



Boulevard Presbyterian Church's

# Good News

*Reaching out to make disciples.*

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## Community Christmas Packages

The Deacons are delighted to once again be coordinating the annual Community Christmas package project! This local outreach activity provides an opportunity for us to come together to share the love of Christ with our neighbors in need. **We will be delivering the Christmas Packages this year on Sunday, December 18th.**

You are invited to participate in this mission project by baking cookies, donating food, and/or purchasing toys for the families in our community who are in need.

Just like last year, the Deacons are inviting you to donate your choice of food items. The following food schedule identifies the dates on which certain food items will be highlighted:

- November 20th** Canned Fruit and Peanut Butter
- November 27th** Canned Vegetables and Canned Tuna / Chicken
- December 4th** Boxes of Cereal
- December 11th** Ramen Noodles and Any Food Items from Previous Weeks



## Food Collection

Please deliver your food items to Fellowship Hall. Please note that early donation helps with the inventory process. Feel free to bring more than asked for! Additionally, as you are able, please remember to take a star from the bulletin board to buy toys for the kids. Thanks so very much! (For questions or to find out how you may help out even more, please contact Becky Elliott, [beckyelliott74@yahoo.com](mailto:beckyelliott74@yahoo.com) or 481-9173.)

## Toy Collection



Toy Collection

Many of the Community Christmas Packages that we put together are for families with children. For those families, we would like to have a small gift for each child to open on Christmas morning.

On the bulletin board in the hallway off the lounge, you will find a nativity scene with stars. Each star will have a gender and age designation. You may pull off as many stars as you wish and donate a gift in accordance with the star. Simply attach the star to an unwrapped gift. **Watch for the stars to appear around November 13th.**

Gifts should be \$10 or less, and may be dropped off at any time. We will have a gift box in the hallway below the bulletin board for your convenience when you bring in your donations.

If you wish to donate money rather than, or in addition to, purchasing gifts you may leave an envelope in the church office or place it in the collection plate on Sunday morning. If you are writing a check, please make a note of "Gift Stars" in the memo section. All gifts and donations should be delivered by **Sunday, December 11th.**

Thank you in advance for your generosity. This is a wonderful way to make a difference in the life of a child. If you have any questions, please contact Allyson Engdahl at 488-7252.



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As you've most likely seen in your stewardship packet or on the posters around the church, this year's stewardship theme is **GROWING IN FAITH—BUILDING CHRIST'S BODY**. By the time you receive this newsletter, "stewardship season" will have concluded with Commitment Sunday as people presented their pledges in the worship service. But even though stewardship, at least in terms of an annual pledge campaign, will have come to an end, I think I may leave the posters up.

### From the Pastor's Desk

**GROWING IN FAITH—BUILDING CHRIST'S BODY.** That is about much more than pledges and budgets, something reflected in our pledge cards that ask for time and talents along with financial pledges. But growing in faith and building up the body of Christ are efforts that should be an ongoing, every day affair, although I'm not sure that ever occurred to me as I

was growing up in the Church.

Even though I grew up Presbyterian and not in a denomination where faith was about a particular moment where you were "born again," I still understood faith to be a yes-or-no, do-or-don't sort of thing. Either you believed or you didn't. Either you had faith or not. In the world of my youth, it was more or less assumed that you would say "Yes" to faith. Failure to do so put you outside mainstream culture. In some ways, faith was a kind of civic responsibility, right along with doing your part in the community, the local schools, and so on. Supporting your local congregation by attending and contributing was simply one more civic duty. And for me, nothing quite so characterized this understanding of faith as that phrase, "Go to Church."


Back in those days of church as civic responsibility, you were as likely to be asked, "Where do you go to Church?" as "What do you do for a living?" And as I think back, I don't think I ever heard the question phrased, "Where do you worship?" or "Where do strengthen your faith?" but simply, "Where do you go to Church?"

I realize that this phrase is a convenient shorthand that means lots of different things to lots of different people. We might also ask a child, "Where do you go to school?" But we can do so because going to school is something all children have to do. It is a nearly universal experience that has to happen somewhere. Our question understands that. It makes no distinction between a student who is learning great things or next to nothing. It does not ask whether attending this school will lead to anything. It simply locates the student somewhere.

