The Communicator

Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church

DECEMBER 2024

Monthly Newsletter

Glorifying God, Growing in Christ, Giving to Others

Monthly Scripture: The Birth of Jesus

2 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. **2** This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. **3** All went to their own towns to be registered. **4** Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. **5** He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. **6** While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. **7** And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room. Luke 2:1-7

Merry Christmas from your church staff!

Carol Hall Meg Hall Pat Crosby Faith Tamara Michael Helms Casey Barrow

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AT B-DRPC

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD , 10TH & 17TH

Community-Wide Dinners – menu for December 3rd – Ham Bean Soup, Corn Bread, Tossed Salad, & Dessert – Join us from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM. All are Welcome!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

Presbyterian Women's Christmas Tea

2 PM – 4 PM in the Church Lounge – All Women are Invited!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

Chancel Choir And Chamber Orchestra Rehearsal

10 AM – Noon In Sanctuary

Black Mountain Home Silent Basket Auction

10 AM – 3 PM - Auction items for everyone including handmade crafts, books for children, Christmas décor, movie night supplies and more! An excellent way to do some Christmas shopping and support a great cause.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

Second Sunday in Advent

One Service At 11:00 AM

Join us at our 11:00 AM Worship Service which will include our:

B-DRPC Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra Program: "Christmas Carols from the British Isles".

Christmas Joy Offering Envelopes Available in Pews. Received Dec. 22nd.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

Third Sunday in Advent, 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Sermon based on Luke 3:7-18

Alternative Gift Giving Booth will be open in Davidson River Hall after both Services. Bless someone on your Christmas List by giving to a local or world-wide charity in their honor.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22TH

Fourth Sunday in Advent, 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Sermon based on Luke 1:39-45

Alternative Gift Giving Another Opportunity to visit the Alternative Gift Giving Booth in Davidson River Hall. It will be open after both Services. Bless someone on your Christmas List by giving to a local or world-wide charity in their honor.

Christmas Joy Offering will be Received.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service at 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

Lessons in Carols, 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Property Ministry Team

Fall Workday 2024

Presbyterian Women

THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will have a Christmas Tea this Thursday, December 5th from 2 PM - 4 PM. They will meet in the Church Lounge. Both circles will attend, so there will be no Sarah Ruth Circle in the Morning. It will be a time of fellowship with cookies, coffee/tea, and carols with Michael Helman, our music director. All women in the church are invited! Join us for this informal gathering where we'll have an opportunity to greet some newer members of our church family.

Christian Education Ministry Team

The December Sunday School Offering will go to Bread of Life.

Adult Sunday School Classes:

The Faith and Life Adult Sunday School Class meets every Sunday at 9:45 in the Davidson River Room, just off the fellowship hall. Visitors are invited.

The Searchers Class meets every Sunday for Bible Study and Fellowship at 9:45 AM in the first room on the left behind the sanctuary. C'mon. You will be blessed!

Outreach Ministry Team

The Salvation Army Bells will once again be ringing at Ingles. Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian has signed up to ring the first day possible. We began on Saturday, November 30th, and will ring on December 2nd & 3rd as well. Come see us ring and give to a great cause!

SHARING HOUSE NEED - In response to their special need, the church bought $800 worth of underwear -all sizes and types - for Sharing House. Mike Stewart delivered it Monday, November 18th.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT GIVING – Give a gift to International and/or Local Charities and then give a card to someone on your Christmas list to let them know you gave to others in their honor. Alternative Gift Giving opportunities will be set up in Davidson River Hall on December 15th and December 22nd. Be looking for the Alternative Gift Giving insert in the December 8th bulletin. And, hopefully, in a link on our website soon.

Outreach Ministry Team Continued

Mission Connections Fall 2024

Doug Tilton is a Presbyterian Mission Co-worker in Southern Africa. Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church has had a long relationship with Doug, and he has visited us many times, most recently this past June. The following is a summary of a letter Doug sent out this fall to all the churches supporting his ministry.

Doug expressed his great joy at having an opportunity to spend time itinerating in the USA. During visits to congregations, he shared his view of God at work through our partners in Southern Africa.

He expressed his gratitude for many invitations to visit churches, including our own. He preached in the church where his father pastored and was especially pleased to share the pulpit with a pastor in Charlotte, NC reflecting together on "the challenges of building relationships across cultures, particularly in the context of seeking justice for people of varied sexualities and identities. As I traveled in the USA, my experiences reinforced my appreciation of the 'ministry of presence' that comes from simply being together."

Doug attended the 226th General Assembly as one of eight Mission Advisory Delegates, serving on the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relationships Committee. The General Assembly approved changes to the standing ules to eliminate Mission Advisory Delegates and create a new category of Partner Advisory Delegates, giving missionaries in the field more opportunities to provide input.

For a copy of Doug's letter, please contact Ellie Mercer at eleanormercer@outlook.com.

