

First Pres

November, 2011

Operation Christmas Child

Newsletter Deadlines

The newsletter is published on the 3rd Wed. of the month. The deadline is the Sun. prior.

<u>Date Published</u>	<u>Deadline Date</u>
Nov 16	Nov 13
Dec 21	Dec 18
Jan 18	Jan 15
Feb 15	Feb 12
Mar 21	Mar 18
Apr 18	Apr 15
May 16	May 13
Jun 20	Jun 17
Jul 18	Jul 15
Aug 15	Aug 12
Sep 19	Sep 16

For more than 20 years, Operation Christmas Child has shown that there's power in a simple gift. Operation Christmas Child is the largest children's Christmas project in the world, run by the Christian charity Samaritan's Purse. This special shoebox appeal has brought joy into the lives of over 80 million children worldwide.

But Operation Christmas Child is about much more than the stuffed animals and crayons in the boxes. It is a great opportunity for evangelism. Every child who gets a box will hear about Jesus Christ and why He was the greatest gift of all. The boxes provide a tool and mission opportunity for local churches and pastors to reach children and families by inviting them into the church, presenting the Christmas story, and after the program giving every child a gift.

For most of the boys and girls, these boxes will be the first Christmas presents they have ever received. More importantly, church partners will use Gospel storybooks and Bible lessons provided by Samaritan's Purse to reach these children and their families with the Good News of salvation.

The journey of a shoebox...

Each shoebox goes on a remarkable journey, involving children and adults wrapping and packing, an army of volunteers checking and preparing, overseas partners delivering, and the children who need them most receiving and experiencing God's love at Christmas.

How to get involved...

It couldn't be easier. Simply follow these steps:

Pick up a shoebox provided in the Ramp Room and follow the directions for assembly or use a regular shoe box that you already have.

Pick up a leaflet provided by Samaritan's Purse (also in the Ramp Room) and follow the instructions in the leaflet on how to pack your shoebox (and how to wrap it if desired).

Then bring your filled shoebox back to the Ramp Room at First Pres on or before Sunday, 20 November 2011. Your box will then be taken to a regional drop-off location, processed by volunteers and sent to its destination to be distributed to a child in need.

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Let's provide more than 100 gift-filled shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child this year!



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Lectionary Readings—November

Nov. 6—Josh. 24:1—3a, 14—25; Ps. 78:1—7; 1 Thess. 4:13—18; Matt. 25:1—13

Nov. 13—Judges 4:1—7; Ps. 123; 1 Thess. 5:1—11; Matt. 25:14—30

Nov. 20—Ezek. 34:11—16, 20—24; Ps. 100; Eph. 1:15—23; Matt. 25:31—46

Nov. 27—Isa. 64:1—9; Ps. 80:1—7, 17—19; 1 Cor. 1:3—9; Mark 13:24—37



Don't miss

LOGOS

every Wed.

Dinner at 5:00 pm

LOGOS Menus—November

November 2

Pancakes with Syrup
Sausage
Egg Casserole
Apple Juice
Dessert

Rolls/Butter
Dessert

November 16

Turkey
Potatoes and Gravy
Green Beans
Sweet Potato Casserole
Cranberry Sauce
Rolls/Butter
Dessert

November 9

Sweet and Sour Pork
Rice
Oriental Salad

November 30 – Birthday Night

Sloppy Joes on Buns
Coleslaw
Pickles
Chips
Birthday Cake and Ice Cream
Cups

Please Do Not Forget

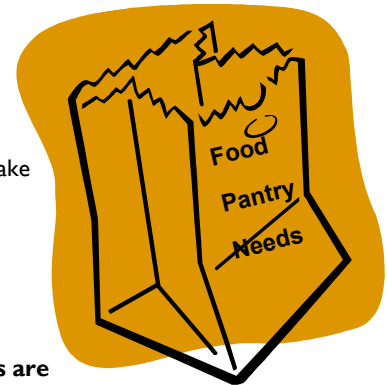
Please do not forget 1st Sunday Food Drive for Presbyterian Community Center. The Center is truly in need; so many people needing a hand-up. The Witness and Service Committee urges you to please put your contribution of food in the big soup can every first Sunday.

