



THE MESSENGER

January 2018

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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I am known in my family as the keeper of the Christmas tree with all its lights and decorations. I am a great believer in the Advent Season, in the 12 days of Christmas and finally in the season of Epiphany, which begins on January 6.

Epiphany is the season of Faith with the word itself meaning "shining forth." Stars and Kings and journeys are the visual symbols calling us to recognize the significance of Jesus' birth. This is the time when Jesus' identity will shine forth beyond the Little Town of Bethlehem in a small middle eastern country. In this season of Epiphany, Peter Gomes, noted theologian, shares this is the season in which we "come to see who Jesus is, where he is to be found, and where we begin to understand what he is about." He suggests that scripture readings during the season of Epiphany are truly billboards pointing to Jesus.

The magi are the first to point to the magnitude of Jesus' influence. By their visitation and bringing of gifts and following the star from so far away, they demonstrate

something extraordinary has happened in the world.

The wedding in Cana Jesus performs his first miracle by turning water into wine. This wine was better than the first wine served. It is extraordinary as everyone knows custom dictates the best wine should be served first.

The third revelation about Jesus happens when Jesus asks his cousin John to baptize him. From the heavens we are reminded of the words, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

"Witnessing the ministry of Jesus as he claims his identity as Messiah and Savior takes time." Epiphany is the season of the church year when faith in Jesus takes root and starts out on its journey to the world.

May you spend time this Epiphany reflecting upon who this Jesus is and what it means to follow him and be his disciple.

Epiphany Blessings to all,

DC Horne

Dear Covenant Family,

I wish to express my deep gratitude to this congregation for your many acts of kindness during my mother's brief illness and upon her death, December 7. Your thoughtful and heartfelt outpouring of love and sympathy have truly touched me and broadened by definition of God's grace. I give thanks to God that I've been called to serve this congregation as its interim pastor during this time in our lives, as congregation and pastor. May we continue to glorify God and live into a deeper desire to be more faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

Faithfully,
DC Horne



SESSIONAL INFORMATION

Church Officer Training will be held on **Saturday, January 6** at First Presbyterian Church from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Communion will be served on **Sunday, January 7.**

The Session will meet on **Monday, January 8** at 7:00 p.m. in the Tom Worthy Classroom.



Meetings and Misc Info

The church office will be closed on **Monday, January 1** New Year's Day.

It's time once more for Sue Love Boulware to be marching 50 miles against MS in March! She has set her goal at \$7500 again, and just found out that her largest donor will not be giving this time. Let's rally behind her to get her to her goal! Our congregation has always been a huge supporter of her fight against MS with both prayers and donations – she continues to need both!. Checks can be made out to National MS Society, cash is good, or online donations can be made at <http://main.nationalmssociety.org/goto/suebee2018>. Deadline for donations is February 14, Valentine's Day.



November

Food Lion 559 boxes
Publix 145 boxes
Papa John's 62 pizzas
Olive Garden 366 lbs
Chick-fil-a 20 lbs

The Food Ministry was also able to help feed 443 people through donations given to Mt Prospect Church and 330 people through donations to St. Mary's.

PLENTIFUL HARVEST KITCHEN

Dec. 3: 82 people served
10: 101 people served
17: 98 people served
24: 26 people served

PHK Greeters:

Jan. 7: Barbara Lewis
14: Dorothy Mew
21: Lake Mew
28: Rachel Cook

PHK Team Leader/Cooks:

Jan. 7: Rod Hicks/First Pres.
14: Wayne Maury/RHPD
21: Stacy Cleeland/Loaves & Fishes
28: Sarah Childers/Bethesda Pres.



Rehearsals will resume on **January 3, 2018** at 7:00 PM.



SCOUT NEWS

1/4 6:30 Den Meeting/Fellowship Hall
1/11 6:30 Den Meeting/Fellowship Hall
1/18 6:30 Den Meeting/Fellowship Hall
1/25 6:30 Den Meeting/Fellowship Hall

Any boys K-5th grade interested in our Scouting program please contact Josh Bell 803-448-5770.



