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A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." —Isaiah 40:3-5

Hanging of the Greens Service

Sunday, December 2

(Infant nursery provided)

5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

We will prepare the sanctuary and fellowship hall for this special season through music, readings, and placement of the greens and poinsettias.



Caroling

Wednesday, December 19

6:00 p.m. fellowship hall

Bring a pot of soup to the fellowship hall to share, and then we'll go together to sing Christmas Carols in the neighborhood.

Hanging of the Greens

Rehearsal

Saturday, December 1

3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

@The Table

Christmas Pageant Worship

Sunday, December 23

5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall

Intergenerational fun for all.

Children's Music Offering

Wednesday, December 2, 9, 16 & 23

11:45–12:30 in the music room

Children K-5th grade, please join us as we explore and share Christmas music immediately following morning worship services in December.

Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service

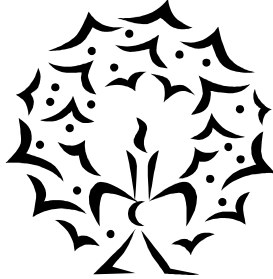
Saturday, December 24

5:00PM in the sanctuary (Infant nursery provided)

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 2, 5:00 p.m.

Please join us as we mark the Advent season with a meaningful worship service, Hanging of the Greens. We will prepare the sanctuary and fellowship hall for this special season through music, readings, and placement of the greens and poinsettias. A reception in the fellowship hall will follow the service and will include an alternative gift fair. Each family is asked to provide finger-food for the celebration. You may bring your food item to the kitchen before the service. Please invite your neighbors and friends to join us as we celebrate Advent!



Children's Music Offering in December

We all love Christmas carols. They are some of our favorite sacred songs; we sing them throughout December at our worship services and when we go caroling through the neighborhood. Here's an opportunity for children in Kindergarten – Grade 5 to learn these beautiful songs and be ready to joyfully join in our congregational singing. Children in grades K-5 are invited to meet me in the Music Room (aka Choir Room) after morning worship from 11:45 – 12:30 on December 2, 9, 16, and 23. We'll make all kinds of music while learning lots of Christmas carols. Contact Janet Cherry for more info at music@wbpresbyterian.org or 919-851-4713 x 16.

Food Bag Challenge Items of the Week

(Can't bring a whole bag? Bring one item each week!)

December 2 - canned meat

December 9 - mac and cheese

December 16 - canned carrots

December 23 - applesauce

December 30 - powdered milk



Extra December Challenge: Bring December food bag items to Hanging of the Greens on December 2, so that they can be delivered in time for participants to have Christmas Dinner!

January Challenge: A Great New Year's Resolution!

Remembering that the necessary gifts to feed a starving multitude are in our hands, every family unit at WBPC is challenged to bring in one Urban Ministries food bag a month. If you can't afford to provide an entire bag, please consider bringing one food bag item each month!

Christmas Tree Arrival



Christmas trees that have been ordered from WBPC are arriving and should be picked up in the WBPC parking lot either on Friday, November 30 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. or on Saturday, December 1, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Payment should be made at time of pickup. Checks should be made out to WBPC with "Christmas Tree" in the check memo line.

Deck The Halls! And Un-Deck The Halls!

We welcome anyone and everyone wishing to help put up, lights, and decorate our church from 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 1. Come get in the holiday spirit! Thank you. Also, please join the Worship Committee on Saturday, January 5, 2012 at 9:00 am to remove the Christmas decorations from the church. We look forward to seeing you there!

—Worship Committee

Neighborhood Caroling

Wednesday, December 19 6:00 p.m.

Join in a Christmas caroling stroll through the neighborhood surrounding WBPC. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us. This is for the young and the young-at-heart, and everyone in between.

From 6:00 – 6:45 p.m., we'll meet at the church for a meal of pot-luck soup in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite soup to share. At 6:45 p.m., we'll head out for caroling. Wear your walking shoes. Song sheets will be available. Bring a flashlight, and you'll not miss any of the lyrics. We will serenade some of our nearby church members, and afterwards return to the church to warm-up with cookies and cider.

