

*December at...*



For period December 1-31 2014  
Mailing Date November 20, 2014

**Featured in this issue:**

- ◆ *Cabbage Patch Christmas*
- ◆ *John Coffin*

## The Promise that Will Not Be Denied

I invite you to join us as we walk toward the manger during this Advent season. I invite you to come and share in the promise of the Christ Child. A promise that will not be denied.

Advent is a time of preparation. How appropriate since we all secretly know that we are not ready to meet the God, whose coming to us is announced during this liturgical season. We are called to look for those signs that are all around us, signs we tend to ignore. We ignore them because in our hearts we know the things we cling to are temporary and fragile but feel at least to be within our power. God offers that which is eternal but which frightens us because it is out of our control.

We are not ready to meet God so God calls us to repent. We are to repent our false securities and pray for the patience that will enable us to watch and wait for the "Coming One." God's coming rewards our waiting. God's Spirit comes to free us and yet our sin keeps us from recognizing the Holy One among us. But the power of the promise will not be denied.

"Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11

God offers us a room in God's house and yet we still do not make room for God in our lives. But the power of the promise will not be denied. God comes to us and to our world. A child is born, a son is given, the virgin Mary says "Yes" to God.

All of our preparation during this season moves us ever so steadily toward that "Yes." A child comes to life and light comes into a dark world that will never be dark again. The promise, which will not be denied, overcomes the "No" of the world with the everlasting "Yes" of the everlasting God. Amen.

*John*

### Sunday Worship Schedule

For Sundays, Nov. 23 through Dec. 14, we will have worship at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and Contemporary worship at 10:00 a.m. in Living room. For Sunday, Dec. 21 we will have one service for lessons and carols at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. For Sunday, December 28, we will have one service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

### Advent Decorating

Advent decorating event will be Saturday Nov. 29 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. All are invited for fellowship and fun as we help decorate the church for the season of Advent. Donuts and hot drinks will be provided. Please meet in the Foyer if you would like to help.

**HBPres.net**

We've updated our Website!  
Check it out!

## Sunday Worship

10:00 a.m. *Living Room*  
11:00 a.m. *Sanctuary*

### December 7

Isaiah 40:1-11  
Mark 1:1-8  
“A Wilderness Experience”  
John Roper

### December 14

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Luke 1:46b-55  
“Secrets Revealed”  
John Roper

### December 21

**One 11:00 service of  
Lessons and Carols**  
Luke 1:26-38  
“Word”  
John Roper

### December 28

TBD  
Kimberly Cabrera

## Christmas Eve Services

5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
11:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

## Ushers—11:00 a.m.

### December 7 & 14

Anne Hughes (Head Usher)  
India Hoddy  
Gail Hudson  
Doug Holm  
Mike & Sara Hunter  
Donna Jones

### December 21

Beth Kolodey (Head Usher)  
Carolyn Holm  
Cherry Kelly  
Frank & Marla Kosnik  
Leslie Koenig  
Mary Lou Krieg

### December 28

Beth Kolodey (Head Usher)  
Frank & Marla Kosnik  
Leslie Koenig  
Mary Lou Krieg  
Alice Judy  
Carolyn Judy

## Lay Readers

### December 7

11:00 TBA

### December 14

11:00 TBA

### December 21

11:00 TBA

### December 28

11:00 TBA

## Greeters—11:00 a.m.

### December 7

Jennifer & Devin Hoert

### December 14

Mike & Sarah Hunter

### December 21

Carolyn & Alice Judy

### December 28

Cherry Kelly

## HBPres Holiday Hours

The church office will close at noon on Wed., December 24.

The building will be closed on December 25, 26 and 27.



**OH HOLY NIGHT!**

## Coffee Cove

For the month of December if no one is there, the coffee cove will be self serve.

Winter is here so please check [WHAS11.com](http://WHAS11.com) (TV and website) and [HBPres.net](http://HBPres.net) for closings and cancellations. If Jefferson County Public schools are closed, the building will be closed.

