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NORTHVIEW'S

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NEWSLINE NEWSLETTER

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11:00 AM

Sunday School
9:45 AM

NEWSLINE

We encourage all members to contribute articles. Articles are due the third Monday of each month for the following month's issue.

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SAINTS ALIVE!

Saints Alive! is a wonderful group of adults who gather for fun and fellowship! Our next meeting time is Tuesday, December 2nd at 10:00 a.m. Bring a bagged lunch and join us for games and a special time. Dessert and beverages are provided. For more information, please contact Paula Lesko paula@theleskos.com or 966-4031.

DAVID AUSTIN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 7th, at 4:00 p.m. for a Christmas concert featuring David Austin and Friends to be held here in Northview's sanctuary. The group has been together for 15 years and traditionally performs concerts during the Christmas season at various venues in the area.



POINSETTIA ORDERS

Northview Preschool will be taking orders for Poinsettias as part of our fundraising efforts. If you would like to place an order for a plant to be placed in the church on Sunday, December 21 (to be left through the Christmas Eve Services) in honor of, in memory of, or just because, please complete the order form below. The cost is \$8.00 (same as last year) for a 6 1/2 inch pot and foil wrapped. Colors available: Red or white. You may place your order in a pew envelope and put it in the collection plate or drop it off at the church office. **DEADLINE: DECEMBER 8TH**. Please make checks payable to Northview Preschool. Order forms may be found on the table in the narthex.

NORTHVIEW PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Northview Preschool is proud to present a Christmas musical of religious and secular songs. We invite you to come and celebrate Jesus' birthday with us on Thursday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.



Presented by Northview's Choir

Saturday, December 13th at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 14th during the 11:00 a.m. worship service



**Christmas Eve
Family Worship
Service**

**Wednesday, December 24
5:30 p.m.**

**Christmas Eve
Candlelight and
Communion Service**



**Wednesday, December 24,
10:00 p.m.**



A Christmas Presence

The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel – which means, “God with us.” – Matthew 1:23

At this time of the year there is more attention paid to our Christmas *presents* than to our Christmas *presence*. The first Christmas was all about *presence* - “God with us.” The meaning of Christmas is God becoming part of his creation in the Christ child – an *incarnation*. Our gifts mean so much more when we are present in the gift-giving.

The Hebrew for presence is *paneh* – “*the face.*” The noun – *paneh* – comes from the Hebrew prime root (verb) – *panah* – “*to turn*” as in “turning to face someone.” The presence of God is understood as “God turning to face us.” Herein lays the transforming power of Christmas – God puts a *face* on the promise (“I will be with you.”).

Throughout 2014 we have met the “faces of the ministries” we have supported. We met Rev. Dwight Haynes (ChalkTalks), Lisa Cox (Teen Challenge Girls), Virginia Conference missionary Mark Stransky (Project Crossroads), Wayne Meadows (Director, Samaritan Inn), and Chaplain Harold Bryant (Salem VA Hospital). Their presence with us in worship gave the bulletin announcements, posters, and collections a face – a

personal connection.

We are the *faces of Northview UMC ministry* – a Christmas presence. Our community needs more than signs and banners proclaiming the opportunities Northview UMC offers. People need to meet the givers of the Good News face to face. The best gift we can offer is to be present physically, emotionally, and spiritually with our spouse, our family, our co-workers, our fellow believers, and our extended community. Let us make a difference in every gathering this Christmas season. Pay attention to the faces around you as they turn towards you. Engage someone in a personal conversation. Personally invite someone to prayer, worship, Bible study, fellowship, and service.

We are the voices of Christmas calling a weary, burdened people to new faith in God – “O come, all ye faithful awaken to praise. Come join in the chorus and welcome the King.” from the choir’s Christmas cantata – “The Voices of Christmas”

**Warmest Christmas Blessings to All!
Pastor Joe**

IT'S CHRISTMAS CARD TIME!!



