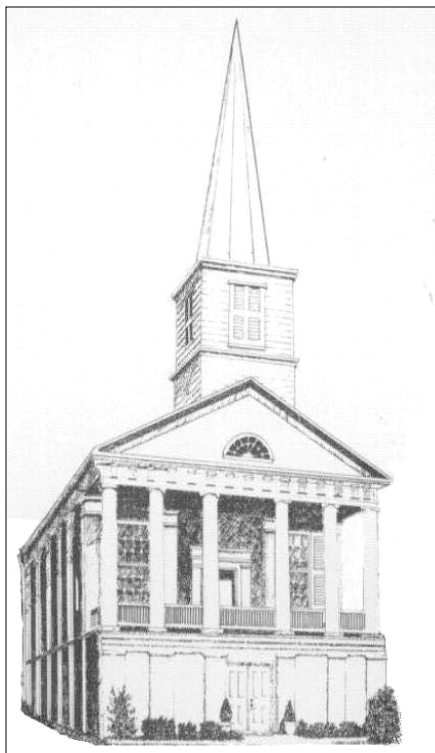


Hebron Highlights



December 2012



**WELCOME TO ALL
VISITING OUR
CHURCH!!**

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* 'Hebron' was the original name of
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Jonesborough Presbyterian Church.

Dear Friends,

To everyone who reads this newsletter, December most likely means Advent and Christmas. Some may have birthdays or wedding anniversaries or graduations in December, too. And surely for some, December holds sad memories, as well. Regardless of all else, December is still a time to prepare for (*Advent*) and celebrate (*Christmas*) the coming of God in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

Over the centuries, the Church has pounded away at one message above all others: Jesus “saves us from our sins.” I do not dispute that. But I do think that over-emphasis on an individualistic interpretation of the Good News can obscure, and even deny its fundamental and profoundly transforming—i.e. its *saving*-message: Salvation and wholeness for each of us means salvation and wholeness for ALL of us.

If and when the message of the Gospel is used to close doors, hearts and futures, we have learned nothing. More to the point, we have been unfaithful to all that God comes to say and do for the Creation through Jesus.

One of the first and beloved Advent hymns we sing is “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.” In the third verse of that hymn we sing these words:

*O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.*

“Envy, strife, and discord” tear at human community and at the earth herself. But as the “Desire of Nations,” Jesus draws us together. He creates the order of community out of the fear-splintered chaos of our individualism and tribalism.

We experience and share “Heaven’s peace” of being “one [in] heart and mind,” yes, but that does not happen by trying to make all people think alike. It happens through all people learning to see, to appreciate and to love the Christ in ourselves and in one another. This has been the challenge of a diverse humankind since the very beginning. But unity and wholeness for the creation has been God’s intention for us since that same beginning.

The following is an excerpt from *A Declaration of Faith*, a theological statement adopted in 1985 by the PC(USA), recently re-unified after a 122-year split.

The diversity in the early church caused tension and conflict. Yet the Spirit bound them into one body, enriched by their differences. We know that the same Spirit gives us a unity we cannot create or destroy.

The Spirit moves among us not to end diversity or compel uniformity but to overcome divisiveness and bitterness.

The Spirit leads us to struggle against the lines of race and class, the ambitions of competing parties, the loyalties of individuals and traditions that divide us.

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Dear Friends continued

The Spirit impels us to make the unity of Christians visible to a divided world, and assures us that we shall be one.

There has never been a time when human beings did not experience dislocating division and fear. Never. And, as November reminded us so vividly, our time is no different-except that is OUR time. And so it is OUR responsibility.

As Jonesborough Presbyterian Church, we are but one very small part of the Church Universal. We are, effectively, about 150 people strong. But in that small number, we are as diverse as the culture around us. That can challenge and strain us, but this is also one of the most important strengths of our congregation. The differences among us may cause us to disagree passionately, but we are still called and equipped to doing amazing things. Kingdom things. Christmas things. We continue to seek, know, love and serve God, to make music, tell our stories and to laugh. And we do them most joyfully and most faithfully not in spite of our diversity, but in the midst of it.

Only we come together in fearless honesty about who we are and what we believe do we come together as one body, bound by the Spirit, revealing to the world what we know it looks like to be a place of Advent and Christmas, Good Friday and Easter.

It is never easy, but it is always holy.