The pantry is ALWAYS in short supply of the following items:

- ◆ Beef Stew
- ◆ Tuna
- ◆ Canned & Dry Beans
- ◆ Jelly
- ◆ Chicken Noodle Soup

- ◆ Tomato Soup
- ◆ Oatmeal, cereal, pancake mix
- ◆ Syrup
- ◆ Canned Vegetables

PAPER grocery bags are always needed



"Good News Class"

The Good News Class continues its year long them of "Growing Our Faith". Our next mini-series, beginning Oct 23, includes what we believe and why we believe it. We'll be examining the six essential tenets of the reformed faith.

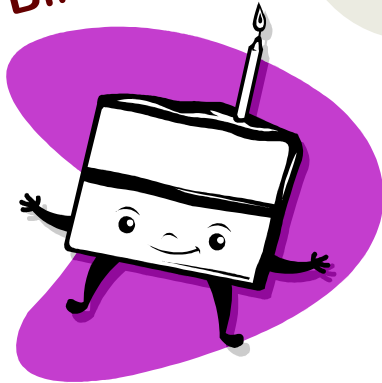
As we approach the Christmas season we'll turn our attention with a five week study on Mary, mother of Jesus, and her faith journey. If you haven't found a Sunday School home,

join us in Room 207 this Sunday at 9:00am!

Good News Class Christmas Party

Good News class members, mark you calendars now for our annual Christmas party on December 11 at 6:30pm in the home of Randy Roberts! Great fellowship, food, and a wonderland of Christmas decorating are coming fast! Details to follow in class.

Birthdays



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|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Ben Facciani | 10 Donna Miles | 21 Susan Hill |
| 2 William Sekinger | 10 Kimberly Carte | 22 Robert Price |
| 2 Jennifer Rotenberry | 11 Carrie Nelson | 24 Paola Brinkley |
| 2 Doug Scott | 11 Lynne Fields | 25 John Facciani |
| 5 Imogene Gregory | 11 Jerry Garrett | 29 Brad Braford |
| 5 Buz Gordge | 11 Chris Ayers | 30 Donna Hutchings |
| 5 Kathy Petty | 14 Jean Jamison | 30 Mary Davis |
| 6 Sara Maxey | 14 Harvey Hotinger | |
| 6 Grace Whitesell | 14 Tim Dickerman | |
| 7 Alan Brinkley | 15 Scott Petty | |
| 7 Rebekah Slocum | 15 Eric Petty | |
| 8 Pat Dillard | 16 Tom Scott | |
| 9 Janemarie Laucella | 16 Anna Brinkley | |
| 9 Leah Miles | 18 Jeff Povtak | |
| 9 Hannah Bush | 19 Annette Ozmer | |
| 10 Jenny Painter | 20 Noah Harris | |

REMINDER

When visiting the church please park in designated parking spaces.

This is especially important during the Pre School hours for the safety of the children, teachers and parents.



Christmas Poinsettias

The Worship Committee will be using poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas season. **The deadline for ordering is Wednesday, Nov. 30.** Make checks payable to FPC, marked "Poinsettias". Enclose with the order form below and return to the church office, **attn. Lorri Wright**, 2101 S. Jefferson St., Roanoke, VA 24014.

Given by (Mr., Mrs., Miss., Family of—as you would like it in the bulletin): _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Number or plants: _____ at \$10.00 each

Phone: _____

Children's Corner

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⁶ Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6 (New International Version, ©2010)

Please Mark Your Calendars

November 20	4:30 "Miracle at Midnight" rehearsal, grades 1-5 (Christmas Celebration)
November 20	Advent Workshop 5:30 in Fellowship Hall
December 11	"Miracle at Midnight" Rehearsal after church, grades 1-5
December 12	"Miracle at Midnight" Dress rehearsal at 6:00 PM
December 14	Christmas Celebration at 6:00 PM
December 16	PS/MDO Christmas Program 11:00 AM
December 18	Children's Ministry Christmas Party after church
December 24	Services at 5 and 10
December 25	No Children's SS



Date	Acolytes
10-30	Tyler and Clair Humphreys
11-6	Aiden and Corbin McLaughlin
11-13	Lexie Rhodes and Calista Ballagh
11-20	Maddie Laucella and Ainsley Harris
11-27	Grace Whitesell and Tanner Thomas



Join the Church Family for our Advent Workshop

Sunday, November 20, 2011

5:30 PM

Bring your best dishes to this potluck...dessert will be furnished.


