



News at Paw Creek

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

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Dear Paw Creek,

I had a wonderful experience last Wednesday, December 1st. That was the first day of our long-planned, Covid-delayed and much-anticipated Woodland-Paw Creek Reading Program. Arriving early for the evening Bible Study class I saw that all of our dreams had come true.

The children's room in the East Wing has been transformed into a colorful and cheerful classroom that simply begs for children to come in and learn. And that's exactly what they had done - around the tables, on the rug, in the corners, were 12 second graders from Paw Creek Elementary, all happily absorbing books. Among the quiet chatter of children and volunteers there was a feeling of purpose and achievement. Every child was happy and engaged - and this after being delivered to us by school bus at the end of a long school day! All of the hard planning had worked, and the reading program was off to a beautiful start.

As it got close to 5:00, there was some worry that parents arriving to pick up their children on the first day wouldn't know which church door to enter, so I offered to go stand in the parking lot and give them directions. And that was my next treat. I got to speak to each of the parents as they arrived, and they were so appreciative of the opportunity we have given their children to really move ahead and excel in school. We chose to target second graders on the advice of the Paw Creek principal, Ms. Belton - she explained that because high-stakes testing begins in 3rd grade, this is the last chance for the children to learn to read and move ahead. What happens in 2nd grade will affect them throughout high school and beyond. And we hope to help them not only learn to read, but learn to love to read for the rest of their lives. No wonder the parents are so appreciative.

Of course, all I did last Wednesday was observe. The miracle workers were our own team from the Woodland and Paw Creek churches who have made this happen through hours of dreaming, planning and hard work. Special thanks to Elder Madge Hopkins from Woodland, who first challenged us to dream big. And much grateful appreciation to Sarah Taylor, the program facilitator, who has taken the plans and made them become real in a few weeks' time. To everyone who was part of this - bravo! (bravae! to sticklers for Latin). This is a great Christmas-time story of children, new beginnings and hope. Hallelujah!

Blessings, Elliott

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations



Prayer Requests:

- Ann Cashion spent time in the ER where she was diagnosed with an infection.
- Dina Salvo's friend, Norma Mosley needs prayers. She had been vaccinated, but she was diagnosed with COVID and in the hospital having difficulty breathing.
- Request for prayers for comfort and peace for students and staff of Chester Park Elementary in Chester, SC. A 6-year-old student passed away as the result of an unfortunate accident on Thanksgiving Day. He was a friend of Jackson McCrary, Melissa Todd McCrary is a teacher at the school.
- Sandy Zinn, Emily Adkins' step-son-in-law, still needs prayers.
- Ron Mullis, cousin of Linda Riggins, is at Atrium Pineville with acute kidney failure.
- Dorsie White is now back home.
- Sherry Blevins grandmother, Eula Hawks, passed away on Nov. 24th, (which was also her 94th birthday) after a long battle with heart failure.
- Dickie & Eddie's life-long friend, Terry Keaton, lost her daughter, Lee LeClair, to breast cancer.
- Anne Miller's long time friend, Vivian, has a bad cancer diagnosis. Also pray for the Miller's son who lives in Boone, he has a friend, Eric, that has thymus cancer and is the middle of chemo and radiation.



New Offering Envelopes for 2022

Offering Envelopes for 2022 are now available. You can pick up your envelopes from the Narthex before or after worship service starting this Sunday, Dec. 12th.

****Please be sure to use the correct year's envelope when making your offering. Thank you!****

Church Calendar

Thursday, December 9

*Newsletter
6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Sunday, December 12

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship / 3rd Sunday of Advent / Stewardship Sunday

Monday, December 13

*Deadline for Paw Creek Elementary Toiletries Drive Donations

Tuesday, December 14

*Deadline for Poinsettia Donations
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, December 15

10:00am Bible Study
11:00am Deadline for Outreach Christmas Gift
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm Bible Study
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, December 16

6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Saturday, December 18

10:30am Stitches for Missions

Sunday, December 19

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship / 4th Sunday of Advent / Christmas Joy Offering
12:00pm Churchwide Christmas Lunch (box lunches provided)

Monday, December 20

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, December 21

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, December 22

*Newsletter
10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline for 12/26 & 1/2
5:30pm Bible Study
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, December 23

6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Friday, December 24

7:30pm Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 25

**Merry Christmas!!

Sunday, December 26

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Monday, December 27

*Church Office Closed for Christmas

Tuesday, December 28

*Church Office Closed for Christmas
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, December 29

*Church Office Closed for Christmas
10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm Bible Study
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, December 30

*Church Office Closed for Christmas
6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Saturday, January 1

*Happy New Year!