## Welcome, New Members

Please be sure to greet Susan Schneider, who has returned home to Louisville after 14 years in North Carolina. Susan, who works for Jefferson County Public Schools, is a former member of **HBPres**. She has a daughter, Alexandria, who is in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Susan, who is an avid runner, recently completed the New York City Marathon to support her 90-year-old friend.

Also welcome Brenda Holder, who is new to the Louisville area, coming to us from Arkansas. Brenda is a student at the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She has four adult children who live in Arkansas and Louisiana. Brenda enjoys music—she has joined the **HBPres** Chancel Choir—reading, baking, sewing, volunteering and teaching.

## Contribution Envelopes

2015 **HBPres** contribution envelopes will be available on a table behind the Welcome Center beginning at the end of December. Call the church office at 896-1791 if you have any questions.

## Notes from Session

The Session of **HBPres** met on November 4, 2014 for a stated meeting. Following the devotion by Penny Stewart, the following business was handled:

- Committees shared their ideas on changes in our worship and ways to reach out to the community and bring the community to **HBPres**. Further action will be taken at Session's January retreat.
- Adam Fischer and Larry Brandenburg gave their staff reports.
- Mike Schmied gave a report on the work of the Support Committee.
- Marianne Humphries gave a report on behalf of the Preschool Board.
- Kim Cabrera reported on the **HBPres** ads on Wave3.com.
- The **HBPres** annual congregational meeting will be Sunday, February 22, 2015 at 12:00 noon in the sanctuary.
- Dave Doehnert reported on the confirmation class. Session members have been assigned a confirmand to mentor through this journey. The Session will examine the confirmands on December 13.
- Anne Hughes reported on the September Mid-Kentucky Presbytery meeting.
- Doug Earley, Anne Hughes, Marianne Humphries and Doug Mann attended the November 15 presbytery meeting in Elizabethtown, Ky.

The next Session gathering will be January 23 and 24 for our winter retreat at Law's Lodge on the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary campus.



# Caring for our Church Family

## Deacon's Corner

Merry Christmas! May ALL the Deacons, their flocks and their loved ones have a blessed New Year.

Deacons, please remember your flock during this holy season.

*Marla Kay Kosnik*



## Wellness Brief

Watch out—here comes the flu fast & furious.

The flu can knock you out for weeks, and that's if you're young and healthy. Symptoms include muscle aches and pain, fever, headaches and exhaustion. For the very young, the elderly and those with weak immune systems the risk of major complications, such as pneumonia, are very high. The best protection is to get vaccinated and soon. The vaccine prevents flu up to 80 percent of the time in adults younger than 60 and about half the time in those 65 and older. If you do get sick after the vaccine, the case is usually milder.

Don't wait to take anti-viral drugs if you are at high risk. If you have symptoms, start an anti-viral within 48 hours. Call your doctor as these drugs can ease flu symptoms, reduce complication and cut the chance of spreading the disease. DO NOT take antibiotics as they work against bacteria and not viruses. (This also reduces the effectiveness of antibiotics when you need them.)

Please be ahead of the flu in 2014/2015. The statistics are high for death with approximately 30,000 per year and an estimate of 200,000 hospitalizations per year.

*Wellness Committee*

### Remembering:

Ann Kirk who died Wednesday, Oct., 22, Ann Cunningham who died Sunday, Nov 2, Allene Hutson who died Tuesday, Nov. 4, Georgia Baker who died Sunday, Nov. 9, and Cissie Willey who died Tuesday, Nov. 18

### Prayer Requests:

Audrey McGrath, Tom Wolfe, Warren Strahl, Holly Popeck, Clara Stone, Donna Jones, Bud & Marlene Mitchell, Bev Brown, Jack Valla, Cissie Willey, The Kirk Family, Allan & Sherri Eaton, The Hutson Family, The Cunningham Family, Dick Weller, The Bumpas Family, Becky Van Buren (Bill & Priscilla Becker's daughter), Ray Telschow (Glenna Henkenmeier's brother-in-law), Patrick Coyle (Mary Reid's Son-in-law), Dana Brent (Suzanne Brent's Sister), Faye Jackson (Carol Grigg's Cousin), Karen (Skip & Edith Light's Daughter), Janet Doyle (Lynn Cole's Aunt).

