

GREETERS
Dec 9 Linda Burnside
Dec 16 Diane and Barry Cook
Dec 23 Barry and Becky Fadely

WORSHIP LEADER
Dec 9 Diane Cook
Dec 16 Emma Saeler
Dec 23 Becky Fadely

FELLOWSHIP HOUR
Dec 9 Connee Garman
Dec 16 Fellowship Luncheon
Dec 23 Cookie Share

NURSERY
Dec 9 Jessica Jones/Barbara Simons
Dec 16 Jessica Jones/Jennifer Saeler
Dec 23 Jessica Jones/Tiffany newland

COUNTERS Susan Coffman, Becky Fadely,
SEXTON Terry Johnston

BULLETIN FOLDERS *Friday mornings at 11:00.
Dec 14 Jane Helms
Dec 21 Linda Burnside
Dec 28 Irene Mertens

SANCTUARY ASSISTANTS (during the week of)
Dec 9 Jane Runyon
Dec 16 Dan Voss
Dec 23 Jane Helms

WOODSTOCK CLOTHES CLOSET
Dec 14 (12:15-2:30) Carole Lovelace, Connee Garman
Dec 28 (10-12:15) Linda Burnside

BROWN BAG BLESSING (Tuesday & Wednesday)
Dec 11 Malinda Johnston, Barbara Simons, Steve Simons
Dec 13 Gary Hines
Dec 18 Irene Mertens, Dan Voss

HEAD USHER
Dec 9 (Team 4)
Dec 16 George Swecker (Team 5)
Dec 23 Ray Powell (Team 6)

Prayer Concerns & Joys

Remember in Prayer Jennifer O’Ferrell

Those in Nursing/Health Care Facilities Louise Grinstead (Greenfield Woodstock); Shirley Lynn, Mary Gwen Long, Margy Boyer (Pine Meadow); Bettie Hepner (Greenfield Reflections); Bob & Dot Lowerre (Strasburg Greenfield); Marguerite Lynch (Avante, Staunton), Janet Einstein (Sunnyside)

WPC World Mission Focus Corrymeela Peace Community (Northern Ireland)

WPC Local Focus Woodstock Ministerial Association, Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter, Response, Bread of Life Food Pantry, Woodstock Clothes Closet, Brown Bag Blessing

Birthdays This Week December 12: Holly Ohlin; December 13: Loretta Lantz

WPC Staff Directory

Ann Grisdale - Clerk of Session
Pastor- Kate Rascoe
Lori Staley - Secretary
Elizabeth Sollenberger - Organist/Pianist
Lori Staley - Choral Director
Jessica Jones - Nursery Care Provider
Cindy Isner - Custodian
Vicky Germroth - Librarian
Ray Powell -Treasurer
Cindy Wilkins - Assistant Treasurer
Loretta Lantz - Presb. Women Moderator
Jerry Germroth/Ray Powell- Men’s Co-Pres.

The Presbyterian Preschool (459-8510)

4-Star Preschool Experience for 3 and 4 year olds
Stephanie Dysart - Director
Elizabeth Warner - Assistant Director
Sarah Keefauver - Special Education Aide

Cathy Gilbert - ESL Director
Sarah Kalkbrenner - GED Director

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The Weekly Wellspring

Happenings in and around WPC

December 9, 2018

Weekly Scripture Readings

Sunday, December 9

Second Sunday of Advent

Morning: Pss. 24; 150
Evening: Pss. 25; 110 Isa. 5:1-7 2
Peter 3:11-18 Luke 7:28-35

Monday, December 10

Morning: Pss. 122; 145
Evening: Pss. 40; 67 Isa. 5:8-17 1
Thess. 5:1-11 Luke 21:20-28

Tuesday, December 11

Morning: Pss. 33; 146
Evening: Pss. 85; 94 Isa. 5:18-25
1 Thess. 5:12-28 Luke 21:29-38

Wednesday, December 12

Morning: Pss. 50; 147:1-11
Evening: Pss. 53; 17 Isa. 6:1-13 2
Thess. 1:1-12 John 7:53-8:11

Thursday, December 13

Morning: Pss. 18:1-20; 147:12-20
Evening: Pss. 126; 62 Isa. 7:1-9 2
Thess. 2:1-12 Luke 22:1-13

Friday, December 14

Morning: Pss. 102; 148
Evening: Pss. 130; 16 Isa. 7:10-25
2 Thess. 2:13-3:5 Luke 22:14-30

Saturday, December 15

Morning: Pss. 90; 149
Evening: Pss. 80; 72 Isa. 8:1-15 2
Thess. 3:6-18 Luke 22:31-38



Thy word is a lamp unto
my feet and a light unto
my path...

Psalm 119

Every year

Every year
he says, “I love these people.
I’m going to go be with them,
just to walk them through the darkness.”
Every year the angels tell him,
No, this is a bad idea.
It never works.
But the Eternal One nods at him and smiles
a sad little smile,
and he pours himself out
into a great mysterious emptiness,
and he comes.
He always comes
and walks with us,
and every year I walk with him,
he smiles and nods that same smiling nod.
There is the brief moment in the stable—
despite the hardship quite lovely, really—
but then the hard work,
the road, the town square, the disputes....
And then he is taken.
Every year, taken:
shot beside me as we walk,
jailed, deported, lynched, crucified.
I walk on without him,
looking for a welcome place for him,
trying to bear that light,
let it gleam just a little...
And then it gets darker,
until it seems stupid and hopeless and foolish,
and then once again,
the angels shaking their heads
but singing glory anyway,
he comes.
Knowing, he comes,
every year he comes.
And I watch for them to take him,
and they do take him, every year,
and I say,
“The angels are right, this doesn’t work.”
He nods and smiles and says,
“Yes it does.”
And he comes again.
And I,
a tiny light in a great emptiness,
already
I am waiting for him. "

