



December

The Little Chapel with the Big Heart

2020

Dear Little Chapel on the Boardwalk family,

We are entering into my most favorite season of the church year...the season of Advent. This four-week season leading up to Christmas day is a time of preparation and anticipation, even during a pandemic.

I am sure that many of the normal Christmas traditions will be put on hold for this year, but that doesn't in any way diminish the importance of this time as we get ready for Christmas.



Advent is the time when we remember Jesus' first coming. Advent is a Latin word meaning "an arrival" or "coming" and refers to the ancient promises of the Lord's coming as recorded in

Old Testament scripture.

The anticipation of the coming of the Messiah expresses itself in the songs of the season: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!" and "There's a Song in the Air, There's a Star in the Sky."

Advent is expressed in our activities – practicing hospitality and sharing our gifts with others. It expresses itself in the changes we make to our homes – the tree, the greenery, the lights (and oh how I do love the lights) and the music.

Preparing our homes during Advent symbolizes the preparations we make for the coming of Jesus Christ into our hearts.

There are different ways to "get ready" for this special time of year. Preparation for the commercial holiday usually means hectic planning, worrying about the budget, gift buying, frantic busyness, and this year - staying safe.

But Advent's preparation for Jesus' birthday means time-out and quiet moments. Our commercial preparation may be a dreaded burden with high emotional expectations that are seldom met but Advent's preparation is God's work - cleansing our minds, setting our

hearts at peace and fulfilling our inner-most longings.

As Christians we prepare our spirits for Christ's coming through repentance and a spirit of true worship. There is a joyful spirit of anticipation and hope – an excitement that symbolizes the new beginning the Promised One will bring.

The glad news of the birth of Christ is that no matter where we are in our lives, or what is taking place in our lives, God is with us.

This Advent let God speak to you and satisfy your need for deep-felt celebration.

May this be a joyous season for you as we celebrate again the mystery of God's love and saving grace! I hope you have a wonderful and very safe holiday season.

Merry Christmas,

*Pastor Pat*



# Session Meeting

## November Highlights

By Mary Jo Kohunsky

The Session met for a stated meeting on Monday, November 16, at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary.

Since the governor has extended Phase 3 for COVID-19 measures, no changes have been made to the outdoor worship plans. We will continue to gather at 11:00 AM in the parking lot, with the newly-added benefit of our very own live radio broadcast on station 105.9 FM. Members may park in the lot or on nearby streets within six blocks of LCOB, and listen to the service on their car radios as it happens. This will be particularly beneficial when the weather is less conducive for outdoor worship. Special thanks go to Bryan McIntyre and Brett Blizzard for their work in making this happen.

For those unable to worship in person on Sundays, a video of the service will continue to be posted on the Little Chapel website ([littlechapel.org](http://littlechapel.org)) and on our Facebook page each Sunday by 3 pm. The session will continue to monitor state and Presbytery guidance on COVID-19, and will make additional adjustments for the safety of staff and members as needed.

The session commended the Property Committee, particularly Betty and Gary Gischel and Neale Turlington, for the amazing landscape transformation at LCOB completed with the help of two local garden clubs and many members of the congregation. The property is now attractive and up-to-date, and further enhancements are planned for 2021.

The Finance Committee reports that our members have stepped up to keep our finances in the black for the year, in spite of COVID-19 restrictions. Because of continuing operating expenses, we rely on pledges and contributions to meet our obligations. However, uncertainty about the pandemic makes forecasting the situation for the coming year a real challenge. Committees have submitted budget requests for 2021 and the overall church budget is now being formulated. Although

the annual Stewardship campaign took place in November, pledge cards are gratefully accepted in December and early 2021 as well.

With the Advent season fast approaching, the Worship Committee has been working on ways to offer meaningful advent observations within the restrictions of the pandemic. With fewer decorations planned, the large advent wreath will be the physical focus on Sundays at our outdoor service. The congregation will gather at 4:00 PM on Christmas Eve for worship in the parking lot. Communion will be offered in individual packaging and each participant will light a glow stick instead of a candle. Since there will be fewer outward displays of the season, the focus for worship will be on the message of the season.

This year's winter Mission Committee activities have looked quite different from those in years past, but the congregation continues to find ways to give to others. The 2020 Alternative Christmas Market was conducted online or with gifts selected at a table in the fellowship hall doorway, and only in November. Gift cards can be inscribed for you. Carole Coble and her team of Ann Martz, Terry Paterson, Beckey Smith and Sharon Minor have been pleased at the generosity shown for WARM, the beneficiary of the proceeds of this effort.

Kathy Blizzard led the Salvation Army children's Christmas stockings collection, also with a great response. Shoeboxes for the Meals on Wheels Christmas Day deliveries can still be picked up, packed, wrapped, and returned to church by December 13 for those who truly appreciate our generosity on what could be a very lonely day but may now be more joyous. More information and due dates for Mission events are in the November newsletter.

