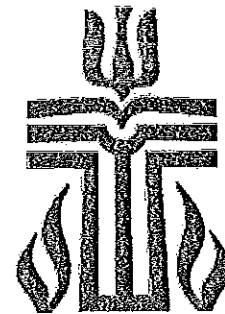




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DECEMBER 2011

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## Minor Ministerial Musings

How do you get ready for Christmas? Shopping for gifts? Shopping for groceries? Making travel plans? Getting the guest beds in your house ready? Decorating the house? Putting up the tree?

But how do you get *yourself* ready for Christmas? How do you prepare yourself for the birth of Christ? Reading scripture? Hearing again the story of the angel appearing to Zechariah, and then to Mary; of Joseph's dreams; of the journey to Bethlehem and the inn with no room; of the stable and the manger; of the shepherds and the wise men? Singing Christmas carols? How do you prepare yourself to receive the birth of Christ? With acceptance and pondering, like Mary? Glorifying and praising God, like the shepherds? Seeking out the child and bearing gifts, like the wise men?

This year, Christmas itself is on a Sunday, and we will worship together that morning. But what about before that? Advent is the season leading up to Christmas, the four Sundays before Christmas and the weeks in between. The word "advent" has Latin roots, and means "coming". And whether it is through church activities like Advent Family Night or Hanging of the Greens or the bringing of White Gifts; through decorating the house and preparing for guests and Christmas dinner; or through personal reflection, prayer, and Scripture reading; Advent is the time when we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ child.

But wait. Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea – *more than two thousand years ago*. Are we really preparing ourselves for something that is coming? How can you prepare yourself for the coming of something that already came? During Advent, are we simply preparing to *commemorate* something that happened a long time ago, something that changed all of our lives forever the moment it happened?

Yes and no. Yes, we are preparing our hearts – as if for the first time – to receive the Christ. We are preparing for Christ's first coming, hearing the stories again and again as if we were ready to receive Jesus for the first time. And there is something special in reminding ourselves of what it must be like to anticipate the coming of something we have never experienced before. And yet there is another coming that we are also preparing for. Scripture tells us – Jesus promises us – that He will come again to us. We are given the promise that Jesus will be with us always, even to the end of the age, and that he will come again at the coming of the Kingdom, when all will be made right and the scales will be balanced. As we remember the birth of Jesus, it is important also to remember the promise that Christ will come again.

So how do we prepare for *that*? By remembering how it started – with a baby born to a humble couple in a small town. By remembering that Jesus taught that the first shall be last and the last shall be first. By living out all that we learn from Scripture and from the teachings of Jesus. By loving God with all that we are and all that we have – our hearts, our souls, our minds, our strength. By loving our neighbor as ourselves, and remembering that our neighbors are everyone we encounter. By remembering that the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve. And that is our task as well. To love and love and love, because we were first – and still are! – loved by God. That is our Advent preparation. Not only in December, but every day of our lives. See you in church Sunday!

In Joyful Anticipation, Pastor Lara

## Annual Report Deadline



The Deadline for Annual Report Articles due to the church office is no later than Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012.

(Please note that this is New Year's Day).

Email articles are appreciated! Send your article to: [hpsc@hickoryhillspres.org](mailto:hpsc@hickoryhillspres.org).

Or you can leave your article in the secretary's mailbox in the office.

If you are a committee chair person, please make sure an article about your committee gets submitted. And if you are involved with a committee, don't assume "someone else will take care of it." Please make sure someone does...

The sooner you get your article in to the office, the better for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation!



### *Please Note:*

The Newsletter Deadline for March 2012  
Newsletter Articles will be  
1 week sooner than usual.  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month:  
Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012.  
(Not 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, Feb. 12)

This will be a one time change, only for that month.  
Thank you for your cooperation.

## DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

**Friday, Dec. 2:**

**5:30 pm - Hanging of the Greens Rehearsal-**

If you are involved in the Hanging of the Greens program, please be at the church for Rehearsal at 5:30 p.m. before the Advent Workshop.

**6:30 pm - Advent Workshop-**

One of the many Christmas traditions at our church. The evening begins with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Then, we make holiday crafts and sing Christmas Carols around the piano. This evening of beautiful crafts, songs, and stories is a night that our kids love and our adults cherish. It is an ideal way to kick off the Christmas season. (Please bring a dish to share and a free will donation for our craft projects. See the sign up sheet downstairs).

