

21 DECEMBER WORSHIP WALKUP BUILDING 9 A. M.

We welcome John Rogers as our minister this morning. We are grateful to Pete Peery for this past Sunday and look forward to Mary Miller Brueggemann on 28 December in Walkup.

The Presbytery has appointed Rev. Carol Steele to serve as the moderator of our church for the months of January - June 2009. Carol was a key member of the Administrative Commission that provided guidance to the congregation prior to the election of a Session. We welcome her enthusiastically into this role of leadership and support to our ministry, and we give thanks to God for the leadership of Rev. Patricia McClurg in her role as moderator for the past 14 months. Pat has been a gifted moderator, counselor to many and the cornerstone of our Session in this formulative period.

Advent Bible Study, Tuesday, 16 December at 5:00 p.m. in Walkup. John Rogers will present The Mystery of the Incarnation.

Joy Offering, 21 December during Church.

31 December: New Year's Eve Service in Gaither, 5:30 p.m. led by Mary Miller Brueggemann.

Our church now has a nursery for infants to 4 year olds and a special "tabernacle" for older children's use during the sermon. You are encouraged to use the Allen Building, 8:30-10:30, for childcare.

SVCM: Each Sunday in Advent we will have "HALO" cards available – "Holiday Alternative Love Offering". With your contribution to SVCM you will receive a gift card which you can give/send to someone as an Alternative Christmas gift. From the Minute for Mission given by Renae Brame regarding SVCM (with some economic details: We have a record number of clients requesting help in purchasing Christmas for their children/youth. So far we have 46 households that have requested help. Anyone who wants to adopt a family, please give Renae a call (664-9224). YOU can help by providing food for their pantry, financial donations which can be designated or given to the General Ministry, joining the volunteer team, and continuing to pray for us.!

Pastor on Call for December is Jim Layman(669.6868, 551.0173). The Congregational Care Coordinator is Phyllis Sadler(669.2852/317.1847), coordinator: Peggy Ann Frank(669.8413). Please keep in mind the family of Bob Tuttle. Bob's nine month old grandson is in the Pediatric ICU at Duke Hospital. The baby, Heath has received a new heart which is working well. For updates: go to <http://www.babyheathupdates.blogspot.com/> People close to and in our congregation are facing difficult decisions, suffering silently, not hearing good news, coping with change they did not want or feeling the loss of family. They are in need of our special prayers and kindness.

The need for housing for college students during the January conference has been answered. Thank you!

The mission to Haiti, led by Eric Nichols, will be commissioned on 11 January, 2009. Those going include Eric, Sam Hope, Jim Layman and Jim Henderson.

Remember, Men's Bible Study on the second and fourth Tuesday, at 10 in Huckleberry and Women's Circle every third Monday of the month, at 1:30 in Walkup.

We are trying to get a new directory ready and if your address, phone or e-mail have changed please let us know. You can tell the newsletter, mcneale@aol.com or Bill McCaskill at bmccaskill@charter.net. Bill can let you know about any financial matters you might have with the church, too.

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