By contrast, we rarely ask someone, "Where do you go to work?" Such phrasing would more likely be heard in a community with extremely limited opportunities, a place where when you grew up you had little choice but to go to work in the mines or at the mill. But that is an atypical experience in our world, and so we ask a question that seeks much more than a location or place.

We live in a world where many of us would not dare ask, "Where do you go to Church?" We know that we cannot presume Church as a shared experience anymore, and so very often, we avoid the topic altogether. Yet very often, we continue to do church, to set up our congregations, as though we did still live in a "Where do you go to Church?" world. In that world, as long as we have a nice building, a decent choir, respectable preaching, and such, enough people will go here rather than there. But ours is not a "Where do you go?" world but a "Why should I go? What difference will faith make? What does it mean to follow Jesus?" world.

For most of you reading this, I know where you go to church. But I would be interested in learning more about why you "go to Church." Even more, I would love to know how you understand your participation here at BPC is helping grow your faith and build up the body of Christ. And how do you think we might do church here so that people who see no need to "go to church" might discover a place where they could discover God's love in Christ, be formed as disciples, and in turn take their place in the body of Christ, sharing God's love with the world?

Peace in Christ, 

### **Session Update** At its August meeting the Session:

- Spent time in worship, prayer and Bible study
- Scheduled joint Session/Deacons retreat for Saturday, October 15 at Westminster Thurber
- Closed the meeting with singing and prayer.

## Two Special Projects for NNEMAP Food Pantry

The last five months have seen an unprecedented surge in client visits to NNEMAP. While there has been a tremendous increase in fresh produce available from our supporting churches (that includes Boulevard!) and other food donations brought weekly to churches, NNEMAP is still forced to spend dollars directly at stores for many of the staple items needed to feed clients. There are two special projects underway to raise needed funds. They are the ***Christmas Wreath / Roping Sale*** and the ***Harmony for Hunger Benefit Concert***.



### Christmas Wreath / Roping Sale

Starting **Sunday, October 23rd through Sunday, November 13th** orders will be taken for Fraser Fir wreaths (sizes 22 or 26 inches). A combination of Fraser Fir,

White Pine, and Boxwood is also available for wreaths. Roping is offered in 30 or 75 foot lengths and is also available in Fraser Fir, White pine, or Boxwood.

All products are made to order days before shipping and brought to Columbus in refrigerated trucks from Schoolhouse Farm in southwest Virginia. Delivery will be first weekend in December. 50% of the cost of your order is tax deductible. Samples of wreaths will be on display in the lounge.

Please see Marlin Cheyney after either worship service with questions and/or to place orders.



### Harmony for Hunger Benefit Concert

#### Trinity United Methodist Church

The second annual benefit concert for NNEMAP Food Pantry will be held on **Friday, November 18th at 7:30 p.m.** There are 14 supporting churches participating plus appearances by Cabot Rea and Chuck Gillespie as Master of Ceremonies. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door.

**Friday, November 18th at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Trinity United Methodist Church**  
**1581 Cambridge Boulevard**  
(Corner of Cambridge and West Fifth Avenue)

## Local Mission Opportunities

### NNEMAP Food Pantry

The next Food Mission Sunday is **November 27th** (the fourth Sunday of each month), and our needs this month are:

- ◆ Canned Chicken
- ◆ Chunky Soup
- ◆ Bars of Hand Soap (Not Liquid)

Brown grocery bags are always needed.

#### **Don't throw them away!**

The shampoo, soap, lotion and coffee packets that hotels provide for guests are ideal for NNEMAP clients, particularly the homeless. Bring these items with your monthly food donations and they will be distributed at the pantry!

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

### IHN Family Center Dinner Hosting November 20th at 5:00 p.m.

We will be preparing and serving dinner at the IHN Family Center on **Sunday, November 20th at 5:00 p.m.**

There are many ways to help! You may help by providing food, preparing food, or helping to serve at the IHN Center. Sign-up sheets will be in the Lounge. Please plan to join us and let us know how you will be able to help!