**Sunday, Dec. 4:**

**10:30 am - Hanging of the Greens-**

Our Children's Christmas Program during the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Our kids tell the story of the birth of Christ and our sanctuary comes alive with the sights and sounds of Christmas. Parents: Please help us by making it a priority to be here with your children. Our whole congregation is blessed with this program.

**Thursday, Dec. 8:**

**7:00 pm - Women's Christmas Tea-**

Another wonderful Christmas Tradition for the ladies of our church. Come and enjoy tea and sweets, singing and fellowship. (See sign up sheet downstairs- RSVP requested. Please bring a plate of your favorite Christmas cookies to share).

**Sunday, Dec. 11:**

**9:00 and 10:30 am - Worship-**

We celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion**. We continue to transform our sanctuary as we hang our **Chrismons** on our sanctuary tree. There will also be a **Congregational Meeting** following the 10:30 service.

**Sunday, Dec. 18:**

**9:00 and 10:30 am Worship-White Gift Offering-**

We bring our food items, wrapped in white tissue, before the crèche. These items will be used in our Food Pantry. The sanctuary continues to be transformed with beautiful **poinsettias**.

**Saturday, Dec. 24:**

**7:00 pm & 11:00 pm - Christmas Eve-**

Come to worship and celebrate the birth of our Savior, with a candlelight service.

## HHPC PRAYER REQUESTS

The family of Virginia Zabelka on her passing  
Lynn Kemp for health concerns  
Dianne Flynn for continuous healing  
David Krueger for health concerns  
The Krueger Family for strength  
Karen Hoffman for continuous healing  
John & Kira (Beckering) Huffaker for  
healing & strength  
Jim Beckering & family for strength & peace,  
during John's healing  
Lorie Cunningham's friend, Pat, for strength  
Lorie Cunningham & others, on Flo's passing  
Marilyn Betterton for healing  
Cindy Treccani for continuous healing  
Shannon Bastien's grandma for strength  
Gert Vickers' Granddaughter, Elizabeth, &  
Baby Tessa  
Lucy Dumke's brother-in-law, Bob, for  
health concerns  
Praise for Donna's friend Gail Hensen's  
continued healing  
Jean Somerstorfer for continuous healing  
Jeni Vogl's sister, Patti, for healing, & mom,  
Wanda, for strength  
Jeni Vogl and family on the passing of Jeni's uncle  
Jeni Vogl's brother-in-law for health concerns  
Al Lewington & family as he is in Hospice  
Marie Hoffman for health concerns  
Tanya Gleespen and other Air Force Reservists,  
deployed to Afghanistan  
Hollie Fox for strength  
Harry Zimmerman for health concerns & strength  
Wally Golema for continuous healing  
Kyle Krueger, in Marine Corps  
Dorothy Allen for strength  
Our Service Men and Women and their families  
Our Policemen, Firemen, & their families  
DelPrete Family for strength, faith, & hope during  
Jen's battle

**Prayer Groups meet on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.,  
and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.  
We encourage you to attend this  
Vital Ministry of our church.**

**\*PRAYER is the ENGINE of the CHURCH\***



## TWILIGHT PRAYER



We secure our friends not by favors and deeds, but through prayer. Though they be not there and are not aware that we really care, yet we do. We thank God for each of you. For you are special to us as you are to God. Share with us our needs, our hopes, our prayers, as we gather together each Tuesday evening, you know where.

Regards,  
C. Lou Pearson

## PADS UPDATE

As the weather continues to cool we were correct on our anticipation of more guests. As we left, 49 people had arrived and we did accept a few late comers. We were honored to have 2 boy scout groups willing to put their hands to work; but, alas, there were few jobs remaining and we declined their help. As usual our guests thanked us for a wonderful chicken dinner with all the trimmings which quickly disappeared (with only a few green beans remaining). Thank you all once again for your help and support in this wonderful ministry.

Regards,  
C. Lou Pearson

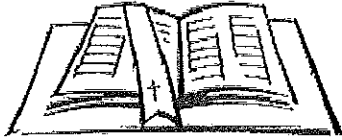
## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

“Whence then comes wisdom? And where is the place of understanding?” JOB 82:20 (RSV)

Even though we are reading Proverbs, we looked back into the Book of Job 28. What worthwhile reading! To get back to Proverbs. The sages often personify wisdom considering her a living entity with life and motion, more than information and principles. “She” rather than “it,” Wisdom becomes a proper noun. Treated in this way, the sages frequently eulogize Wisdom as the

greatest security we have and as the resource for all our understanding.

