



Northside NEWS

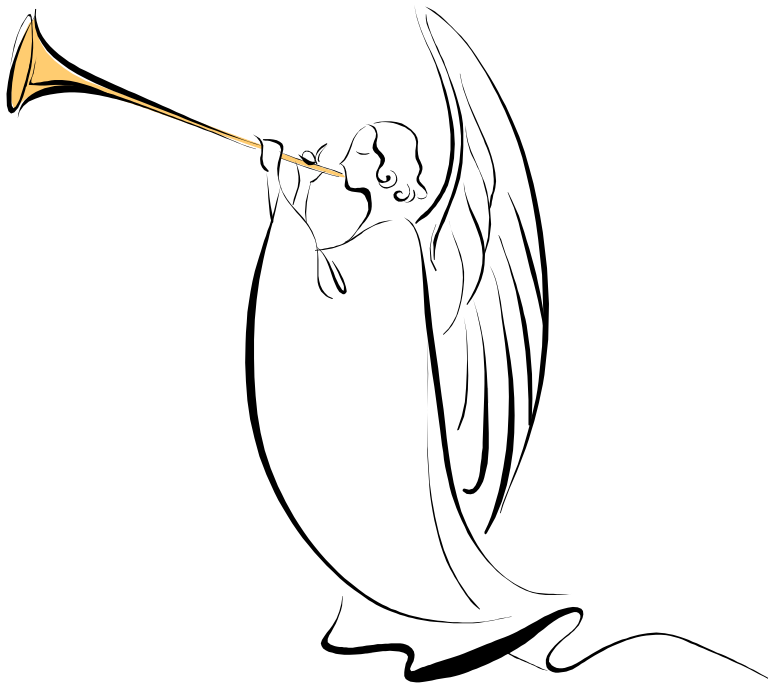
Northside Presbyterian Church

January 2015

Blacksburg, Virginia

*“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and peace on earth to those with
whom he is pleased!”*

-Luke 2:14



*Merry Christmas from your
church staff:*

Linda Kathy

Martha Marya Pat Sarah

Susan Connie Jim & Mary

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Morning Worship - 10:00 AM

Fellowship - 11:00 AM

Sunday School - 11:15 AM

FLOWERS

Poinsettias: For the month of December we will have Poinsettias and you are invited to purchase one or more in memory or honor of someone. Please let the church office know if you would like to purchase Poinsettias.

OFFICERS ON CALL

Nov. 30-Dec. 6: Joe Hunnings, 808-3872

Dec. 7-13: Heidi Harper, 392-0057

Dec. 14-20: Bob Martin, 552-4318

Dec. 21-27: Emmanuel Frimpong,
552-2901

Dec. 28-Jan. 3: Clark Gaylord, 552-2868

USHERS

Dec. 7: Ron Pearson & Sandi Webster

Dec. 14: Jilk-Stowe Family

Dec. 21: Garnett-Deakin Family

Dec. 28: Ron & Joanne Pearson

*Opportunity may knock once, but
temptation bangs on your front
door forever.*

LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR DECEMBER

Dec. 7: Isa. 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

Dec. 21: 2 Sam. 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55
Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
Rom. 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

Dec. 14: Isa. 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55
1 Thess. 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Dec. 28: Isa. 61:10 - 62:3
Psalm 148
Gal. 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS !

- Dec.
- 1 Cameron Gaylord
- Noxie Gilmer
- 10 Avery Stolte
- 11 Katherine Helsing
- Linda Walker
- 14 David Meincke
- 15 Jane Jones
- 17 Marj Robinson
- 21 Ron Pearson
- 30 Charles Bostian



If your birthday is not listed here, you probably have not given it to us. We want to have everyone's birthday on file. Please give us a call at the church office and tell us the date of your birthday. We promise not to ask the year!

HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

*Quit griping about your church;
if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.*

*If the church wants a better preacher,
it only needs to pray for the one it has.*

*God does not propose to judge a person
until he is dead. So why should we?*

FAITH GUIDES: *O send out your light and your truth;**let them lead me* – Psalm 43:3

The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance for those who have dedicated their lives to the service of the church and supports leadership development and education at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. Follow in the tradition of the wise men, and give this Advent season.

Quick Facts:

In 2013, Income Supplements from the Board of Pensions helped 304 households.

The offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s.

In 2013, Housing Supplements from the Board of Pensions helped 287 households.

SUPPORT CHRISTMAS JOY TODAY.

Sewers, needle workers, and those who want to learn a needlecraft.

The Prayers and Squares group is expanding its focus. We invite you to come to Northside and join us for fun, fellowship, learning, and working. Bring your project and supplies. Do you want to learn something new? We can help. We meet in the old kitchen from 2:00-4:00 pm each Thursday except the 2nd Thursday when we will meet the following Saturday. The dates are: **December 4 and 13.** For more info contact Lou Brown, Martha Taylor, Nedra Underwood, Emily Davis or Mary Lough.

CHANGES IN KROGER CARES PROGRAM: Through your use of the Kroger Cares Card program, Northside has been able to support much of the milk purchases made by the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry. Recently Kroger changed this fundraising program to be called Kroger Community Rewards. It will no longer use the reloadable gift cards, but instead will use your Kroger Plus card. Just by scanning your Kroger Plus card, you will be able to continue to help us raise money for milk purchases at the Food Pantry.

But first you need to enroll your existing Kroger Plus card to Northside's Community Rewards account. Go to www.kroger.com/communityrewards to enroll. Northside's account number is 83566. If you would like assistance with the process, the Mission Committee will have members with a computer available during church the next few Sundays to help you enroll your card. Look for them in the old kitchen. Individual purchases will begin counting towards Northside's account within 7-10 days of registering the individual Kroger Plus Cards online, so enroll today!

Advent Booklets are available on the table in the Narthex.

Please feel free to go by and take one home for your family to use during this Advent Season.

Cancellation Policy Reminder:

In case of sudden inclement weather that requires the cancellation of Sunday morning or other scheduled services and activities, the members of the Finance & Facilities Committee will make a decision by 8:00 am. Cancellation notices will be sent to WDBJ-7 and WSLN-10 television stations, and WVTF-FM radio. When possible, a congregation email will be sent and the church voice mail will be changed. If you are interested in making phone calls to spread the word, please contact the pastor. Making these decisions is sometimes “iffy,” so keep checking your email and the television announcements. The TV stations also have a link where closings and delays are listed.

Session Notes

Elders met on November 16, 2014 after Worship and Sunday School. Major matters taken up were:

- Approval of minutes of October 19, 2014 Stated Session Meeting and Called Congregational Meeting of the same date. These will be posted in the narthex.
- Bible Study of Psalm 90 was led by Reverend Linda Dickerson.
- Cash Flow Summary as of October 31, 2014 – Income under budget \$3,640.50
Expenses under budget 8,600.50
- For October we should be at 83.3% for income and expenses, while the actual pledged and non-pledged offering income is at 78.5% of budget and actual expenses are at 80.1% of budget.
- Committees reported:
 - Christian Education – Urgent request that all church members return the green GIFT survey form immediately, as the Dream Team wants to complete their evaluation of the new program schedule and wants all members to have their thoughts considered.
 - Finance and Facilities – A new Church Use Policy was approved; Dwayne Kittle was approved as the manager for the investment accounts that the church has with the Presbyterian Foundation; a donation of a print of a Joni Pienkowski painting was approved and will be framed by the donators.
 - Human Resources – Financial Job Descriptions for the positions of Treasurer, Accounting Team, Associate Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer have been prepared and will be discussed at the December Meeting when everyone has had a chance to read them thoroughly.
 - Worship – Jennifer Orr is the new Church Website Administrator; Advent planning is underway; new choir stoles will be purchased after the first of the year.
 - Mission – All sweet potatoes have been delivered to the Food Pantry.
- Joys and Concerns were shared and prayers were offered.

Joanne Pearson, Clerk

GIFT Program on December 7 – Time for Evaluation

Following worship on December 7, the Dream Team is planning a time of evaluation and discussion of this Fall's GIFT Program. We will have a brief program with story-telling by Martha Taylor. This will be followed by time for evaluation and discussion.

We are compiling the data from the congregational surveys. We will share this information on December 7 and we will have time for discussion. We want to hear from everyone, so please plan to attend.