Jean Schild is stepping down as Clerk of Session after several years in that position, and Mary Jo Kohunsky has agreed to take up those duties. The session is truly grateful to Jean for her years of dedicated service as Clerk. Please extend your thanks and appreciation to Jean for the countless hours of meetings, record keeping, correspondence, and much other behind-the-scenes work she has generously accomplished on behalf of Little Chapel on the Boardwalk for eight years.

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There will be a Congregational Meeting to elect new elders and deacons on Sunday, December 13, following worship. A slate of nominees will be presented, but nominations will be accepted at that meeting, provided that the nominee has agreed to serve if elected. The session appreciates those who have prayerfully answered the call to serve the congregation in a leadership role.

The Communications Committee has submitted plans for a new video/sound system for LCOB, to replace the equipment which is no longer functional. The new system will enable us to have live-streaming, digital video at future indoor services, along with the capability for high quality video of services which will continue to be posted online. An upgraded computer is required to operate this system, and the session has approved the purchase of the needed equipment. Delivery of the equipment components is expected in two to three months, and will be followed by installation and training opportunities.

Because the system is designed to be easy to operate by "ordinary" non-professionals, the committee welcomes those who are interested to contact Gary Kohunsky to learn more.

The date for the December stated session meeting will be Monday, December 14.



WE WOULD LIKE TO REMEMBER OUR LITTLE CHAPEL STAFF with our appreciation for all that they have done for us during this difficult year. If you wish to make a contribution to Staff Christmas Gifts, please make your check payable to the Little Chapel and memo "Staff Christmas Gifts."

You can place your gift in the offering bucket, mail it to the church, or leave it in the church office by December 6 please.

- Personnel & Planning Committee

## "THE STOCKINGS WERE HUNG..."

It is Salvation Army Stocking time again. I hope you will open your heart so a child can open a stocking on Christmas Day. The stockings are available for pick up in the narthex along with the information on what to put in the stocking.



The stockings need to be at the church by December 6.

Thank you so much. If you have questions please call Kathy Blizzard 910-367-1633

## Little Chapel on the Boardwalk

### Financial Report

as of October 2020

October Income	\$31,969
October Expenses	\$33,630
Year-to-date Income	\$377,995
Year-to-date Expenses	\$364,768



## *In Loving Memory*

*Douglas Knowles*

*Ms. Bonnie Warwick*

*Debbie Martin*

*Ms. Tenna Hammond Benton*

*Dianne Matthews*

*Ms. Susan Atkinson*

*Mr. & Mrs. Joel Johnson*

*Ms. Patricia Brown*

*Carolyn Bancroft*

*Mr. & Mrs. James Rivenbark*

*Mr. & Mrs. David Slaybaugh*

*Mr. & Mrs. Robert Adams*

*Mary Wilson*

*Mr. Roger Carlton Wilson*

*Peter Paterson*

*Ms. Connie Houser*

*Pat Brassfield*

*Mr. & Mrs. Pat Roche*

## ART FUND



The beautiful Claude Howell triptych entitled, "The Miraculous Draft of the Fishes" is a very important asset to the history of The Little Chapel as well as a monetary one. It was done by Claude Howell in 1952 and given to the church.

In the mid 90's during the last renovation, the panels were taken down, restretched and reframed by Walls Gallery here in Wilmington. They were rehung in the narthex where they hang today.

They have recently been appraised and examined by some art experts. As one of these people said, "Stabilization and conservation will benefit and preserve these outstanding pieces."

This is not going to be an inexpensive undertaking. Thus, an Art Fund line item has been added to the Memorial Funds Account. THE ART COMMITTEE ENCOURAGES YOU IF YOU GIVE A MEMORIAL OR HONORARIUM OR WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ANY DONATION PLEASE DESIGNATE IT TO THE ART FUND.

In future newsletters will be articles on this beautiful work of art and its importance to The Little Chapel.



# Property Committee



*We commit to being  
generous stewards of our  
gifts -  
time, talents, resources  
and, indeed our lives.*

*By Barry Lindholm*

We had a “ground and back breaking” month as our Landscape Committee planned and executed two (2) very successful work party days that included over 40+ volunteers from New Hanover Garden Club, Harbor Island Garden Club, and members of Little Chapel at the last work party event. Amazing!

Special thanks to committee members, staff, and others in our congregation who continue to support us when called upon to volunteer – as we address the physical, operational, planning, and the landscaping needs of our Little Chapel properties.

