# Pastor's Note

## November 20 x 3!

I have been on the job here for a little more than two months now, and I am thoroughly enjoying my time with you. You are a great bunch! We may be a small congregation (and a small chapel) as far as numbers go, but there is a "bigness of heart" here that is absolutely wonderful. I thank God daily for bringing me to you, and you to me.

- 1) On that note, let me mention that my installation service is set for November 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. On that date I will have been on site with you exactly three months. The installation service, sponsored by Abingdon Presbytery and with the participation of ministers and elders from around the presbytery, will be a joyous expression of our connectional church, as well as a solemn testament to the relationships between us as presbytery and congregation and pastor. The service will be held in the Tazewell Presbyterian Church sanctuary, with a celebration reception to follow. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend. Even better, bring family members and friends!
- 2) November 20th is also Stewardship Sunday for Tazewell Presbyterian Church and Black's Presbyterian Chapel. The theme of this year's stewardship campaign is "Growing In The Love Of The Lord." It is most fitting that Stewardship Sunday falls on the same day as the installation service, for in the church calendar November 20th is "Christ the King Sunday," the final, climactic day of the Christian year. How appropriate!
- 3) The annual Community Thanksgiving Service this year also falls on November 20th. The Thanksgiving Service will be held at Main Street United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m... allowing adequate time between the installation service and reception and the Thanksgiving Service for those desiring to participate in both. As the "new kid on the block," the Ministerial Association has tapped me to deliver the Thanksgiving message, and I look forward to doing so. After all, I have a lot to be thankful for! And a good part of it is you.

So as you can see, November  $20^{th}$  promises to be one busy day! (*November 20 x 3!*) But could there be a more fitting day for it all than "Christ the King Sunday"? I do hope you can be a part of it! Of course, I hope to see you the other Sundays too.  $\bigcirc$ 

> Today and always.... the Lord be with you..... Pastor Dave





#### Church Family

DAVID PRUITT ANNA IRVIN FAMILY OF MARY RILEY EVANS (Carl Riley's sister) MADELINE HURT JUANITA BOLING CHARLIE ASBURY LAURA KINCER JERRY CROMER STANLEY STEVENSON SUE KEENE PEGGY ASBURY DAWN & DAVID OLINGER RICHARD WITTEN SAM ADKINS EDDIE NASH MARTHA MASSIE JEANETTE RAMEY RENIA HALE PEERY VICKY RINEHART BARBARA SISCO PRISCILLA DILLOW BOB PARKS BARBARA STANSBURY ROBERT HELDRETH CONNIE FLETCHER BETTY KELLY PARKER NECESSARY GEORGIA HALE DOROTHY NUCKLES

Active Military Personnel: John Patrick Flynn, and Jon Wright Missionaries: The Wellers and The Ardnts

#### Others

Tom Stranger (brother of Dolores Pruitt) Sarah Kitts (granddaughter of Carolyn Kitts) Lee Ann Stump Trish Cox Melissa Parks (Bob Parks' niece) Larry Stroup & Ed Smith (neighbors of Randall & Martha Cooper) Shelley Keene-Walsh (daughter of Sue Keene) Jeannie Putman (Connie Fletcher's niece) Jimmy O'Neill (Dora's grand-nephew) Charlotte Wilson (daughter of Martha Massie) Gilliam Shelton (Debbie Crews' father) Rev. Curtis Murray Dustin Hicks Blanche Carpenter (Ron Carpenter's mother)



#### Session Action

- Administrative Chair Kristie Clifton presented the 2017 budget to the session. It will be presented to the congregation on November 13. A subcommittee is being formed to work with Jeff Murray, our church's investment broker.
- The Standing Nominating Committee recommends Carol Weaver, Kristie Clifton, Frank Barnes, and Carolyn Kitts for the Session Class of 2019. Nominees for the Standing Nominating Committee include Linda Clifton, Lanie Francisco, Josh Thompson, and Kim McGraw. There will be a congregational meeting on November 13 for election.
- The Session accepted Jeff Chalfa into membership by transfer from Buchanan First Presbyterian Church in Grundy.

#### Other Items of Interest

- **†** Fellowship and Missions Chair Dorothy Wright thanked Debby Crews for coordinating the RAM donations for the church.
- The Caring Friendship club had a successful educational visit to the museum of the Appalachians in Saltville and the fresco churches with lunch at Shatley Springs.

