



# The Weekly Wellspring

Happenings in and around WPC

December 18, 2011

## FRIENDS IN MINISTRY TODAY ~ December 18, 2011

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR** Advent Luncheon  
**GREETERS** Don & Linda Sawyer

**NURSERY** Kelly Newcomer & Vicky Germroth  
**WORSHIP LEADER** Pat Thomas

**HEAD USHERS** Ken & Cathy VanDerSluys  
**SEXTON** Terry Johnston

**DECEMBER COUNTERS** Malinda Johnston,  
Marian French, Shirley Lynn

## FRIENDS IN MINISTRY NEXT WEEK ~ December 25, 2011

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR** Bring cookies to share!  
**GREETERS** Betty Lovelace & Anna Everhart

**NURSERY** Kelly Newcomer & Kristine Stevens  
**WORSHIP LEADER** Ray Powell

### Prayer Concerns & Joys

**Remember in Prayer** Dorothy Wright, Cindy Snyder, Dorinda Shaffer, Anna Lee Price, Kaye Shelton, CPT David Grisdale, US Army serving in Afghanistan, 1LT Mark Capansky US Marines serving in Afghanistan

**Those in Nursing/Health Care Facilities** Marguerite Lynch, Barbara Picciuto, (Greenfield)  
Ken Taylor's new address: Oak Springs of Warrenton, 614 Hastings Lane, Warrenton, VA 20186

**WPC Missionaries** Larry & Barbara Moir (Ethiopia); Corrymeela Peace Community (Northern Ireland); Native American Vision Quest (Idaho and Montana), Mark & Miriam Adams, Border Ministry (Mexico); The Rev. Joey Byrd, PC(USA) Military Chaplain, currently stationed in Germany.

### Happy Birthday!

12/19 - Mary Norville  
12/22 - Mary Coffman  
12/24 - Courtney Clinedinst



### Christmas Caroling - TOMORROW!

December 19. Everyone is invited to come caroling at local nursing homes. Meet at the church at 4:30 pm. *No previous Christmas Caroling experience required! Come share the joy of being a blessing to our community!*



#### WPC CHURCH STAFF

(459-2646)  
Ann Grisdale - Clerk of Session  
Rev. Lisa M. Webb - Pastor  
Holly Heine - Director of Children's Ministry  
Linda McClelland - Secretary  
Liz Sollenberger - Music Director  
Vicky Germroth - Librarian  
Kelly Newcomer, Nursery Care Provider  
Cindy Isner - Custodian  
Ray Powell - Treasurer  
Cindy Wilkins - Assistant Treasurer  
Cathy Gilbert - Director, ESL  
Luis Rincon - Director, GED  
Ashley Everhart - Web Master

#### THE PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

(459-8510)  
Preschool for 3 & 4 year olds  
Stephanie Dysart - Director  
Corinda Gwyn - Assistant Director  
Nan Alcott - Special Education Teacher

#### LATINOS MINISTRY @ WPC

Saturdays 9-1  
Saturday evenings 5-7  
The Rev. Orlando Newball - Latinos Pastor  
Norma Romero, Clerk & Treasurer



### Scripture Readings for the Week

#### December 18

Morning: Psalm 24; 150  
Genesis 3:8-15  
Rev. 12:1-10  
John 3:16-21  
Evening: Psalm 25; 110



#### December 19

Morning: Psalm 122; 145  
Zeph. 3:14-20  
Titus 1:1-16  
Luke 1:1-25  
Evening: Psalm 40; 67

#### December 20

Morning: Psalm 33; 146  
1 Samuel 2:1-10  
Titus 2:1-10  
Luke 1:26-38  
Evening: Psalm 85; 94

#### December 21

Morning: Psalm 50; 147:1-11  
2 Samuel 7:1-17  
Titus 2:11—3:8  
Luke 1:39-48  
Evening: Psalm 53; 17

#### December 22

Morning: Psalm 18:1-20; 147:12-20  
2 Samuel 7:18-29  
Gal. 3:1-14  
Luke 1:57-66  
Evening: Psalm 126; 62

#### December 23

Morning: Psalm 102; 148  
Jer. 31:10-14  
Gal. 3:15-22  
Matthew 1:1-17  
Evening: Psalm 130; 16

#### December 24

Morning: Psalm 90; 149  
Isaiah 60:1-6  
Gal. 3:23—4:7  
Matthew 1:18-25  
Evening: Psalm 80; 72

### Minister Musing ...by Pastor Lisa

Somewhere, sometime a long while back, I read a quote that stuck with me. Here it is:

***Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush.***

That sounds idyllic, doesn't it?...and nearly impossible, what with all the partying, gift-buying, dinner planning we have to do. I get caught up in the frenzy of Christmas as much as the next person, even when I tell myself "this year it's going to be different. This year I'm going to take a slower pace, ease up on the stress of the holidays."