## Property Committee - Buildings

We just completed our annual termite treatment and inspection of all of our buildings by Canady. Everything checked out but there are a number of recommendations and observations relating to repair and preventative measures that will need further review by the Property Committee. Because we are surrounded by water we have been and will continue to be a potential “home” for termites ☹

## Landscape Initiatives

Our Landscape Team of Betty & Gary Gischel, Neale Turlington, Helen Brumbaugh, Ann & Jim Martz did a great job planning and coordinating our 2 work groups over 2 weekends.

The first Saturday work party on October 24 consisted of around 20 Little Chapel volunteer members with the main focus on doing the prep work of edging, adding topsoil, trimming & pruning, and laying the ground work for the next group that would be 2 weeks out.

The next work party was on Saturday, November 7 for the grand finale with volunteers from the New Hanover Garden Club (16), Harbor Island Garden Club (6), and again the Little Chapel volunteers (20).

This was a huge success that involved putting mulch in all the beds, planting new plants by the sign and along Lumina, laying stones where the new bench (see picture below) will reside along Lumina, and finishing up the weeding work along the Oxford side.



Everyone worked well together and we also benefited with around \$1,800 + dollars contributed by the NH Garden Club. Look for the upcoming newsletter to get a feel for all the volunteers and action!

The following LCOB volunteers participated in one or both of our events: Buzz & Beckey Smith, Scott and Jeannie Willetts, Andy Marhevsky, Jim Alexander, Janice Willetts, John Moore, Jim and Ann Martz, Susan Lewis, Susan Long, Beth & Ron Price, Brett Blizzard, Al Wordsworth, Patty Rodgers, Helen Brumbaugh, Jane Hughes, Betty and Gary Gischel, Tyson Gischel, Neale Turlington, and Barry Lindholm.

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**Special Thanks to all and we hope you are pleased with the improvements to our property!**

**Without further ado, the following are just some of the pictures from the wonderful volunteers that filled our parking lot with vehicles and our hearts with joy at the great success of the November 7 work party!**







## *Christmas Day*



Once again, our church will participate in Christmas Day Meals on Wheels. Volunteers are needed to cook, prepare and serve the meals, and drivers are needed to deliver these meals. Sign-up sheets and instructions will be available soon.



## CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX GIFTS

For more years than most of us can count, members of LCOB have prepared and delivered *Meals on Wheels* on Christmas morning to neighbors in need, before celebrating with their own families and neighbors.

This mission of our church is rewarding both to the givers and recipients, but the Little Chapel with the Big Heart goes a step further. We see to it that every meal is delivered with a lovingly wrapped shoebox, filled with small sundries and treats.

Please consider this a way that YOU can make a difference! Empty boxes are available in the fellowship hall to help you start spreading the joy of the season.

Please return your filled and wrapped shoe boxes **on or before Sunday, December 13** and apply one of the provided labels for male/female/either. We will need about **125** of these gift boxes to accompany our meals.

Gift box ideas for women: *Dusting Powder, Nail Polish, Lipstick, Perfume, Jewelry.*

Gift box ideas for men: *Cologne, Handkerchief, Razors, Socks, Shaving Cream.*

Gift box ideas for either: *Bookmark, Brush, Kleenex, Lotion, Lifesavers.*

## CHANGE A CHILD'S FUTURE

Little Chapel is again partnering with St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church to help change a child's life with an annual sponsorship.

Malawi is a country where 75 per cent of the population lives on less than \$2 a day. A \$75 annual sponsorship provides books, uniforms, and a meal each day. Contributions support weekend vocational training for skills such as tailoring and woodworking.



Funds are also needed to provide for covid prevention supplies. The good news is school is back in session.

Please prayerfully consider helping change a child's life. Consider making your gift of sponsorship in honor of loved ones this Christmas season.

If you have any questions, please call Janice Willetts at 910-262-8458. You may send a check (memo line: Malawi Education) to the church office or place it in the offering bucket during Sunday services.



This opportunity to give not only changes the life and future of the child attending school, but often the lives of the entire family. Thank you.





## OUR MISSIONARIES IN THE CONGO

*Thanks to Helen Brumbaugh for submitting this update*

As we enter this season of thankfulness let us remember our Congo missionaries in our prayers. We all complain about Covid and how it keeps us home and away from friends and family, but imagine being on the other side of the world with limited medical facilities available, dealing with a pandemic, and continuing to reach out to those in need.

Inge and Larry Sthreshley have spent this past year trying to introduce intensive systematic screening in each health zone to ensure that every child between six months and five years of age in each village is screened every quarter. Those found to be malnourished are oriented to the health center and receive five home visits by a trained community health volunteer. In Maniema province, the percentage of children being screened by community health volunteers increased from 45% at the beginning of the year to 91% this current quarter thanks to all the women and men trained to help screen children.

