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December 2011

Hanging of the Greens Service
Sunday, December 4
(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.



Hanging of the Greens Reception & Alternative Gift Fair
Following Hanging of the Greens
December 4
Please bring a finger food item to share (may be delivered to the kitchen before the service), and join us for this festive reception and shop for alternative gifts.

@The Table
Christmas Pageant Worship
Sunday, December 18
5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall

Hanging of the Greens Rehearsal
Saturday, December 3
3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

Service of Remembrance:
Service of Comfort and Caring
Sunday, December 18
6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary
Facilitated by our Stephen Ministers.

Caroling
Wednesday, December 21
6:00 p.m. Bring a pot of soup to the fellowship hall to share, and then we'll go together to sing Christmas Carols in the neighborhood.

Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service
Saturday, December 24
5:00PM in the sanctuary (Infant nursery provided)

"Come As You Are" Worship
Sunday, December 25
10:30 a.m. (no nursery provided)

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 4, 5:00 p.m.

Please join us on Sunday, December 4 at 5:00 p.m. 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!



Alternative Gift Fair: December 5

(At the Hanging of the Greens Reception)

Do you have people on your shopping list who are hard to shop for? They don't need another tie or are on a special diet and have to skip the chocolate covered cherries? Well then an alternative gift where you make a donation to a mission program on behalf of a person and give them a card explaining the gift to them may be just what you are looking for. This year the WBPC alternative gift fair will be in the fellowship hall after Hanging of the Greens. Please bring a finger food item to share (you may deliver to the kitchen before the service). Come and shop for gifts for your friends and family that support the missions of Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church.

Food Bag Challenge Items of the Week

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

December 4 - canned meat

December 11 - mac and cheese

December 19 - applesauce

December 25 - powdered milk



Extra December Challenge: Bring December food bag items to Hanging of the Greens on December 4, 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!

Christmas Tree Arrival, December 2



Christmas trees that have been ordered from WBPC are arriving the first weekend in December and should be picked up in the WBPC parking lot either on Friday, December 2 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. or on Saturday, December 3, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. 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.—12:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 3. Come get in the holiday spirit! Thank you. Also, please join the Worship Committee on Saturday, January 7, 2012 at 9:00 am to remove the Christmas decorations from the church. We look forward to seeing you there!

—Worship Committee

Service of Remembrance

Church members, friends, neighbors, co-workers, everyone is invited to this service of comfort and caring, Sunday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m. The service is a gift from the Stephen Ministers and staff of WBPC to anyone who has suffered a loss and needs a special time of sharing and remembering your loved one during this season. Come and share your tears, smiles, stories, and memories. "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matt. 28:20



@TheTable Christmas Pageant

December 18, 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 inter-generational 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.



Neighborhood Caroling

Wednesday, December 21

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 – 6:30 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 6:30 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.

In case of rain, check the church website for alternate plans. For more info, contact Janet Cherry 851-4713 x 16 or music@wbpresbyterian.org.



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 these good Christian folk, please give them your thanks and appreciation as well.

—Janet Cherry

Chancel Choir

Anne Baxter, Margaret Cox, Lisa Lentz, Peggy Smith, Christine Thomson, Nancy Wade, Jean Chard, Mary Williams-Kotnik, Dorcas Miller, Margaret Pittman, Keith Cassel, Mike Reese, Mike Thompson, Tom Yorke, Joe Sturdivant, Lewis Ware, and Phil Westerman.

Chancel Ringers

Keith Cassel, Susan Cummings, Gaylene Henry, Jason Kreykes, April Ruble, Janet Westerman, Phyllis Westerman, Chris Whitehurst, and Jane Whitehurst.

Choir Schedule

Chancel Choir Rehearsals: Wednesdays 7:30-9PM

December 7, 14

Wednesday rehearsals resume in 2012 on January 4.

Chancel Ringers Rehearsals: Tuesdays 7-8PM

December 6

December 13 & 20 for Christmas Eve ringers.

Tuesday rehearsals resume in 2012 on January 10.

Sunday, December 4 **Hanging of the Greens**

3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Chancel Ringers warm up rehearsal

4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Chancel Choir warm up rehearsal (choir rehearsal room)

4:00 @TheTable Praise Team Rehearsal (sanctuary)

5:00 p.m. Worship service begins

Sunday, December 11 **Morning Worship**

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

Chancel Ringers play in morning worship.

