

- ◆ *Micro Missions*
- ◆ *Hospitality Night Returns*

## Hope Beyond the Holidays

It's exceedingly hard to write a January newsletter article in mid-December. January will bring with it a whole new year. There will be the temptation to write resolutions we will not keep. There will be the regret of the five pounds we gained over Christmas. There will probably be snow to shovel and days that are too cold to allow outdoor walks, causing both you and the dog to have cabin fever. The joy of celebrating the birth of the Christ child will have come and gone and those joyous Christmas carols will be but a faint memory. The next big celebration to distract us from the despair of winter may well be the Super Bowl party and as I recall, my team got beat last year leaving me very disappointed.

The good news is that for Christians the Super Bowl is not the only hope we have. January 6 is Epiphany, which we will celebrate on Sunday, January 4. We will recall that the light that was born into the world at Christmas did not go out at our New Year's celebration. No, the light has come into the world and it will just keep illuminating those many dark places in our lives and in our world.

The light will also reveal that we are not what we ought to be and so we will move toward Ash Wednesday and remember to whom we belong by marking our forehead with ashes. Now we are off to Lent, which is a time of penitence and confession. When we reach Easter, we will find that the light has vanquished the darkness. Indeed the child born to us has died for us and God has raised that very child from the dead in final victory.

Left to our own devices the world would have us believe that our lives are merely despair with glitter. Left to God's devices we discover that the one who created the Word who dwelt among us is also the one who had the final word. That word is the name that is above every name—Jesus Christ. That word is the antidote for a hopelessness that is defeated by our Lord's promise of peace on Earth and goodwill to all God's people. Amen.

*John*

"Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,"

*Matthew 2:1*

## Contribution Envelopes

Don't forget to pick-up your 2015 **HBPres** contribution envelopes. They are located in the foyer behind the Welcome Center.

Call the church office at 896-1791 if you have any questions.

**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.**

**HBPres.net**  
We've updated our Website!

## Sunday Worship

*Chapel 8:30 a.m.*  
*Chapel 10:00 a.m.*  
*Sanctuary 11:00 a.m.*

### January 4

Jeremiah 31:7-14; John 1:1-18  
"You Can Get There from Here!"  
John Roper

### January 11

Genesis 1:1-5; Mark 1:4-11  
"The Prototype"  
John Roper

### January 18

1 Samuel 3:1-10; John 1:43-51  
"Come and See"  
John Roper

### January 25

Jonah 3:1-5 and Mark 1:14-20  
"Bible Pick Up Lines"  
Adam Fischer



## Coffee Cove



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

## Ushers—8:30 a.m.

### January 4 & 11

Bill & Lydia Dobbs  
Barbara & Robert Graas

### January 18 & 25

Eric & Susan Lehmann  
Adrian & Lynn Cole

## Ushers—10:00 a.m.

### January 4

Head Usher: Skip Light  
Edith Light  
Bruce Lindsey  
Margaret Lindsey  
Karen Overpeck  
Theresa Reker  
Janie Roper  
Mke Schmied  
Sherryl Schmied

## Ushers—11:00 a.m.

### January 11

Head Usher: Skip Light  
Edith Light  
Bruce Lindsey  
Margaret Lindsey  
Karen Overpeck  
Theresa Reker  
Janie Roper  
Mke Schmied  
Sherryl Schmied

### January 18 & 25

Head Usher: Jeanne Luhr  
Dee Pregliasco  
Barbara Stephens  
Sarah Strapp  
Michael Sutphin  
Sara Sutphin  
Jeurgan Tossman  
Kit Tossman  
Missy Turner

## Lay Readers

### January 4

8:30 TBA  
10:00 TBA

### January 11

8:30 TBA  
11:00 TBA

### January 18

8:30 TBA  
11:00 TBA

### January 25

8:30 TBA  
11:00 TBA

## Ushers & Greeters



## Greeters—10:00 a.m.

### January 4

Mike & Sherryl Schmied

## Greeters—11:00 a.m.

### January 11

Bruce & Margaret Lindsey

### January 18

Dee Pregliasco &  
Barbara Stephens

### January 25

Michael & Sarah Sutphin



# Caring for our Church Family

## Thank You

Having a church is one of God's blessings. That gift was proved many, many times in October, November and December to Bud and me. We know because our family lives many, many miles away in Texas. John and Bill said meaningful prayers. Yes, prayers heal.

We can't thank all of you enough, dear members, for all the prayers and visits.