Long ago, as Joseph and Mary sojourned to Bethlehem, it was just them. Do you know what I mean? It was just the two of them, their unborn child, and a donkey. There was little frenzy for them to be caught up in as they traveled. Even when they got to Bethlehem, the noise and din of city lights forced this young couple into even more quiet, alone in a barn. The birth of the world's savior was couched in a quiet expectant hush.

It's a good idea, I think. This last week of Advent, as we wrap up our festive presents and parties and platters of food, let's take time to be quiet, alone with God, so that we can be as expectant in our spirits as Mary was in her body. Turn the phones off; put the computers away; shut out the distractions, and experience the holy hush. Even for just a few minutes a day. Or longer, if you can do it.

Immanuel is coming. Are we truly ready to receive him? Merry Christmas from my family to you and yours. *Pastor Lisa*



**Christmas Wish Tree  
Skyline Terrace Nursing Home**

Tuesday, December 20 is the deadline for bringing in the Skyline Terrace Nursing Home gifts. If possible, remember to put the gift in a gift bag as this makes it easier for the residents to open.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting following today's morning worship for the purpose of electing Barbara Simons as elder in the class of 2013 to fill the unexpired term of Elder Tony Wilson, and to elect the following as elders and trustee in the Class of 2014: Jerry Germroth (Trustee), Eileen Haigh, Seth Coffman, Phyllis Albers, and Loretta Lantz. Nominations may be made from the floor with the prior approval of the person nominated and their agreement to serve if elected.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Dec. 24, 7:00 pm. Lessons and carols are a highlight of this service. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated. Let's fill the Sanctuary with praise to God for the gift of Immanuel!

*The Staff of  
Woodstock Presbyterian Church  
wishes you and yours  
a grace-filled  
Holiday Season!*

**Highlights of the Dec. 11, 2011 Session Meeting:**

1. The Session meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Elder Malinda Johnston.
2. The minutes of the November 20, 2011 Stated Meeting and the Minutes from the November 27 and December 4, 2011 Called Meetings were approved and Treasurers report accepted.
3. Ray Powell and Cindy Wilkins were elected as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer respectively for the 2012 year. Ann Grisdale was elected as Clerk of Session for 2012.
4. The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January, 15, 2012 at the conclusion of morning worship for the purpose of voting on the pastor's terms of call, electing the 2012 Nominating Committee and the presentation of the 2012 budget.
5. The members of the Nominating Committee were approved by the Session to be presented to the congregation for election at the Annual Congregational Meeting. They are: Two members of the Session (one to serve as Moderator) Barry Thomas and Phyllis Albers, Presbyterian Men – Terry Johnston; Presbyterian Women – Dot Lowerre; Youth – Anna Everhart and Reverend Webb serving ex officio.
6. The following special offerings were approved for 2012: Blanket Sunday, Souper Bowl, One Great Hour of Sharing, Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering, Presbyterian Home and Family Services Thanksgiving Offering, Christmas Joy and food pantry.
7. Communion dates for 2012 were approved: Maundy Thursday, Easter Sunday, and Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, in addition to our policy of receiving Communion on the first Sunday of each month.
8. Reverend Joan Wilson was removed from WPC rolls as she is now a member of Shenandoah Presbytery as a Teaching Elder.
9. Joe O'Rear's request to resign as an elder at Woodstock Presbyterian Church was approved.
10. The 2012 Counting Teams and substitute counters were approved by common consent.
11. Funds were approved for labor and supplies to paint the hallway and stairs in the Education Wing.
12. The Policy for the Use of the Fellowship Hall was approved.
13. There being no further business the meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Lisa.



**Construction  
Comments from the  
Building Team**

*Submitted by Vicky Germroth*

If you were able to go on the latest "walk-through" last week you know that things are really coming together inside the new building. Everyone was able to enter through the newly installed outside doors. This week the restroom tile porcelain floor and tile walls were installed and are looking great. The new commercial ranges are now in the kitchen on the completed quarry tile floor. All the commercial grade vinyl flooring has been installed in the choir room, fellowship hall, secretary's office and nurseries. Chair railings and wall moldings are up and the whole effect is light and elegance. The wide chestnut floor boards are now in place in the pastor's office and that really complements the brick wall and stained glass window in there. Work has also started on the lift that will make the old fellowship hall accessible for everyone.

