

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

...**Mary Gayle Brittingham** as she moves forward after the loss of her mother, **Mary Gentry**.

...**Michael and Karen Chandler**, as Michael continues to struggle with health issues.

...**Dan Douglas and Cass** as Dan recuperates from surgery.

... Continue prayers for **Jeff and Christy Presseau**.

...**Donna Headley**, for both comfort and healing.

...for Summer Foley's father, **Bruce**, and the **Foley family**.

...All those in our congregation who are unable to attend church regularly due to illness or limited mobility.

...Our nation, its leaders, and our troops serving around the globe.

If you have a prayer request, update, question, or concern please contact the church office at (804) 730-9700 or email Robert Johnson at robert.johnson@newhanoverpres.org

Children from ages 4 to 10 are welcome to attend Children's Sunday School which is held during the service.

Please join us in the Laburnum Commons for refreshments after today's Congregation Informational Meeting.

The weekly contribution amount needed to meet budget is \$4,783 which enables us to continue to do God's work in the community. Last week we received \$2,582.27.

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Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

New Hanover

NEWS



Sunday, December 15, 2019

IF YOU ARE A GUEST TODAY – WELCOME!

We are so glad you're here with us. Please sign the guest register with your contact information so we can thank you for being with us today.

We are a community of faith seeking to follow Christ. If you are looking to follow Jesus in your daily life with the support and fellowship of a company of believers, you have found the right place. If you seek to commit to active involvement in worship, service, and study, we invite you to join us in membership.

Thank You to Today's Volunteers!

Ushers/Greeters: *Cheryl & Gary Cage*

Lay Reader: *John Earley*

Refreshments: *Liz King*

Sound Board: *Thom O'Brien*

Children's Sunday School: *Andrea Young*

Flowers: *Stan Parcell*

Adult Sunday School: *Felecia Douglass*

Advent Wreath Ceremony Leaders: *Lin & Charlotte Heath, Liz King*

Sunday, December 15th

*8:30 a.m. – Called Session Meeting – examination of new members

*9:30 a.m. – Worship Service – welcoming new members

(Tina & Norris Chamberlain, Michael Ulrey)

*10:30 a.m. – Congregation Informational Meeting,
followed by Fellowship & Refreshments

*10:50 a.m. – Adult Sunday School

Monday, December 16th

*6:00 p.m. – Session Meeting

Tuesday, December 17th

*6:00 p.m. – Holy Hops

Wednesday, December 18th

*7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal



- No Choir Rehearsal on December 25 or January 1 -

We look forward to hearing the New Hanover Choir at our 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service, along with the New Hanover Ringers and other special music.

Adult Sunday School

An Advent Study of the Nativity Stories

This week we continue our advent series on **“Seeing the Nativity with Fresh Eyes.”** All too often, Christmas becomes trees and presents, as we get lost in the frantic rushing around of the season. In Sunday School, we will spend time looking at different elements of the nativity story and how they impact our everyday lives.

On Sunday, **Felecia Douglass** will focus our attention on the innkeeper, so that we can see his actions with fresh eyes. Imagine the scene: Mary and Joseph have come to the busy city with no place to go, and scarce resources. They look ragged...like peasants with little money and no place to stay.

What should an innkeeper, trying to run a business with scarce resources, do? Perhaps, the innkeeper has something to say to a modern culture where the poor and the homeless wander our streets on these cold Christmas nights.



In Christ's Service 2020 Stewardship Campaign

As we move into the final weeks of 2019, we can reflect on an amazing year of growth for New Hanover Presbyterian Church!

Our solid foundation of annual giving has allowed us to provide hands on ministry outreach to those in need both locally and around the world. We have expanded our worship and education programs. What a truly wonderful year this has been!

We ask that you help us maintain this momentum by prayerfully considering providing your generous support to the **2020 In Christ's Service Stewardship Campaign**. Pledge cards have been mailed out, and additional cards are available in the church office. **The deadline has been extended to December 22.**

Today is the last day to order
tradition at New Hanover to fill
in memory of/or in honor of
Eve service. If you are interested in ordering poinsettia(s) this year, please fill in an order form and leave it on the desk in the church office.



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our chancel area with poinsettias
loved ones during our Christmas
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Thank you to Kim & Steve Chau for hosting their annual Christmas party last Saturday and inviting our congregation. It was a special night of fellowship and delicious food.



Shower our Love & Support on Shepherd's Way Relief Center Fill The Box

Our friends at **Shepherd's Way Relief Center**, a faith-based outreach ministry, provide food to their neighbors in need. Many of the people they help do not have the ability to cook, so their pantry consists of **ready-to-eat foods**, such as peanut butter, vienna sausages, protein bars, instant soup bowls, fruit cups, canned ravioli, tuna, crackers, and more.

During this Advent Season, let's do our part to help replenish their small pantry. Please continue to bring in your donations and place them in the donation box located in the narthex. To make a monetary contribution, see Margaret Elliott.