**Thank you!**



**International  
Mission Trip  
Fund Raising Event:  
Election Day Bake Sale  
Tuesday, November 8th**

**Calling all bakers! Tuesday, November 8th is Election Day** and Boulevard will be hosting a bake sale in an area next to the voting site that is set up in our Fellowship Hall. Sign-ups to help with the sale are in the lounge ~ we will need donated baked goods as well as volunteers to help the day of the sale. Thank you for volunteering your time and baking talents!



**2011 Boulevard Advent Devotional**

**Available Sunday, November 27th  
The 1st Sunday of Advent**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 27th and make sure to pick up your copy of the 2011 Boulevard Advent Devotional. This Advent tradition features devotionals written by members and friends of Boulevard Presbyterian.

**Presbyterian Women**

**Thursday, November 3rd ~ 11:30 a.m. ~ Gathering in Fellowship Hall**

On **Thursday, November 3rd**, Boulevard Presbyterian Women will gather at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. **April Lee**, a grief counselor from Kobacker House, will talk about *Dealing with Loss*. A lunch (\$5.00) will be served by Naomi Circle. Please tell your circle caller if you plan to join us, and non-circle women please let Ginny Achtermann (775-0658) know if you plan to attend. These calls help us prepare the correct amount of food for lunch. All women and guests are welcome! **A reminder . . . Our Thank Offerings for PW mission projects will be collected and dedicated.**



**Looking ahead to December 1st**

Boulevard Presbyterian Women will gather at **11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 1st** in the church lounge for a Christmas brunch and a music program by a local dulcimer group. Cathie Cope is a participant in the music group. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us!! **(Note the time change for this gathering.)**

**Mark Your Calendars!  
Christmas Package Schedule**



You are invited to participate in these rewarding Christmas package activities:

**Friday, December 16th - 6:00 p.m.:**  
Tape and Label Boxes

**Saturday, December 17th - 9:30 a.m.:**  
Pack Boxes and Assemble Packages

**Sunday, December 18th - 12:30 p.m.:**  
Deliver Packages

Each activity will take place in fellowship Hall.



**Be Sure to Order  
Your Poinsettia!**  
**Sunday, November 13th  
thru  
Sunday, December 11**

We are making plans for our Advent and Christmas floral display for our worship areas. The poinsettias will serve as memorials or in honor of loved ones whose names will be printed in the worship bulletins on Sunday, December 18th. If you would like to donate a poinsettia, we will take orders from **Sunday, November 13th through Sunday, December 11th.**

Envelopes will be available in the lounge, in the Chapel, and in the pew pockets in the Sanctuary. The cost of each plant will be \$8.00.

## Sunday Morning Christian Education

Grade	Description	Room
Preschool	<b>We Believe</b> ~ Beginning approximately age 3 ~ for those children not yet in Kindergarten.	202
Kindergarten to Third Grade	<b>“Rotation”</b> classes. We have a combined K-1st Grade class and a combined 2nd-3rd Grade class. They rotate to different classrooms in order to explore a single topic over several weeks using different learning methods (ie. Games, cooking). Please see Rotation Schedule.	Various See Below
4th to 7th Grade	<b>I Know My Bible: New Testament</b>	305
8th to 12th Grade	<b>Walking With Christ</b>	303

<i>Rotation Sunday School The Ten Commandments</i>		
DATES	K-1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Grades 2-3
October 30	Mission Kitchen Room 103	Holy-Wood Room 301
November 6	Holy-Wood Room 301	Mission Kitchen Room 103
November 13	Antioch Arcade Room 302	Creation Station Room 113
November 20	Creation Station Room 113	Antioch Arcade Room 302

### Sunday Morning Adult Class October 30th, and November 6th, 13th and 20th

**Using the Arts as Prayer** ~ Join Jeremy Roberts for this Sunday morning Adult Education experience. We will look at how visual arts, music, and the written word can influence our own personal prayer lives as well as the prayer and worship life of our church family as a whole. Disclaimer: you do not have to be an artist, musician, or poet yourself to enjoy and benefit from this class. **ALL** are welcome. We will meet in Room 111 on October 30th, and November 6th, 13th, and 20th. Hope to see you there!