Bud & Marlene Mitchell



### Prayer Requests:

Audrey McGrath, Tom Wolfe, Warren Strahl, Holly Popeck, Donna Jones, Bev Brown, Jack Valla, Allan & Sherri Eaton, Dick Weller, Mary Smith, Sarah Jane Hunter, Sherryl Schmied, The Felty Family, Wilha Evans, Becky Van Buren (Bill & Priscilla Becker's daughter), Ray Telschow (Glenna Henkenmeier's brother-in-law), Patrick Coyle (Mary Reid's Son-in-law), Ronald Leach (Bev Brown's brother).

### Mission Co-Workers:

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





## The Gift of Holy Listening

All genuine loving begins with attentive, sensitive listening. This is the “dying to self” about which Jesus speaks. It is the giving up, at least temporarily, of our own point of view. It requires turning aside, for the moment, from our own perceptions in order to be present in the world of another; to see what the other person sees, to feel what the other person feels.

Few other sacrifices are so difficult. And probably no other sacrifice treats you with such exquisite reverence and respect. Make it a priority for the New Year to become a better listener. Start with those in your own family and those in your church family.

Stephen Ministers are trained in the art of listening. It is the most important step in helping someone heal. If you know someone who needs a friend to listen, care and pray with them during a difficult time, call Doug Earley, Scott Blake or one of our pastors.

New Year Blessings from your Stephen Ministry team.

*Doug Earley, 599-7295*  
*Scott Blake, 899-3310*

## Deacon's Corner



To the *HBPres* deacons their families and the church at large:

May God grant each of you wisdom, health and happiness in the coming New Year!

Blessings from the Board of Deacons.

*Peggy Bales, Kim Byram, Lynn & Adrian Cole, Bob Smith, Marla Kay Kosnik and Rev. Kim Cabrera*

## Wellness Brief Hearing Loss and Isolation

Many years ago when my Mother in law was still alive she began to leave the living room in their little house and go to the kitchen by herself. The roar in the living room was just too confusing and she couldn't be a part of the conversation. Her oldest son thought she was "losing it". I knew, even then, she had a hereditary form of hearing loss that affects the nerves. She did pass it on to her children. When one cannot hear they are cut off from so much of life. They do not participate in conversations for fear they will look foolish or repeat a point already made. In a class type discussion they may be ask a question about the subject and they have not heard the speaker.

There are many excellent devices available now and more are being invented every day. Please get help for your loved one now, the price is worth the effort.

Wellness Committee

## Grocery Cart

St. Matthews Area Ministries (ST. MAM) will receive the grocery cart items for January.

The number of families ST. MAM serves has greatly increased in the past few years, so please be as generous as possible. Items most needed are:

- Canned meats, chili
- Canned fruit and veggies
- Pork & beans
- Spaghetti and sauce
- Rice
- Toilet paper, paper towels
- Dish washing liquid
- Laundry detergent

As always, other items will be accepted. For questions/concerns, contact Wilma Bennett, 459-7705.

## Our Shawnee Presbyterian Connection

Look for a mission opportunity next month with our West End sister church, Shawnee Presbyterian. During the second week of February we will jointly serve a meal to the homeless at Wayside Christian Mission. Details will be forthcoming. Shawnee used part of our Pentecost Offering to reach out to their neighborhood this past summer in the form of a block party. They also invested in their neighborhood by being designated as a "Fresh Stop." Every two weeks, African-American farmers from Bullitt County brought fresh fruits and vegetables to the church, where volunteers sorted them out into "shares." The shares had been bought by people in the Shawnee neighborhood who don't have easy access to quality fresh produce. Different chefs also came to the church to demonstrate various ways to cook the fresh produce. It was a big success.

Please join us in February to serve at Wayside Christian Mission with our Shawnee friends.

# Mission at *HBPres*

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## Quilts for Uspiritus

The *HBPres* Quilters Group delivered seven twin-sized quilts to the Bellewood campus of Uspiritus in December. Uspiritus gives each child on campus a blanket or quilt, which they get to keep even after they leave. We also gave a baby quilt to a two-month-old in one of the Cabbage Patch families and a lap quilt to another family.

We had five quilters this year and would love to have more. We do machine quilting the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month (except December) from 9:00 a.m. to noon in Room 209. We have two closets full of fabric and plenty of room for people join us.

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SHARE.PRAY.GIVE.GO.



## Congo Schools Update

Out of nearly 1,000 Presbyterian schools in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, more than 80 percent are deteriorated or collapsing. Many are made only of thatch and mud or deteriorating brick and tin. The Congo Education Excellence Project, a cooperative venture of Congo's Presbyterian churches and U.S. churches and individuals, is a first step toward restoring these schools.

Books have been purchased, teacher training has been conducted, a motorcycle has been purchased for an education supervisor, schools have been repaired and two new schools (Zapo Zapo and Mualabala) have been completed. Construction on a third school is scheduled to begin in January.