The following is the latest correspondence Helen received from the Sthreshleys:

Dear Helen,

Thanks for your email. Glad to hear that Pastor Pat is keeping you all connected during this COVID pandemic. We are grateful for the prayers and financial support from members of Little Chapel during this pandemic. We know there are many people in need at this period of time. Glad you received the newsletter. I hope to do another on our work with COVID soon.

The COVID situation is not as severe here given that the Congolese government took quick action initially to curb those activities that spread the virus. Also, our warm tropical weather, the fact that the majority of the population is young, and much of daily living here takes place outdoors helps reduce the spread and has helped diminish the impact of COVID relative to other countries in the West. We work from home for the most part and limit our contact with staff and friends. Larry occasionally goes into the office to meet with people when necessary.

The challenge for us is that travel is difficult and risky, yet at the same time we need a break from Congo and miss seeing our children who are both in the USA. We want to take a trip to the USA in December, but still trying to figure that out with the rising COVID case load in the USA. Our daughter Lisa is in Atlanta working for a company managing AIDs patient data and our son Michael was on the East Coast but has moved back to the Big Island in Hawaii (where he did his undergraduate in tropical agriculture). He got a temporary job through the CARES act mapping and maintaining hiking trails on the Big Island. He is very thankful to have the job and loves being out in nature so he is content with where he is at during this COVID crisis. He is also picking up odd jobs here and there doing home renovations. Larry's mother, who is 98 years old, is in a retirement home in Richmond, VA. So, sorting out visiting family during this time is complex .... and we probably need to curb our travel.... the same challenges many people are probably facing as they figure out what to do for the Christmas holidays.

Stay safe, Helen, and God's blessings on you all,

Love,  
Inge

# Christmas Traditions



*By Leita McCormick*

Traditions, old and new, are a huge part of the celebration of Christmas. They vary greatly in different parts of the world and for longer periods of time. One thing Christmas traditions do have in common is that they are observed and enjoyed in most countries, even in many where Christianity is not the religion of the majority of the people. For instance, in Singapore, only about two in ten people are Christians; however, Christmas is very commercialized.

While Christians in the US, UK and much of Europe celebrate the birth of Christ on December 25, Orthodox Christians in Russia, Ukraine, Ethiopia and other Eastern Orthodox countries celebrate the birth on January 7. The Orthodox Christians use this date because they go according to the Julian calendar that pre-dates the more widely used Gregorian calendar.

Here are some of our most favorite Christmas traditions:

## Decorating with Lights



Displaying lights during the Christmas season is as old as the holiday itself. As the picture depicts, some people choose to decorate the inside and outside of their houses and yards.

Others limit decorations to a lighted front door wreath. Some cities go all out and traditionally decorate the main streets and shopping malls.



## Putting up the Christmas Tree

Decorating evergreen trees had always been a part of the German winter Solstice. In fact, Germany is credited with starting the Christmas Tree tradition when devout Christians brought decorated trees into their homes back in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Their homes are often decorated with lights and festive ornaments, but the tree is usually put up and decorated the morning of December 24.

Trees of all sizes and shape are displayed all over the world, but the largest floating Christmas tree is in Rio de Janeiro. It is 230 feet high and includes 900,000 lights.



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## Christmas Caroling



The tradition of singing Christmas carols began when pagan songs were sung in celebration of the winter solstice. The songs changed to religious songs and Christmas hymns in celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Christmas carols are sung in homes and churches and, up until this year, even door to door in neighborhoods. Maybe next year we will be able to continue that tradition as well as the performance of the Cantata.

## Gift Giving



Giving gifts at Christmas time used to be directly tied to the gifts the three wise men gave to Jesus upon his birth and was symbolic of the ultimate gift God gave the world – the gift of his son.

Unfortunately, over time, giving gifts seems to have lost its original meaning. Instead, families and friends give presents to each other more out of tradition than reason, perpetuating a commercial frenzy that begins months before the holiday season.

## Sending Christmas Cards



The custom of sending Christmas cards, as we know of it today, did not get its start as a means to wish families and friends a happy and blessed holiday. Instead, it originated from students sending letters home to their parents bragging about their school accomplishments for the past year in hopes of receiving gifts and rewards in return. As a result, cards were created and marketed as "Christmas cards" in the 19<sup>th</sup> century by Sir Henry Cole. The tradition of exchanging Christmas cards is observed today by billions of people, who often include written notes or Christmas letters.

## The Tradition of Advent

Advent is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas. The Latin word for Advent means "Coming" – the coming of Jesus into the world. It is a time of expectation and is symbolized by a four-week period of preparation.

The candles on the Advent Wreath are arranged in a circle to remind us of the continuous power of God, which knows neither beginning nor ending.



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Many thanks to Pastor Pat for sending me the following information about Advent. (By the time you get this newsletter, the blue candle on the Advent Wreath will have already been lit as this year Advent began on November 29).