**Our Annual Christmas Joy Offering** will be received today. This special offering of the PC(USA) supports retired servants of the church who need financial assistance and racial ethnic schools of the denomination. Your generous support of this annual holiday offering is greatly appreciated!

**Greeting Card Request**

The Presbyterian Women are again collecting fronts from used greeting cards to send to St Jude's Ranch for Children. Here are their rules: The cards must be no larger than 5"x7" and they cannot accept American Greetings, Hallmark or Disney cards. Although the new restrictions limit the amount of cards we could send, we would appreciate your contributions of cards and also funds to help with the mailing costs. A collection box will be in the Narthex until January 29. Any questions call Alison Nelson at 984-3746 or crnasn@shentel.net.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

Sun.	Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
	Elders Gather for Prayer	10:40 a.m.
	Worship	11:00 a.m.
	Advent Luncheon	12:00 p.m.
Mon.	GED	9-11 a.m.
	Christmas Caroling	4:30 p.m.
Tues.	ESL	10-12 p.m.
Wed.	Advent Lunch/Worship	12:00 p.m.
	Chancel Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
Thur.	Batterers Intervention	4-7 p.m.
Sat.	Latinos Congregation Worship	9-1 p.m.
	Christmas Eve Candlelight Ser	7:00 p.m.
Sun (12/25)	Christ is Born!	
	Worship 11:00 a.m. ...No Sunday School	

**Final Community Advent  
Lunch & Worship Is this Wednesday!**  
WPC is leading the final community Advent series this Wednesday. Join us as we prepare to welcome Christ into our lives this holiday season! Lunch 12-12:30, worship 12:30-1:00. Emanuel Lutheran Church. This is a great opportunity to live out our unity with other churches in town! Sponsored by the Woodstock Ministerial Association.

*These Days* devotionals for Jan/Feb/Mar are ready to be picked up in the Narthex.

**2012 Offering Envelopes**

2012 offering envelopes are on the table in the Narthex. Please get yours! Still need to make your financial pledge? Cards are in the Narthex. Thank you for your support!

**Weekly Attendance  
December 11 - 115**

**WANTED:** Experienced (gently used) kitchen cabinets for use in the Preschool. For more info, contact John Coleman at 459-2437. Thanks!

***SANCTUARY POINSETTIAS***

**Given to the Glory of God by**

**Margaret Boyer, in memory of loved ones**

**Ed & Pat Craft, in memory of the Craft and Broy ancestors**

**Louise L. Garman, in honor of my children and their families**

**Margaret Gregor, in honor of Charles & Mary Norville**

**Phyllis James, in memory of Ruth & “Pinkey” Sheetz and Jim James**

**Loretta K. Lantz, in memory of her husband Jack, parents, Willard & Elizabeth Kelley and sister, Sue**

**Jeff, Kathryn, Brian & Bobby Loveland, in memory of Fayne Loveland and in honor of The Loveland & Miller Families**

**Duane & Cheri May, in memory of Bruce May, Esther May, Jess Davidson & Stella Melvin**

**Charles & Mary Norville, in memory of their parents and in honor of their children**

**Ray and Judy Powell, in memory of their parents and brothers**

**Jim and Betty VanKirk, in loving memory of their parents**

***Donations to the Building Fund***

**Given to the Glory of God by**

**Keith & Susan Coffman, in memory of Joe & Sue Kincaid and Virginia Snyder and in honor of Seth, Liza & Ellie Coffman, Joshua Coffman and Hillary Coffman**

**The Haigh & Stevens Families, in memory of great grandmother, Frances M. Haigh and cousin, Jamie W. Haigh**

**Terry & Malinda Johnston, in honor of their children and grandchildren**

**Bob & Irene Mertens, in memory of Barbara Mertens and Thomas Finlayson**

**Charles & Mary Norville**

**Bill & Sylvia Pearson, in memory of their parents, Don & Shirley Bashaw and Ezra & Alberta Pearson**

**Liz Sollenberger, in honor of the Sanctuary Choir and Tone Chimes**

**Dennis Williams, John & Bea Shores, grandkids & great grandkids, in memory of Bufford “Earl” Williams and Mitzie Williams and in honor of two wonderful grandparents & great grandparents**

**A grateful child of God, in honor of Pastor Lisa Webb**

