

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

...**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 service.

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 \$2,993.31.

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

New Hanover

NEWS



Sunday, December 22, 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: *Lee & Debbie Blackburn*

Lay Reader: *Steve Chau*

Refreshments: *Kim & Steve Chau*

Sound Board: *Jeff Sigmon*

Children's Sunday School: *Kim Chau*

Flowers: *Janice Reagan in honor of Hellen S. Carter and John Reagan*

Adult Sunday School: *Hank Foley*

Advent Wreath Ceremony Leaders: *Thomas Raper, Andrea Young, Cheryl & Gary Cage*

Sunday, December 22nd

- *8:50 a.m. – Choir Warmup
- *9:30 a.m. – Worship Service
- *10:30 a.m. – Fellowship – Laburnum Commons
- *10:30 a.m. – Handbell Rehearsal
- *10:50 a.m. – Adult Sunday School

Tuesday, December 24th

- *5:00 p.m. – Candlelight Christmas Eve Service



- The church office will be closed on December 25th -

- There will be no children's Sunday School next Sunday -

Adult Sunday School

An Advent Study of the Nativity Stories

This week we conclude 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 have been looking at different elements of the nativity story and how they impact our everyday lives. This week, Hank Foley will address the Bethlehem star. Our surrounding culture tends to think of this star as a comet, meteor, planetary conjunction, and the like. But this is not what first-century readers heard. They thought of stars as angelic beings who directed human affairs.

In this context, the people heard a message about the continued involvement of God in their lives: God had not abandoned them. Come to Sunday School as Hank leads us deeper into this story.

Coming in January: World Religions – A 4-Week Series

Beginning January 5, we will learn a little bit more about Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, and Islam. Dr. Tricia Vesley has taught classes in World Religions at VCU and is eager to share her knowledge with you.

Today is Stewardship Sunday



Stewardship Sunday is the day we celebrate the joy of sharing our lives and our resources in Christ's service. One tangible expression of our stewardship is the act of making a gift or pledge to the church. Today we recognize those gifts and pledges, express gratitude to everyone who shares their resources, and dedicate these benevolences to the Glory of God.

For those still wanting to participate, there are additional pledge cards in the narthex.

A Candlelight Christmas Eve

We hope you and your family and friends join us for our Christmas Eve Service as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It family. There is special music, carols, holy communion, and a children's time. Nursery care is provided.

A special offering is being collected for Cindy Correll, to fund the work that she continues to do in Haiti. Cindy is a PC (USA) mission co-worker.



A Message from Mary Gayle Brittingham

My family and I thank you all so much for your support, prayers, cards, calls, food and love during my mother's illness and at her passing. I was overwhelmed by your attendance at the visitation and funeral, and by the food you provided for the reception. Your support and prayers have given me much peace and strength during this time and has exemplified the love that God has for us. Words cannot express how thankful I am for all of you.

Mary Gayle Brittingham and the family of Mary Gentry



Shepherd's Way Relief Center

Thank you for filling the box!

During this Advent season, we have focused on our friends at **Shepherd's Way Relief Center**, a faith-based outreach ministry that provides food to their neighbors in need.

Margaret Elliott and the rest of the Missions Team thank all of you for your support. Our box was running-over with donations, and Margaret delivered them to **SWRC** this week. Please continue your support throughout the cold winter months. Donations should consist of **ready-to-eat foods**, such as peanut butter, vienna sausages, protein bars, instant soup bowls, fruit cups, canned ravioli, tuna, crackers, and more.