“There is symbolism in the colors of the candles, and it is up to each church to decide the colors and what each of the candles stand for. Over the years I have seen blue candles, purple candles, white candles, pink and red ones used in the Advent Wreath.

“At Little Chapel the three blue candles in our Advent Wreath symbolize the coming of Christ from the royal line of David. He is coming as the King of Kings as well as the Prince of Peace. The pink candle in the wreath will be lit the fourth Sunday of the Advent Season and this candle represents JOY. The large white candle in the center is known as the Christ Candle and points to Jesus as the Christ, the light of the world. The other three blue candles represent LOVE, PEACE, HOPE”.

Christmas is generally celebrated on Christmas Day, December 25; however, some countries have slightly different Christmas traditions and their celebrations are held at different times of the season. Here are just a few examples:



In **Australia**, Christmas occurs in the middle of the summer, and the only white Christmas is one with white sandy beaches. Outdoor barbecues are common, and seafood is often a Christmas dish.

In **Russia**, the traditional Christian Christmas is being replaced by the secular Festival of Winter – a month-long attraction that features over-the-top ice sculptures.

Many cities in **France** are decorated during the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve, children put their polished shoes out in front of the chimney and hope that ‘Pere Noel’ (Father Christmas) will fill the shoes with sweets.

Christmas in **Ireland** is very religious. The celebration begins on Christmas Eve and extends until Epiphany (Jan 6<sup>th</sup>). Father Christmas ‘Babbo Natale’ hands out presents to children on Christmas Day while some families wait until January 6 to exchange gifts when the Wise Men’s visit to baby Jesus is celebrated.



In the **British Commonwealth**, the day after Christmas is called “Boxing Day”. It is a public holiday and an occasion to box up goods to donate to the unfortunate. It started in medieval Britain when servants had the day off and would receive gifts from the upper class in boxes.

We don’t have an official “Boxing Day” in the US, but on that day, boxes do come into play...getting rid of empty present boxes, returning gifts in their original boxes, boxing up on post-Christmas deals, pizza boxes...is there a lesson to be learned?

Christians in **India** decorate banana or mango trees for Christmas. In **Mexico**, they decorate palm trees with brightly colored coconut shells. I personally experienced that while on a Christmas holiday trip to Puerto Vallarta.

In **Bethlehem**, the Church of the Nativity stands over the traditional site of the stable where Jesus was born.



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On Christmas, a massive procession is lead through the city of **Bethlehem** and a flame is passed throughout the crowd to light watchers' candles.

The most important part of Christmas church service in the **Congo** is the love offering given in honor of Jesus. Every person who attends the service brings a gift to lay near the Communion table at the front of the church.



The **Portuguese** celebrate Christmas on 24<sup>th</sup> of December. Houses are decorated for Christmas and many families put up a nativity scene. Baby Jesus is added to the crib after the family attends Midnight mass, then gifts are exchanged.

In **Belgium**, instead of Santa Claus, children are visited by 'Pere Noel'. They are not brought gifts on Christmas Day, but instead on December 6th, which is St. Nicolas' Day. Good children receive chocolates and other treats...naughty children get sticks.

There are many ways to say Merry Christmas in as many languages, but here are just a few:



*In whatever language it is expressed, wishing families and friends a Merry Christmas will always be tradition.*

**Merry Christmas to All**



## Birthdays

1 Russell Page	18 Scott Willetts
1 Laura Wadsworth	19 Brooks Brind'Amour
3 Joyce Zimmerman	19 Fran Laassiter
5 Jean Northrop	21 Janet Auvil
6 Jerry Morrison	21 Bill Morine
10 John Moore	23 Jim Alexander
11 Carlson Miller	23 Linda Johnson
13 Pat Vass	23 Turner Rogers
14 Jim Legg	25 Betsy Akerhielm
18 Scottie Anderson	25 Ernie Alexander
18 Dianne Bullard	25 Katherine Blanton
18 Iris Davis	28 Darlene Durham
18 Mackenzie Sawyer	30 Estelle Baker



Like so many other things, our traditional Christmas Eve service is going to look a little different this year than in years past. We will have one service at 4 pm outdoors on our parking lot. If it is a cold evening, you can worship with us in your car, listening to the service on 105.9 FM on your radio.

The service will still include those elements that you are familiar with as we will celebrate communion and we will have candlelight though the candles will be glowsticks.



This holy season, let the love represented by the birth in Bethlehem illuminate our hearts and shine in our actions.

By giving to the Christmas Joy offering, your gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

Also, through your generous contributions, you'll be helping the families of active retired church workers through the assistance program of the Board of Pensions. By supporting the Board of Pensions, the Christmas Joy Offering honors the faithfulness of current and retired church workers and their families in need.

