



Mt. Bethel Presbyterian Church



January 2012



Mt. Bethel Welcomes Denise Jones

On January 8th, we welcomed Denise Jones into the life of our church as Director of Children's and Youth Ministry. Denise and her husband Mike are the proud parents of Alison, who is nine, and Andrew who is eight.

Denise brings a wealth of experience and many gifts for ministry into our church family. She is a life-long Presbyterian and has served in several churches in Coastal Carolina Presbytery. She ministered as Director of Youth Ministries and Director of Christian Education at Topsail Presbyterian in Hampstead, NC and Director of Youth and Family Ministries at First Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, NC. Most recently Denise served as a Lay Pastor at McClure Memorial Presbyterian Church in Castle Hayne, NC. At McClure, she provided pastoral duties for the congregation and was instrumental in starting new programs for ages preschool to seniors, as well as a new children's ministry.

Our thanks to the Search Team, led by Lori Foraker, who worked collegially, diligently, and prayerfully together, and to the Holy Spirit who led Denise to us.

*See you in church,
Ingram Hedgpeth*

Opportunities for Christian Education

Sunday School for Children and Youth

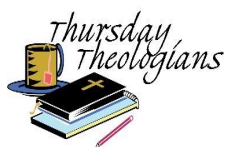
For all our children and youth—come and learn Scripture with your friends on Sunday morning!

Each Sunday, beginning at 10:00am we will have:

NURSERY—birth to 36 mos. Led by Mary Towell.

CHILDREN— all children 3 years old through 5th grade will meet upstairs for a One Room Sunday School led by Peter Varlashkin and Meg Pisczek. We will use the *We Believe* Multi-age curriculum.

YOUTH—6th-12 grades Youth meet with Linda Alling on Sunday mornings to discuss the lectionary passages in preparation for worship.



Thursday Theologians are studying the Gospel of John. Meet with them for fellowship and discussion each Thursday at 7:00pm. Contact Leslie Wickham for details.



Adult Sunday School

Come and learn with other adults at Mt. Bethel!

Bethel Bible Class:

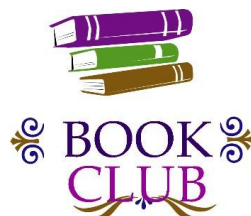
This study group meets in the Library and uses the Cook Sunday School Bible Study. Led by Brown Gardner, Leslie Wickham, Paul Craven, Jim Harris and Carol Gentry.

Explore, Learn, and Share Class:

This class is using the PCUSA *Present Word* curriculum. Paul Laughton and Ken Jones are the leaders.

Coffee and Conversation:

This class meets in the youth house for coffee and conversation. Led by Al Myers.



John Alling will moderate the discussion on this month's Book Club selection at 10:00 a.m. on January 16th. The title of the book is "Season of Life" by Jeffrey Marx. If you are interested in reading this book and joining the discussion, please call or email the office at office@mtbethelchurch.org.

Opportunities for Worship and Music

Come Join Us For Worship in January

Sunday, January 1; 1st Sunday After Christmas

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7;

Luke 2:22-40

Sunday, January 8; Baptism of the Lord

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Sunday, January 15; 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;

1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Sunday, January 22; 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31;

Mark 1:14-20

Sunday, January 29; 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13;

Mark 1:21-28



*Come Worship
With Us*

Opportunities for Fellowship

Kids' Club

Kids' Club will not meet in January but will begin meeting again on February 19th. Information will be emailed at a later date.



White Elephant Gifts

YACs will meet Saturday, January 14th at Pomodoro's Italian Restaurant on Hillandale Road at 6:00 p.m. to share a meal and have our White Elephant Gift Exchange! Wrap the worst gift you received at Christmas and bring it to the dinner. After dinner we will have a gift exchange.

Childcare will be available at the church from 6:00-9:00. Please let us know if you need childcare. We also need RSVPs in order for the restaurant to set up a private room for us. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 14th!!! Call Meg Piszczek at 919-309-0705 or e-mail her at mpiszczek@northwoodravin.com with any questions. **YAC stands for Young-at-Heart Adult Christians, so all are welcome!**



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| January 2 | Jane Gardner |
| January 5 | Carol Kuykendal |
| January 7 | Bill Pate |
| January 12 | Mallory Craig |
| January 13 | Willie Reardon |
| | Renee Foley |
| January 14 | Rowan Jaynes |
| January 16 | Ken Jones |
| January 17 | Marie Brann |
| | Pete Henderson |
| January 19 | Becky Buck |
| | Merchele Pate |
| January 30 | Carson Whisler |



For all Women of the Church:

Yes, it's Tea Time!!

- When: February 4th at 2:30pm*
Where: Washington Duke Hotel
Cost: \$20 per person
RSVP: Drexel at 383-3854 if you'd like to join us for this fun event!

Men's Lunch



All men are welcome to gather for lunch on Tuesdays. We meet at 11:45 at The Federal, 914 W. Main St. Durham. Contact the office for infor-

Youth News

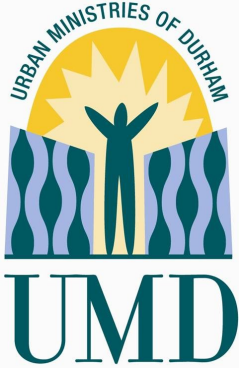
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Youth will meet Sunday, January 8 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. for a fun evening of food and fellowship. Pete Henderson will lead the group.
- Youth will meet Sunday, January 15 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. for a “Meet and Greet” with our new Director of Youth and Children’s Ministry—Denise Jones! All youth and their parents are invited to attend. We will need a volunteer to provide the meal.

