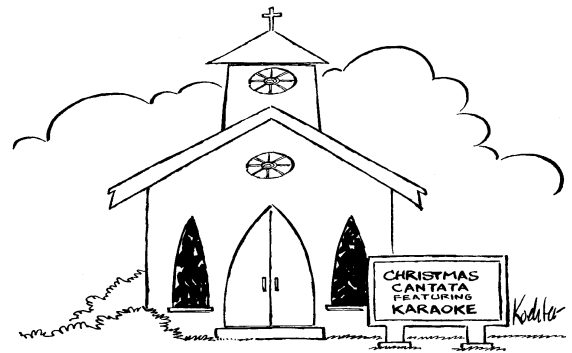


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December, 2009



Christmas
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Service

**Christmas Eve
Worship Service**
**Wednesday, December
24,**
10:00 p.m.

**Adult Choir
Christmas Cantata
Sunday
December 20
during the
11:00 Worship Service**



A Child is Born!



**THE BEST CHRISTMAS
PRESENT EVER!**
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16
AT 7:00 P.M.**

Created by Celeste Clydesdale, Arranged by
David Clydesdale

Dialogue co-written by Steven Moore

Adult Lead Roles:

*Rod Stark Humphries - Cole Tankersley
Director/Cameraman - Stephanie Lyon*

Northview's Children's Choir is pleased to present a Christmas Musical "The Best Christmas Present Ever".



All the children are anxious to invite the entire area of Roanoke to a Christmas party. When Rod Stark Humphries, a local t.v. news anchor, gets a personal invite, he is unaware of the great "news" that is going to be revealed.

The all important question is asked: "What will you do with Jesus?" "Will you crown him as your king?" Someday your heart will be asking, "What will he do with me?"



**SOMEONE
HAS A
BIRTHDAY**

A Musical
By Cathy Skogen-Soldner

Northview Preschool is proud to present their 2010 Christmas program "Someone Has A Birthday". It is the story of Mary and Joseph traveling to Bethlehem and finding no room at the Inn. Once there, they meet angels, shepherds, a star and wise men. Then they have the most wonderful thing happen to them...the birth of the baby Jesus. We invite you to come and celebrate Jesus' birthday with us on Thursday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. and stay for refreshments afterwards.

HOW THE IRISH AND GERMANS SAVED CHRISTMAS IN AMERICA

The celebration of Christmas in North America arrived on our shores with Spanish in the sixteenth century. The French brought Christmas to Canada in the seventeenth century. In the early days, Christmas was celebrated in the Spanish possessions of Florida and the Gulf Coast. Christmas celebrations under the French took place in Canada and



Michigan.

The land of the Pilgrims, New England, was void of Christmas celebrations. The English



Puritans had been long opponents of Christmas. They viewed any celebration of Christmas, religious or secular, as a superstitious pursuit. They argued that only the celebration of the Sabbath was argued in the Biblical text.

The Puritan leadership passed a law in 1642 that forbade Christmas religious services.

Further legislation in 1644 made Christmas Day a day of prayer and fasting. As people dismissed the government laws, there was an organized campaign from 1645-1647 whereby sermons, pamphlets and other publications were distributed to abolish Christmas. By 1647, Parliament passed a law with a specific punishment attached forbidding the celebration of Christmas and other holidays. On December 24, 1652, Parliament published an act reminding persons that they were not to celebrate Christmas. Town criers went through English streets reminding the people of the law. Anglican pastors that decorated their churches were fired.

The public reaction was strong. In 1647, the first of several Christmas riots took place as the people took up arms against the law that forbid the celebration of the birth of Jesus. The English rebirth of Christmas celebrations did not return until the restoration of the English monarchy in 1660.

The New England colonial experience mirrored the actions taken in England. Christmas was never celebrated. In the city of Boston, Christmas was a regular day of work until 1856. Public schools met on Christmas until 1870.