A Blessed Christmas to Us All,

ALLEN

SHALOM CIRCLE

Shalom Circle is a small group of women in the church, numbering under 10, meeting on the first Saturday of each month (time off in the summer!). Shalom raises money in various ways like the yard sale in the fellowship hall during the Town Wide Yard Sale and the Christmas Dinner and Auction. With the money raised Shalom Circle has helped to purchase new dishes for the kitchen, new choir robes, donated to many local causes, helped the young with food for their sales, etc.

Shalom Circle would really like some more ladies to just join even one meeting to see what is done. There are **NO dues**.

Needed are more women to help! Come visit please!



LADIES! HERE IS YOUR INVITATION



Ladies, you are invited to join one of our favorite pastimes! That of gathering around the “kitchen table” for a nice meal and lively, fun conversation! Doesn’t that sound relaxing and a little different? We will usually meet **on the last Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m.** The Yack & Snack group are going to explore the cuisine of our area while sharing in laughter, news, and general fun chatter. Watch the church bulletin each month for our next destination! Won’t it be fun to explore old or new places to eat and have a wonderful, friendly gathering of friends as an extra attraction!

Remember that it will strength ties with the church and with our friends to occasionally get out and have a great time with friends old and new! Any questions? Please call Zel Hester at 913-1214 or Ann Norman at 753-8181.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<i>Bob Kellar</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Sabrina Davis</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Emily Laughrey</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Cheryl Smith</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Janet Browning</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Marianne Huff</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Dylan Helm</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Gary Gerhart</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Guy Weems</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Harrison Taylor</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Martin Harris</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>Graham Norman</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>James Edward Miller</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>(3 YRS OLD!)</i>	
<i>Larry Garst</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Marilyn Buchanan</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Sarah Knight</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>Alex Williams II</i>	<i>29</i>



REGARDING FAMILY LUNCHEONS

PLEASE LET ALL VISITORS WITH THEIR HOSTS & ANYONE HAVING DIFFICULTY STANDING OR WALKING MOVE TO THE FRONT OF THE LINE DURING FAMILY LUNCHEONS.



HELPING HANDS STILL NEEDED

Helping Hands-The Missions Ministry Team is trying to develop a pool of volunteers in the church. Needed—people who can help other church members with those occasional odd jobs around the house and yard, such as clearing out a rain gutter, changing a hart to reach light bulb, some lawn work occasionally, etc. Jobs that osme of the members find difficult, if not impossible to do without risk of falling or of injury. If you are interested in helping or if you need help, please contact the church office at **753-6162**.



DECEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

DEC GREETERS : THE SNAPP FAMILY
DEC ON-CALL-ELDER: TERRI KNIGHT
DEC OFFERING COUNTERS: TERRI KNIGHT & CHUCK COLLINS

COMMUNION PREP TEAM: ANN NORMAN & CHARLOTTE PAHRIS

COMMUNION SERVERS TEAM #1: ANN NORMAN, JIM CASH, CHUCK COLLINS, BOB SCHEU, MARY LEE MILLER

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION (by Intinction) SERVERS TEAM #2: JIM PAHRIS, MARY BRAY, TERRI KNIGHT, GARY BURKETT & BUNNY DOWNING

JAMA FOODS OF THE MONTH:

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

SUGAR, INSTANT POTATOES, PEANUT BUTTER, JELLIES, CANNED FRUIT, MEATS & VEGETABLES, BEANS, SPAGHETTI & SAUCES, & LARGE PAPER BAGS

There has been a substantial **decrease** in the USDA items offered & an **increase** in those **needing help**.

THANK YOU!!

CHECK OUT THESE NOTES!

SHAWL MINISTRY... will be meeting on the first Tuesday in December—the 4th AT 12:30pm in the fellowship hall. It will be the Shawl Ministry's Christmas luncheon. Please bring a covered dish to share.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS... will be holding a Candlelight Service on December 9th at 5pm at the Jonesborough Presbyterian church. Candles will be provided. All who have lost a child are encouraged to attend.

****Songfest 2012: Bluegrass, Mountain Music, & More**

The Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Johnson City (IHNJC) is currently selling tickets for its annual event, Songfest 2012. This event will be held at the Northeast State Community College Center for the Performing Arts. The event will take place Sunday, **December 2nd from 3:00 to 5:30pm**. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children & students. Tickets may be purchased through the church office, at 3 Bank of Tennessee locations in Johnson City, Campbell's Morrell Music, or by calling IHNJC at 202-7805. Seating is limited and purchasing tickets in advance is encouraged.

This will be Songfest's 8th annual event. Lou Reid & Carolina will headline a great list of performers including Dennis Cove Band, ETSU Old Time Band, and Ed Snodderly. All proceeds from Songfest 2012 support the ministries provided by IHNJC to homeless families with children living in our community.