**Make your Advent wreath, ornaments, gift bags for our homebound members,
and enjoy singing carols together!**

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Schedule of Events

- **Sundays—Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship 10:30 am**
- **1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays—Chamber Choir immediately after Worship**
- **1st Sunday—Diaconate Mtg., 5:00 pm**
- **3rd Sunday—Session Mtg., 7:00 pm**
- **Mondays—Staff Mtg., 11:00 am; Women's Bible Study, 6:45 pm; Sermon Apps, 7:00 pm**
- **Tuesdays—Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am (except 2nd); Adult Bible Study, 6:00 pm; Chancel Choir, 7:00 pm**
- **2nd Tuesdays—Presbyterian Women, 10:45 am**
- **Wednesdays—LOGOS, 5:00 pm; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm**
- **1st & 3rd Thursdays—Men's Breakfast, 7:00 am**
- **1st & 3rd Thursdays—Jordan's Small Group, 7:00 pm**
- **Fridays—Prayers for the Church, 10:30 am**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30 am Bible St. 3:00 pm Knitting 6:00 pm Bible St. 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	2 5:00 pm LOGOS 7:00 pm Carillonneurs	3 37:00 am Men's Breakfast 7:00 pm Jordan's Small Group	4 10:30 am Prayers for the Church	5 10:30 am Prayers for the Church
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends First Sunday Food Drive 11:45 am Chamber Choir 5:00 pm Diaconate Mtg.	7 11:00 am Staff Mtg 5:30 Witness & Service Mtg. 6:45 pm Bible St. 7:00 pm Sermon Apps	8 10:00 am PW Coordinating Team 10:45 am PW Circles 12:00 pm PW Lunch 6:00 pm Bible St. 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	9 5:00 pm LOGOS 7:00 pm Carillonneurs	10 5:00 pm LOGOS 7:00 pm Carillonneurs	11 10:30 am Prayers for the Church	12 10:30 am Prayers for the Church Youth Fall Retreat 11—13
13 2cents a meal Newsletter Deadline Congregational Meeting after Worship	14 11:00 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm Worship Committee Mtg. 6:45 pm Bible St. 7:00 pm Sermon Apps	15 9:30 am Bible Study 3:00 pm Knitting 6:00 pm Bible St. 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	16 Newsletter Published 9:15 am PS/MDO Board Mtg. 5:00 pm LOGOS 7:00 pm Carillonneurs	17 7:00 am Men's Breakfast 7:00 pm Jordan's Small Group	18 10:30 am Prayers for the Church	19 10:30 am Prayers for the Church
20 11:45 am Chamber Choir 4:30 pm Children's Christmas Celebration 5:30 pm Advent Workshop 6:00 pm CC Planning 7:00 pm Session Meeting	21 11:00 am Staff Mtg 6:45 pm Bible St. 7:00 pm Sermon Apps	22 9:30 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Bible St. 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	23 5:00 pm LOGOS 7:00 pm Carillonneurs	24 Thanksgiving Day (Church office closed) 	25 Church office closed	26 Church office closed
27	28 11:00 am Staff Mtg 6:45 pm Bible St.	29 9:30 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Bible St. 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	30 5:00 pm LOGOS 7:00 pm Carillonneurs			

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Are you interested in learning more about death, dying and grief? Carilion Clinic Hospice & Oakey's Funeral Service are partnering with Hospice Foundation of America in bringing "Beyond Kubler-Ross: New Perspectives on Death, Dying & Bereavement" to the Roanoke Valley. See details below:

When: Tuesday, Nov. 15th, 2011

10:30 am - 2:00 pm

Where: Oakey's East Funeral Home

5188 Cloverdale Rd.

Roanoke, VA 24019

This program is offered free of charge and includes lunch and companion books. To register, call Carilion Clinic Hospice @ (540) 224-4753 by November 10th.

The Diaconate Congregational Care Ministry

The Diaconate has hit the ground running this Fall. Shelia Harms had an Open House on Sunday afternoon, October 9, for the deacons to celebrate the marriage of Barry and Elizabeth Jones. Barry is a deacon in the class of 2013. Thank you, Shelia for hosting such a lovely gathering. We were having so much fun, a skunk tried to crash the party!