If you would like to send a Christmas card to another member of the congregation and don't want to have to mail it, then let us do it for you! The Journey Sunday

School class will be sponsoring the Christmas Card exchange this year beginning Sunday, December 7, 2014. We will be collecting and sorting all of the cards and will have them ready for pick up each Sunday in the month of December. The drop off box will be in the main hallway along with the area for your card pick up. The cards will be sorted by name.

Proceeds will benefit Social Club activities. Minimum suggested donation for cards to be delivered is 10 cents per card, but all donations will be generously accepted. Cards will be delivered until December 28.

For additional information please contact Donna Smith, Amy Lyon, or Amy Bradford.

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT

The Staff Parish Committee is collecting monetary donations for the Staff's Christmas gift through December 21st, 2014. If you would like to make a donation please make your check payable to Northview United Methodist Church and mark it staff gift, or you may use a pew envelope and mark it staff gift. We appreciate your contribution towards this gift.



Northview United Methodist Church: The Next Steps

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" – Isaiah 43:19

In a few weeks we will enter our 150th year in ministry. What began in the Bethany Methodist Church will be continued in Northview United Methodist Church. There is much history to celebrate and many saints to remember. We share in the church's legacy whether we are charter members, recently joined, faithful involved, or seeking your special place. Everything we do in this 150th year will be a springboard for embracing the new thing God is doing in and through us.



Even as we are planning and participating in special remembrances and recognitions, let us take **THE NEXT STEPS** in making disciples for Christ for the transformation of the world. What are these *next steps*? They are individual and corporate steps of faith that challenge us to deeper involvement and more enthusiastic sharing of the spiritual gifts God has given us for the common good. Let us pray as the apostle Paul *"that the eyes of our hearts will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is working among us believers."* (Ephesians 1:18-19)

I have a vision of Northview United Methodist Church being a compassionate presence in the Hollins community. I see us building meaningful, supportive relationships with area schools, businesses, and families. I hear us lifting our voices in multiple forms of worship in a variety of settings in and beyond our sanctuary. I feel us working with the poor, the lonely, the hungry,

and those in prison. I can taste the living water of Christ welling up within me and you – overflowing in the lives of others.

- **Do you play a musical instrument? Then let's come together and make music to the Lord.**
- **Do you like to sing? Then let's sing together in choruses of all ages.**
- **Do you know how to fix things? Then let's find what needs fixing and get to work.**
- **Do you like to grow stuff? Then let's start gardens and share the produce.**
- **Do you have more than you need? Then let's share with those who do not have enough.**
- **Do you? Then let's**

We have all we need to make a real difference. Together with God's grace and guidance (and a whole lot of prayer and humility) we will write the next chapter of Northview UMC in the hearts and minds of God's children here and everywhere.

Submitted with Excitement in my heart,

Pastor Joe

ADVENT OFFERING

Your 2014 Advent offering will support the "Imagine No Malaria" project with United Methodist around the world. A \$10 donation can save a life by providing mosquito netting and community education (<http://imaginenomalaria.org>).

Christmas is a beautiful season inviting us to hearken back to childhood. Linked to the world of imagination, Christmas fills us with images and is naturally linked to the world of dreams. Due to an angel who appeared to Joseph in his dreams, the infant Christ was spared from the slaughter of the innocents (Matthew 2:13-18). In our dreams of Christmas, we can save infants and children when we Imagine No Malaria.

Why is this mission especially appropriate for the Christmas season? Two thousand years ago a child who changed human history was born. Every minute in Africa, one child under 5 dies from malaria. At that



rate, more than 37,000 children will die while we are celebrating Advent! Our dreams can lead to ending this modern slaughter of the innocents. If each of us buys only one mosquito net at \$10 each, we can work a miracle!

How can a mosquito net save a life? The only mosquito known to carry malaria, the anopheles



mosquito, is known to deliver her death blow under cover of darkness. So, when you buy a net, you literally put your arms around a child, and you cover that

child sleeping in the darkness, much as Joseph protected Christ by removing him from Herod's reach. Christmas is a time of dreams and imagination, my friends. Help Imagine No Malaria.