The change of Christmas celebrations came as the result of Irish and German immigration to the United States. These Catholics and Lutherans immigrants brought their rich Christmas celebrations that changed the American landscape.

The Irish-Catholics brought their carols and hymns, the three celebrations of Christmas, the nativity scene and putting lights in the window. The Germans brought the Christmas tree and the Christmas pageants, the first of which was celebrated in this country in Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Boston in 1851.

The history of Christmas celebrations is a

story of how diverse peoples have creatively chosen to celebrate the birth of the Son of God. This Christmas spend some time learning the roots of our current celebrations. In each celebration, we see God's grace working to tell the marvelous story of God's gift to humanity.

Pastor Bart

PRESCHOOL NEWS

November was a very exciting month for us. We had parent/teacher conferences where all of us, well almost all of us, got very good reports! Some of us made a pumpkin pie and some made pumpkin pudding and others made stone soup...yummm. We had hat day where we all wore our favorite hats. We can't wait to see what hat Pastor Bart is wearing each day when we get out of our cars.

Pastor Bart read us stories about Thanksgiving. As part of our Native American and



Pilgrim themes for this month, we made Indian drums, head bands, and necklaces; had a Pow-Wow; ate "Indian" food; and played in a Teepee. We also made Pilgrim hats. We had a delicious Thanksgiving party and

went home for three vacation days. When we returned to school, we started preparing for our Christmas Program on December 17 at 7:00 p.m. We hope that some of you will want to come and watch us. It is called Some One Has A Birthday. We hope all of you had a Happy Thanksgiving.

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Northview Preschool is now selling coupon books (like the ones we had before) with "buy one - get one free" coupons and "dollars off" coupons from local restaurants some of which are: El Rodeo & El Tereo, Domino's Pizza, IHOP, Great 611 Steak Co., and Chick-Fil-A, Denny's, Jersey's Lily's and Dairy Queen. There are 9 restaurants included and the price is \$10. If you would like to purchase a book or look at one, please see Becky Hinrichs or stop by the church office. Don't forget!! They make great stocking stuffers!

VOLLEYBALL

Get out and have a lot of fun along with some serious fellowship and sneak in a pinch of exercise. The adult volleyball get together on Sundays from 5-8 p.m. have been....well, I guess you could say, A HOOT!!!

Each week pick up teams of 6 or 7 players compete (sort of) for three hours with teams changing after one team wins 2 games. It's all for fun and we try to improve our skills each week. Give it a try! We hope to see you this Sunday at 5:00 p.m. in the New Family Life Center.



Volleyball

Keith Moore

THE SOCIAL CLUB GIVES THANKS!

In November the Social Club once again experienced the warmth of a real Thanksgiving dinner surrounded by good friends. The turkey, dressing, and gravy were accompanied by lots of home cooking, all provided by the UMW. Sweet potatoes, green beans, macaroni and cheese, and rolls rounded out the meal, topped off with pumpkin pie. Many thanks go to the ladies of the UMW and to the volunteer kitchen crew who got it all together. Looking around at all the smiling faces of the Social Club members, and hearing their comments about how good it all was, reminded us of all our many blessings.



After lunch it was time for BINGO – one of their favorite activities. There was a wide variety of prizes, and everybody won at least two. We appreciate Marianna Fanning who sorted through and organized the prizes and Trish Jackson for being the “number caller”. At the close of the meeting, a circle was formed and folks told of things they were thankful for: Jayme has reconnected with her mother after 19 years apart; David’s sister has returned home; Jessica’s cousin has recovered after two weeks in a coma; and Susan is now able to walk without her walker. In our circle we lifted up John Moir, a faithful member who’s recently been diagnosed with lung cancer. Northview members may remember John as the one who came to church often with Bob and Nancy Wingfield. Bob and Nancy took a turkey dinner to

John who lives independently at Edinburgh Apartments.