Saturday, December 24 **Christmas Eve**

3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Handbell ringers warm up rehearsal

4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Chancel Choir warm up rehearsal

5:00 p.m. Worship service begins

Sunday, December 25 **Christmas Morning Worship**

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir warm up rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Casual morning worship

Sunday, January 1 **Morning Worship**

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir warm up rehearsal



Dancing Through Advent

“You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.”
(Psalm 30:11-12)

The introspection and preparation of Advent leads into the celebration of Christmas. What better season to dance? On **December 18**, Katie Miller will bring her gifts of dance to our morning worship. During the month, she will be leading our youth in 2 sessions of creative movement. Then at our **Christmas Eve** service, our youth will help us celebrate Christ's birth through their dance.

HONORING WESTERN BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VETERANS

NAME	SERVICE	MILITARY BRANCH
Doris Avery	World War II – 1943-46	US Army – Nurse Cadet
Frank Carter	World War II - 1943-46	
Tommy Goldston	World War II – 1942-46	US Army
Ed Isbell	World War II – 1942-46 POW: 1944-45	US Army
Richard Lentz	World War II – 1944-46	US Navy
T. C. Lindsay	World War II – 1944-47	US Navy
Leslie Parnell	World War II – 1944-46	US Navy
William C. Stuckey	World War II – 1942-46	US Air Force – Pilot
John Hudson Emerson	Korean War – 1951-53	US Army
James W. Hemphill	Korean War & Vietnam War – 1954-63	US Air Force
Jim Overcash	Korean War – 1953-55	US Army
Tom Perdue	Korean War – 1948-53	US Navy
Eugene Reese	Korean War – 1950-74	US Air Force – Pilot
Mary Jane Roberts	Korean War – 1951-55	US Navy – Nurse
John Roberts	Korean War – 1951-55	US Navy
Jimmie Smith	Korean War – 1953-55	US Army
Gene Curtis	Vietnam War	US Air Force
Greg Griffith	Vietnam War – 1966-70	US Army
Tony Littlefield	Vietnam War - Korea (Pueblo Incident) 1966-69	US Army
Joe Matthews	Vietnam – 1968-97	US Air Force – Chaplain
John Woodruff	Vietnam War	
Tom Yorke	Vietnam – 1970-72	US Army
Frank Bennett	1965-98	NC Army National Guard
Jack Gebbie	1955-57	US Army
Ed Johnson	1984-90	US Navy
Bill Smith	1954-63	US Army
Ken Stott	1959-62	US Army
Joe Sturdivant	1956-60	US Navy
Frank Milchuck	1987-95	US Army Reserves
Phil Westerman	1970-82	Ky Natl. Guard/US Army Reserve

IN MEMORY OF OUR SPECIAL VETERANS

NAME	SERVICE	FAMILY CONNECTION
Ben McCulloch	World War I - US Army	Father of Ruth Craven
J.R. Allen	World War II & Korean War-US Navy (Pilot)	Brother-in-law of Mary Roberts
Tom Beck	World War II - US Navy	Husband of Louise Beck
Roscoe Brinkley	World War II - US Navy	Husband of Nita Brinkley
Paul Burke	World War II - US Army	Husband of Marjorie B. Honeycutt
Edgar Byers	World War II - Marines	Pastor of WBPC
Everett Carter	World War II - US Air Force	Brother of Frank Carter
Gurry Coe	World War II - US Air Force	Brother-in-law of T.C. Lindsay
John T. Cox	World War II - US Army	Husband of Margaret Cox
Elliott "Gip" Honeycutt	World War II - US Navy	Husband of Marjorie B. Honeycutt
Ruth Joyce	World War II - US Marines	Sister of T. C. Lindsay
Hugh Joyce	World War II - US Army	Brother-in-law of T. C. Lindsay
Frank Lamson	World War II - US Navy	Brother-in-law of T. C. Lindsay
Lewis Larew	World War II - US Army (KIA)	Uncle of Lewis Ware
John Larew	World War II - US Navy	Uncle of Lewis Ware
Paul Lindsay	World War II - US Navy (Submarines)	Brother of T.C. Lindsay
Joseph Matthews	World War II & Korean War	Father of Joe Matthews
Astor Perry	World War II - US Air Force	WBPC Member
Melson Pittman	World War II - US Air Force	Husband of Margaret Pittman
Eugene Reopelle	World War II - US Air Force (Purple Heart)	Husband of Eva Reopelle
E.C. Sykes	World War II - US Army	Husband of Eleanor Sykes
Ernest "Red" Tilley	World War II - US Army	Father of Beth Ware
Leon Tilley	World War II - US Navy	Uncle of Beth Ware
L.H. Ware	World War II - US Army	Father of Lewis Ware
Tom Yorke, Sr.	World War II	Father of Tom Yorke
Louise Brickel	Korean War - POW/MIA	Brother of Jean Perdue
William Lindsay	Korean War - US Navy	Brother of T.C. Lindsay
Jim Dean	1957-61 - US Navy	Husband of Betty Dean
Robert Matthews	1958-80 - Medical Corps	Brother of Joe Matthews