“And he said to man, ‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.’”  
JOB 28:28 (RSV)



## FUNDRAISING

Thank you to everyone who helped and/or supported our annual craft bazaar and bake sale. This fundraiser could not be successful without everyone's participation.

It was a wonderful day! The sun was shining, 40 tables were rented to crafters and vendors, we had another successful bake sale, our raffle was a huge success and Shirley Dragas donated 20 beautiful gift baskets that we sold.

After expenses, our profit is \$2,600.00 with an additional \$300.00 in monetary donations. These monies will be used for non-budgeted items for our church. Thank you again!



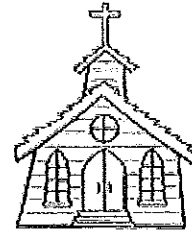
## Fundraiser

### And For the Holiday Season:

Don't forget about our Script service. This is an easy way for us to raise money and for you to save on shopping trips. \$25.00 Jewel, Speedway, and Wal-Mart certificates can be given to you on the spot, and the others, which are ordered, will be given to you the next week. This is a very easy way for us to earn some money for our church to help us

be able to have events like the bazaar and yard sale. So if you have any birthdays or anniversaries coming up, or Christmas Shopping to do, this is certainly a great gift that anyone would enjoy receiving.

How about yourself? I love to buy them for myself and then feel like I have a good reason to go shopping and after I have worked up an appetite, I can get something to eat!



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday, Dec. 11, There will be a Congregational Meeting, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

The purpose of this meeting will be to Elect Elders & Deacons, Class of 2014.

Please make it a priority to attend.



There will only be 1 Worship Service  
on  
Christmas Day, Dec. 25, and  
New Year's Day, Jan. 1,  
at 10:30 a.m.



**Sacrament of Holy Communion-Dec. 11, 2011**  
**Note the date: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month for Dec.**

SUNDAY	USHERS	LAY READER
Dec. 4, 2011	K. Dritz, C. Pilgrim, R. Raschke	Dave Delaney
Dec. 11, 2011	If you are interested in Ushering the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun. of month, please contact Pastor Lara or Scott Zimmerman.	Rick Vogl
Dec. 18, 2011	B. Ambrosat, F. Esparza, M. Maranto	Scott Zimmerman
Dec. 25, 2011	D. Barker, D. Ciametti, T. Morrell	Kim Ambrosat
SUNDAY	COUNTERS	FELLOWSHIP HOST
Dec. 4, 2011	Susan Frangella	C.E. Committee
Dec. 11, 2011	Susan Frangella, Karen Hoffman	Evelyn Garlic
Dec. 18, 2011	Susan Frangella, Sandy Beal	Brunell/ Nirtout
Dec. 25, 2011	Susan Frangella, Shirley Brunell	Kahn

**Communion Servers: Kim Ambrosat, Darlene Delaney, Ivy Taebel, Jeni Vogl**

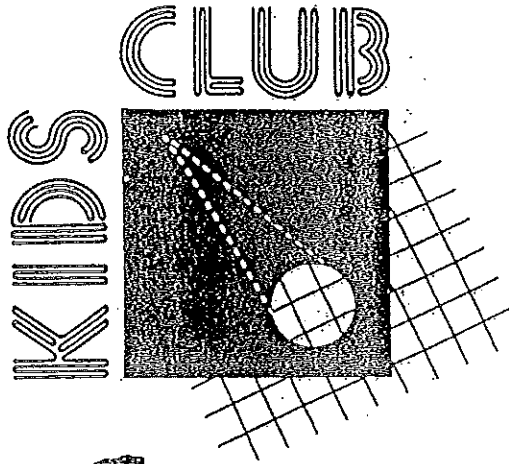
## HANGING OF THE GREENS

### ADVENT PROGRAM

Our kids tell the story of the  
Nativity and our sanctuary  
comes alive with the sights and  
sounds of Christmas



SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 4  
10:30 a.m.  
WORSHIP  
SERVICE



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Dianne Flynn, *Director*

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6*

In December our Christian Learning will center around the scripture and stories found in the books of 1 John and Isaiah. This study will help us to further understand what it means to have Jesus in our lives. Weekly we will open our lesson time with the lighting of our Advent Candles.