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the poinsettias to make the church beautiful for Christmas. They will be available after church on **January 7** on a first come, first serve basis to take home.

The Night Circle will meet on **Monday, January 8** at **7:00 p.m.** in the home of Sheryl Osborne, 1856 Shorewood Drive. Sue Boulware will be the worship leader for the lesson. Light refreshments will be served. Come and enjoy the fellowship and bible study together.

The Morning Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, January 9** at 10:00 a.m. Dianne Barber will have the devotion and Nancy Luchs will be the worship leader for the lesson. Everyone is invited to go out to lunch after the meeting.

The PW Council will meet **Monday, January 15** at 6:30 p.m. in the Tom Worthy Classroom.

Mission Sunday is January 28. The offering will be going to Safe Passage in Lancaster, York and Chester Counties in S.C. and Thornwell Home for children in South Carolina. Collection will be at both church doors following the worship service. Gifts of any amount will be appreciated.

Please remember- The month of January is Christian Witness at home and abroad. It is also the week of prayer for Christian unity.

Please consider placing flowers in the church in honor or memory of someone on the Sunday of your choice. The calendar is placed on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you prefer, you may make a contribution to the flower fund which will be used to

purchase artificial flowers for arrangements. The week you are scheduled you will receive a reminder in the mail. Let's all help make our sanctuary beautiful on Sunday. Thanks, Carolyn

**PW'S TREASURER'S REPORT
November**

Beginning Bal.	\$ 1,165.17
Expenses	\$ 547.00
Deposits	\$2,135.26
Ending Bal.	\$2,753.43



MOC NEWS

The MOC Breakfast is Sunday, January 21 at 8:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to attend. Cooks are: Don Holmes, Bobby Mew, Joe Osborne.



From Our Treasurer

November 2017 Income	\$ 11,497.75
November 2017 Expenses	\$ 12,058.83
YTD 2017 Income	\$136,308.82
YTD 2017 Expenses	\$128,104.90



Communion Worker: Wayne Massey
Greeters: Gary & Beulah Munn
Ushers: Eloise Rosamond, Betty Richardson, Joe Osborne, Jim Mattison
Elder in Worship: Steve Garland
Duty Elders: Eloise Rosamond, Betty Richardson



Nursery Workers

- Jan. 7:** Gay Tanis & Marleen Holmes
14: Becky Carroll & Barbara Lewis
21: Heather Dark & Cathy Dawkins
28: Sheryl Osborne & Lisa Bell

Just a reminder, if you cannot be present on a Sunday when you are assigned nursery duty please contact **Dora Duer at 803-517-5526**. Thank you for being willing to care for our children!



Birthdays

- Jan. 15: Tanner Bryant
 22: Martha Hinson



MEMBERS:

- Shirley Clark
 Mark Willis
 Mae Williams
 Betty Richardson
 Lib Childers
 Diane Barber
 Eileen Nichols
 Ron & Doris Keiber
 Barbara Lewis
 Clara Buchanan
 Brenda Beckham

SHUT-IN MEMBERS:

- Doris Wild
 George Brockelbank
 Caroline von Rosenberg

FRIENDS & RELATIVES:

- Vivienne Good (bone cancer)
 Sam Jacob (friend of Steve Garland)
 Judy Thomas (Rachel's sister in law)-Cancer
 John Hunter (cancer friend of Phillip Griffith)
 Vera Collins (Carolyn Garland's mom)
 Jimmy Miller (Shirley Miller's brother in law)
 Jerry Coker (family friend of the Griffith's)
 James Luensbrotd (Jan Goodman's brother)
 Christie Collins (cancer)
 Euris Hyatt (Dorothy Mew's brother in law)
 Bob Morgan (cancer)
 Angela Robinson
 Jason Polk (Motorcycle accident)
 Tommy Reeves (Mew's son in law)
 Bud Jessup (Steve's friend-hit by car)
 Ken Wirth (cancer-friend of Carolyn Snyder)
 Jim Carey (Ed Kelley)

- All Military Personnel at home and abroad
 Nick Buchanan
 Joshua Sturgis & Justin Pfaff (Eileen Nichols' grandsons)