Join with friends and volunteers of IHNJC and support the Network with an afternoon of music and celebration for the whole family!



Sunday, December 2, 2012
From 3:00 – 5:30 pm

FEATURING:

Lou Reid & Carolina, Dennis Cove Band,
ETSU Old Time Band, and Ed Snodderly

Northeast State Community College Center for the Performing Arts

Tickets: \$15 adults - \$5 children & students

Available at the church office, 3 Bank of Tennessee locations in Johnson City,

Campbell's Morrell Music, or IHNJC by calling 202-7805



OUR GREAT COOKBOOKS & APRONS FOR SALE !!

Shalom Circle is still offering our "famous recipes" cookbooks for sale! The cookbooks will be offered for \$20 and they are an excellent gift at that price! 3-ring binder style so that the cooks can add their own "favorite recipes"!

Cookbooks were gathered together from church recipes made with love and prayerfully offered for sale to continue the Ladies' Circles other gifts of love! Please check the cookbooks and aprons for sale in the Fellowship Hall. A Circle Member will help you with your purchase.

Our delightful, useful aprons in either red or blue are also on sale for the month of June! They make an excellent gift for only \$15! ONE SIZE FITS ALL!

Cookbooks and aprons make great unique gifts for showers or birthdays! (And Christmas!)

**COOK UP A GOOD DEAL ON
THESE ITEMS!!**





PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE
 (For those in our congregation who are aware of illness or life events among our long-time or infrequent congregants, PLEASE notify the office and Allen)

Church Prayer list for Relatives & Friends of Church Members: Luke Barnes (9), Liam Baum (5), Beatrice Bennett, Jennifer Bledsoe, Richard & Jeannie Blevins, Glenna Bowen, Jeff Breeden, Guynelle Brooks, Cheyenne Bunting, Jennifer Cable, Joni Cannon, Betsy Cebular, Nicole Chapman, Ernestine Clark, Carmen Clouse, Jack Cooper, Carolyn Cope, Dave Couch, the Covington Family, Janice Daniels, Tony Davis, Heather Dawson, Carlos DeJesus, Harold DeCristafaro, Larry & Debbie Dyer, Herb Eberle, Jennifer S Elmore, Lori Falcon, Kevin Fillers Charles Gould, Don Green, Ryan Green, Bonita Guest, Pam Harris, Leonard Huffstetler, Karen Ingram, Pat Jarvis Family, Roy Jenkins, Sr., Brad Jones, John Judd, Navi Justis, Bernard & Audrey Kaiman, Jack Kirchner, Yvette Kolstrom family, Krim Family, Gary Lancaster, Ricky Langston, Hope Elrod Leonard, Steven Lifford, Gavin Littleton, Heidi Long, Susan Long, Bob Lowe, Linda Malloy, Waylon Kay McClellan, Wayne McClellan, Jan Meldin, Tucker Montgomery, Alex Myers, Gary Nelson, Steve & Delores Oross, Stone Page, Joe Pidoto, Lula Ramsey, Bob Riddle's son Robert, Abby Roberts, Viola Rollins, Bruce Scheu, Dawn Smith, Gwen-14 & Sharon-11 Soergel, Jonathan Stallings, Juliette Taylor, Beverly Todd, Jody Trott, Anne Udouj, Cheryl Wainwright, Rev. Howard & Lois Walker, Sheri Ann Welling, Carlos Whaley, Nell White, Mary Wilson, David Wise, Susan Womack

Church Members: Sara Nan Byrd, Sara Cash, Kathie Dameron, Mike Floyd, Janet Harvey, Connie Hosmer

On-going Prayers for Our Homebound Member & Friends: Pat Wilson, Marianne Fair (daughter of Ruth Chase), Virginia Buxton, Elizabeth Hoss, Billie Hemmert (mother of Lisa Speer), Elena Sausman (sister of Irene Mitchell), Beulah Hendry (mother-in-law of Marion Light), Louise Williams (mother of Janet Browning & Wilma Chandley), Ada McLeod (mother of Mary Lancaster), Wanda Sauceman (mother of Fred Sauceman), Steven Whitis (brother of Linda Brothers), Frances & Paula Pennington (cousins of Pauline Douglas), Opal Sutton (aunt of Bunny Downing)

WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO PLACE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR FOR LOVED ONES?

The 2013 Flower calendar is located on the Missions bulletin board by the coat room. Please sign up for the Sunday or Sundays on which you would like to place flowers in the church!