On December 4, there will be a covered dish dinner sponsored by the Diaconate. We encourage everyone to make plans now

to attend Patti's wonderful Christmas Music Program and then fellowship with friends and visitors at the dinner. Martha's Pantry will have sign up sheets after church the first two Sundays in November. Sign up to bring your favorite dish. The more that come, the greater the fun, so invite family and friends to come and enjoy some beautiful music and delicious Presbyterian cooking! Get started early on that Christmas Spirit! More information will be forthcoming.

Your deacons are dedicated to

serving as Christ has called us to do. Please help us by letting us know any needs of which you are aware. Together, we can meet even more needs of our Church family. You will find the Deacons on Duty listed in the bulletin every Sunday and also in the newsletter. Please contact the church or Joan Jordan at 989-2080, or jonimaree@aol.com with any immediate needs and I will let the Deacons On Duty know as soon as possible.

Yours In Christ,
Joan Jordan, Chair

Mark your calendars

January 1, 2012

Joint Presbyterian Worship Service

Salem Civic Center

2:00 pm

There will not be Sunday school or worship service that morning at
First Presbyterian

Session Committee Assignments for 2011/12

Clerk of Session: Kathy Petty (772-0680), madhouse19@verizon.net
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Worship: Leslie Matney, chair (342-9290), leslie.matney@vadoc.virginia.gov
Helen Dean (362-5169), hbarb55@cox.net



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Christmas Open House
Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011; 10:00 am—2:00 pm
Faith Alliance Church
7505 Barrens Rd.

The widows program has many more interesting African gifts for sale. For information or directions call Lynne Fields, 366-0322.

It's time to shop for Christmas!!!

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Worship Committee

News



There are still several open spaces on the flower signup sheet. There are at least 2 Sundays that flowers are needed by the end of the year. Please check the signup sheet and see if you would be willing to “sponsor” the sanctuary flowers for that week. The cost is \$35. We would also ask that the children not write on the signup sheet as it is difficult to determine what Sundays are available. The new sheet for 2012 will be posted soon.

Thank you for your participation

It is that time again as we will be preparing the sanctuary for the fast approaching holiday calendar. Volunteers will be needed several times during the set up process. Please check your calendars and see what days you would be able to lend a helping hand:

- ◆ 11/20 immediately following the worship service, volunteers will

be needed to help carry decorations down from the attic to the sanctuary. The more people we have the easier it is and the faster we get done!

- ◆ 11/20 approximately 5:00 strong able bodied individuals to assist with the set up and hanging of the large wreath that hangs in the choir loft
- ◆ 11/20-21 “fluffers” to assist with fluffing the bows that will go on all of the wreaths. The bows need to be shaped and possibly ironed. If you would be willing to help out, they need to be ready by 10:00 am on 11/21 to be attached to the wreaths. Just let Leslie Matney know you plan to take some or all home and will have them back on 11/21
- ◆ 11/21 at 10:00 am volunteers are needed to help decorate the sanctuary. It will take a few hours but the more the merrier.

We definitely need someone who is willing to climb the ladder to attach the decorations to the balcony. The Chrismon Tree will need to be set up and the Chrismon placed on the tree.

- ◆ The Poinsettias will be arriving, ½ the first week of December and the balance the second week. Volunteers are needed to keep the plants watered and “alive” through the holiday season. The plants will be in the sanctuary adorning the pulpit and the choir loft.

If you are willing to participate in any or all of the above-noted events, please let Leslie Matney know at 540-798-1021 or just show up! I promise I will not turn away any individual willing to lend a hand!!!

In advance, I thank you for your willingness to volunteer.

Leslie Matney , Chair
Worship Committee

15th Annual First Presbyterian Men’s Golf Trip February 16—19, 2012



Dear Fellow Golfers,
Holy Cow!! 15 years!! I don’t know how I have put up with you guys this long.

The sign up sheet is up. Everything is the same as last year except the price. Three nights, 3 rounds of golf with cart, breakfast and lunch each day, free range balls, a free dink at the pub and all taxes are included for the price of \$268.50.

