



Presbyterian Times

*December
2017*

Nobody likes to wait. The red lights on the intersections along Main street often take 15 seconds too long, each. We even have special lines for those who do not want to wait. From the 10 items at your local grocery store to the Fast-pass lines at Disney World. When you fly a major airline, you can have priority in boarding if you pay the right price or flown with them for thousands of miles. Sometimes my two minutes to heat a mug of hot water at the microwave is too long.

If Advent is about anticipating and waiting for the birth of Christ, in the fast pace of our society of instant gratification, do we really know how to do it? Do we really know how to wait patiently so that Christmas can be a time of wonder, expectation, and celebration?

The key here is FAITH. When we look to the people of faith who have gone before us, we will find an answer. In Hebrews 11:13, *“All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them.”* Can you believe that? Because of their faith in God these “heroes” of the faith were able to believe in the promises of God so much, that they died not being able to see it. Wow, a lifetime is a long time waiting. Did God not prove to be faithful? God is always faithful, and those with great faith can wait and trust God to the very end of their life.

As I ponder waiting upon the Lord for a lifetime, Advent seems to be a brief moment in time. I can wait. I hope to remain faithful during this period of time. What about you? Are you impatient? Let us pray that God gives us all the same faith as those mentioned in Hebrews. Looking forward to celebrating the wonder and expectation Christmas with you!

Blessings,
Pastor Eric

DECORATIONS

The decorations in the sanctuary are provided by the Church, coordinated by Donna Freitag and Dave Beshear. Looking ahead, our space will be decorated by Betty Norment during the month of January

GREETERS

12/3 Mark and Bitsy Horton
12/10 Carolyn Dacy and Cynthia Simmons
12/17 Al and LaVonne Kloet
12/24 Mark and Sarah Hardy
12/31 T.M. and Cj Maple

CCO COLLECTION

We will be collecting Dish Liquid during December for the Christian Community Outreach program. Thank you for your generous support of this organization. Just to update you, during the month of November you donated 35 bottles of shampoo (and two bags of miscellaneous hygiene products). Thank you for your generosity towards this effort.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

December 9, 7:00 A.M.
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

12/6 George Coombs
12/10 Sarah Hardy
12/11 Maggie Grant
12/13 David Sloughfy
12/14 Kylie Dassell
12/15 Bob Clum
12/15 Stepheny Smith
12/21 Meg Talbert
12/21 Peggy Williams
12/26 Elizabeth Galloway

Anniversaries

12/2 Ike & Betty Norment
12/12 Sam & Molly E. Galloway

If there is anyone we have missed on this list, please contact the Church office to correct the information we have on file!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

12/06 - Pot Luck meal, discussion topic will be "Spiritual Gifts"
12/13 - Congregation Christmas Dinner - meal will be fully catered
Meal each week begins at 6:00 p.m., please check the Sunday announcement insert for more information for the week!

HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

12/10 10:30 SERVICE ONLY - CHILDREN'S PAGEANT and CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
12/17 10:30 SERVICE ONLY
12/21 LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE 6:30 P.M.
12/24 10:30 SERVICE ONLY
12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 5:00 P.M.

Kneeling with Giants Study group continues to meet each Sunday afternoons from 4-5:30pm until December 17 at the Presbyterian Church. This is a study specifically for adults or older teenagers. Please contact Becky if you need information or details.

The Longest Night Service is Thursday, December 21 at 6:30 pm: Also known as a Blue Christmas Service, the Longest Night Service is a service of hope that recognizes that grief and loss are often felt most especially at Christmas time, whether the loss, disappointment or hurt happened recently or long ago. This service is a time for those in our church and in our community to gather and bear witness to the light that shines even in darkness, and to stand beside our brothers and sisters and remember the hope that entered our world with the Christ Child.

2017 Dental Assistance - your generosity has helped a total of 10 individuals through this year, investing a total of \$3102.00 in dental care. Thank you all!

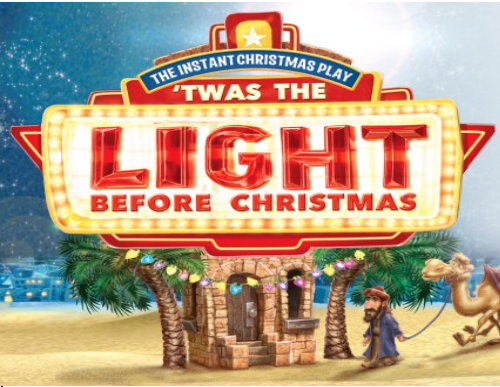
There will be no Sunday School on December 24 or December 31.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS
“Jesus God’s Promise”
devotional books are available in the sanctuary and fellowship hall for you to take and utilize during Advent.

The Presbyterian Church of Henderson hosted a group from Redbanks in November, enjoying lunch and worship with the residents. It was very nice to welcome our own Willie Ann back to her church home!



YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATES



Twas the Light Before Christmas: Advent is coming and so is the children's and youth Christmas musical! Here is the rehearsal schedule. All PreK, Elementary, middle school, and high school aged kids are invited to participate.

Full Cast Rehearsal (the only one): Sunday, Dec 3 12-3pm; Lunch provided; Parents needed to help with costumes and crowd control

Dress Rehearsal: Sunday, Dec 10 at 9:30 am

The play will be shared as part of worship at 10:30 on December 10.

Santa is coming! On Monday, December 11, Santa Claus will join us during our after school ministry time. All of our families and kids are invited to come for pictures and fun from 3:30-5:00 pm.

Intergenerational Sunday School and Advent Prayer Stations: Join us for Sunday School at 9:30 on December 17. All ages will experience Advent through a variety of interactive prayer stations. These prayer stations will remain in the fellowship hall through Christmas Eve, so plan to stop by and pray any day during the week as well.

Youth Group Cookie and Sweet Treats Party is at noon on Sunday, December 17. All youth and college-aged students are welcome to join us for lunch, baking, and board games in the church fellowship hall.

The last day for after school programming in 2017 is Monday, December 18!



Youth Group Retreat held at Camp Loucon



Packing Shoeboxes!