

# WBPC Weekly Update ♦ December 3, 2017

*Welcome visitors! As Jesus Christ welcomes each one of us, we hope you sense the friendly welcome of this congregation of God's people. Let us know how we can be of assistance to you!*

## CALENDAR: December 3 - December 10

### Sunday, December 3

Sunday School	9:30
Worship, Sanctuary	10:30
Biblical Justice Forum, L	3:30
Youth class, YR	4:00
Hanging of the Greens, S	5:00

### Monday, December 4

Property Committee, P	7:00
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### Tuesday, December 5

AWCM, downstairs	4:00
LGB, FH	7:00
Chancel Ringers, S	7:00

### Wednesday, December 6

Prayer and Bible study, P	9:30
Chancel Choir	7:30

### Thursday, December 7

AWCM, downstairs	4:00
Stephen Ministers, L	6:30

### Sunday, December 10

Sunday School	9:30
Worship, Sanctuary	10:30
@The Table Rehearsal, FH	3:00
Biblical Justice Forum, L	3:30
Youth class, YR	4:00
@The Table Worship, FH	5:00
Youth Fellowship, YR	6:30

**Nursery** - A nursery is provided for infants through three year olds during morning Sunday School & worship.

**Children's Worship Kits and Bulletins** - Available in the narthex and fellowship hall.

## Children's Chapel

All children in 4 year old preschool thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to attend Children's Chapel (Room 211). An adult will meet the children in the narthex following the children's message to lead them to the chapel. Please pick up your child immediately following the service.

## Children's Chapel Schedule

### Today's Story

No chapel - we invite everyone to communion

### Next Week's Story

*The Story of Job*

Greeter: *Jonah Milchuck*  
Storyteller: *Beth Milchuck*



## PRAYER CONCERNS

**MEMBERS:** Gwen Orilio, Peggy Stevens, Burmester Family, Lorelei Partin, Bob Guzzo, Julian Bradley, Joyce Emerson, Arman Assa, Jimmie Smith

**FAMILY/FRIENDS:** Al Matthews (nephew of Barbara Tierney), Lee Anne Mcleod (niece of Sue & Steve McLaughlin), Dereck Roberts (colleague of Bobby Simpson), Mary Weathers (mother of Nancy Simpson), Edward Thompson (son of Sarah and Jody), Melanie Goodwin (niece of Jimmy Wade), Betty Boone & Faison Smith (LouGene Hemphill's brother & sister-in-law), Jim Glasgow (Lori Grippo's brother)

**BRIGHTON GARDENS:** Jo Gilmore

**ARBOUR NURSING HOME, SMITHFIELD:** Joyce Barbour

**WOODLAND TERRACE:** Margaret Pittman

## Advent/Christmas Services and Events

### Sunday, December 3

**Hanging of the Greens Service** 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, followed by reception (Infant - age 2 nursery provided. Please bring food item for food bags.)

### Sunday, December 24

**"Come As You Are" Moravian Lovefeast**  
10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary (No nursery)

### Sunday, December 24

**Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service**  
5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary (Infant - age 2 nursery provided)



## Hanging of the Greens Service TODAY!

Please join us Sunday, December 3 at 5:00 p.m. as we celebrate 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 by the youth of WBPC. Child care will be provided for children aged 2 and under. A reception in the fellowship hall will follow the service. Each family is asked to provide finger-food for the celebration. Please invite your neighbors and friends to join us for this most special service to kick-off the Advent/Christmas season.



## Congregational Meeting to Elect Church Officers

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, December 17th, 11:45 AM in the sanctuary for the purpose of electing church officers.



## Moravian Lovefeast Coming Again this December

The Worship Committee has decided to offer the Moravian Lovefeast again this Christmas season. The Lovefeast we shared last year on Christmas morning was deeply meaningful to all in attendance. This year, the Lovefeast will be offered at 10:30 AM on Christmas Eve. Many servers will be needed this year, so if you are interested in helping, please contact the church office or indicate your interest on the tear-off form of this newsletter.