ADVENT STUDY

The Fellowship Class is going to put our interesting "**Making Sense of the Bible**" study on hold until after Advent. We began our Advent Study on Sunday, November 30, using the Advent Study "**Not a Silent Night**" by Adam Hamilton in order to spend some time with **Mary**. In "**Not a Silent Night**", Adam Hamilton looks at Jesus' life through the eyes of his mother. Imagine what Bethlehem must have looked like from Mary's point of view. Focus your own gaze on the Savior she knew as her beautiful child! Beginning with the crucifixion and resurrection, then backtracking through Jesus' life and ministry, Hamilton paints a fresh and moving portrait of the Messiah's life. **You are invited to join us at 9:45 a.m. in our classroom located in the Family Life Center.**



PRESCHOOL NEWS



November was a very exciting month for us. We had parent/teacher conferences where all of us, well almost all of us, got very good reports! Some of us made a pumpkin pie and some

made pumpkin bread...yummm. We had chapel with Pastor Joe.

We had our fundraiser dinner with Carrabba's Italian Restaurant and the meal was wonderful!! Thanks to those of you who participated.

As part of our Native American and Pilgrim themes for this month, we made Indian drums, and necklaces; had a Pow-Wow; and ate "Indian" food. We had our Thanksgiving parties and then a three day vacation for Thanksgiving.

We have started preparing for our Christmas "Cantata" on Thursday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. We hope that some of you will want to come and hear our Christmas songs.

We hope you have a wonderful and happy Thanksgiving.

Becky Hinrichs, Director

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

A BIG THANK YOU to all who contributed to the UMW Bake Sale. We made \$335.75. Thanks so much for all of your support this year.

Mark your calendar now Dec. 9th for our Annual Christmas Dinner with the United Methodist Men. Spouses of the Methodist Men and the Methodist Women are invited. We will meet at O'Charley's at 6:30 P.M. Please let Helen Watson know by Dec. 7th if you plan to attend so that we can give O'Charley a final count.



Twelve Prayer Shawls have been made by the United Methodist Women and given to Helping Hands to be distributed to the Shut-Ins. We continue to make Children Sweaters, Baby Blankets, and Baby Hats to be sent to World Vision. World Vision has distributed over 500,000 sweaters to children all over the world including the US. We currently are crocheting or knitting hats to be given to the children at the West End Center. If you would like to participate in this project yarn and patterns are available. Please see Helen Watson for details. Keep knitting and crocheting for all of these projects. You do not have to be a UMW member to participate.

At our November Meeting officers for the coming year were elected. They are Helen Watson/President, Jane Lambert/Vice President, Sue Porterfield/Secretary, and Phyllis Campbell/

Treasurer. A big Thank You to Charlotte Peck for serving the last 4 years as Treasurer.

Merry Christmas to all!

Helen Watson, President

DAYS FOR GIRLS

The next Days for girls get-together to work on feminine hygiene kits will be on **Wednesday, December 10th at 10:00 a.m.** in the Seekers classroom located in the Family Life Center. **You do not have to sew!** If you can trace, cut, turn or press items or just fellowship with us, **you are needed!** Jean Broyles will take the completed kits (approximately 70) on her next mission trip to Haiti in early 2015. While there, she hopes to teach the Haitians how to make the kits and perhaps start a “cottage” business.

Days for Girls is an ongoing **Outreach project** of Northview. If you would like to help in some way, there are many ways to do so. Items needed on a regular basis are: 100% cotton fabric in prints (no animal, bug or cultural patterns), 100% cotton flannel in dark colors or patterns (no animal, bug or cultural patterns), 5/8" **grosgrain** ribbon in dark colors, any color of thread, girls’s cotton panties (no bikinis) size 10 and larger, wash cloths (the inexpensive kind one can buy in a package of 8 or more somewhere like Wal-Mart) and **Ziploc brand gallon-size, non-slider freezer bags**. Other needs: **spools of thread or pieces of fabric left from a project that meet the above suggestions**, extra **JoAnn Fabric store coupons** and **monetary gifts**, which are always welcome. A **Days for Girls donation box is in the narthex**. Questions, contact Lynn Bryant at nlbryant@cox.net or 562-2155 or Lane Canada at lcanda01@cox.net for 366-5618.