The themes for our study this month are;

*Countdown to the Kingdom* - Jesus brings God's kingdom to earth

*Communication Commander* - Jesus is the promised Wonderful Counselor

*Mission Commander* - God sent his Son into the world that we might live through him

The Holiday Season is rapidly drawing near, and we extend a special invitation to attend our Advent Family Night on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, starting at 6:30 p.m. This evening will be filled with joy and fun for all ages. We begin the evening with a potluck dinner, followed by family crafts, and the singing of Christmas Carols. Everyone is invited. Bring a friend and enjoy this time together. The crafts that we will be making on this evening are displayed in the lower level of the church. Please sign up today to attend.

We encourage you to visit our decorated Christmas Tree at the Brookfield Zoo Holiday Magic and enjoy the creative ornaments the kids in KIDS CLUB have made. The tree is number 67 and located on the East Mall. The 30<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Magic will run all weekends in December (Saturdays and Sundays) and the week of December 26-31.

*KIDS CLUB Holiday Schedule:* We will host a Christmas Party on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Kids Club will not meet on December 26 or January 2. We will resume our regular schedule on January 9.

The KIDS CLUB staff and I wish you and your family a Blessed and Happy Holiday Season.

Peace and Joy,  
Dianne

**KIDS ARE NUMBER 1 AT THE KIDS CLUB**

## Christian Education Meeting



The Kids Club has a tree in Brookfield Zoo. There will be new ornaments and decorations on the tree along with some of the ones from years ago. Come see the tree which will be located at #67. It is on the East mall between the Roosevelt Fountain and BZ redhots (formerly known as the Safari Grill). Thank you to all the people who came out to decorate the tree. It is lovely.

Thanks to Megan, Jarret, Beverly and Lou for teaching the winter quarter. Please remember to thank these four people who have created interesting lessons for the children of our church. Remember to attend the Adult class held on Sunday mornings at 9 AM and the two Tuesday classes Dr. Kirk MacGregor leads. Extending your education is as important as giving your child a basis to grow on, so please consider attending the adult classes if you can.

The Family Night held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> had many interesting crafts to use as gifts or home decorations. We sincerely hope you enjoyed the night where everyone was busy creating crafts for the Holidays. Wasn't that a great way to begin the season? Thanks to Dianne and everyone who helped man the tables to give guidance for each project. Thanks to the people who set up for the night and those who had the enjoyable pleasure to put it all away.

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, we had one more opportunity to watch our children retell the story of Christmas. We also had an opportunity to hear the explanations of our most cherished symbols and traditions. Thank you to the children who helped make this such a special Sunday as we witnessed the "Hanging of the Greens". Thank you to the adults who helped them make the timely entrance and guided them to perform their assigned parts. It was a great day to celebrate the beginning of the Advent activities.

The Christmas Tea will be held on December 8. Everyone who will attend it asked to donate a plate of their favorite cookies for sharing at the tea. Festivities begin at 7 PM. There will be table games, prizes, stories, and hopefully some memorable moments for you to share.

Both the Senior and Junior Youth Groups went to Feed My Starving Children on Saturday, November 12. They had an opportunity to fill boxes with food for low-income families in America and overseas. They also had lunch together before returning to the church. What a great mission for these two groups to participate in.

Kids Club had a large turnout for the Halloween Party on October 31. The children who attended this party walked away with a 1/2 gallon zip lock bag filled with candy. They enjoyed games in the gym as well as games in the fellowship hall. There were delicious snacks as well as face painting. Everyone who attended left with a smile on their faces. A special thank you goes out to Shirley Dragas who helped with the craft projects on November 7. We hope you can come again and share your time with the Kids and adults who love Kids Club. We will not have a meeting for Kids Club on December 26 or January 2.

Stories and More is ending its focus on the Recognizing the Alphabet letters and moving into number recognition in January. The children have enjoyed the stories of *The Napping House*, *This is the Turkey*, and *Ten Little Monkeys*. We have searched for pictures which begin with letters in the children's name. We have spelled out their names with pictures and foam letters. We have marched around the alphabet and enjoyed many action songs where we can follow along. Stories and More will not meet on December 27 or January 3.

The Women's Bible Study will have a luncheon on December 19th. Festivities begin at 1 PM . They are still discussing Proverbs. Come join in the discussions. New opinions and thinkers are always welcome.

We welcome a new knitter to the group on Sunday, November 6th. Her name is Jan. We are working on items for the Warming Tree. All donations for the tree need to be in the boxes located just outside the sanctuary doors before December 2nd. Hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, socks are just a few of the items we can use to help someone stay warm this winter. If you have listened to any of the news lately, you know to expect a cold winter. Please help us fill the Warming Tree with love. Two new Prayer Shawls are almost ready for completion. Two new lap blankets are also in the last stages of assembly. The group is working hard to finish their projects for the Warming Tree. New knitters or crocheters are always welcome. You can find us in the classroom just West of the piano in the fellowship hall.