You may place your donation in the offering bucket during

Sunday services on November 29, December 6 or 13; or mail your check to the church. Remember to indicate on the check's memo line, 'Joy.'



Libby Frye Ruoff deeply appreciates all of the cards, notes, and donations to Little Chapel on the Boardwalk; and for the prayers from many of you since the death of her oldest son John William Frye, Jr. in Tazewell County Virginia.



Little Chapel's Alternative Christmas Market had a table set up every Sunday during the month of November in the parking lot. (Above) Brenda Parker recording a donation. (Right) Carole Coble manages the Alternative Market order table..

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## ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET

*2020 Style*

Because of the health and safety restrictions in place due to the pandemic, Little Chapel wasn't able to host the Alternative Christmas Market as we've come to know it over the past few years.

So, the Mission Committee adapted to the current conditions, and during the month of November, provided the opportunity for us to focus on local needs via the Alternative Christmas Market – 2020 Style.

Our donations will 'sponsor' varying tools and supplies that will be used to help the Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry (WARM) work to repair homes damaged during recent storms.

WARM already had many homes on their project waiting list, but the list is now longer because WARM had to temporarily limit work because of the pandemic.

Thanks to your generosity, the Mission Committee reports that through November 22, \$2,100 has been received towards a goal of \$2,500.







Some holiday recipes become holiday favorites as they are passed on from generation to generation.

Carole Coble and Sharon Minor put their heads together to come up with some of their favorites which you might decide to try this year. Maybe they will become your favorites too! Thanks, Sharon & Carole!

## Sparkling Catawba Punch

- 1 46 oz. can of Pineapple Juice
- 1 6 oz. can of frozen lemonade, thawed
- 1 quart of Welch's Sparkling White Grape Juice
- 1 jar of Maraschino cherries with juice
- 1 29 oz. bottle of Ginger Ale

Chill and combine all ingredients except Ginger Ale. Add Ginger Ale when ready to serve. Add crushed ice or ice ring.

25 servings.

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## Sweet Potato Biscuits

Prep time: 10 minutes Cook Time: 10 minutes Servings: 10

### Ingredients

- 2 heaping Tablespoons sugar
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 stick butter, melted
- 3/4 cups mashed cooked sweet potatoes
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup milk

### Directions

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees. Sift together flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. In a separate large bowl, mix the sweet potatoes and butter. Add the flour mixture to the potato mixture and mix to make a soft dough. Then add the milk a Tablespoon at a time and continue to cut in. Turn the dough out onto a floured surface and toss lightly until the dough looks smooth. Roll the dough out to 1/2-inch thickness and cut with a biscuit or round cookie cutter. Place biscuits on a greased baking pan. Bake for about 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove from oven and brush with melted butter. Makes 15 to 18 biscuits.

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## Turkey Tetrazzini

(Great Main Dish or Great Dish for leftover turkey)

- 1 12oz. package uncooked linguine
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 medium onion, coarsely chopped (about 1 cup)
- 3 Tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon hot sauce (I use Texas Pete)
- 3 cups milk
- 1/2 cup white wine
- 3 cups chopped turkey
- 1 14oz. jar artichoke hearts (drained and coarsely chopped)
- 8 oz. fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1 cup sliced almonds
- Fresh parsley to garnish (optional)

### Directions

Cook pasta according to package directions; drain.

Melt butter in a large skillet over medium high heat; add onion and sauté 6 minutes.

Gradually stir in flour and next 3 ingredients until smooth; add milk, and cook, stirring constantly for 10 minutes or until thickened.

Remove from heat; very gradually add wine, mixing well.

Stir in turkey, artichokes and mushrooms.

Layer a lightly greased 13 x 9 baking dish with half each of the pasta, turkey mixture and cheese. Repeat layers then sprinkle almonds and parsley over the top.

Bake, uncovered at 400 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes or until bubbly and golden.

Serves 8. 516 calories per serving and worth every one!

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## Apple Cranberry Casserole

"From an old issue of the Houston Chronicle. This is like a cobbler or crisp but with cranberries - yum!"

- 4 - 5 apples (3 cups chopped)
- 2 cups cranberries, raw
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 1 1/2 cups quick-cooking oats
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup butter, melted

### Directions

1. Spray a 2-quart casserole with cooking spray. Chop the apples (unpeeled). Put apples, cranberries and sugar in the casserole and combine.
2. In a medium bowl combine oats, brown sugar, flour, pecans and melted butter.
3. Top fruit mixture with oat mixture.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes, until bubbly and light brown.
5. Great warm as a side dish or as dessert with vanilla ice cream.