- **†** The Hudsons are collecting sweatsuits to take to refugees.
- The next Presbytery will be held on Saturday, November 12 from 9:30 to 2 at Sinking Spring PC in Abingdon. Members of the Session and congregation are invited to accompany Rev. Gilbert and introduce him to the Presbytery.
- **†** Dr. Don Hudson will fill the pulpit on November 27 while Rev. Gilbert is attending a family reunion.
- Stewardship Sunday is November 20. Previous to that team chairs will be presenting Stewardship Moments each Sunday. Debby Crews began on October 23. She will be followed by Roy or Dorothy Wright on October 30, Jim Thompson on November 6 and Carol Weaver on November 13.
- Reverend Gilbert will be installed on November 20 at 3 PM with a reception following. Members of the Administrative Commission to install include the following: Rev. John Martin (Green Spring PC, Abingdon), Rev. Frank Achinger (Central PC, Bristol), Rev. Ann Aichinger (Central PC, Bristol), Elder Charlotte Perdue (Fincastle PC), Elder Kemper Bausell (Buchanan First PC, Grundy), and Elder Frank Barnes (TPC). Associate Pastor Manny Elswick of Main Street United Methodist will also take part in the service.
- **+** Rev. Gilbert will also deliver the message at the Community Thanksgiving service at Main Street United Methodist on November 20 at 7 PM.
- There is a need for liturgists from the congregation. Please volunteer to assist Rev. Gilbert, who makes it easy by scripting instructions in large print!
- Rev. Gilbert also needs elders to help serve communion to the homebound. The elder does not have to be currently serving on session.

re Invited to Join Sunday, October 30th following worship, for a reception in honor of Steve & Vicky Rinehart to show our appreciation for their service to the community.



The Annual Christmas Show at the *Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre* has been scheduled for Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

> *Dinner begins at 6:00 pm The Show begins at 8:00 pm*

We have 22 tickets for this trip. Please Call Randall Cooper on his cell only at: 304-320-4824 to have a ticket held for you.

We will meet in the TPC parking lot no later than 5:15 PM

## Community Outreach

Luncheon & Program Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am in the Tazewell Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

The Program will be presented by, "John Blankenship, Extension Agent"

# FOOD PANTRY CHRISTMAS BAGS

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From December 1 – December 22 we will be giving out Christmas food bags in addition to the regular food bags. Below is a list of the bag contents. Fill a bag or provide any of the items separate. These items can be dropped off at any time. We will store them until time to give them out.

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3lb canned ham Boxed stuffing Canned or boxed potatoes Gravy mix Canned sweet potatoes Boxed bread mix Iello Boxed dessert mix Canned icing





Our collection Sunday for operation Christmas child shoe boxes will be Sunday, November 13 and as in previous years we will be a collection site for other churches for November 13th through the 20th. This year we will not be able to provide boxes as we have in the past few years. We will take donations for those who are physically unable to shop HOWEVER we will need some people to volunteer to help shop this year for this to happen.

This is been a very special project to all of us at this church over the years we hope that it continues to be. Merry Christmas from the fellowship

Merry Christmas from the fellowship in missions committee.

### **OPPORTUNITY**:

For our November CFC outing we are planning a trip to Bristol, to attend the **King & University Lecture: WHAT'S GOING ON WITH BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY IN ISRAEL?** which will be held on **Sunday**, **November 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.** Dr. Don Hudson highly recommends this lecture. Dr. Hudson's Sunday Night Live study on Christianity will be completed on November 6<sup>th</sup>, therefore this would not interfere with our regular church schedule. More information on this lecture:

"As a special part of the King University Archaeology of the Bible Conference, the King Institute for Faith and Culture will host a discussion on **Biblical archaeology in Israel** with noted international scholars. **Oded Lipschits from Tel Aviv University and Manfred Oeming from the University of Heidelberg will give insight into the ancient Kingdom of Judah**,. Among other things, they will cover the city of Azekah, which overlooked the Valley of Elah where David fought Goliath, and the Ramat Rahel Archaeological Project, a joint program in the Judean lowlands."

We plan to take the Church Bus and leave at 3:00 p.m., stop for dinner (yet to be decided) and attend the lecture at 6:00 p.m. PLEASE LET EUNICE JONES-LESTER KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS ACTIVITY. You may email her: inseun@aol.com or phone: 988-4412.