For more information, please contact Janet Cherry 851-4713 x 16 or music@wbpresbyterian.org.

@TheTable Christmas Pageant

December 23, 5:00 p.m.

@TheTable Family Worship will provide again this year a special worship experience for the entire family. Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, shepherds, kings and angels will all be there to share their stories of the very first Christmas. It's an intergenerational event with participation by all ages. Children and parents are invited to be angels, shepherds, sheep or kings. You may dress in your own costume or come to the fellowship hall at 4:15, and we will provide you with a costume. No auditions, no rehearsals, no fuss.



Special Music in December

Get ready to hear some beautiful music during Advent and Christmas. The choirs have been working hard to prepare special music for our worship services.

The **Chancel Choir** is preparing anthems for our morning worship services in December, Hanging of the Greens and the Christmas Eve service. The **Chancel Ringers** will be ringing for Hanging of the Greens and for morning worship on December 9. Don't miss tenor **Van-Anthoney Hall's beautiful rendition of "O Holy Night"** at Hanging of the Greens. **Violinist Victoria Pedroza** will be blessing us with her musical talents on Christmas Eve along with the **@TheTable Praise Team**.

We are fortunate to have so many musicians at WBPC, and they give generously of their time and talents to make this season special and memorable for all of us. We are blessed by their gifts and dedication.

Additional Choir Rehearsals

Sunday, 12/2 Hanging of the Greens

3:30 – 4:00 Chancel Ringers rehearsal

4:00 – 4:45 Chancel Choir rehearsal

5:00 p.m. Worship service begins

Sunday, 12/9 Morning Worship

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Chancel Ringers rehearsal

Chancel Ringers play in morning worship.

Monday, 12/24 Christmas Eve

4:00 – 4:45 Chancel Choir rehearsal

5:00 p.m. Worship service begins



Thank You to our many Musicians

Throughout the year, we are blessed and inspired by the musical talents of so many of our church members. Especially at Advent and Christmas our musicians work extremely hard to prepare and share their gifts. I am always so appreciative of their time and efforts. When you see any of the good Christian folk who participate in our choirs, please give them your thanks and appreciation as well.

—Janet Cherry



Abundant Joy! Overflowing Generosity at WBPP!!

We have had a fantastic first half of the school year at WBP Preschool thanks to the outstanding leadership of director Bobbi Cross and a wonderful group of teachers. Bobbi has made a concerted effort to get the word out about our preschool to boost enrollment. As a result, enrollment is almost at capacity which is a vast improvement from last year and the year before.

The preschool held a yard sale to raise funds the first Saturday in October which was a huge success due to the generous contributions and donations received from preschool families, neighborhood friends and church members. Over \$500 was collected and 100% of the proceeds will be used towards purchasing new toys, furniture and supplies for the classrooms. A big thank you to all who contributed items for the yard sale, helped out at the yard sale, and those that gave \$\$ donations.

The preschool's Falloween Festival was held Friday night after Halloween and was well attended by many of the preschool children and their families. The festival included games, hay rides and lots of tasty food and treats!!

Also, the preschool recently received an anonymous scholarship donation from one of our church members – thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

And last but not least, we are very excited about the new storage shed and kid size picnic tables that were made by Walter Vozzo as part of his Eagle Scout project. Walter lives in the neighborhood and attends Enloe High. We want to thank Walter for his time and the great care he took in building the storage shed and tables. They will be used for many years to come!!



The church staff wishes you a very merry Christmas. It is a joy to work among you and we are grateful for the opportunity.