CHERRY'S CHOIR NOTES



Cherry Smith, Director of Music— Jeri Paolini, Pianist

Adult Choir - Meets for practice on Wed. evenings at 7 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Golden Heirs Community Choir— blending of voices from around the area meets for practice on Thurs evenings at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. This choir sings at other churches, Senior centers, Healthcare facilities, etc

Children's Choirs- Please talk to Cherry about rehearsals; open to all children in our community. COME HELP SING THE PRAISES OF GOD!

DECEMBER LECTIONARY

1st Sun in Advent—Jer. 33:14-16; Ps. 25:1-10; 1 Thess. 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36
2nd Sun in Advent—Mal. 3:1-4; *Luke 1:68-79*; Phil. 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6
3rd Sun in Advent—Zeph. 3:14-20; *Isa. 12:2-6*; Phil. 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18
4th Sun in Advent—Micah 5:2-5a; *Luke 1:46b-44 or Ps. 80:1-7*; Heb. 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45(46-55)
Christmas Eve—*Isa. 9:2-7*; *Ps. 96*; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)
Nativity of Jesus/Christmas—*Dawn*: *Isa. 62:6-12*; *Ps. 97*; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20
Day: *Isa. 52:7-10*; *ps. 98*; Heb. 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14
1st Sun after Christmas— 1 Sam. 2:18-20, 26; *Ps. 148*; Col. 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52



MEMBER AT FOUR OAKS

Pat Wilson is residing at Four Oaks Health Care Center at 1101 Persimmon Ridge Road and would love to have you visit her!

NO EXTENDED PARKING IN DRIVEWAY

THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE requests that in order to keep the driveway on the office side of the church OPEN, VEHICLES NOT BE PARKED FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME IN THAT DRIVEWAY.

When it is necessary to park a vehicle to load or unload items into or out of your vehicle, please move it to a space behind the church or in front of the church ASAP. It is EXTREMELY dangerous to back out onto Main Street traffic from this driveway. Driver's visibility is very limited and that includes the drivers coming from the direction of Boone's Creek or Fox Street towards the church.



PSSSST!!

NO Library Card Required!

NEW BOOKS IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY WAITING TO BE READ!

Super-Scrumptious Jelly Donuts Sprinkled With Hugs by Barbara Johnson
(children's book)

God' Closer Than You Think
By John Ortburg

A Turn in the Road by Debbie Macomber

Facing Your Giant by Max Lucado

Who Is My Neighbor by Wayne Gordon

THE LIBRARY IS RIGHT OUTSIDE OF THE SANCTUARY

Very Real Need for

DEPENDABLE DRIVERS

The Congregational Life and Membership Committee is seeking those people who can help some of our church members who are no longer have the option of driving themselves to doctor's appointments or possibly the quick trip to the grocery store, etc.

If you can lend your time in this endeavor, it would be gratefully and graciously accepted by those who are in need of that extra special care. Please notify **or Kathy Scheu in the office** if you can add your name to the Dependable Drivers List!



DECEMBER 2012 CALENDAR

Sat 1st—The Missions Ministry Team will prepare & serve dinner to the homeless at the West Main St Christian Church in JC between 3:30-5 pm. For info or to help, pls contact Karen Welch (423-477-2878); sign up sheet in narthex

Sun 2nd— Communion Sunday;
-IHN annual Songfest 2012 @NE State Community College Ctr, 3-5 pm....see bulletin boards

Tues 4th— Holston Presbytery Stated Mtg @Bethel, Kingsport; 'Gentle Yoga', 10 am fellowship hall; 12:30 pm Shawl Ministry Christmas Luncheon

Thur 6th— Salvation Army bell ringing various locations in JC 6-8pm —sign-up sheet in narthex

Sat 8th— New Elders breakfast, 9am fellowship hall

Sun 9th—Ordination & Installation of new Elders during 11 am worship service;
-2:30pm Cambia Flute Ensemble Christmas benefit concert for IHN @ First UMC, JC....see bulletin boards
-Compassionate Friends Candlelight Service 5 pm

Mon 10th—CL&M Meeting, 12:30 pm at Shurrs

Tues 11th— 'Gentle Yoga' 10 am fellowship hall

Fri 14th— *"The Nutcracker"* will be presented @ Visitor's Ctr, 7 pm

Sat 15th— SCRAPBOOKING WILL NOT MEET

Sun 16th— Christmas Cantata presented during 11:00am worship service

Mon 17th— Worship & Steward Ministries WILL NOT meet this month

Sun 23rd— Christmas Joy Offering will be taken up

Mon 24th— Christmas Eve Communion & Candlelight worship service @ 6 pm; Communion served by Intinction by Team #2

Tues 25th— Christmas Day; Pastor Allen will be out of town through Jan. 1st. For pastoral care, pls contact Elder on Call, Terri Knight or any of our active Elders listed on bulletin board

MERRY CHRISTMAS !!

