



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

The Newsletter of The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury

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3rd Sunday of Advent December 11, 2011

9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

♪ CANTATA ♪

10:35 A.M.

Congregational Meeting

The purpose of the Meeting is to review the proposed Budget for 2012.

11:00 A.M.

Church School for all ages



4th Sunday of Advent December 18, 2011

9:30 A.M.

Worship Service

Christmas Pageant

11:00 A.M.

Church School for all ages



THANK YOU to the Exleys for donating the fresh greens used for our Advent wreaths made at our Christmas Party on November 27!



POINSETTIAS: Orders for Christmas poinsettias are due on Sunday, December 11 to Emma Mustard. Checks should be made payable to the "Flower Fund".



From the Pastor...

*Christmas parties
Running to the mall
Shopping for gifts
Putting up lights
School musicals
Wrapping gifts
Choir Cantatas
Cookie baking
Family gatherings
Decorating the tree
Dinner preparations*

This season is very busy for many of us! My hope for you is that you will take time to prepare to celebrate the coming of the Christ Child. This preparation does not involve parties, gifts, wrapping, bows or food, but our relationship with God. The Gospel of Mark reminds us of preparing for the coming of our Savior: *"The good news of Jesus Christ—the Message!—begins here, following to the letter the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Watch closely: I'm sending my preacher ahead of you; he'll make the road smooth for you. Thunder in the desert!"*

Prepare for God's arrival!

Make the road smooth and straight! John the Baptizer appeared in the wild, preaching a baptism of life-change that leads to forgiveness of sins. People thronged to him from Judea and Jerusalem and, as they confessed their sins, were baptized by him in the Jordan River into a changed life.

Prepare for God's arrival! Take time to pray. Take time to read the Bible. Take time to worship. Take time to reconnect with Christ. Take time with God and have your life changed through this relationship. Prepare for God's arrival!

I hope that you will join your church family for Christmas Eve worship at 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. plus Christmas Day worship at 11:00 a.m. *Merry Christmas!*

*In Christ,
Phil*

ANNUAL REPORTS: The Annual Congregation/Corporation Meeting of The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury is scheduled for Sunday, January 29, 2012. One of the purposes of the Meeting is to receive the Annual Reports from all the ministries of the church. A compilation of these written reports will be available for the Meeting. If you were given a memo about submitting a report, we need it **NO LATER than Friday, January 6.** You can forward a Word document to church.office@pwoodbury.com.

CHRISTMAS JOY/ CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The Christmas Joy Offering supports a variety of needs: the Board of Pension's income supplement; nursing home care assistance, and emergency need grants for retired church workers; the Racial-Ethnic Schools and Colleges of the Presbyterian Church (USA); and our church's special interest missions in Honduras, Nepal and Haiti. You can use the Christmas Offering envelope in your envelope box or the Christmas Joy envelopes found in the pews. Checks should be made payable to our church. Please give with joy!

New Year's Eve: Come to the church after your dinner and before your countdown to the New Year to PRAY. We'll Praise God with singing; we'll Remember our past year (some of which we will need to Repent). We'll Ask God's blessings on our church and families; and we'll allow some time to be Yourself before God. 8:00-10:00 P.M. in the Chapel on Saturday, December 31.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: *Sunday, December 18 at 9:30 A.M. during worship.* All children ages 4-12 are invited to be a part of the Christmas story. Practice will be held on Saturday, December 17 at 9:30 A.M.

Christmas Eve: Children are encouraged to come to the Family Service at 4:00 P.M. and the worship service on Christmas Day at 11:00 A.M.

There will be no Church School on either Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Church School will resume on January 8, 2012.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES:

Sunday Mornings:

- **Bible Basics:** Discussion class led by Charles Miller on Romans. The class meets in room 1.
- **Feasting on the Word:** The Bible passages from the Sunday sermon enhanced, enlarged, and discussed. Each Sunday is a standalone lesson, so come when the sermon passage challenges or confuses you. Led by Milt Fredericks, Laraine Knauss, Phil Oehler, and Judy Platt in rotation. The class meets in the Prayer room (#16).
- **Foundations of Faith:** A DVD-based study of the geography, history, and theology of the Book of Romans entitled, *A Letter that Changed the World*, led by David Platt. This class meets in the Lounge.
- **Bi-Monthly Small Group:** Meets in Room 13 and is led by Wally and Marge Minnich.

MEN'S SMALL GROUP will be studying the book of Hebrews on the first and third Thursdays from 7:30-9 P.M. beginning January 5, 2012. All men are invited. Call David Platt for details (848-2964 or dplatt6@verizon.net).

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Rick Gabler (12/11) and Keith Doughten (12/18)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Joe Welch at home; Woody Backensto in Manor Care; Kay Black, Beverly Rosell and Irene Banks. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including JJ Cunningham, Wesley Tatham, Nathaniel Bratt, Rob Chance, Dave Wietz, and Clayton Kelly.

CHURCH OFFICE will close at 12:30 p.m. on December 23 and will be closed on December 26, 30, and January 2.

IN MEMORIAM

Elsie M. Camplin

January 12, 1931 – November 24, 2011

"I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord."

Advent & Christmastide

December 11

3rd Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. Choir Cantata – *"There is a Rose"*

December 16

7:00 p.m. - *Lessons & Carols at Christ Episcopal Church*

December 17

9:30 a.m. - *Pageant Practice*

6:30 p.m. – *Youth Christmas Party*

December 18

4th Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. Christmas Pageant

December 24

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Family Worship Service

8:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship Service

December 25

Christmas Day

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

January 1

1st Sunday after Christmas

9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: DECEMBER 11 - 17, 2011

3 rd Sunday of Advent:	9:30 AM	Worship Service/CANTATA
	10:35 AM	Congregational Meeting
	10:45 AM	Children's Choir
	11:00 AM	Church School for all ages
Monday:	10:00 AM	Bible Study at Pitman Manor
	7:00 PM	Trustees
Wednesday:	5:30 PM	Club J & Sr. High Youth Group
Thursday:	7:30 PM	Adult Choir
Saturday:	9:30 AM	Pageant Practice
	6:30 PM	Youth Christmas Party

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: DECEMBER 18 - 25, 2011

4 th Sunday of Advent:	9:30 AM	Worship Service/Pageant
	10:45 AM	Children's Choir
	11:00 AM	Church School for all ages
Monday:	7:00 PM	Session
Tuesday:	10:00 AM	Women's Association Workshop
Wednesday:	8:30 AM	Men's Breakfast
	5:30 PM	Club J & Sr. High Youth Group
Thursday:	7:30 PM	Adult Choir
Friday:	12:30 PM	Church Office Closes
Christmas Eve:	4:00 PM	Family Worship Service
	8:00 PM	Candlelight Worship Service
Christmas:	11:00 AM	Worship Service/Communion