The Moravian Lovefeast is based on the Agape meals of the early church in which Christians gathered and broke bread together to signify their union in Christ and their love for one another. It is not a sacrament, but a service of love and fellowship among sisters and brothers in Christ. As in a traditional Moravian Lovefeast, we will serve hot buns and milk coffee (decaffeinated) during worship, and beeswax candles will be distributed. We hope you'll stop whatever you're doing Christmas Eve morning, grab a family member or friend, and come celebrate God's greatest gift of love to each and every one of us in the birth of our Savior.

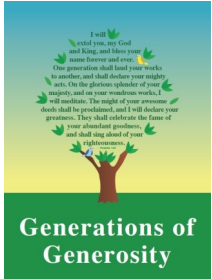


**Large print bulletins and hymnals, listening devices, and back pillows are available upon request from the ushers.**

**WBPC office hours M-F 9-1; phone: 919-851-4713; website: www.wbpresbyterian.org**

**Please Help Us Catch Up on our 2017 Budget**  
 We are presently running a budget deficit and would greatly appreciate your catching up on your 2017 pledge if you have fallen behind. Financial statements that were not picked up in the narthex recently were put in the mail this week. Thank you for your faithfulness.

**“Generations of Generosity” Stewardship Campaign Update**  
 To date, we have received \$364,174.00 in pledges which represents 94% of our 2018 asking budget. If you have not yet returned your financial pledge and time/talent form, we hope to hear from you soon. We are awaiting your response before assimilating the 2018 operating budget for WBPC. Extra pledge cards and time/talent forms are located in the narthex and fellowship hall. Thank you for your generosity!



**Urban Ministries Food Bags**  
 Each month the Wednesday morning prayer group assembles food bags and delivers them to Urban Ministries. Food bag lists for donations can be found in the narthex and on the table outside the fellowship hall. Please drop off donations in the church narthex or on the table outside of the kitchen in the education building. This week there is a great need for **dried milk packets and canned green beans**. Thank you for your giving hearts and generous spirits!



**Youth Fellowship**  
 There will be no regular youth group this Sunday so that youth are free to participate in the Hanging of the Greens service. Meet in the Sanctuary on Saturday from 1:00 to 2:30 to rehearse the service. For those participating, meet at 4:00 on Sunday prior to the 5:00 service.



**Save the Date! Blood Drive in February!**  
 WBPC is once again partnering with the Muslim American Society to host a blood drive to emphasize the positive lives lost to violence. The date for 2018 is February 17th. As Dracula might say “we want your blood” and hope you will plan to donate that day!



**Save the Dates: Serving in the City**  
 The 3rd Annual Serving in the City mission trip at home is planned for Monday, August 6-9. We will begin each day at WBPC, pack our lunches, and serve in a different way each day. This experience is for ages 10-90. If you are younger than high school you must attend with an adult (aunt, uncle, grandparent). Do good, help others, and sleep in your own bed!



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 Louis Alexander (Property)  
 Jenny Fleming (Fellowship)  
 Martha Barrick (Evangelism)  
 Chris Whitehurst (Worship)  
 Janet Rakes (Worship)  
 Liz Clay Bradley (FAP)  
 John Woodruff (FAP)

**Deacons:**

Sally Curtis, Moderator  
 Libby Burton  
 Betty Dean  
 Grace Odum  
 Larry Shelton  
 Holly Webster

**How I Would Like to Share the Joy of Advent at WBPC:**

Decorate - Saturday, December 2, 9:00-11:00 am

Lay read on Christmas Eve

Tidy sanctuary after Christmas Eve service

Remove decorations - Saturday, January 6, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Usher: December 3  December 10  December 17

December 24 morning worship  December 24 candlelight service

December 31

Serve at Moravian Love Feast Service, Sunday December 24, 10:30 am

Name

E-mail

Please tear out and place in offering plate. Thank you!