Youth to Attend "Children of Eden" at Mill Mountain Theatre

On Sunday, December 7, following worship, the youth (and parents who want to go) will go to Mill Mountain Theatre in Roanoke to see the musical "Children of Eden". ***Children of Eden* tells the story of Creation through memorable music by Stephen Schwartz in a large-cast production that will include dozens of local singers with a professional cast recruited from our New York and Roanoke auditions.**

Freely based on the story of Genesis, *Children of Eden* is a frank, heartfelt and often humorous examination of the age-old conflict between parents and children. Adam, Eve, Noah and the "Father" who created them deal with the headstrong, cataclysmic actions of their respective children. The show ultimately delivers a bittersweet but inspiring message: that "the hardest part of love... is letting go."

The show starts at 2:00 p.m. so bring a bag lunch. Tickets for students are \$20. If the cost would keep you from going, please talk to Kathy. We want everyone who is interested to be able to participate. The deadline for ordering tickets is Thursday, December 4.

Joy Gift Dinner – Sunday, December 21

Our annual Joy Gift Dinner will be on Sunday, December 21 at 5:30. It promises to be a fun evening. This year, our theme will be "***Sharing Christmas Traditions***". The Fellowship Committee would like for everyone to bring a favorite Christmas side dish to share. We will share our favorite Christmas traditions around the tables and have some music from Simple Gifts. There also will be time for singing Christmas carols and even a Christmas story. Mark your calendars for this special event.

The CDCLR (Child Development Center for Learning and Research) wants to thank everyone for helping with the quick response to the shoe drive and making this a success in helping us exceed our goal of 300 pairs of shoes by 100 pairs. In all 200 pairs of shoes were collected at Northside. I couldn't have done this without everyone's help. Thanks to everyone and may God bless all of us!

Sophia Frimpong

DATES TO REMEMBER IN DECEMBER

- Dec. 3: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
- 4: "Sewers", 2:00 – 4:00 pm (Old Kitchen)
- 7: **2nd Sunday of Advent**
GIFTS SUNDAY
Officer Training following Sunday School till 7:00 pm
- 10: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
- 13: "Sewers" to meet in the morning
- 14: **Communion**
Choir Cantata, 10:00 am
"Rejoice In His Coming" by Susan Naylor Callaway
2 Cents-A-Meal Offering, Committees to meet after Sunday School
- 17: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
- 21: **4th Sunday of Advent**
Christmas Joy Offering
Session Meeting
- 24: **Christmas Eve Service, 7:30 pm**
- 25: **CHRISTMAS DAY** (Church Office Closed)
- 28: **Hymn Sing, 10:00 am**

ATTENTION CONGREGATION!

We will NOT be doing extra announcements from the pulpit on Sunday mornings. There is a special section on the bulletin board in the narthex for announcements. If you have an announcement you wish to make, please write in on the slip of paper provided beside the announcement space and place the announcement there. Everyone is encouraged to stop by the bulletin board and check for these announcements. Because of the change in schedule this is necessary. Thank you cooperating in this new change.

<p>Check Us Out...</p> <p>Church Address: Northside Presbyterian Church 1017 Progress Street, N.W. Blacksburg, VA 24060</p> <p>Phone: 540-552-4327</p> <p>Email Address: secretary.northside@gmail.com</p> <p>Minister's Email: dickerson.northside@gmail.com</p> <p>Website URL (http://www.nsidepresburg.org)</p>

As I step down as Chairperson, I would like to take this opportunity to formally THANK the following members of the Theology, Worship & Music Committee: Emily Davis (Ruling Elder, Associate Chair), Ann Marie Conner (Northside Chimers), Pat Fullen (organist), Marya Katz (Adult Choir Director), Nedra Underwood (Communion/Worship Closet/Support, Etc.), Liz Allen (Past Chair), Gail Gray (Head Sound Coordinator), Sandy Hancock (Sound), James Jones (Sound), Linda Walker (Sound), Caryl Gray (Flowers), Connie Pierett (ASL Interpreter), Michael Stowe (Head Usher), Jennifer Orr (Website Administrator), and Susan Heinze (Nursery Supervisor); Ex officio members: Rev. Dr. Linda J. Dickerson (Pastor/Teaching Elder) and Rev. Kathy Carpenter (Parish Associate for Education and Fellowship/Teaching Elder)...for their commitment, hard work, and timeless dedication to Northside, and to so many others of our congregation (members and friends) that support the Worship Committees' members.

David Bowen