Membership Ministry Team

MEMBERSHIP IN 2024 - New Members of 2024: Campbell West (j. 4/28/2024), Jerry & Suzanne Sims (j. 6/2/2024), Barbara Schroeder-Buck (j. 6/16/2024), Lois Maurer and Susan Maurer (j. 6/23/2024), Shirley Holler (j. 8/25/2024), Ken Bodenhamer and Michael Helman (j. 9/22/2024), Jordan Masterson (j. 10/13/2024), John & Kristine Candler (j. 10/20/2024), Christine Garrison (j. 11/03/2024), Cheryl Anne Ledford (j. 11/24/2024) Baptisms in 2024: Noah Hancock (baptized 4/21/2024) Members who Have Died: Norm Macoy (d. 2/22/2024), Dottie Ehmann (d. 2/24/2024), Bob Davenport (d. 4/4/2024), Catherine Turbyfill (d. 5/09/2024), Susie Purdy (d. 5/31/2024), Carolyn Pritchett (d. 6/5/2024), Dottie Tinsley (d. 6/30/2024), Ed Morrow (d. 7/7/2024), Bill Vinson (d. 7/19/2024), Gail Geiger (d. 7/30/2024), Steve Dense (d. 8/3/2024).

Are You Missing Something? Recover your lost items in our Lost & Found Drawer located in the Church Office Suite. As you come in the back door, it's the first drawer on your right. (Below are just some of the items that we've collected. Are they yours?)

DECEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am 1st Sunday in Advent	2 Staff Meeting 1:30 PM	3 Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm **Community-Wide Dinner, 5:30 pm**	4 WOW – 9 am Christian Ed MT 4:30 pm *Chancel Choir 6:30 pm*	5 Presbyterian Women's Christmas Tea, 2 PM – 4 PM	6	7 **Chancel Choir & Chamber Orchestra rehearsal – 9:00 AM** **Black Mountain Home Auction, 10 AM – 3 PM**
8 **Worship/Christmas Program** – "Christmas Carols from the British Isles" 2nd Sunday in Advent - **11 am Only** Chancel Choir & Chamber Orchestra	9 Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm Membership MT 3:00 PM	10 Preschool MT, 12:30 pm Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm **Community-Wide Dinner, 5:30 pm**	11 WOW – 9 am *Chancel Choir 6:30 pm*	12 Preschool Staff Christmas Party	13 Preschool Staff Christmas Party Church Family Fellowship MT 9 am	14
15 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am 3rd Sunday in Advent Daily Change Offering **AGG in Davidson River Hall**	16 Staff Meeting 1:30 pm	17 **Community-Wide Dinner, 5:30 pm**	18 WOW – 9 am *Chancel Choir 6:30 pm*	19 Outreach MT, 9:30 am	20 Session Stated Meeting 10 am (Lounge)	21
22 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am 4th Sunday in Advent **AGG in Davidson River Hall**	23 Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm	24 **Church Office Closed** **Christmas Eve Candlelight/ Communion Service 7 pm**	25 **Church Office Closed** **Merry Christmas!**	26 **Church Office Closed** **Merry Christmas!**	27	28
29 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am	30 Staff Meeting 1:30 pm	31 New Year's Eve Happy New Year!	**MT = Ministry Team, WOW = Women on Wednesdays, AGG = Alternative Gift Giving**			

- Don & Zoob Gentle – December 1st
- David & Cindy Trowbridge – December 1st
- Mark & Missy Ellenberger – December 2nd
- Fred Schenberg – December 2nd
- Nita Padgett – December 4th
- Sue Rossman – December 6th
- Keven & Julie Duval – December 10th
- Joan Munn – December 10th
- Sam & Lynn McManus – December 12th
- Jenny Pritchett – December 12th
- Debbie Loeb – December 16th
- Kathi Clark – December 17th
- Hayden Pollack – December 17th
- Noah Landreth – December 19th
- Sara Kellar – December 19th
- Peggy Padgett – December 19th
- Chloe Huggins – December 20th
- Steve Lawlis – December 21st
- Phillip & Patti Jerome – December 22nd
- Karl & Joan Munn – December 22nd
- Caroll Sitton – December 22nd
- Eddie Wade – December 22nd
- Bill & Rosalie Hale – December 23rd
- Joe Smith – December 23rd
- Jim & Sue Heglar – December 24th
- Eleanora Burchill – December 25th
- Steve Bergner – December 26th
- Gary Nye – December 26th
- Nancy Tuttle – December 26th
- Woody Dyches & Kathe Harris – December 27th
- Matt & Jodi Huggins – December 27th
- George Simpson – December 27th
- Peggy Bakos – December 28th
- Mindy Buford – December 28th
- Nancy Davidson – December 28th
- Glenn Cutler – December 29th
- Eva Cavros – December 30th
- Sophia Robbins – December 30th
- Jim Heglar – December 31st

JUST FOR FUN

RIDDLE:
What kind of lights did Noah have on the Ark?

Joy to the World

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions and diagonally.

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THE HEARTFELT CHRISTMAS TREE

There is a special Christmas tree
That lives within the heart.
It isn't pine, and can't be bought
At any store or mart.

Each branch holds some fond memory
Of joyful Christmas cheer,
Reminding us of those we love
And always will hold dear.

The gifts beneath this Christmas tree
Are stacked up very high
With kindly deeds of thoughtfulness
That one could never buy.

The Heartfelt Christmas tree expands
Through every passing year
With lovely gifts and blessings
Having come from far and near.

Atop this tree a star shines bright,
While angels sing God's praise;
Rejoice! The Christ-child's Love is shared,
And blesses ALL our days.

–Peggy Ferrell

ADVENT
ANGEL
BETHLEHEM
BIRTH
BLESSINGS
CAMELS
FRANKINCENSE
INFANT
JESUS
JOSEPH
MAGI
MANGER
MARY
MIRACLE
MYRRH
NATIVITY
REJOICE
STABLE
STAR
THREE KINGS
WISE MEN

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ANSWER:
Flood Lights!