Happy Birthday

Clarine Lynn	1
Shelby Townsend	2
Frank Bennett	4
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
Kathy Boulden	27
Edith Crawford	27
Elizabeth McClellan	27
Teri Padgett	27
Alexa Craven	28
Randy Thomson	28
Jeanne Alderson	29

Breakfast Sunday December 11



The Men of the Church will prepare and serve breakfast on December 11. (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

Recently your Session...

- Provided dinner for WIHN one evening.
- Approved transfer of \$3,000 from Kingdom Building Fund to Avent West Ministry.
- Approved curriculum for Sunday School class.
- Approved CE motion for "Granny's Purse" - a support fund for youth trips.
- Discussed signing A Statement of Conscience of the National Religious Campaign Against Torture proposal from Mission Outreach.
- Approved Mission Outreach committee to provide educational opportunities for our congregation to learn more about the National Campaign Against Torture.

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS: George Blum, Kaye Byrd, Alaina Craven, Carlyle Craven, Allisen Fischer, Jane Hamner, Mary Williams-Kotnik, John McClellan, Jean Perdue, Gene Reese, Larry Shelton, Dot & Jimmie Smith

FAMILY/FRIENDS: Dorothy Allen (sister of Mary Jane Roberts), Lori Assa (mother-in-law of Susan Bennett), Karen Estes (niece of Lou Gene Hemphill), Ben Glasgow (brother of Lori Grippo), Dorothy Glasgow (mother of Lori Grippo), Thomas E. Grady (father of Bruce Grady), Richard and Kathy Griffith (brother and sister-in-law of Greg and Shirley Griffith), Bill Hall (friend of Ken Stott), Janice Johnson (niece of Mary Jane Roberts), Brandon Patton (grandson of Peggy Stevens), Traci Quinn (daughter of Peggy and Gene Reese), Dawn Reese and Marilyn Reese (both are daughters-in-law of Peggy and Gene Reese), Ron Rice (brother-in-law of John Clapp), Mabel Rivers (aunt of Robert Owens), Lauren Snyder (granddaughter of LouGene and Jim Hemphill), Nellie Warren (Geneva Thigpen's mother), Caitlyn Zabko (great granddaughter of Louise Beck)

REX HOSPITAL: Dot Gebbie, Mary Jane Roberts

UNIHEALTH / THE OAKS: Betsy Roberts, Peggy Stevens

THE COVINGTON: Annie Woodruff

BRIGHTON GARDENS: Jo Gilmore

MORNINGSIDE: Brady Jefcoat, Eleanor Sykes

ACTIVE MILITARY:

(Iraq): Tyler Rice (nephew of John Clapp)

(Afghanistan): Ryan Gnecco (cousin of Charlotte Cassel)

Sympathy is extended to:

Peggy Smith and family in the death of her brother-in-law, **Fred Pugh**.

Mary Williams-Kotnik upon the death of her father, **Charles Williams** on November 14.

John, Michael, and Elizabeth McClellan upon the death of **Charles (Chuck) Krewson** (grandfather to Michael and Elizabeth).

Sheila and Doug Barrick upon the death of their daughter, **Kristin Leigh Barrick**. (Sheila is former WBPC CE Director)

Year-end Giving

2011 gifts must be hand delivered to the church office or post marked no later than December 31, 2011. Any contributions delivered or postmarked after December 31, and any checks dated January 2012 will be credited to 2012 contributions. Please clearly indicate 2011 or 2012 on the memo line of your check.

DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>OCTOBER 2011</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Pledges	\$ 27,524.50	268,602.00
Open	1,487.09	14,877.32
Church School	147.00	974.17
Total Offering	26,158.59	284,453.49
Prior Receipts		10,654.30
Expenses	<u>30,779.10</u>	<u>287,744.73</u>
Net Total	\$ (1,620.51)	7,363.06

Thank you!



