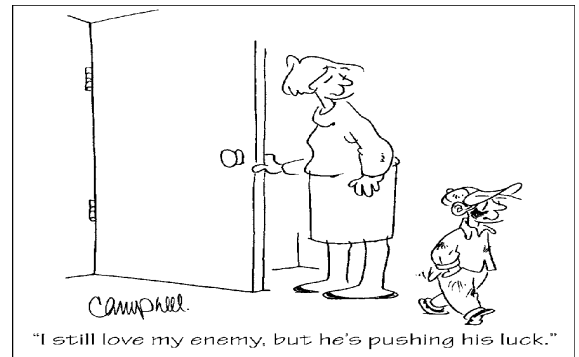


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**NEW YEAR'S DAY COMMUNION SERVICE**  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2012

11:00 a.m.

*(There will be no Sunday School Classes)*



**WHAT EVERY CHURCH MEMBER SHOULD  
KNOW ABOUT POVERTY**

You are invited to join in a timely Bible study on poverty. This six-week study will be held in our Family Life Center on Sunday mornings (9:30 - 10:30 a.m.) beginning February 19, 2012 and ending March 25, 2012. The study book costs \$25.00. You may register at [nvumc@aol.com](mailto:nvumc@aol.com) or call (540) 366-0646. **The deadline for registration is January 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Our teacher for this study, **Donald E. Edwards, Esq.**, a missionary with the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, is serving as a Church and community worker with the Shalom zone: Grace Ministries Project in Roanoke, Virginia.



**NEWSLINE NEWSLETTER** - beginning with the February issue, we will no longer be mailing the Newsline Newsletter. The newsletter will be sent to you by email and will be posted on the website. If you do not have internet access, please contact the church office at 366-0646.



PASTOR'S CORNER

**"Do Your Best!"**

*"Do not merely listen to the word.. Do what it says. The man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it - he will be blessed in what he does."* - **James 1:22, 25**

As **2012** begins, I am reminded of the Cub Scout Motto - **"Do your best"**. Cub scouting is all about discovering yourself and exploring your world with your peers. Each rank of "wolf" and "bear" required completing a certain number of tasks. Some of my fellow scouts were much better at certain tasks than I. I was encouraged by my den mother to try all tasks set forth in the handbook. The goal of cub scouts was participation not competition.



January is always a time for **"New Year Resolutions"**. We promise ourselves to accomplish important tasks that have been neglected in the past year. This is an honorable tradition which is often long on words and short on action. Sometimes we think of these resolutions as a competition with our past selves or our peers. This year our resolution can be simply - **"I will do my best"**.

God has given us His Truth in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, has called us to repentance, confession, faith, and obedience. The Holy Spirit dwells within us to interpret the scriptures and to enable us to follow Jesus. It is up to us to do our best in living our Christian faith and discipleship.

I challenge our church family to embrace a **"culture of excellence"** in **2012**. Let us resolve together to give God and others **our very best** at all times and in all circumstances. Don't excuse poor performance with such statements as: "No one asked me to do this." Or "Someone else can do this task better than I." Give your best to reading and learning God's word. Do your best to

serve God and others. And when each day is finished you will hear our heavenly Father's benediction – "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things ... Come and share your master's happiness." (Matthew 25:21)

May God grant you a joyous new year,  
Pastor Joe

## PRESCHOOL NEWS DECEMBER

December was a very short month for us. We spent a portion of each day practicing for our Christmas program. We made Christmas presents for our parents along with



learning new letters, numbers, colors, and shapes. We talked about the real meaning of Christmas...the birth of the baby Jesus and giving to others and had lots of fun singing Christmas songs. We had chapel with Pastor Joe. Two classes made

gingerbread houses using milk cartons, graham crackers, icing, sprinkles, gum drops and M & M's. We loved that activity! We visited Fantasy Land downtown and sang with and talked to Santa. He told us about the magic of love.

Our Christmas Program was on Thursday, December 15. We enjoyed singing and telling the Christmas story and dressing like Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wise men, sheep, cats, cows, and angels. We hope some of you were able to attend. We had our Christmas parties on Thursday (for the 2 year old class) and Friday. Our Christmas vacation started on December 19 and ended on January 3. We think our teachers needed a rest after the program and our parties...we were really excited about both!

We hope each of you had a wonderful Christmas and will have a Blessed New Year.

## YES, NORTHVIEW – THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS!



It was **COLD** outside, but warm and cheery in the Fellowship Hall as Social Club members made their way to the Annual Christmas Party. Once again they were given the opportunity to select a gift for a relative or friend from a selection of donated items. The gifts were lovingly wrapped and tagged by

the volunteers.

There are 5 members who have birthdays in December, and we sang "Happy Birthday" to each and presented them with a card and gift. Then we sang "Happy

Birthday" to the One who is the reason we celebrate the holiday.

There was a wide array of party foods and a festive punch with berries. Then folks settled down to listen to Pastor Joe read a story about a little lamb who didn't fit in, but found his place in a manger where his warmth was needed for the Christ child. The message was simple: there's a place for everyone in God's kingdom.

And then came SANTA! and Mrs. Claus! and a very TALL elf! Each member had their picture taken with the trio. (Be sure to check the bulletin board near the entrance to the Fellowship Hall. Before Christmas, the pictures will be put into frames and delivered to each member). When asked what they would like for Christmas if they could have anything they wanted, answers varied from a Mercedes to a Pepsi to a "visit with my sister".