The Stampers are busy trying new techniques to make cards for the Prayer and Care group. We have been meeting at 9 AM every other Wednesday so we have more people attend. Our December schedule is tentative due to people traveling on the Holidays. We will start up again in January. More definite dates will follow in the January newsletter.

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## What is a "Chrismon"?

During Advent, many churches display Christmas trees decorated with Christian symbols called "chrismons." The name comes from the Latin phrase Christi Monogramma, which means monogram of Christ.

Most Chrismons are made of wood or Styrofoam, and they can be handmade or purchased at Christian supply stores.

The symbols, which represent aspects of Jesus' life and ministry, include stars, angels, keys, doves, boats and various types of crosses.

## JUST A REMINDER



Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

5:30 p.m. Children meet in Sanctuary to Practice for Advent Program

6:30 p.m. Advent Family Night  
Potluck Dinner and Crafts

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. Practice for Advent Program

10:30 a.m. Advent Program Presented  
*"Hanging of the Greens"*



## The three trees



According to legend, three trees grew near Jesus' manger: an olive tree, a palm tree and the fir. The olive offered its fruit to the newborn king, and the palm tree gave its dates.

The poor fir, having nothing to give but worship, raised its boughs in adoration, and the angels hung stars on its branches. So the fir became the first Christmas tree.



# ADVENT FAMILY NIGHT

Friday, December 2

6:30 P.M.

POTLUCK DINNER

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AROUND THE PIANO

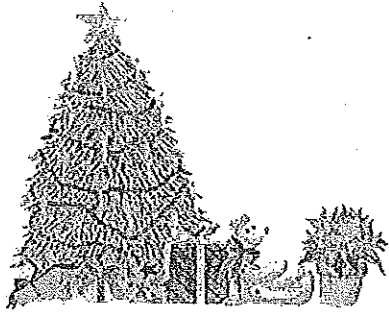
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FOOD DISH TO SHARE FOR OUR MEAL

AND

FREE WILL DONATION FOR CRAFT PROJECTS

Sign up today for this wonderful family event



## *We Celebrate*

### *December Birthdays*

- 5 Tristan Grisko
- 12 Brian Haack
- 14 Danny Rodriguez
- 15 Gabriel Meyer
- 18 Riley McKinney
- 20 Natasha Swindle
- 25 Natalie Orsic
- 26 Halimah Prunty


### *Perfect Attendance*

#### *In October*

#### *Senior High*

- Ashley Maranto
- Brittany Maranto
- Sarah Swearingen





*An Invitation to All Ladies of our Church and Community*

*You are invited to join us for  
"A Cup of Christmas Tea"*

*Start a holiday tradition and fill your heart with love, laughter and joy.*

*Holiday entertainment provided by  
Guest Speaker - Janet Pawlicki  
and  
Music by the Madrigal Singers of Stagg High School*

*Place: Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church  
Date: Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 7:00 p.m.*



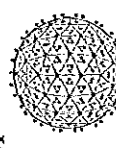
*Please bring a plate of your favorite Christmas cookies or sweets  
to share on our refreshment table.  
A freewill donation will be accepted for the program.*

*Invite a friend and together share in the warmth and love that is  
Christmas.*

*RSVP Requested (Sign up sheet located in Church basement.)*

*Questions: Please contact the Church office 598-3100*

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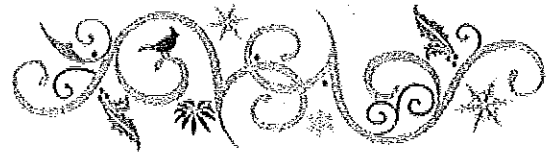
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## Dec. Birthdays

December 1 – Darlene Delaney  
1 – Melanie Swindle  
4 – Scott Hoffinan  
5 – Dawn Morguez  
11 – Ruth Payton-Hill  
12- Tom Treccani  
12- Bryan Ambrosat  
16 – Gina Ciametti  
19 – Steven Beal  
19 – Cliff Pilgrim  
22 – Kyle Freiberg  
29 – Laverne Mocarski  
30 – Marge Brumis  
31 - Carla Zabelka

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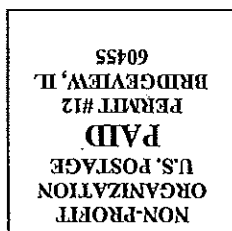
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