—Betty, Bruce, Janet, Santi, Van, Dave, Will, and Bobbi

Happy Birthday

Clarine Lynn	1
Shelby Townsend	2
Frank Bennett	4
Sean Croom	5
Grace Odum	6
Charlotte Cassel	8
Kiersten Hall	8
Andy Kotnik	11
Connor Bayne	12
Nathan Cummings	13
Jo Gilmore	15
Ronny Pittman	16
Moriah Hall	18
Art Chard	19
Noah Milchuck	19
Carolyn Esbenshade	23
Edith Crawford	27
Elizabeth McClellan	27
Teri Padgett	27
Alexa Craven	28
Randy Thomson	28
Jeanne Alderson	29

Breakfast: Sunday, December 9



The Men of the Church will prepare and serve breakfast on December 9. (As they do every month on the 2nd Sunday of the month). Breakfast begins at 8:45 a.m., join in the Advent fun and don't miss the most important meal of the day!

Thank you Men of the Church!

Children's Chapel Schedule

December 2 (No Children's Chapel)

December 9

Daniel in the Lion's Den

Storyteller: Phyllis Westerman

Greeter: Evan Barnette

December 16

Jonah, The Backward Prophet

Storyteller: Suzanne Smith

Greeter: Sarah Odum

December 23

The Shepherds and the Magi Show the Way

Storyteller: Suzanne Smith

Greeter: Sarah Odum

December 30 (No Children's Chapel)

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Joyce Barbour, George Blum, Linda Bradley, Nita Brinkley, Becky Burmester, Kaye Byrd, Dot Gebbie, Jean Godfrey, Michele Grady, John McClellan, Eva Reopelle, Dot Smith, Peggy Stevens

FAMILY/FRIENDS: Dorothy Allen (sister of Mary Jane Roberts), mother of Anne Baxter, David Boland (cousin of Brenda Byers), Evelyn Byers, Bill Clark (husband of Daisy Lowery's niece), Bill Eatmon (brother-in-law of Jimmy Wade), Thomas E. Grady (father of Bruce Grady), Janice Johnson (niece of Mary Jane Roberts), Faye Miller (sister-in-law of Daisy Lowery), Patsy O'Brien (sister of Nancy Wade), Tracey Quinn (daughter of Peggy and Gene Reese), Mabel O.Rivers (aunt of Robert Owens), Lauren Snyder (granddaughter of LouGene and Jim Hemphill), Shirley Steger (mother of Joette Steger)

WOODLAND TERRACE: Jean Perdue

REX HOSPITAL: Jimmie Smith

UNIHEALTH/THE OAKS: Betsy Roberts

THE COVINGTON: Annie Woodruff

BRIGHTON GARDENS: Jo Gilmore

MORNINGSIDE: Brady Jefcoat

ACTIVE MILITARY (Afghanistan):

Andy Connette (brother of Betty Connette)

Cole Wertz (half brother of Miranda Clark)

Sympathy extended to:

The Reese Family (Gene, Peggy, Mike, Bobbie, and Mark) upon the death of Marilyn Reese, on November 5.

Erin and Beth Bennett upon the death of Erin's grandfather and Beth's father-in-law.

Becky Burmester upon the death of her father on Friday, November 16.

The Perdue Family upon the death of Tom Perdue on Saturday, November 24.



Friday, December 21
11:30AM D&S South Hills

Endowment Fund Requests

WBPC's Endowment Fund currently has \$4,000 available for utilization to support the benevolent, education, and mission work of the church. These funds cannot be used for the operation of the church or its regularly budgeted program. Requests for these monies should be made by December 3, 2012.

If you would like an Endowment Fund Request form or have any questions, contact Phil Westerman: pwesterman@nc.rr.com; 919-851-1332.

Thank You for Being an Angel

If you chose a name from the angel swag, please return **wrapped** gifts with the angel tag on the outside to the narthex on Sunday, December 2. Suggestions would be educational games, toys, and supplies. We thank the Board of Directors for AWCM for providing us with this opportunity.

AWCM Needs Bus Driver

AventWest Children's Mentoring program is in need of a bus driver on Thursday afternoons beginning January 3 from 4-7 PM. The salary is \$15 per hour. A commercial driver's license is required. Anyone interested may contact Susan Cummings at 919-467-3338.

January Contact

The January Contact will be a one page publication. Please submit calendar items only by December 19.