### Mission Co-Workers:

Rochelle & Tyler Holm, Gwenda & John Fletcher, Jeff & Christie Boyd, Rev. Dr. Dustin & Sherry Ellington, Dr. Larry and Inge Sthreshley.



# Caring for our Neighbors

## Thank You, Touched Twice Health Clinic Volunteers

On Saturday, October 25, fifteen **HBPres** members volunteered their time at the Touched Twice Health Clinic at St. Matthews Methodist Church. They helped in many different areas, especially as “advocates,” who accompanied each family unit through the services they requested. Others were visible helping in medical services, food pantry, clothing closet, pharmacy and various other services. The Prayer Room was available to anyone wishing to use it during the clinic with ministers giving spiritual support.

Special thanks to Fred Bennett, who not only was the official photographer for the event, but also transferred all the food and clothing collected at **HBPres** in October to St. Matthews Methodist. Many other **HBPres** members helped through their generous giving of items for the clothes closet and food pantry.

Thanks to all who assisted with this valuable ministry for our community.

*Mary Alice Grover*

**HBPres** Representative

Touched Twice Health Clinic



## Rissler to Head PC(USA) Investment and Loan Program

Jim Rissler, a long-time member of **HBPres**, has been named president and chief executive officer of the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) effective January 1.

One of six national agencies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), PILP provides low cost loans for capital projects to churches, governing bodies and related entities.

Jim, who has a bachelor’s degree in economics and business administration from Vanderbilt University, had served as PILP’s vice president and chief operating officer since 1999 following a career in commercial banking.

## Reach Volunteers are needed!

We will have three concerts in the Sanctuary of **HBPres** in December. We want to offer a warm welcome to our concert guests. If you are able to help with greeting and directing people at any of the concerts, please call the church office, 896-1791.

- **Louisville Youth Choir** – A Christmas Festival, Friday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Louisville Winds** – Sunday December 14 at 3:00 p.m.
- **Brass Band of Louisville** – Sunday, December 21 at 3:00 p.m.

# Ministry at HBPres



## Grocery Cart

The items collected in the Grocery Cart will be included in the Cabbage Patch Christmas Baskets. Items most needed are: paper products, paper towels, facial tissue, toilet paper, soap products for the: kitchen, laundry and bathroom. We also need hair products, especially those for African-American hair such as: Cream of Nature, KeraCare, Paul Mitchell and Kinky Curly hair products.

For questions/concerns, contact Wilma Bennett (459-7705).

If you are facing difficulties in life, open your heart to God's love and grace through the care of a Stephen Minister. We offer the gift of a confidential relationship and encouragement. Christ will work in the care receiver and caregiver, sharing His love and peace in both.

Please call Doug Earley, Scott Blake or a pastor if you would consider a Stephen Minister, or if you would like to talk to us about becoming a trained Stephen Minister.

Blessings and peace to you all at this sacred time of year,

*The Stephen Ministers*



## A Philharmonia Christmas

The Louisville Philharmonia invites you to two holiday concerts in the Sanctuary of Beargrass Christian Church. The concerts, which are free, are Friday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 6 at 1:30 p.m. The musicians of the Louisville Philharmonia are very excited to be members of an orchestra which is operated and managed by the musicians themselves. The orchestra, made up of local part-time and full-time musicians including many who are members of **HBPres**, have come together to perform great music and share their passion for music with the community.



# Remembering John Coffin

Former Harvey Browne Parish Associate John Coffin died November 9 at age 85. He had struggled in recent years with Alzheimers Disease but, according to his wife and lifetime companion, Lou Alice, remained to the end the sweet, gentle soul so many knew and loved. He had a wit few could match and will long be remembered for stories that could “bring down the house,” including at times the house of worship that is **HBPres**.

The following is from an obituary published by the Presbyterian News Service:

John Coffin was born in Hillsboro, Texas. He attended Austin College and Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va. After graduation, he served as pastor of two small churches in Texas, thus fulfilling a prerequisite for overseas mission service for the former Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (PCUS).