This and other devotions by Steve Garnaas-Holmes can
be found at <https://www.unfoldinglight.net/>

Poinsettia Orders

Join us this year as we honor and remember the special people in our lives in one of two ways. You may give a poinsettia which will be used to decorate the sanctuary during the holidays, or you may make a monetary contribution to the Fellowship Hall Building Fund. You may choose to do both! The names of those we honor or remember will appear in the Weekly Wellspring on December 16, 2018. **Please do not make checks out to WPC.**

Advent Season Happenings At WPC

- ◆ Sun Dec 9 worship, 11:00a
- ◆ Tues Dec 11 Women's Lunch and Bible Study
- ◆ Skyline Terrace Gifting and Caroling @6:30p
- ◆ Wed., Dec 12 - Community Advent Services by Ministerial Association @ Emanuel Lutheran
Lunch – noon, worship – 12:30
- ◆ Sun Dec 16 worship, 11:00a
- ◆ Wed., Dec 19 - Community Advent Services by Ministerial Association @ Emanuel Lutheran
Lunch – noon, worship – 12:30
- ◆ Sun Dec 23 worship, 11:00a
- ◆ CHRISTMAS EVE
Candlelight & Communion Worship
Monday Dec 24, 7:00pm

Please join us as often as you can. Advent is a special time of fellowship as we prepare for Christmas.



Skyline Christmas Wish Tree

WPC is excited again to present the Christmas Wish Tree to support Skyline Terrace Nursing Home residents. We will have the Christmas Wish Tree in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday with the names of the residents on the gift tags. STNH staff shared with us that many of their new residents have no family in the area or they are coming to the home with only their personal clothes. The 70 residents would be grateful if we would supply them with blankets (Twin size) and/or large throws. The 24 Memory Lane residents would be appreciative of home-made baked goods. The gift tags will designate sugar free or allergies. The WPC Women's Group will be providing Christmas cookies for every resident. Christmas gift bags will also be under the tree for you to take to fill if you need one. All gifts should be placed in the gift bags with the gift tags and returned to the Fellowship Hall by Dec. 11h at noon. Please join us for caroling at Skyline on Dec. 11th at 6:30pm. Lori Staley and Theatre Shenandoah will lead us in the caroling. Song books are provided so everyone is welcome. Thank you so much for your enthusiastic participation and support of our seniors at STNH. If you have any questions please contact Sharon Baroncelli, 540-331-4492.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

All women of the Church are invited to the Annual Presbyterian Women's Christmas Luncheon on December 11 at 11:30 a.m. Let's get together to share good food, a lesson from Rev. Kate, and a time of fellowship and fun. You're invited to bring a dish to share if you like or just share yourself!



Singing Christmas Tree

Please join St. Paul's United Church of Christ for a community music concert!
Date: 12/15/18 and 12/16/18 @ 7:00 P.M. both nights.
Dress rehearsal: 12/15/18 @ 1:00 P.M. is open to public.
Free will offering will go to CHS Dual Enrollment Student Assistance Fund
Contact church office: 540-459-3643
Reception after Sunday's performance
Director: Mary Danley Catlett
Pianist: Barbara Strong
St. Paul's UCC
235 South Main Street
Woodstock, VA 22664



Thank you to the Tone Chimes for sharing their gift of music this morning. They are led by Judy Powell, and meet on Wednesdays @ 4 to practice. If you're interested in joining them, please talk to Judy. No experience is needed!

Advent Jars

We have extra Advent Jars and tags still available if you weren't able to make one last week. They're in the Fellowship Hall, so please feel free to take one and really dive into the rest of Advent!



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sun.	Sunday School	9:45am
	Elders Pray	10:40 am
	Worship	11 am
	Fellowship Hour	12pm
	Session Meeting	12:30pm
Mon	Preschool	9-1pm
	Exercise Class	1pm
Tues.	Preschool	9-1pm
	ESL/GED	9:30-12pm
	PW Luncheon	11:30am
	BBB	4:30pm
	Skyline Nursing Home	6:30pm
Wed.	Preschool	9-1pm
	Advent Lunch and Worship	12pm
	Tone Chimes	4pm
	Choir	5pm
Thurs.	Preschool	9-1pm
	ESL/GED	9:30-12pm
	Batterers Intervention	4-7pm
Fri	Preschool	9-1pm

What not to take into the New Year

Self-help books — Trust in God first; don't turn to him as a last resort. (See Proverbs 3:5-6.) • **Tape measure** — Consider only God's standards; don't compare yourself to other people. (See Luke 18:9-14.) • **Rearview mirror** — Don't live in the past. You'll miss out on what God is doing in your life now. (See Philippians 3:12-14.) • **Gavel** — Instead of judging others, pray for them, help them and team with them. (See Luke 6:37-38.) • **Life vest** — Don't be overly cautious spiritually. Peter experienced Jesus in a real way because he dared to step out of the boat. (See Matthew 14:22-33.) • **Garage-door opener** — We think we're networked but often isolate ourselves from our neighbors. God intended for us to live in community with one another. (See Hebrews 10:23-25.) • **Handcuffs** — Don't offer excuses about why you can't help out. God can do amazing things through — and despite — us. Just follow him, with no excuses. (See Mark 6:35-44.)