



The View

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Activities at a glance

Worship – Each Sunday

-Sunday School 10:00 AM

-Worship 11:00 AM

Sermon Topics

January 1st

Rejoice in the Lord

We rejoice because God has clothed us in salvation and

given us a robe of righteousness.

Isaiah 61:10

January 8th

Importance of Baptism

Three words describe the importance of baptism:

cleansing, adoption and marked.

January 15th

Come and See

We need to get excited about Jesus and invite other to come

and see.

John 1: 46

January 22nd

The Time is Here

The Kingdom has come, repent and believe

Mark 1: 15

January 29th

One with Authority

Jesus not only taught with authority, he demonstrated

authority.

Mark 1:21-28

From the Pastor

As we close out 2011, I want to reflect with you just a bit about some of the things that I am grateful about over the past year as we begin 2012.

Worship is an essential element in developing a Christian life style and faith. Our worship attendance has increased over the past year, and I think that has also contributed to our increase in financial support of the congregation. As we grow in faith we will response to the Gospel in many areas of life.

When I think of worship, I am so proud of our choir director, Judy Shuey, for all of her efforts, to Steve Dickerson for his gifted talent at the organ and piano, to David Taylor for his gift to us with the trumpet, and especially to our faithful choir members for their beautiful voices to lead us in our singing.

I want to thank the congregation for their patience as some of us have tried to experiment with a better arrangement with the chancel. I know that we do not like to change what has been our custom for a long time, but one of the things that experts in church growth is teaching is that one of the reasons many churches fail to grow is that they are unwilling to change with the time. Anyway, our altar arrangement does not reflect the best theological meaning of Holy Communion nor does our choir arrangement allow for the best acoustical arrangements. However, the space seems to be used at the best advantage as is, but I thank the congregation for allowing us to try something different.

The two challenges that I see that lie ahead for us in 2012 revolve around two recurring themes of the church in general. First is stewardship. That simply means that we must get our financial basis on an even keel as we move into the future.

Secondly is evangelism. Jesus' last words to his followers were to go into the world with the good news. Frankly the church grows not by newspaper ads or gimmicks, but by members telling friends, neighbors and family about the good news that we share together at Pleasant View. The good news is that Jesus Christ is Lord!

Peace and joy,
Pastor Price

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

The 2011 budget year will soon end and I am happy to report that I feel very confident that we will meet our goal of increasing operating income by at least 10%. I anticipate we will end the year in the black and any overage in operating income should offset any shortage in outreach income. We had a successful year in fund raising activities for our community outreach. At the end of November, our fund raising activities raised nearly \$7000 which goes directly toward meeting our budgeted outreach expenses. The children's offerings for the month of December should put the outreach income total over the \$7000 mark. I will include a comprehensive report of all financial activities for the operating budget and outreach budget in the 2011 Annual Report which will be distributed at the February Congregation meeting.

Council Activates the Financial Task Group

The church council took action to activate the Financial Task Group at its December meeting. The group held its first meeting on December 14 and laid some plans which Steve Troxell will prepare for the group to review after church on January 8. The strong financial response for the year 2011 was recognized with about an 18% increase in financial support. However, the council recognized that the church is still a way off of becoming financially independent; therefore, it has asked the Task Group which challenged the congregation last year, to consider ways in which the financial strength of the congregation may continue to grow.

Members of this committee consist of the president and treasurer of the congregation, Jim Sheets and Karen Fauber, plus Steve Troxell, Mike Vayvada, Cheryl McKay, Fred Bowers, Sue Painter, Larry Landes and added as new member, Gene Lilly. This group will report to the church council and hopefully have a recommendation for the congregation to consider at its February meeting.

Installation of Church Council

At the service on December 11 the following people were installed for a two year term as members of the church council: James Cox, Elizabeth Rankin and Susan Wright.

The council plans to elect new officers and organize at its regular meeting at 6:00, January 12.

Reminder

The Sunday School classes will combine on January 1st, and meet in the social area. Pastor Price will be the leader and will discuss concerns that may be on the minds of the participants. Light refreshment will be provided by Young at Heart.