A big THANK YOU to the Myers, Pormanns, Forakers, Bucks and Jacksons for hosting our Progressive Dinner last month. We had a great turn-out and lots of fun!

- Dates for summer 2012 have been announced:
 - July 8-13 possible combined mission trip to DC.
 - July 17-20 Massanetta Middle School retreat.
 - July 29-Aug 4 Montreat High School conference.

January Outreach



On Wednesday, January 25th we will serve at Urban Ministries. If you can help out, please consider contributing some of the following items: hotdogs and buns (we'll need 500), potato salad, baby carrots, ketchup, mustard, and lemonade. Please use a sign-up sheet in the narthex, if you can provide any of these items.



THANKS TO everyone who helped support our Angel Tree this year! All the mothers and children at the shelter received their own gifts from us, and there were several more gifts for the shelter on top of that. Everyone was extremely appreciative that we would remember them during the holiday season!

The Outreach Committee

NOTES FROM THE DECEMBER SESSION MEETING:

- **The combined officer retreat has been scheduled for Saturday January 28th at 8:30 a.m. (coffee, etc at 8:00).**
- **Our annual congregational meeting is tentatively set for February 19th, pending budget approval.**
- **Session does not expect that Committee meetings in December, unless absolutely necessary, need to occur. We know this is a busy month of preparation and family events!**
- **Due to scheduling conflicts, the next Session meeting will be January 31st (not the normal 3rd Tuesday of the month)**
- **Approved specific unused funds to be moved within the restricted fund account.**
- **Stewardship pledge reminders will be sent by email.**
- **Budget package to be presented in January Session meeting for approval.**

Many thanks to all those who keep our Building and Grounds in terrific shape.

**In Christ's Service,
Session (Ed Daw, Brown Gardner, Paul Laughton, Al Myers, Lindsay Neill, Meg Piszczek, Kristen Pormann, Pat Rust, Hedge)**

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 9:45 Sunday School</p> <p>10:55 Worship</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11:45 Men's Lunch</p> <p>2:00 Staff Mtg.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:15 Worship Committee Mtg.</p> <p>7:00 Choir</p> <p>8:00 Bells</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 Thursday Theologians</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 9:45 Sunday School</p> <p>10:55 Worship</p>  <p>Communion</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00 Diaconate Mtg.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:45 Men's Lunch</p> <p>2:00 Staff Mtg.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 Choir</p> <p>8:00 Bells</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00 Thursday Theologians</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 9:45 Sunday School</p> <p>10:55 Worship</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11:45 Men's Lunch</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:00 Chimes</p> <p>7:00 Choir</p> <p>8:00 Bells</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 Thursday Theologians</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 9:45 Sunday School</p> <p>10:55 Worship</p>  <p>Communion</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>11:45 Men's Lunch</p> <p>2:00 Staff Mtg.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:00 Choir</p> <p>8:00 Bells</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 Thursday Theologians</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:30 Session/ Diaconate Mtg.</p>
<p>29 9:45 Sunday School</p> <p>10:55 Worship</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>11:45 Men's Lunch</p> <p>2:00 Staff Mtg.</p> <p>7:00 Session Mtg.</p>				

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Worship Responsibilities for the Month of January

ACOLYTES

January 1	Mary Emma Holloway
January 8	Robert Alling
January 15	Ashleigh Pisczek
January 22	Lauren Laughton
January 29	Thomas Alling

AUDIO TECHNICIAN

Ed Daw

CHILDREN'S SERMON

January 1	John Alling
January 8	Aubrey Whisler
January 15	Meg Pisczek
January 22	Meg Pisczek
January 29	Ellen Mihaich

GREETERS

January 1	Pete and Gertrude Collins
January 8	Pete and Gertrude Collins
January 15	Michael and Ashley Sherrod
January 22	Michael and Ashley Sherrod
January 29	Rosita Garrett

JR. CHURCH

January 1	John Pormann/Bonnie Deppenbrock
January 8	Nancy Wilson/Lori Foraker
January 15	Jen Holloway/Aubrey Whisler
January 22	Vicki Chappell/Jadie Rogers
January 29	Vicki Chappell/Amy McCallister

NURSERY

January 1	Mary Towell/Beth Wickham
January 8	Mary Towell/Drexel Jackson
January 15	Mary Towell/Sunita Jones
January 22	Mary Towell/Jen Holloway
January 29	Mary Towell/Jenny Williams

OFFERING COUNTERS

January	Kristen Pormann/Amy Pope
January 8	Pat Rust/Jadie Rogers
January 15	Ed Daw/Ed Cheek
January 22	Brown Gardner/Pete Collins
January 29	Paul Laughton/Helena Coman

SCRIPTURE READERS

January 8	John Pormann
January 15	John Pormann
January 22	Youth
January 29	Brooke Heidenfelder

