



# December 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <b>Greening of the Church-9:30am</b>
3  <i>Sharon Perkinson</i>	4  <i>Zella Denham</i>	5 Morning Devotions  <b>Stewardship/Finance 6:30pm on Zoom</b>	6	7	8	9  <i>Eric Foster</i>
10	11	12 Morning Devotions	13	14	15	16
17 <b>Lunch in Mattox Hall after service Christmas Concert-4pm</b>	18	19 Morning Devotions	20	21	22	23
24 <b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service-7pm</b>	25 	26 Morning Devotions  <i>John Feuchtenberger W. Hunter Thomas, III</i>	27	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve  <b>Centsability Offering</b>						

John Feuchtenberger, Becky and Jimbo will be reviewing the church policy manual and submitting their recommendations for any changes to session. The review will begin in January.

We decided not to meet in December unless there is an unexpected issue to deal with-----so Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all and God's peace in your hearts!

Becky Allen, Clerk of Session

### Blessing Box News

**Our Blessing Box continues to be a blessing to our community! With cold weather here, we are collecting hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and socks of all sizes, and food items that can be placed outside and are suitable for cold weather. Monetary contributions are also much appreciated. A big THANK YOU to all those who continue to make this outreach a success!!**

### Worship Committee Request

**Elders are needed to serve Communion on Christmas Eve. Any elder, currently serving or a former elder may serve. If you would like to serve, please let Daveen Denardo know. Six elders will be needed.**

### Davis-Stuart Information

**In the past our congregation has supported Davis-Stuart which was founded as a Presbyterian Orphanage in 1919. Our current moderator, Rev. Kristi Moore, is the Spiritual Life Coordinator for Davis-Stuart. Through this Spiritual Life program, the residents have the opportunity to discover, explore and develop their Christian faith. This program's ministry and mission is funded by private donations. Please consider making a donation to assist in the continued efforts of Davis-Stuart.**

### SESSION STREAM

Session met on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Here's what took place...

Becky reported that final corrections to new church directory have been made and she and Eric will be printing the directories soon for distribution in December.

Sharon Perkinson volunteered to attend the presbytery meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Fred is still in discussion with John Sullivan about the best method for repairing the courtyard floor and plans to contact Center for Outreach Ministries or Habitat in Roanoke for possibly getting materials at a reduced cost. He will report back when he has a plan and an estimate.

Daveen has pulpit supply covered through December and Hanging of the Greens will be Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30. She also reported that Betse will be getting readers for Advent Candle lighting and for Christmas Eve service (so if anyone is interested in doing this please be proactive and let Betse know!).

Ellen and Becky volunteered to coordinate the purchase of poinsettias for the church. Forms will be in the bulletin soon to order yours!

Winter items and/or financial donations are needed for the Blessing Box ministry. There's a box in the coat room for dropping off warm winter clothing items.

Betse reported that the PNC is still working with the Presbytery COM to complete the new MDF required by presbytery.

Ellen is going to review the insurance and church finances, which is a yearly requirement of presbytery.

Cathy Zimmerman asked for approval to purchase materials for youth Sunday School and this, of course, was happily granted!

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