by friends who truly care about them, in that moment they knew they were blessed. They had just finished a bounteous, delicious Thanksgiving dinner. The McDaniels provided turkey, dressing, and gravy from K&W, and the Seekers Sunday School class bought pumpkin pies, green beans, sweet potato casserole, broccoli casserole, corn, macaroni and cheese, cranberry salad, deviled eggs, a relish tray, mixed fruit and rolls. It was truly a feast!

After dinner we relaxed with a game of Bingo (the kind where everybody wins a prize or two). The new portable Bingo display board, made by Keith Jensen for his Eagle Scout project, was used for the first time and proved to be a big help to members and volunteers alike.



The plan for December is the annual Christmas party after which there'll be a Christmas shopping trip to Kmart. Each year members are given \$25 to spend on anything they choose and they get so excited! Volunteers get excited too as they help their shoppers select items that stay within their “budget.” Hopefully the weather will cooperate. Last year's party had to be canceled due to the weather. The good news is the folks were just as excited to go shopping in January and there were lots of good bargains. The shopping trip is made possible through the ongoing donations of Social Club “sponsors” and the support of various groups and individuals within the Northview Church family – just one more thing for which we're very thankful.

BSA TROOP 209

Pork Bar-B-Que Dinner

Saturday, December 6, 2014

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Northview United Methodist Church

Family Life Center

\$8.00 per person - Eat In or Take Out

Fresh Cooked (Pulled, Not Chopped)

With Special BBQ Sauce

Slaw, Baked Beans, French Fries

Dessert & Drink

(continued)

“I'M THANKFUL I'M NOT HOMELESS”

“I'm thankful my son is better”, “I'm thankful for Social Club and all you do for us”.... Such were just a few of the thoughts of Social Club members as they gathered in a circle at the end of the November meeting. Some days it's not so easy for these folks to feel grateful, but on a beautiful Fall day, surrounded

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 209
MAINE HIGH ADVENTURE BASE IN 2015**

Our BSA Troop 209 will have a Fundraiser BBQ Dinner on Saturday, December 6, 2014 to raise funds for our 2015 trip to Maine High Adventure Base. We hope to catch those tired/hurried, Christmas Shoppers on their way home from the mall for a delicious dinner for their families. The cost will be \$8.00.



Troop 209 is making plans to return to the Maine High Adventure Boy Scout Base in 2015. The last time we traveled to Maine (including yours truly) was in 1985. Our troop has been to Maine twice, New Mexico twice and once each to Minnesota Northern Tier base and Florida Sea Base.

The Maine High Adventure Base will include water activities (lake and white water canoe camping), remote wilderness camping, Moose sightings and climbing Mount Katadin, the northern terminus of the Appalachian Trail. The program will allow each patrol to explore some of the most inaccessible parts of the interior of the State of Maine including a corner of Baxter State Park. This trip will provide a remote wilderness experience that the boys will carry with them for their lifetime.

We intend to raise most of the money to cover the total trip cost in order to lessen the burden on the families for their sons (and dads) to make the trip. The BBQ will be our first, and of course, we have our annual spaghetti dinner just around the corner in March 2015.

We just completed a backpack camping trip on the Appalachian Trail in the rain in October, a camping bicycle trip on the New River Trail in the cold in November and coming up in January, cabin camping (always a very popular choice for the boys and dads) and the Klondike Derby is in February.