In 1955, Coffin arrived in Leopoldville, Congo (now Kinshasa) where he organized schools and churches. Returning to the U.S. in 1957, he served in various capacities for the PCUS’s Board of World Missions for 13 years, interspersed with three more pastorates in Austin, Calvert and Mayfield, Texas.

In 1973, the Coffins moved to Atlanta, where John joined the General Assembly Mission Board staff of the PCUS. Over the course of the next 14 years he served as director of partnership services, associate for planning and budgeting and overseas missionary personnel and recruitment officer.

When the post-Presbyterian reunion Structural Design for Mission was approved in 1986, creating nine “ministry units” for the PC(USA), Coffin was fought over, with at least two of the new units seeking him as their director. On March 26, 1987 Coffin accepted the call to be founding director of the Stewardship and Communication Development Ministry Unit at the brand-new Presbyterian Center in Louisville.

He held that position until 1994, when he retired after the ministry unit structure was dismantled to make way for a more streamlined organization.

Coffin’s office at the Presbyterian Center was a treasure trove. He sought — and was denied — permission to remove the “standard issue” built-in desk in his office to make way for an heirloom desk he inherited from his grandfather. [Somehow he managed—under cover of darkness no doubt—to move in his grandfather’s desk, which remained until he retired. The reporter writing his obituary also recalled a glass display cabinet in John’s office and reported, “The only item in the cabinet was the jawbone of an ass — Texan, too, no doubt. A sign on the cabinet read: ‘In case of Philistines, break glass.’”]

In addition to Lou Alice, John Coffin is survived by five sons and a number of grandchildren. Memorial service arrangements are pending.

*Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Lou Alice at 4089 S. Creek Ct. Austell, GA. 30106 or at [lacoffin@avillager.org](mailto:lacoffin@avillager.org).*

# What's Going On...

## Presbyterian Men's Group

The **Saturday Men's Group** will not meet in December.

The **Thursday Men's Fellowship** will not meet in December.

Contact Bill Williamson for information about either group, 896-1791 ext. 112

## Ladies Book Talk

The Ladies Book Talk will meet in the Barret Room (C28) at **HBPres** Tuesday, December 30 at 11:30 a.m. Instead of our normal book discussion, we will have our Christmas celebration. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Faltin at 326-5069.



## The Men's Book Forum

The **HBPres** Men's Book Forum will have its annual Christmas dinner Tuesday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bristol Bar and Grill on Hurstbourne Pkwy. Men, please bring your wives.

Contact Gary Faltin, 326-5069, so we will know how many will be there.

Our regular book review for December will be Monday, January 5 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 206.



## Just Trade Craft Fair

Our International Just Trade Craft Fair will be the first Sunday in Advent, November 30 in Emory Hall. There will be an exciting array of fair trade crafts from Peru, Palestine, India and Africa. This is a great opportunity to shop not only to please friends and family, but also to help those in need. Chocolate and coffee will also be on sale. Your purchases help change lives.

## Bookanalia

Bookanalia does not meet in December.

The book for January is *And The Mountains Echoed* by Khalid Hosseini.

See you then.

## ADULT EDUCATION DURING ADVENT

HBPres University Advent Adult Sunday School Classes 9:45 a.m.

### Session Room “A STUDY OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY”

Bill Williamson will lead a Bible study of the stories we read every year but rarely study.

- Week 1 Matthew's genealogy and annunciation to Joseph
- Week 2 Wise men and Herod's rampage
- Week 3 Annunciation to Mary and Magnificat in Luke
- Week 4 Birth, manger, no room in inn, shepherds

Bill will also lead the class with his guitar as they sing a few Christmas hymns from our "Glory to God" hymnal.