Verona Community Food Pantry

Report for November 2011

Submitted by Hunter Fauber, Executive Director

Days/Hours open to clients:

17 days: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, Tuesday 4:30-6:30 PM

Number of clients:	Total	Food Stamps	WIC
Elderly	467	147	0
Children Under 18	2,680	1,257	262
Adults	4,068	1,644	214
All Individuals Served	7,215	3,048	476
Total households Served	2,669	1,086	122
Total Volunteers			135
Total Volunteer hours			2,300
USDA Food – Pounds Received			19,132
Donated Food – Pounds Received			275,154
Cost of Donated Foods			\$6,862.75
Donated Bread Loaves Received			14,830
Martin’s Food Stores – Pounds Received			4,031
Verona Food Lion #384 – Pounds Misc. Food			5,983
W. Beverley Food Lion #132 – Pounds Misc. Food			423
Greenville Ave. Food Lion #497 – Pounds Misc. Food			240
Whole Foods, Charlottesville – Pounds Misc. Food			300
Wal-Mart, Staunton – Pounds Misc. Food			11,526
Hunters for Hunger			160
Churches, Civic Clubs, Individuals, Etc.			8,209

Pleasant View WELCA News:

Next WELCA Meeting: January 10 at 12:00 noon. This will be a sandwich/soup luncheon and our planning meeting for next year. We are also fixing a sunshine box for Debbie Blackwell so you can bring those items that day. If you are unable to attend, you can send a sunshine item with one of the members.

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Find updates to the calendar by visiting our website at www.pvelc.org

How a Strange Song Became a Christmas Carol
“The 12 Days of Christmas”

The twelve days of Christmas lie between December 25th and Epiphany, January 6th. It was January 6th that the Three Magi brought gifts to the Christ Child in the manger – the first Christmas gifts! It was a common folk belief that on the eve of January 6th animals were given the power of speech.

From 1558 to 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. Here is the true meaning of the carol:

- “...a partridge in a pear tree” (This was Jesus Christ)*
- “...two turtle doves” (The Old and New Testament)*
- “...three French hens” (Stood for Faith, Hope, and Love)*
- “...four calling birds” (The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John)*
- “...five golden rings” (Recalled the Torah or Law, the first 5 books of OT.)*
- “...six geese a-laying” (Stood for the 6 days of Creation)*
- “...seven swans a-swimming” (The sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit -
prophecy, serving, teaching, exhortation,
contribution, leadership, and mercy)*
- “...eight maids a-milking” (Were the 8 beatitudes)*
- “...nine ladies dancing” (Were the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit – Love, Joy,
Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness,
Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control)*
- “...ten lords a-leaping” (Were the Ten Commandments)*
- “...eleven Pipers piping” (Stood for the eleven faithful disciples)*
- “...twelve drummers drumming” (Symbolized 12 points of Apostle's Creed)*

Happy New Year! May you be blessed with the knowledge of the love of God and the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. Remember the sacrifices of the saints that have gone before us and ask God to use you in His service this year of our Lord, 2012.
Betty A. Cox, Parish Nurse

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Personals

Debbie Blackwell after a long stay at the U.VA hospital is now in rehab at Envoy in Staunton. She would appreciate cards and visits.

We are thankful that **Carolyn Cox** received a good report after a recent check-up

John Henry Flavin suffered a heart attack, but after some surgery is back at home.

Watts Jetton, son of **David and Stephanie**, is doing well after a tonsillectomy on December 9th. Many thanks to **Mary Virginia Roudabush** and **Frances Michael** for again taking care of the Angel Tree. And also for all those who help to provide its “fruits” to help people have a merry Christmas.

The Open Door Sunday School Classes wishes to thank **Hunter Fauber** for being a faithful teacher for many years.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of **Doug Painter** whose sister, Madeline Harris, died on December 13th.

Congratulations to **Mike and Tracey Lilly** to the birth of their child, **Beody Vincent**. Proud grandparents are **Gene and Mandy Lilly**.

Congratulations of **Ashley and Stephanie Leach** at the birth of their son, **Oliver Reid Baxton Leach**. Proud grandparents are **Fred and Vryla Leach** and grand grandmother is **Frances Leach**.

Pleasant View Happy Birthdays for January!

5	Kitra Bolt	12	Becci Page	27	Jeremy Roudabush
	Michael Vayvada	20	Gary Flavin	28	Lavonne Simmons
6	Lola Heffner	21	Margaret Cox		Mike Cary
7	Sidney Kay Moyers	24	Dennis Hastert	30	Teresa Simmons
10	Dale Rankin	26	Frances Michael		David Link

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the **February** newsletter is Sunday, **January 22nd**. Please send newsletter information to Catherine at pvelcnewsletter@yahoo.com. It will go to print on **January 24th** and be available at church on Sunday, **January 29th**.

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New Members Are to Be Welcome

Donna Mowbray and her daughter Samantha Grepps will be received by baptism on January 8th. Both have been attending Pleasant View for several months and are active in the choir. This is an appropriate Sunday for baptism in as much as it is the Sunday we remember the Baptism of our Lord.

A reception for our new members will be held immediately after worship in the Sunday School area. Everyone is invited to meet and greet Donna and Samantha.