Servings: 8 - 10

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## Dressing

(Pan Turkey Dressing by my Grandma Alma Ennis)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

1 14oz. bag Pepperidge Farm Herb Stuffing  
1 14oz. bag Pepperidge Farm Corn Bread Stuffing  
4 slices of bread, cut into small pieces  
1 cup of finely chopped onions  
1 cup of finely chopped celery  
1 stick of butter, divided into 2 Tablespoons and 6 Tablespoons  
4 cups of water  
2 cups of turkey broth  
salt and pepper to taste  
(May garnish with fresh parsley)

Melt 2 T of butter in a frying pan. Add the onions and celery and cook on medium heat for 4 minutes. In a very large mixing bowl (or 5-quart pot) combine stuffing mixes, bread, onions, celery, 6 T of melted butter, 4 cups of water and two cups of turkey broth. Salt and Pepper to taste. This is a soft dressing so mixture should be moist; if not, add more water. Season with salt and pepper to taste...not much because stuffing mixes are seasoned.

Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes (45 if oyster dressing) or until browned. May garnish with fresh parsley.

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## Honey-Glazed Carrots

2 lbs. of carrots, cut into 2-inch strips  
2 Tablespoons butter  
1 Tablespoon brown sugar  
2 Tablespoons honey  
1 teaspoon salt  
Freshly ground pepper to taste

Put carrots into a 3-quart sauce pan and cover with water. Start on high heat until a boil, then reduce to medium and cook 15 minutes or until tender. Drain the carrots.

Melt butter in a large skillet over low heat. Stir in sugar, honey and salt. Add carrots and cook, stirring constantly, for 5 to 8 minutes until carrots are glazed.

Sprinkle with pepper to taste.

## Pioneer Woman's Pecan Pie

### Ingredients

- 1 whole Unbaked Pie Crust (Pillsbury Refrigerated Pie Crust)
- 1 cup White Sugar
- 3 Tablespoons Brown Sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon Salt
- 1 cup Corn Syrup
- 3/4 teaspoons Vanilla
- 1/3 cup Melted Butter (salted)
- 3 whole Eggs, Beaten
- 1 cup (heaping) Chopped Pecans

### Preparation:

Mix sugar, brown sugar, salt, corn syrup, butter, eggs, and vanilla together in a bowl. Pour chopped pecans in the bottom of the unbaked pie shell.

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Pour syrup mixture over the top. Cover top and crust lightly/gently with foil. Bake pie at 350° for 30 minutes. Remove foil, then continue baking for 20 minutes, being careful not to burn the crust or pecans.

**NOTE: PIE SHOULD NOT BE OVERLY JIGGLY WHEN YOU REMOVE IT FROM THE OVEN.** If it shakes a lot, cover with foil and bake for an additional 20 minute or until set. Required baking time seems to vary widely with this recipe. Sometimes it takes 50 minutes; sometimes it takes 75!

Allow to cool for several hours or overnight. Serve in thin slivers. Serves 12.

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## Simple Tiramisu

1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese, softened

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup strong brewed coffee, cooled

3 (1 oz.) squares semisweet chocolate, grated

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup chopped almonds, toasted and divided

1 (12 oz.) container frozen whipped topping, thawed

2 (3 oz.) packages ladyfingers, split

### Directions

Beat cream cheese in a large bowl at high speed with an electric mixer until fluffy. Add  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup coffee, beating until blended. Stir in grated chocolate and  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup almonds. Set aside 1 cup whipped topping. Fold remaining whipped topping into cream cheese mixture.

Brush cut sides of ladyfingers with remaining  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup coffee. Arrange two-thirds of ladyfingers on bottom and up sides of a 2-quart bowl (such as a large mixing bowl); spoon cream cheese mixture into center. Top with remaining ladyfingers and reserved 1 cup whipped topping; sprinkle with remaining  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup almonds. Cover and freeze 30 minutes. Yield: 8 servings.

From Southern Living's Easy Weeknight Favorites Cookbook

**ENJOY AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS !**

## Any Idea Who This Is?

(Answer found at bottom of this page)



Our Sunday worship services will continue in the church parking lot and they start at 11 am, weather permitting.

Remember to bring your lawn chair and face covering.

If you would rather stay in your car and worship, that is now possible as the service is on RADIO STATION 105.9 FM.