In December we will have annual Christmas party. Members will once again have their pictures taken with Santa, and there’ll be lots of carol singing. They’ll also be given an opportunity to pick out a gift for someone else – family member, staff member, friend -- and have it gift wrapped to take with them. They’re already looking forward to their shopping trip in January with their “Christmas money”, made possible by the generous donations of the Northview family. Last year they each had \$25 to spend. It’s a real treat for these folks to have that much money, to have someone to take them shopping, and to be able to pick out things for themselves. If you, or your group or class, would like to donate to the Christmas fund, contributions will be taken through January 3rd. Checks should be made to Northview UMC with “Social Club Christmas” on the memo line. You may also use pew envelopes. Any amount is appreciated.

Social Club Committee

2010 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN COMES TO A CLOSE

The 2010 Stewardship Campaign officially ended on Thanksgiving. However, if you still would like to enter a pledge for the upcoming year you can still do so. Fill out your pledge card and send it to the financial secretary. Your additional pledge will be taken into consideration for the budget even though it is not reported in the current total.

The stewardship committee would like to thank all of you for the time and effort made to reach your decision on the amount of your pledge. From the beginning of this year’s campaign, it was obvious that we would reach a total that would make this one of the most successful stewardship campaigns in recent years.

During the campaign each week during the campaign was significantly more encouraging than the corresponding week from last year which saw pledges nearing \$230,000.

Now that we have a final tabulation of all of your pledges, (please see the bulletin board or Sunday Bulletin for the final amount), the Finance Committee can proceed with finalizing the budget for the upcoming year to present to the

Administrative Board for approval.

Thank you all for making it possible for Northview's Light to Shine!

Keith Moore, Chairman, Stewardship Committee

WAY TO GO!!!

On Sunday, November 15, Rachel Jones and Stephanie Lyon were both inducted into the National Honor Society for Northside High School. What a great honor and achievement.



SENDING CHRISTMAS CARDS?

The Youth will once again be offering their in-house Christmas Card delivery service. A brightly colored mail box will be placed in the administrative hallway for you to deposit your Christmas Cards. The Youth will then sort the cards and make them available for pickup by family name. A donation of \$.10 per card is requested to assist with the 2010 Youth Mission Trip.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Missions Committee would like to say **Thanks** to everyone who prepared shoe boxes and gave donations for Operation Christmas Child! Our total was 75!!! We will let you know the total worldwide for this year as soon as we find out. This Christmas think of your shoe box gift and what a difference it will make to a child somewhere in the world. Thanks again for your support! *Mark and Sandra Shay*

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW has had a very busy November. On November 7th we hosted a Premier Jewelry Party with good results. We sold \$878.00 in jewelry of



which we received \$173.00. An additional \$107 was received from the drawing and donations. This was a total of \$280.00 we received for our fundraiser. Thanks to

all who came and all who participated. It was a fun

afternoon of good fellowship.

CONGRATULATIONS to JEAN BROYLES who won the drawing which means she receives \$470.00 in free jewelry. If any of you are interested in being a hostess which allows you to earn free jewelry, you can book a party with Jamie Clark. If you book a party within the next 6 months, we will earn \$25.00.

On November 8th we provided side dishes for the Social Club for their Thanksgiving meal. Thanks to all who brought dishes. At our November meeting we prepared and mailed 19 goody boxes for our college students. Thanks again to all who brought items for these boxes.

Our Christmas Party will be on December 8th. at O'Charley's Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. Please come and bring a friend. Please let me know by December 6th. If you plan to come and if you are bringing a guest. Thanks for all you do. *Helen Watson, President*

FINANCE CORNER

For the month of October

Received: \$17,706.61

Expenses: \$18,145.82

Deficit: <\$439.21>

As of October 31, 2009 the deficit for the year is <\$12,740.36>. As of October 13, 2009 in Reserves is \$13,935.09. This remains to be a great concern to me. I know the economy is bad and I know that you have given well and this I appreciate. I just would like for us to find a way to raise the reserve, as you can see with a deficit of <\$12,740.36> and reserve of only \$13,935.09 this does not leave a very comfortable margin. Please keep our church and our finances in your prayers. Thanks to each of you for your concern. Helen Watson, Finance Chairman