Forrest Otey, ASM and Charter Representative

**IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS
PLEASE REMEMBER**

Clinton & Katherine Shaw
Colette Crandall, daughter of Nancy Stockermann
Norman Andersen

Sylvia Starnes, John Hinrichs' sister
Mary Mitchell
Dave Parrish
Mary Kidd, yoga class student
Alice Underwood
Elizabeth Fisher
William & Charlotte Broyles
Bob Walawski, husband of Marian Walawski
Faith Clark, Twila Briscoe's sister
Hazel Hager, Aunt of Twila Briscoe
Ellen Berman, Lynn Bryant's sister
Lee Dotson, Debbie Ginger's stepfather
Rev. Tina Cox

In the Military

(would like cards or notes of encouragement)
Captain Brandon Kelly, husband of Abby Jackson
Kelly and son of Keith and Amanda Moore, New River
Brigadier General Greg S. Otey, son of Ray & Doris Otey, Fort Belvoir
Staff Sgt. Wallace Berkeley Newton, Jr., grandson of Allie Jones, Qatar and Jordan
Avery Scott, U.S. Peace Corps (Grenada), Corner Upper Lucas St. and Lowther's Lane, P.O. Box 766, Saint George's, Grenada, West Indies

Those Who Wish Cards/Notes/Encouragement & visits

Dot Jennings - c/o Diane Helton, 1577 Jamestown Road, Rocky Mount, Va. 24151
Al Cheatwood - Eastwood, 320 Hershberger Road, Rm 101, Roanoke, Va. 24012
Betty Kelley - Snyder Nursing Home, 11 N Broad Street, Salem, Va. 24153
Darthy White - Elm Park Estates, 4230 Elm View Road, Rm 224, Roanoke, Va. 24018
Doctor Lynn Beavers - Springtree, 3433 Springtree Drive, Roanoke, Va. 24012

In Sympathy

Sherwood Meador in the death of his wife, June Meador
Monty Vess and family in the death of his brother, Bruce Vess of Colorado
Gaynelle Shay and family in the death of her brother, Grady Burnelle (Buddy) Guilliams, 72, of Salem, who passed away on Thursday, November 20, 2014
Barbara Moughton in the death of her father, Alfred Moughton

MANY THANKS

A BIG THANK YOU to Keith Moore for changing out the light bulbs in the sanctuary.

THANK YOU!! Words alone cannot express the joy for the success of the collection of shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! A total of 68 boxes were collected. This greatly exceeded our goal. What a blessing for the children when they receive these boxes! We also want to thank the Outreach Committee for providing the boxes. May you all have a joyous Christmas season!!

I wish to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and support during my father's (Alfred Moughton) brief fight with cancer and his death.

Barbara Moughton

We would like to thank our Northview family for all your prayers and support during this difficult time. The visits, phone calls, cards and food have all been greatly appreciated. Thanks again for everything.

Many thanks to Wayne Nicely and his helpers for setting up our nativity scene in the front yard.



YEAR END REMINDERS

Attention Committee Chairmen: All reimbursement forms must be in the church office by Sunday, December 14 in order that your 2014 budget be charged and your 2015 budget not be charged for an 2014 expenses. Please consider this if you need to charge an item on a church account in the month of December. Please verify the closing date of the account(s) you plan to use by contacting Charlene Fitzgerald, Financial Associate (Monday through Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.).

Attention Church Family members: Please remember that in order to have contributions posted to your 2014 contribution statement for year end, we must have your donation in the church office by Tuesday, December 31 and/or post marked by December 31, 2014 if mailed. By law, any contributions received after December 31 must be credited to your 2015 stewardship statement.

Flower Chart - look for the flower chart for 2015 to be posted on the administrative hallway's bulletin board by mid-December.



PLEASE one arrangement per Sunday at a cost of \$10.00. Please be reminded: *the flowers on the altar for the first Sunday of each month will be*

white in recognition of communion.

BOOK FAIR

The Community Outreach Program has once again been chosen as a recipient of the Barnes & Noble Book Fair. Make purchases with the Book Fair code (11487873) or online December 6th through 12th in any store in the US and Barnes & Noble will give COP up to 25% percent of net proceeds from the book fair sales. New this year: order cheesecakes at the Valley View Barnes & Noble December 6th – 12th, with said code and a percentage of proceeds will go to COP.