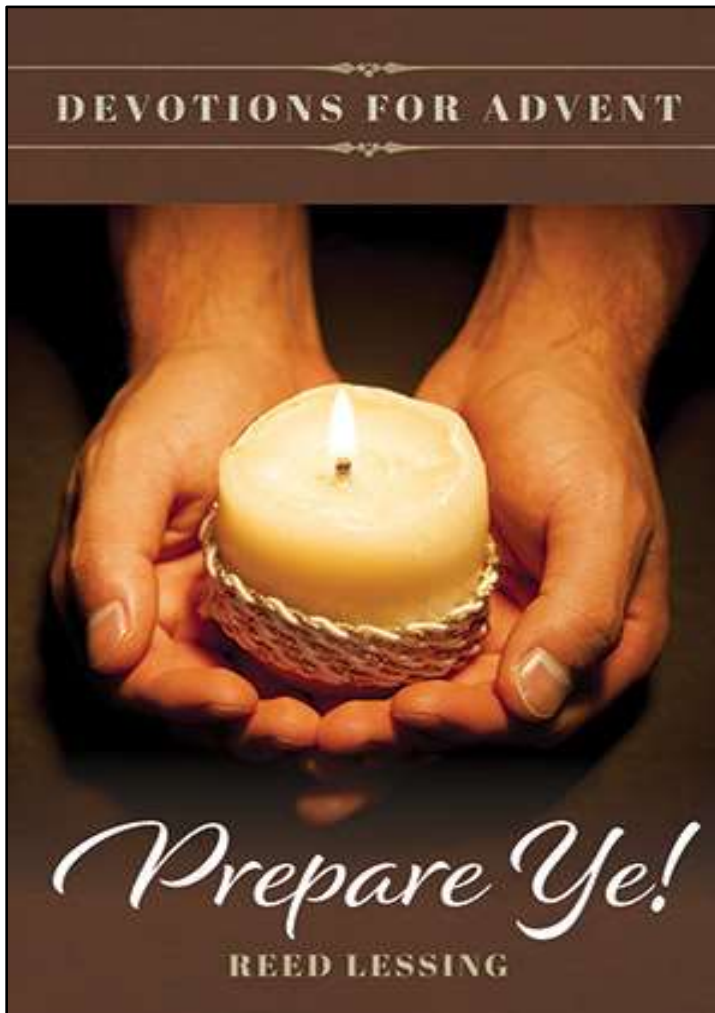
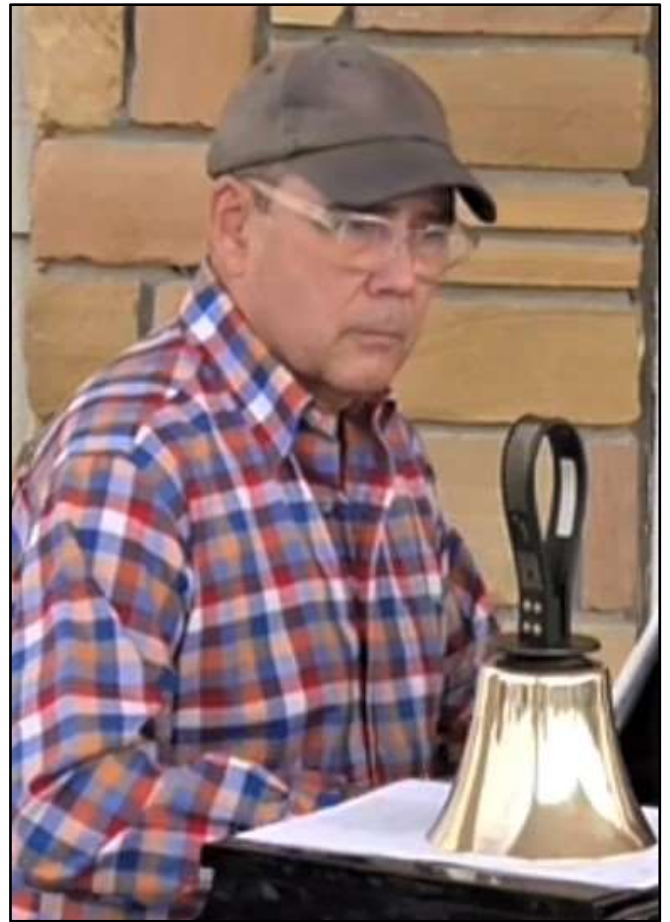
To hear the service, you must be within about a 6-block radius of Little Chapel. Also remember, there is no longer a charge to park on the street anywhere on Wrightsville Beach; so, if you park on Oxford St., Fayetteville St., or Lumina, you will not have to pay and you will still be able to hear the service on the radio at 105.9.

If you are not able to attend the service in person, the recorded video will be on our website and Face Book page by 3 pm each Sunday.

*It's none other than Carole Coble a few years ago in a neat and tidy kitchen concentrating on an accurate measurement perhaps while preparing one of the recipes she provided for us to enjoy.*



The season of Advent begins Sunday, November 29, and to help you through the Advent season your worship committee has purchased Advent Devotional booklets. These booklets can be picked up on Sunday, or during the week from 9 am - 5 pm in the narthex. Please limit one per family.



A Called Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, December 13, immediately following the 11 am worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect our new slate of officers.







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