Sunday, January 2

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship / Installation Service

Tuesday, January 4

9:00am Cardio Fitness
10:00am PW Go & Grow Circle
12:00pm Newsletter Deadline
7:00pm PW Life Seekers Circle

Wednesday, January 5

10:00am Bible Study
11:15am CMPD - Active Shooter Training
12:00pm Bulletin & Newsletter Deadline
5:30pm Bible Study
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice



Churchwide Christmas Lunch

December 19th - after church in the CFC

There will be box lunches and entertainment provided!



Christmas Poinsettias

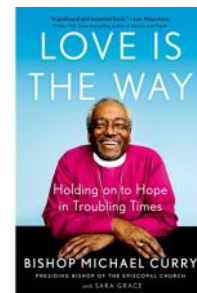
Poinsettias have been ordered and will be used to decorate the sanctuary on Sunday, December 19th. Donations will be accepted in memory or in honor of loved ones, and their name will be included in the Order of Service for December 19th as well. Please be sure to mark your check in the memo section as "Poinsettia", and list who it is in memory or honor of. Names must be received in the church office by Tuesday, Dec. 14th. Any monies collected will be used to offset the cost of the poinsettias with any extra money raised going to the Chuck Overbeck Fund and used for the beautification and maintenance of the gardens and landscaping around the church. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 704-392-0329.

Thank you!

Sunday School News - Fresh Start Class

Fresh Start Sunday School Class will begin in person gathering. Meeting once a month Nov and Dec, then more often in 2022.

We will be reading *Love is the Way* - by Bishop Michael Curry



Thursday, December 9th 6:30-8pm @ Traust Brewing - 128 S. Main Street Mt Holly, NC - Chapter 2

All are welcome

For more information, please contact Amy McGee [704-578-3908](tel:704-578-3908)

Holiday Giving Projects



- The Outreach Committee is partnering with Paw Creek Elementary School to find families who need our help to receive gifts for Christmas. Tags for each child are available on the Mission Board **December 5-12th.**

Directions:

1. Choose a tag from the display (don't lose it!)
2. Shop for items listed
3. Wrap or Decorate or bag up the item
4. Put original tag on the gift
5. Return to Sanctuary/Church Office by December 15th @11:00am
6. Know you have blessed a child

Questions? Call Celia Gray 704-756-9697

- We are also teaming with the staff and families of Paw Creek Elementary School to collect toiletry articles to be given to Charlotte area youth through The Relatives. Collections can be brought to the church **December 6-13th.**

Items needed:

Deodorant	Toothpaste
Toothbrush	Floss
Hand Soap	Body Wash
Shampoo	Conditioner
Lotion	



Stitches for Missions

The Stitches for Missions group will meet again on Saturday, **December 18th**, at 10:30 in the Church Parlor. Hope to See You There!!

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Seek..... Matthew 6:33
Serve 1 Samuel 12:24
Praise..... Psalm 111:1
Love Christ!.....1 John 4:12

Lord, we thank you for...

Have a Prayer Request? To put someone on our prayer chain, obtain permission from the person or family involved, then contact Joy Tyler (phone captain - (704) 399-8040) - and- Ann Cashion (email captain - acatlake@gmail.com)

Know someone Who Needs a Visit? Please contact the Church Office or Rev. Elliott Hipp (704) 392-0329

Next Newsletter

The next Newsletter will be **December 22nd** The deadline for Newsletter submissions is Monday, December 20th at noon.

Thank you! *Kem*

Upcoming Sermon Titles

Sunday, December 12

Third Sunday of Advent

Hebrews 10: 5-10, Luke 1: 39-45

“The Blessing of Belief”

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve - 7:30 pm

Service of Candlelight and Communion

Sunday, December 19

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Service of Lessons and Carols

Christmas Joy Offering

Sunday, December 26

First Sunday of Christmas

John 1: 1-18

“The True Light”