette in appreciation for their service to the congregation
- ◆ asked Randy King and Paul Williams to compile a list special needs for which gifts may be received
- ◆ expressed thanks to Beth Townsend, Angie Wilson and those who lead the successful VBS
- ◆ indicated anticipated receipt of a 2011 draft budget in November
- ◆ decided not to pursue a session retreat

.... at the November stated meeting:

- ◆ held worship centered on Isaiah 9:2 and John 1:5 with prayers for others and the world
- ◆ learned of the plans for the next KNO (see article and flyer in this newsletter)
- ◆ affirmed communion for January 2
- ◆ affirmed the December stated meeting as the 20th and examination of elders elect Kay Lowrance and Leigh Woodall as December 5th
- ◆ set the December meeting to review the rolls and registers and receive a 2011 budget
- ◆ concurred in reverend Donnell's request to possibly be on vacation January 2, with reverend Betty Hale to be asked to preach and administer the sacrament
- ◆ had a conversation with Sallie Verner about planning and leadership development options



Kids Night Out

KNO 

Roxboro Presbyterian church Presents
Kids Night Out

What: Dinner, Movies, Bedtime Stories

When: Friday, December 3rd
6:00 - 9:00 pm

Where RPC Fellowship Hall

Wear your Pajamas. Bring a pillow, blanket, and favorite bedtime story.

RSVP to Angie Wilson (919-732-3058)

facebook Angela Wilson or a.wilson@duke.edu

Beth Townsend (336-599-1976 or brieb2001@yahoo.com)



Worship Schedules



Acolytes

December 5 - Olivia Townsend
 December 12 - John Montague
 December 19 - Olivia Townsend
 December 26 - Cole Dallas

January 2 - communion
 January 9 - John Montague
 January 16 - Olivia Townsend
 January 23 - Cole Dallas
 January 30 - John Montague

Lay Readers

December 5 - Carolyn Woodall
 December 12 - Leigh Woodall
 December 19 - Patty Boyette
 December 26 - Nancy Dallas

January 2 - Eugene Leciejewski
 January 9 - Ted Hale
 January 16 - Barbara Gentry
 January 23 - Delories Sherman
 January 30 - Richard Sherman

Greeter-Ushers

December 5 - Jodi and Jim DeVillier
 December 12 - John and Ann Rimmington
 December 19 - Jimmy Dallas and Paul Williams
 December 26 - Jamie Dallas and Randy King



January 2 - Bonnie King
 January 9 - Millie Rieb and Beth Townsend
 January 16 - Carolyn Rattican and Riley Oakley
 January 23 - Angie and Sam Wilson
 January 30 - Polly Wallace and Bill Dallas

Nursery

December 5 - Beth Townsend
 December 12 - Kim Rand
 December 19 - Jodi DeVillier
 December 26 - Sharon Gideon

January 2 - Angie Wilson
 January 9 - Jane Forton
 January 16 - Laura Dallas
 January 23 - Jodi DeVillier
 January 30 - Beth Townsend

February 6 - Angie Wilson

Please help by calling a substitute if you cannot meet your place on any of the above schedules.

December 1 - Laura Rand
 2 - Betty Hale
 - Morgan Cates
 3 - Stephanie DeVillier
 8 - Leighton Donnell
 12 - June Crawford
 20 - Lawrence Denny
 21 - Anne Bettendorf
 22 - Comer Barrett



January 1 - Millie Rieb
 9 - Hank Newell
 11 - Beverly Cavalier
 - Sam Donnell
 13 - Russ Holler
 14 - Cary Powley
 16 - Kemp Holler
 17 - Pat Cobb
 19 - Wilma Leciejewski
 - Jim DeVillier
 20 - Kathryn Cates
 21 - John Day Montague
 26 - Jane Snipes
 30 - Kay Holler



Dates to Remember

Hanging of the Greens - December 5

Christmas Cantata - December 19

Christmas Eve Worship - December 24

Old Christmas-Epiphany Dinner - January 9