To help with this project, *HBPres* has received a \$1,000 grant from Mid-Kentucky Presbytery for the Congo Education Excellence Project. Learn more at <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/global/democratic-republic-congo/>

## Churchill Downs Micro-Mission

On January 19, we will have our second micro-mission to Churchill Downs to provide dinner for the families who spend the winter in Louisville.

At that time of year, most of the employees who work with horses are at tracks in the southern U.S., but their wives and children remain here. On Monday evenings there is a worship service in the track's chapel followed by a simple meal.

This is an opportunity to provide food and fellowship for people who can use our support. We had a large group of volunteers last year and I think everyone enjoyed the experience. Watch for more information in early January.

*Emily Brown*

## February Micro Mission

February's micro mission will be on 2/14/15 from 9:00 a.m. until noon at Supplies Over Seas. Volunteers must be 16 years old or older. There are only 15 spots available. Please RSVP to Adrienne Earley at [kyearleys@earthlink.net](mailto:kyearleys@earthlink.net). Supplies Over Seas is located at 1500 Arlington Ave., 40206.

Supplies Over Seas (SOS) is a Louisville, Kentucky-based nonprofit organization that meets critical health care needs in medically impoverished communities around the world by collecting and distributing surplus medical supplies and equipment. SOS promotes environmental stewardship, partnering with hospitals and others to recover and send what would otherwise go to landfills. Since 1993, SOS has saved more than 850 tons of medical equipment and supplies from landfills, and brought health and hope to 100 countries around the globe, including our own.

Volunteers are a key part of collecting and sorting supplies, and also lend crucial administrative support as SOS works to raise public awareness and grow its impact. We will be sorting medical supplies. Please wear comfortable shoes, dress in layers and bring reading glasses if needed. The warehouse is heated but the temperature can fluctuate.





## *Cabbage Patch Christmas 2014 Thank You*

Every year The Cabbage Patch asks **HBPres** to evaluate how many volunteer hours we spent getting ready for the Christmas project for our 20 families.

Each year it seems impossible for us to figure that out. Why, you ask? Check it out below.

- 10 people at committee meetings planning for 2014.
- Shopping for 3 hours at Burlington times at least 20 volunteers and leader, Betsy Barrick, preparing everything.
- Wrapping all those gifts on Wednesday nights and other days with leader, Laura Krausen.
- Getting the tree ready to pick children's names, then individuals taking at least one child's name for whom to buy and wrap and bring a gift back to church with leader, Anne Hughes, coordinating.
- Bringing items for the grocery cart and organization by Wilma and Fred Bennett.
- PDO mothers bringing toiletries for the baskets, thanks to Julie Rousseau.
- Shopping for the food to put into the baskets and those who came to fill all the food baskets with the Mariners and the Pollocks organizing it.
- The "Card Connection" spends countless hours preparing greeting cards then donating \$1500.
- The 20 vehicles that go out to find the homes and deliver the baskets and gifts, and Bob Smith's time working out routes for the drivers (We never get lost! Smile, smile!)
- Time writing newsletter articles and announcements.
- And don't forget the hours spent by people praying for the church and its projects.

So if someone can figure out the total number of hours spent volunteering, I will be glad to pass that on to the Cabbage Patch when we get their questionnaire.

*Thank you* for all the *work, dedication, compassion and generosity* that brings a sense of relief for 20 hard-working families who need a helping hand. *Joy* is giving from the heart.

### *Thank you Harvey Browne for your heart!*

In addition to all these volunteer hours,  
**WE MET OUR \$10,000 GOAL!**

## What's Going On...

### Presbyterian Men's Group

The Saturday group will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Jan. 17, in room 206 at the church.

The Thursday group will meet on Jan. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Kayrouz Cafe for supper and discussion.

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



### Ladies Book Talk

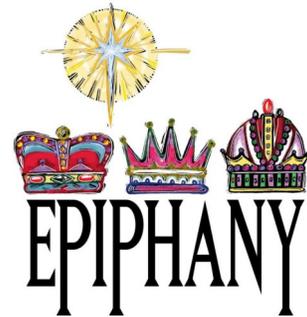
Book Talk will meet at 11:30 a.m., January 27, in the Barrett Room to discuss *Delicious* by Ruth Reichl.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Faltin at 326-5069.

## The Men's Book Forum

The HBPres Men's Book Forum will meet at the church, Monday, January 5 at 1:00 p.m. to review *A Wall In Jerusalem: Hope, Healing and the Struggle for Justice in Israel and Palestine* by Mark Braverman, recommended by Dave Johnson. We will meet again at the church on the fourth Monday, January 26, to review *In The Garden Of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin* by Erik Larson, recommended by Hal Cole.