No Christmas party would be complete without the singing of carols, so we made a "joyful noise" as we sang their favorites. The party ended with a rousing rendition of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas"! Folks left with a Christmas goodie bag and a card promising a shopping trip to Wal-Mart next month. At that time each member



will have \$25 with which to shop. It's not often that they have some extra money or someone to take them shopping, so they look forward to this each year. It's not too late to participate in this Christmas tradition. Donations will be accepted through January. Any amount is appreciated. You may write a check to Northview UMC with Social Club Christmas on the memo line, place your donation in your envelope or use an church pew envelope and place it in the offering plate or give it to any Social Club volunteer. We are so grateful for your support of this ministry.



## FINANCE CORNER

Did you know that for the year 2011 you have purchased enough from Kroger using your Kroger Cards that Northview has received a total of \$3,397.00? A great big THANK YOU!!

Please keep using them and if you do not have one please see a member of the Stewardship Committee to purchase a card. The cost of the card is \$5.00 with \$5.00 worth of groceries already loaded on the card. Prior to shopping, take your card to a cashier or customer service and purchase the amount you will be spending for groceries and Northview gets the credit. You can also use the cards at Kroger gas pumps.

Another big CHEER to Northview's

congregation for your pledges and gifts for the upcoming New Year, 2012. We were able to present and pass a balanced budget of \$289,500.00 for 2012. With prayer and your support Northview will be able to have a successful financial year. Thanks be to God!

Helen Watson, Finance Chairman

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

An enjoyable evening for all who attended the joint UMW and UMM dinner at O'Charley's on December 13, 2011. We had 23 in attendance. We were blessed with an appearance by Zelda, my homeless friend. Zelda aka Lou Talbutt, Roanoke District President of UMW) shared the story of how she became homeless and what she endures on the streets as a homeless Christian woman. She also shared with us how we can help to make her life better. Thanks Lou for sharing Zelda with us.



We look forward to a new year and sharing together as United Methodist Women and appreciate all the support you have given during the year 2011.

Our next meeting will be January 10, 2012. Start the New Year by attending a meeting and being a part of the United Methodist Women.

Happy New Year and God Bless You!

Helen Watson, President

### BULLETIN BOARD THEME

The theme for the church bulletin board is "Did you know?" I would love to share information about you that some church members may not already know. For example, Keith Moore use to be a DJ and Amanda Moore grew up in the small town of Floyd.

I will type up the information and would like to attach a recent picture. If you do not have a recent picture, I will be glad to take one of you. Please give your picture and information to me or Emma, Church Secretary.

Thanks, Amanda

### IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS PLEASE REMEMBER

Walt Spangler

Peggy Widmayer

Billy Ginger

Cat Camper

John L. Pitts, brother of Helen P. Vaughan

Christine Baker

Tom and Nell Townsend, parents of Pam Thomas

Dorothy & Roy Breeden, sister and brother-in-law of Paul

& Cat Camper

Susie & Ronnie Prevatt, niece & nephew of George Shay

Bobby (mission work) and Debbie Booze (pneumonia)

Laura Wertz (bacterial pneumonia)

Rev. Tom Lee, Windsor Hills UMC (cancer)

### Recovering

Helen Vaughan

Susie Shelton

Faye Buchanan, sister of Twila Briscoe and Trudy Andersen, Friendship Manor

### In the Hospital

Jonathan McNutt (Roanoke Memorial), brother of Alan McNutt

Pastor Eugene Jones, Grace UMC

### Deployed

Renee Trevino - Katar, Boitnott's grandson-in-law

Trent Blackman, VMI brother rat of Bradley Simpson and brother of

Ashley Blackman (Trent has been deployed to Iraq)

### Those Who Wish Cards/Notes/Encouragement & visits

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

Delaney Black - c/o Amanda McBreen, 5103 West Creek Court, Suffolk, Va. 23435

Margaret Bundy - c/o Judith Wadosky, 109 Cypress Point, Hendersonville, NC 28739

### New Address

Janet Walker - 1800 Clairmont Lake, Apt. 113, Decatur, GA 30033

### Donations

The home of Danny and Carole Kesler (Foothills Charge) in New Castle was destroyed by fire on the evening of December 6th.

An account has been set up to accept monetary donations on behalf of Danny and Carole Kesler at: Carter Bank and Trust, 181 Main Street, P.O. Box 303, New Castle, Va. 24127. Please address all cards and letters to Danny and Carole's former home address: 64 Dragonfly Drive, New Castle, Va. 24127

Everyone,

**THANK YOU SO MUCH** for your prayers and Happy Birthday wishes. I cherish them and hold them close to my heart. It was great to be released from the hospital. There's a long road of recovery ahead, but, as Christ already has, He will strengthen and uphold this little life. Hallelujah!

Laura Wertz

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3rd

David Jordan  
Margaret Bundy

5h

Dee Copenhaver  
Grace Helmer

6<sup>th</sup>

Walt Spangler

9<sup>th</sup>

Lynne Kiser

10<sup>th</sup>

Darby Fouch

11<sup>th</sup>

Meghan Shumate

Patricia Benson

13<sup>th</sup>

Mary Ann Morgan

Charlotte Peck

14<sup>th</sup>

Alyssa Kiser

15<sup>th</sup>

Ann Journell

16<sup>th</sup>

Keith Moore

18<sup>th</sup>

Charles Cole

19<sup>th</sup>

Ed Beckner

Thy Jordan

Peggy Goens

20<sup>th</sup>

Evelyn Carr

22<sup>nd</sup>

Susan Stuppiello

23<sup>rd</sup>

Erica Baker

25<sup>th</sup>

Charlotte Garst

Bryce Miller

28<sup>th</sup>

Gaynelle Shay