Stewardship Update

Your Part is Indispensable! - The Apostle Paul (and St. Theresa) describe the church as Christ's body on earth - we are his hands, his feet, his eyes and ears - and every part, however small, is indispensable and needed for the "common good." The "part" you play at WBPC is vital to our ministry in our surrounding community & world, and greatly appreciated. If you have not already submitted a pledge card for our 2012 general budget, we pray you will do so very soon. Yes, even you can make a world of difference! [Summary on General Pledges received thus far: \$286,931.04 or 71.7% of budget pledge goal. Summary on 2013 Renovation Pledges: \$43,908.08]

Year-end Giving

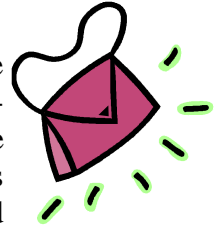
2012 gifts must be hand delivered to the church office or post marked no later than December 31, 2012. Any contributions delivered or postmarked after December 31, and any checks dated January 2013 will be credited to 2013 contributions. Please clearly indicate 2012 or 2013 on the memo line of your check.

DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>OCTOBER 2012</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Pledges	\$ 27,450.00	257,431.98
Open	2,135.57	31,302.04
Church School	118.00	712.01
Total Offering	29,703.57	289,446.03
Prior Receipts		7,040.06
Expenses	<u>33,924.47</u>	<u>286,806.02</u>
Net Total	\$ (4,220.90)	9,716.97

Help Support Youth on Mission Trips and Retreats with "Granny's Purse"

Remember how your Granny's purse would open at the drop of a hat whenever you really needed something? We invite you to help us with a "Granny's Purse" for WBPC - our growing and enthusiastic youth group kids (middle school and high school) need help to attend retreats and mission trips. Some of the wonderful opportunities are beyond the financial reach of some youth members, and we don't want anyone left out of a potentially life-changing experience. So, please help us keep Granny's Purse stocked. Any and all donations will be gratefully received and carefully used. If you would like to give by check, please write "Granny's Purse" on the memo line. If cash, please put in an envelope and write "Granny's Purse" on the envelope. Thank you, thank you, thank you from your church's future (and present!) leaders.



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Office will be closed 12/26, 12/27, and 1/1.



An Article from Mission Outreach

As mentioned in your stewardship book this year, one of the ways Mission Outreach Committee strives to lead the congregation in promoting the kingdom of heaven to the world is through education on social justice issues. One of these issues is the movement against torture. The Mission Outreach Committee encourages you to review information provided through the National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT). This religious organization started in 2006 and is committed to ending torture that is sponsored or enabled by the United States.

Mission Statement

The National Religious Campaign Against Torture mobilizes people of faith to end torture in U.S. policy, practice and culture.

Goals of NRCAT:

1. Ensure that U.S.-sponsored torture of detainees never happens again.
2. End the use of torture in U.S. prisons and detention facilities, in particular the use of prolonged solitary confinement.
3. Promote U.S. policies that enable other countries to end their torture practices and advocate for an end of U.S. support (direct or indirect) of any country that engages in torture.
4. End the bigotry and hatred that promotes the practice and acceptance of torture against religiously, ethnically, and other targeted groups.

Mission Outreach Committee encourages you to go to the National Religious Campaign Against Torture website at <http://www.nrcat.org/> and sign the statement of conscience if you support the statement below.

TORTURE IS A MORAL ISSUE

A Statement of Conscience of the National Religious Campaign Against Torture

Torture violates the basic dignity of the human person that all religions, in their highest ideals, hold dear. It degrades everyone involved -- policy-makers, perpetrators and victims. It contradicts our nation's most cherished ideals. Any policies that permit torture and inhumane treatment are shocking and morally intolerable.

Nothing less is at stake in the torture abuse crisis than the soul of our nation. What does it signify if torture is condemned in word but allowed in deed? Let America abolish torture now -- without exceptions.

For any questions or concerns; please contact Suzanne Smith at sos64@att.net.