For more information contact Gary Faltin, 326-5069



## HBPres University Winter Term 2015

January 11—February 25

**Bill Williamson will lead 6 sessions on:**

Strengthening Our Faith with the Heidelberg Catechism

**Tim Cargal will lead 6 sessions on:** Questioning the Bible

**The Mariners Class: January 4, 11 & 18**

"An Epiphany: Who were those Wise Men anyway? And what kind of baby shower gifts are gold, frankincense and myrrh?"

**February 1, 8 & 15**

Death and Afterlife: In this three-session study Dr. Sue Garrett, Dean at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, will consider both Old and New Testament views on death and afterlife—their similarities and their differences—and define what constitutes a contemporary Presbyterian perspective of the meaning of life after death.

# Bookanalia

Bookanalia for Wednesday, January 21 at 6:30 p.m. will feature *And The Mountains Echoed* by Khalid Hossain, reviewed by Sarah Grant.

An Afghan father tells his two children a story that introduces us to a wide variety of relationships in a family that ultimately spreads too many corners of the globe. The novel includes the full spectrum of love from dedication, commitment and loyalty, through jealousy, guilt, betrayal, abandonment and revenge.

If you buy your book at Carmichael's, mention Bookanalia at **HBPres** and receive a 20 percent discount.

Date	Book	Author	Presenter	Notes
Feb. 18, 2015	<i>The Red Tent</i>	Anita Diamant	Molly Pollock	Told in the voice of Jacob's only daughter Dinah, we are given an insider's look at the daily lives of biblical women as they share their stories in the red tent – the place they gather when they are “unclean” during their cycles of birthing, menses, or illness.
Mar. 18, 2015	<i>Love, Life and Elephants</i>	Daphne Sheldrick	Diana Stephen	In this autobiography, Sheldrick describes rescuing and nurturing many orphaned African animals, most notably over 200 elephants, many of whom she has returned to the wild.
Apr. 15, 2015	<i>Poetry Sharing Month</i>	various	You	Bring your favorite poems to share – it might be one or two you have written or a couple you have read and loved and want others to know.
May 20, 2015	<i>Mud Creek Medicine: The Life of Eula Hall and the Fight for Appalachia</i>	Kiran Bhatraju	Vicki Poole-Adams and David Adams	Winner of the 2014 Nautilus Silver Medal Award for Books of Social Justice and the Foreword Review's nominee for Biography of the Year, <i>Mud Creek Medicine</i> tells the story of Eula Hall, who rose from poverty to become a community activist fighting for basic health care as a fundamental right. Rep. John Yarmuth has said that Hall's “story reminds us that the human spirit is as strong as the mountains.”

# Hospitality Night Returns for Two Evenings in February

We read the surveys and listened to many suggestions for our Hospitality Nights, formerly known as Tables of Eight. Our next seasonal gathering will take place in February. Two suggestions we will implement are to offer more than one date, with one of the dates not being a Sunday. We hope this will enable members with a date conflict to join in on the fun and allow parents of youth to participate. In addition we did our best to avoid Super Bowl Sunday, Valentine's Day, and college basketball games.

The dates for our winter Hospitality Nights are **Sunday, February 8** and **Friday, February 27**. We need nine hosts for the dinners. You may pick which night you wish to host a dinner for up to eight people. You will provide the entrée and beverages; guests will bring the side dishes. If you are able to host, please contact me at 893-7931 or [jonikburke@gmail.com](mailto:jonikburke@gmail.com). Both singles and couples are welcome to host. You will receive the names of the people who will be joining you.

If you are interested in attending a February Hospitality Night, there will be a sign-up form in the church bulletin in January or you will find copies at the Visitor Center. You can indicate your preferred date (or indicate no preference).

This is such a great way to meet others, especially if you are fairly new to **HBPres**. I look forward to introducing you to this great opportunity for friendship in our church.

*Joni Burke*

## We're Going Back To School



## News from Harvey Browne Preschool

**Registration**-packets for Harvey Browne Preschool's 2015-2016 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 for church members will end on January 23.

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.

Please visit our website at [harveybrownepreschool.org](http://harveybrownepreschool.org). There will be an Open House on January 14 at 9:30 in the church's living room.

## 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  
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Marianne Humphries  
Alice Judy  
Frank Kosnik  
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Mike Schmied  
Penny Stewart  
Sara Sutphin  
Missy Turner

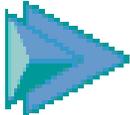
## Pastors and Staff, Phone & E-mail

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**Deadline for submissions to the  
February Newsletter is Jan 20th**

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