### ROOM C26 MARINERS “ACCOUNTS OF JESUS’ BIRTH”

These sessions are taken from [thethoughfulchristian.com](http://thethoughfulchristian.com) and focus particularly on the addition of birth/infancy narratives in Matthew and Luke. Session 1 also discusses the beginning of John's Gospel. Session 2 expands the discussion to some important non-canonical Gospels and argues that these narratives suggest that questions about Jesus' birth and infancy remained an important topic of discussion within early Christian communities.

### ROOM 216 FAST FAITH with Kim Cabrera “INTERRUPTED BY HOPE”

4 Short Films on Turning Toward Advent from [theworkofthepeople.com](http://theworkofthepeople.com).

### Wednesday Night Advent Bible Study “PREPARE”

Our Advent texts this year are so rich. They are full of depth and energy which will propel us forward to the grand celebration of Christ's Birth. John Roper will lead a three week advent lectionary series at 6:30 in room 206.

December 3<sup>rd</sup>: Isaiah 40:1-11& Mark 1:1-8  
“A Wilderness Experience”

December 10<sup>th</sup>: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 & Luke 1:46b-55  
“Secrets Revealed”

December 17<sup>th</sup>: Luke 1:26-38  
“Word”





**There are two weeks until we deliver gifts and groceries to our Cabbage Patch families, so you still have an opportunity to be involved. Shopping day on November 8 was a huge success. Thanks to Betsy Barrick for her leadership. Our HBPres shoppers, with calculators, pen and paper in hand, were great companions to the mothers of our families.**

**Look below to see how you can continue to help.**

- **Wrap gifts** on Wednesday nights after dinner in room 209.  
Laura Krausen, [lkrausen1@att.net](mailto:lkrausen1@att.net) 295-9585
- **Take a tag off the tree** in foyer from Anne Hughes to buy toys and gifts for the children in our families. Anne Hughes, [hughestaaj@gmail.com](mailto:hughestaaj@gmail.com) 254-5103
- **Grocery sorting night** in Emory (gym) Alan and Nancy Pollock,  
[al@computerconcepts.net](mailto:al@computerconcepts.net), [nancy@computerconcepts.net](mailto:nancy@computerconcepts.net) 458-6413
- **Delivering to our families.** Bob Smith, [smith103@bellsouth.net](mailto:smith103@bellsouth.net) 254-2008
- **Donate to this fine cause.** Money will be collected all this month to help with the cost of gifts and groceries.

\$10,000 is our goal for 2014. Please make your check payable to Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church and write "Cabbage Patch Christmas" on the memo line.

## **News from Harvey Browne Preschool**

Registration packets for Harvey Browne Preschool's 2014-2015 school year are now available. The preschool has classes for children 2 ½ through kindergarten. Church members have priority registration and can begin registering now. Priority registration ends January 23.

There will be an open house January 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the **HBPres** Living Room.

Please visit our website at [www.harveybrownepreschool.org](http://www.harveybrownepreschool.org).

If you would like to set a time for a tour or have questions, please contact Barbara Bailey or Anne Hughes in the preschool office at 895-2577.



You are invited to the  
Presbyterian Women of  
Harvey Browne  
Christmas Coffee

December 6, 2014  
10:00 AM  
Foyer of the church

*\*Come enjoy a morning of music\**

Ginny Pollock and Bill Williamson  
The Guitar Ladies  
Harpsichord and 2 flutes  
(Larry, Beth and Alice)



## Session Members

Anne Hughes  
*Clerk of Session*  
Linda Brantley  
Marty Cundiff  
Dave Doehnert  
Doug Earley  
Tom Frentz  
Allen Gilfert  
Will Hilyerd  
Doug Holm  
Gail Hudson  
Anne Hughes  
Marianne Humphries  
Alice Judy  
Frank Kosnik  
Kara Lewis  
Bruce Lindsey  
Doug Mann  
Lynn Overstreet  
Pat Pernicano  
Mike Schmied  
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Missy Turner

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### Deadlines for January Newsletter

*Please note that because of the holidays, deadlines for the January 2015 Newsletter will be much earlier than usual:*

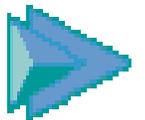
Deadline for articles is **December 8th.**

Folding and mailing on **December 18th.**

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