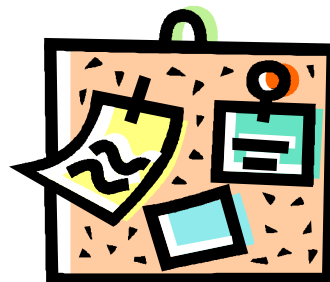


COME JOIN GENTLE YOGA!

Carol Jernigan has been teaching a new gentle yoga class on Tuesday mornings at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall.

As a certified yoga instructor, Carol has over a decade of experience teaching yoga to individuals of all ages. BODY & SOUL began as an outreach ministry of Evergreen Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tennessee in 2001.

Gentle stretching & relaxation are the main focus of the class. ALL ARE WELCOME! For more information, you may call Carol at 788-3082. No previous experience is required!



NOTE FROM CL& M:

REGARDING KITCHEN/FELLOWSHIP HALL: The fellowship hall is a very busy place in the life of our church. Since there are NO CUSTODIANS to put away or return items left in the hall, it is up to each of us to **PUT AWAY OR RETURN ITEMS**. Please leave the fellowship hall clean & free of all articles after using the hall so that is **IMMEDIATELY** ready for the next event.

THANK YOU



The Session of Jonesborough Presbyterian Church Session Ministry Teams

Class of 2012

Linda Brothers
Mary Lee Miller
Jim Pahriss
Jim Rhein

Class of 2013

Mary Bray
Margaret Childress
Ann Norman
Bob Scheu

Class of 2014

Chuck Collins
Bunny Downing
Terri Knight
Emily Webb

Class of 2015

Karen Childress
Sarah Fair
Fred Sauceman
Glenn Walker

Your participation in the work of the church through the Session Ministry Teams is essential to the fulfillment of Christ's mission. Please contact any Session member if you are interested in a Ministry Team.

Worship Chair: Ann Norman; Vice Chair: Bunny Downing; Summer Buchanan, Eva Garst, Emily Laughrey, Irene Mitchell, Jeri Paolini, Corinne Parnell, Cherry Smith, Ruth Verhegge, Emily Webb

Christian Education Chair: Jim Pahriss; Vice-Chair: Margaret Childress;
Glory Allison, Renae Helm, Cherry Smith, Cheryl Smith, Debbie Walls

Congregational Life & Membership Development Chair: Linda Brothers; Vice-Chair: Mary Lee Miller;
Sara Cash, Barbara Grooms, Ann Norman, Charlotte Pahriss, Corinne Parnell, Ida Shurr, Kathy Scheu, Phyllis Wilson

Mission Chair: Terri Knight; Vice-Chair: Emily Webb; Marilyn & Summer Buchanan,
Karen & Larry Childress, Gordon Edwards, Jim Rhein, Carol Salinas, Glenn Walker, Emily & Jonathan Webb,
Terry & Karen Welch

Property Chair: Bob Scheu; Vice-Chair: Graham Norman;
Jim Cash, Larry Garst, Jim Pahriss, Kelly Wolfe

Stewardship & Finance Chair: Jim Rhein; Vice-Chair: Chuck Collins; Treasurer: Alexis Burkett;
Mary Bray, Eva Garst, Jill Sauceman, Jennifer Wolfe, Pat Wolfe

Administration Chair: Mary Bray; Vice-Chair: Mary Lee Miller;
Gordon Edwards, Mike Floyd, Hal Knight, John Laughrey

Session Nominating Committee Chair: Linda Brothers; Vice-Chair: Mary Bray; Emily Webb
Congregational members: Gordon Edwards, Wes Miller, Ruth Verhegge, Terry Welch, Jennifer Wolfe (alternate)

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Weekly Schedule

Sun. 9:30 am Coffee in Fellowship Hall– Join us b4 SS
9:45 am Sunday School classes
11:00 am Worship
5:30 pm Youth & Jr High Hand Chime Choir
6:00-8:00 pm Youth Group
Wed 5:30 pm Jr High & Children Hand Chime Choir
6:00 pm Handbell Choir
7:00 pm Adult Choir
6:30-8:00 pm Youth Group
Thurs. 6:30 pm Golden Heirs Community Choir