I made reservations for 32 golfers as in the past. I’ll need a \$105.00 deposit by January 1, 2012. \$100.00 will go towards your package, and \$5.00 goes in my pocket—HA!!! Let’s try to have a full field this year and pray the weather will be as great as last year.

If you have questions, please feel free to call me at 588-0632.

Your Friend in Christ,
Jim Wimmer

Sunday School—9:00 a.m.

Adult Classes

McCLANAHAN CLASS

Fellowship Hall

GOOD NEWS CLASS

Room 207

KOINONIA CLASS

Parlor

CORNERSTONE CLASS

Session Room

It is never too late for Children and Youth to join our Sunday School Classes. If you need more information, please contact Patti Trail (Children's Ministry) or Pete Guillard (Youth) at 344-3204.

Children

Birth - 3: Room 115

Preschool: Room 114

Kindergarten: Room 215

Grades 1 & 2: Room 206

Grades 3—5: Room 203

Youth

Grades 6-12: Youth Room

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Prayer Concerns

Continuing Prayer Support

Dottie Magee

Hazel Capito

Ruth Moutoux

Kaye Henderson

First Pres Prayer Chain

If you or someone you know needs our prayers, please let the church office (lwright@fpc.roacoxmail.com) or Heather Jackson (jacksonclan@roadrunner.com; 992-5289) know and we will put your prayer request on the Prayer Chain.

If you have put someone on the

prayer chain list and their need has been answered or they are no longer in crisis, please let us know so we can keep the prayer list current.



Children's Worship—November

- Nov. 6 The Temple, a House for God (14); Cheryl Gilliland, Leader
Greeters: Jan Tyree, Mike Trail, James Venable
- Nov. 13 Exile and Return; Donna Miles, Leader
Greeters: Pat Povtak, Jeff Povtak, Madeline Quinn
- Nov. 20 How the Church Tells Time (16); Donna Mills, Leader
Greeters: Helen Dean, Terra Wiley, Emma Hartman
- Nov. 27 Advent I - The Prophets Show the Way (17), Deborah Mattern, Leader
Greeters: Chris Ayers, Bill Drewry, Keith Humphreys



November Reminders

Elders: Ted Richardson, Chris Venable

Sound System

Nov. 6—Bill Gorge

Nov. 13—Randy Matney

Nov. 20—Jerry Quinn

Nov. 27—Jerry Quinn

Children's Time

Nov. 6—Bob Smith

Nov. 13—Ed Bennett

Nov. 20—Bob Smith

Nov. 27—John Jordan

Greeters

Narthex:

Nov. 6—Jim & Barbara Hurt

Nov. 13—Bob & Nancy Poore

Nov. 20—Ross & Norma Silvius

Nov. 27—Tom & Kay Ward

Ramp Room:

Nov. 6—Sarah Purves, Buffie Gearhart

Nov. 13—Marge Minor, Sallie Richards

Nov. 20—Kaye Wilkerson

Nov. 27—Julie Drewry, Lee Slover

Bread Delivery

Nov. 6—Jim & Lynn Wimmer

Nov. 13—Ted & Pat Richardson

Nov. 20—Artie & Catherine Bush

Nov. 27—No Delivery

Deacons on Duty—(week of)

Nov. 6—Susan Blanding, Cheryl Gilliland

Nov. 13—Brenda Sale, David Miles

Nov. 20—Jennifer Callahan, Natalie McLaughlin

Nov. 27—Sheila Harms, Jan Tyree

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Elders

Class of 2012

Phillip Brown

Artie Bush

Leslie Matney

Donna Mills

Kathy Petty

Mac Snead

Class of 2013

Bob Hartman

Harvey Hotinger

Connie Macklem

Jerry Quinn

Chris Venable

Terra Wiley

Class of 2014

Helen Dean

Ed Kappus

Larry Moore

Ted Richardson

Tom Turner

Barry Webb

The Rev. Robert D. Smith, Pastor,

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Dr. Erma Rose, Handbell Director

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Mr. Clarence Smith, Custodian

Mrs. Shelia Keeling, Custodian

Sunday worship service: 10:30 am
in the Sanctuary. Sunday School
begins at 9:00 am. Children's Wor-
ship provided in room 205 during
worship service. Nursery provided
for infants and toddlers from 9:00
a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Guests welcome.

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