### **Calling All Milk Drinkers . . .**



#### **Wanted: Clean, Empty Milk Jugs**

Each year we try to collect 150 clean, empty 1-gallon milk jugs to transform into our Christmas Eve Luminaries.

If you have empty 1-gallon milk jugs, please clean them and bring them to Fellowship Hall. Your help is appreciated!

<b>Contributions and Expenses September 2011</b>		
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Contributions	26,260.08	32,749.99
Expenses	<u>29,377.40</u>	<u>33,264.47</u>
Surplus or (Deficit)	<u>(3,117.32)</u>	<u>(514.48)</u>
<b>Year-to-Date</b>		
Contributions	268,535.29	294,749.91
Expenses	<u>274,276.22</u>	<u>299,380.23</u>
Surplus or (Deficit)	<u>(5,740.93)</u>	<u>(4,630.32)</u>

## November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Some Important Dates</b>						
<b>November 1:</b> Photo Sessions for New Pictorial Directory <b>November 6:</b> Daylight Saving Time Ends <b>November 8:</b> Election Day Bake Sale <b>November 20:</b> IHN Dinner Host		<b>2:30-8:00 pm</b> <i>Photo Sessions</i> <b>10:00 am</b> Staff <b>7:30 pm</b> AA Group	<b>9:00 am</b> Quilters <b>4:30 pm</b> Kids Club <b>5:00 pm</b> CPR Class <b>6:15 pm</b> Children's Choir <b>6:30 pm</b> Cub Scouts <b>7:15 pm</b> Bell Choir <b>7:30 pm</b> NA Group	<b>11:30 am</b> PW Gathering <b>6:00 pm</b> Music Team <b>7:00 pm</b> Cantata Rehearsal FA Group <b>7:30 pm</b> GA Group <b>7:45 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal		
<b>Cents-Ability</b> <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> <b>9:00 am</b> Worship: Chapel <b>10:00 am</b> Christian Ed <b>11:15 am</b> Worship: Sanctuary	<b>1:00 pm</b> Staff <b>7:00 pm</b> Boy Scouts	<b>General Election Voting in Fellowship Hall</b> <b>Bake Sale for Mission Trip</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Discipleship Property <b>7:30 pm</b> AA Group	<b>9:00 am</b> Quilters <b>4:30 pm</b> Kids Club <b>6:15 pm</b> Children's Choir Cub Den 21 <b>7:15 pm</b> Bell Choir <b>7:30 pm</b> NA Group	<b>9:45 am</b> Naomi Circle <b>10:30 am</b> PW Bible Study <b>6:00 pm</b> Music Team <b>7:00 pm</b> Cantata Rehearsal FA Group <b>7:30 pm</b> GA Group <b>7:45 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal		
<b>9:00 am</b> Worship: Chapel <b>10:00 am</b> Christian Ed <b>11:15 am</b> Worship: Sanctuary	<b>Newsletter Deadline</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Deacons Boy Scouts Worship and Music	<b>10:00 am</b> Staff <b>7:30 pm</b> AA Group	<b>9:00 am</b> Quilters <b>4:30 pm</b> Kids Club <b>6:15 pm</b> Children's Choir Cub Den 4 <b>7:15 pm</b> Bell Choir <b>7:30 pm</b> NA Group	<b>6:00 pm</b> Music Team <b>7:00 pm</b> Cantata Rehearsal FA Group <b>7:30 pm</b> GA Group <b>7:45 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal		
<b>Christ the King</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Worship: Chapel <b>10:00 am</b> Christian Ed <b>11:15 am</b> Worship: Sanctuary <b>2:00 pm</b> Eagle Scout Ceremony <b>5:00 pm</b> IHN Dinner Host	<b>Newsletter Mailing</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Finance and Personnel <b>1:00 pm</b> Staff <b>7:00 pm</b> Christian Ed Boy Scouts	<b>10:00 am</b> Preschool Thanksgiving Feast <b>7:30 pm</b> AA Group	<b>9:00 am</b> Quilters <b>7:30 pm</b> NA Group	<b>Happy Thanksgiving Church Closed</b>		
<b>Food Mission 1st Sunday of Advent</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Worship: Chapel <b>10:00 am</b> Christian Ed <b>11:15 am</b> Worship: Sanctuary <b>12:30 pm</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>7:00 pm</b> Session Boy Scouts Cub Den 7	<b>7:30 pm</b> AA Group	<b>9:00 am</b> Quilters <b>4:30 pm</b> Kids Club <b>6:15 pm</b> Children's Choir <b>7:15 pm</b> Bell Choir <b>7:30 pm</b> NA Group	 <b>Thanksgiving</b>		