Dear Western Boulevard Church Family,
Thank you for all that you have done for me and for my family through my time of sickness. God brings us all together for a reason, and I am so thankful that He has made it possible for us to have such a wonderful and supportive extended family. Thank you for the prayers especially. I have felt comfort and I truly do appreciate them.

Love,
Alaina, Andrew, Lexi and James

Memorial Gifts Gracing WBPC

We are exceedingly grateful for the following recent purchases that have been made with memorial gifts:

- a new refrigerator for the kitchen
(Jim Dean memorial gifts)
- new tablecloths for our round and rectangle tables
(Shirley Townsend memorial gifts)
- a new octave of bells for the Chancel Ringers
(Pat Matthews memorial gifts)

Church Office

919-851-4713

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00AM-2:00PM

Office will be closed December 26, 27, and January 2

January Contact

The January Contact will be a one page publication.
Please submit notices by Wednesday, December 14.

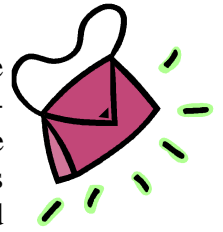


The church staff wishes you a very merry Christmas. It is a joy to work among you and we are grateful for the opportunity.

Betty, Bruce, Janet, Santi, Van, & Bobbi

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 start 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.



Circle Christmas Luncheon!

Ladies, you all are invited! The Magdalene Circle will have their annual Christmas luncheon at the Lucky 32 Restaurant on Tryon Road on Tuesday, December 13, at 11:15AM. Reservations have been made for twenty people and we want you to be on this lively list 'cause you know we'll all have fun! Please contact Marcia Bennett at 919-851-3992.

December Children's Chapel Schedule

December 4 (No Children's Chapel)

December 11

The Ten Best Ways to Live
Storyteller: Mitchell Odum
Greeter: Grace Odum

December 18

The Shepherds and the Magi Show the Way
Storyteller: Carol Parker
Greeter: Sarah Odum

December 25 (No Children's Chapel)

Casual Worship

Wanted: A Car for Jessica and Her Children (2 year old girl, 4 year old boy)

Jessica and her children are one of 17 families representing approved referrals waiting for a Wheels4Hope program car. These families are working and contributing to their households and our community – they need a hand-up, not a handout. They are getting support from great ministries like StepUp, Raleigh Rescue Mission and Habitat for Humanity. But, can you imagine taking care of your daily obligations (work, school, children) without a car?

Wheels4Hope takes donated cars, repairs them using volunteers and places them back into our community to change lives. Your used car (in any condition) will help change lives. And, using your car in this way creates the best tax advantage for the donor – far greater than programs that simply auction cars for cash.

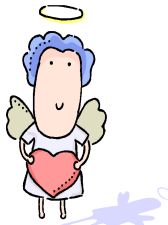
Donate your car or volunteer by calling toll free 919-832-1941 or go to www.wheels4hope.org



Be an Angel This Christmas for Children in Need

Once again, the Board of Directors for Aventura Children's Mentoring is providing you with the opportunity to be a Christmas angel for one of the 60+ children in their program. Please take a child's name from the Christmas swag hanging in the narthex, and then return **wrapped** gifts with the angel tag on the outside to the narthex by **Sunday, December 4**. Suggestions for gifts would be educational games, toys, and supplies.

AWCM serves "at risk" students in grades K-11 at two sites in our community: Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church and Aventura United Methodist Church. On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at WBPC, children in grades K-4 participate in 30 minutes of physical activity, work on homework and basic skills for an hour, and enjoy a healthy snack before going home.



WIHN Concert

You are invited to the Three Triangle Tenors concert for the benefit of Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network. The concert is Sunday afternoon, December 18, at 3:00 at Highland United Methodist Church, 1901 Ridge Road in Raleigh. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. Tickets may be purchased at the door, or call WIHN at 919-832-6024 to purchase them in advance. This Holiday Magic concert will put you in the holiday spirit, as well as help homeless families in our community.



Wow, the year is going by so fast! It seems like school just started! Our teachers, and boys & girls have settled into their routines, and it's great to see the new friendships and hear all the laughing. In December, we will be talking about Christmas and other winter celebrations around the world. We would love to have members of the church come in and read to us. Just come by the preschool office and let me know if you are interested. When we return from Christmas break, it will almost be time for registration for the next school year. Thank you everyone for the support you give the preschool!

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