BOCA COSTA MISSION MAZATENANGO, GUATEMALA

WHEN: June 5 - 13, 2010

NEEDED: Doctors, Dentists, Nurses, non-medical persons to participate in Fluoride Treatments, Vacation Bible School and Construction. Contact Jean Broyles, 366-9065 or LVQDAY@aol.com for more information. Mission website is www.bocacostamm.org. Cost approximately \$1400 (tax deductible)

**IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS
PLEASE REMEMBER**

Dave Thomas
Cat Camper
Louise Woods
Nell Townsend, mother of Pam Thomas
Jean Wright
Jessee Myers, grandfather of Jessica Dorsey
Jean Burks
Gloria & Eugene Trent, sister & brother-in-law of
Cat Camper
1st Sgt. A. Wade Tharpe, son of Martha Sells
(2/28/09 Afghanistan)

Those Who Wish Cards/Notes/Encouragement

Nell Townsend (Pam Thomas' mother), 105 5th
Street, Radford, Va. 24141
Pam and Dave Thomas - 50 Vestry Walk,
Douglasville, GA 30134

Those in a Care Center or Nursing Home

Lasca Tolbert - Friendship Manor East Wood, 320
Hershberger Rd., Apt. 214, Roanoke, Va. 24012

Change of Address

Mary Dillon: Ridgewood Gardens-Summerville,
2001 Ridgewood Drive, Salem, Va. 24153
Elizabeth Fisher - 6675 Stonelyn Avenue, Roanoke,
Va. 24019 (effective 11/24/09)

Social Club

Prayer Concerns: John - recently diagnosed with
lung cancer
Audrey - daughter Yvette has been ill
Jamie - step-father is sick
David - for his friend Tina Prayers of Thanksgiving
Jamie - has reconnected with her mother after 19
years apart
David - sister has returned home and that all of us
have a place to live
Jessica - cousin who was in a coma for two weeks
has recovered
Susan - now able to walk without a walker
Sandy - leg is healing well

Dear Church Family,
I would like to thank each and everyone of you for the
care package that you sent me. College can get very
stressful at times, and it is wonderful to know that I
have so many people thinking of me.
Thank You, Tara Cole

Dear Northview,
I would like to thank the members for their many
kindnesses shown to me while I have been
recovering from my accident. The many cards,
calls, food, and prayers have meant so much to me.
We have a great church and I have really missed
being there. I hope to return soon.
Marian Walawski

Dear Northview,
Thank you for the care package. The snacks you
put in there will taste pretty good when I need a
snack in the middle of class. I am glad ya'll are still
thinking of me. Thanks, Eric Weaver

I would like to thank Rev. Bart, Allen Simpson and
all our Northview family for their love, care and
support, first on my Father's passing and then during
my Mother's illness and passing. All of your cards,
calls and prayers meant so much. It proves you can
come home again.
Thank You and God Bless, Sherry Schenk

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT



The Staff Parish Committee is
collecting monetary donations for the
Staff's Christmas gift through
December 15, 2009. If you would
like to make a donation please make
your check payable to Northview
United Methodist Church and mark it staff gift, or
you may use a pew envelope and mark it staff gift.
We appreciate your contribution towards this gift.
Your Staff members are: Pastor Bart Weakley,
Choir Director John Myers, Northview's Children
Choir & bible Club Director Twila Briscoe, Church
Secretary Emma Nutter, Nursery Coordinator Ginny
Gray, Financial Associate Erin Hodges & Custodian
Bob Ingwersen. Should you have any questions
regarding this collection, please feel free to contact
any member of the SPC. *Thank you,*

2009 Staff Parish Relations Committee
Bob Wingfield, Chairperson, Deborah Tankersley,
Helen Watson, Peggy Smith, Patsy Nicely, Robyn
Frazier, Stacy Wilbourne, Kevin Baker, Mark Shay
& Howard Lyon