### Boulevard Prayer Chain

If you would like to make a prayer request, please contact Jan Plas at 486-7510 or the Church Office at 486-0267.

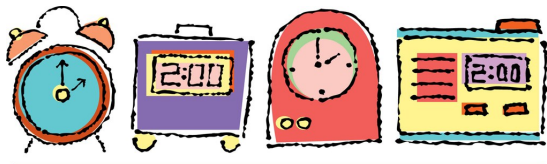
### Recent Prayer Concerns

- Mary Ann Byers, Arlington Court
- Dick Christman, at home
- Cathie Cope, recuperating at home
- Harriett Curtis, Riverside
- Fred Ferris, at home
- Barbara Frautschi, at home
- Mary Harris, at home
- Gus Hoehl, at home
- Kay Jones, at home
- Brita Knapp, continued remission
- Johnny Murday, Becky Metzler's brother
- Hob Neff, at home
- Sally Neff, recuperating at home
- Mark Nicholson, receiving treatment
- Peggy Pasko, Heartland Victorian Village
- Dorothy Pinney, at home
- Eric Rieve, Columbus Alzheimer Care Center
- Ann Savage, recuperating at home
- Mary Thomas, at home
- Margaret Ward, Westminster Thurber HCC



### Celebrating November Birthdays

Betty Sikking	1	Paula DeWeese	17
Nancy Wentzel	2	Jan Plas	18
Pat Nicholson	3	Jim Jackson	20
Jordan Briggs	3	Norma Moorehead	21
Glenn Beaber	4	Dick Smith	21
Hob Neff	4	Logan McLeod	21
James Elliott	4	Mary Harris	23
Emma Sledge	7	Joye Bullock	24
Connie Freeman	8	Lance Trares	24
Eric Rieve	8	Amy Creighton	26
Polly Cline	9	Don Kibbey	27
Ellen Buzzelli	10	Wiley Elliott	30
Jackie Smiley	11	Wyatt Schmitz	30
Mary Ann Stephens	14		



### Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 6th

Be sure to set your clocks back  
Saturday, November 5th!

# Boulevard Staff

### Pastor

**The Rev. James Sledge**

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Home: 485-1737

### Music Director

**Jeremy Roberts**

Ext. 16

### Organist and

### Keyboard

**Mary Ann Stephens**

Ext. 16

### Building Manager

**Mark Key**

Ext. 22

### Office Manager

**Linda Johnson**

Ext. 12

## Session

### Class of 2011

- Steve Hills
- Terry McFadden
- Ken Pierce
- Jan Plas

### Class of 2012

- Mary Clifton
- Amy Creighton
- Ian Rennick
- Melissa Schmidt

### Class of 2013

- Ginny Achtermann
- Jim Bailey
- Phyllis Miller
- Kay Rieve

## Deacons

### Class of 2011

- Louise Conner
- Martha Hills
- Marty Kuhn
- Abbi Menke
- Kyme Rennick

### Class of 2012

- George Ells
- Allyson Engdahl
- Paul McCalla
- Stefanie Osborne

### Class of 2013

- Amy Johnson
- Carol McFadden
- Michael Schmidt

## Cents-Ability Update

**Nickels for Hunger  
2-Cents-A-Meal  
Penny Power!**

Our new program year just started and so far **\$144.10** has been donated for Cents-Ability. Please remember to put your

pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters in your Cents-Ability bank each day, then bring your banks to church and add your loose change to the Cents-Ability jar!

**Deadline for December Good News  
Monday, November 14th**