



## Cary Presbyterian Church

# THE LINK

December 2014  
and January 2015

Announcements for the weekly bulletin and the Friday e-Link are always due on Wednesdays at noon. Items for the monthly edition of The Link are always due on the 15th of the month unless you receive notification to the contrary.

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## Advent and Christmas

### November 30:

**First Sunday of Advent - Hope**  
**Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.**

**All Together Sunday Service at 11:00 a.m.**

Join us in welcoming the Advent Season with thankful hearts.

- Please bring non-perishable food items for donation to the Dorcas Shop Food Pantry.
- Please consider selecting an angel from the tree in the Narthex to support the families in the Loaves and Fishes program, a longtime local mission located in Southeast Raleigh that is supported in part by CPC. In its year-round comprehensive intervention program, Loaves and Fishes serves up to 60 students in kindergarten through 12th grade who are at high risk of failure. Gifts will be collected through December 14.

### December 2:

- **Triple F Christmas Luncheon**, 11:15 a.m. at Embassy Suites off North Harrison at Weston Parkway. For more details and to sign up, contact Barbara Turner at [1ht@earthlink.net](mailto:1ht@earthlink.net).
- **Presbyterian Women's Annual Christmas Dinner**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited to attend. The group will be wrapping gifts for graduate families of *The Caring Place* and concluding with a potluck dinner.

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- **Labyrinth Meditation Walk**, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The indoor labyrinth is available for prayerful contemplation. This is a great opportunity to reflect on the reason for the season. Volunteers are available to help first-timers.

### **December 7:**

**Second Sunday of Advent - Peace**  
**Worship at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday School at 9:45 a.m**

- **Journey to Bethlehem, 5:00-7:00 p.m.** This progressive Christmas walk begins and ends in the Fellowship Hall. Small groups of 10-15, composed of individuals and families, are led by a shepherd guide to seven stations, from a prophecy about the Messiah to the Wise Men. The guide will explain the situation to the group at each station, and a different scene or activity is presented. The evening includes a soup supper and carol singing as well as activities of the season in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up for journey time so that your wait is minimized. More information is in a separate article below.

### **December 14:**

**Third Sunday of Advent - Joy**  
**Worship at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**  
**Christmas Pageant at 9:45 a.m.**

All are invited to enjoy CPC's traditional family Christmas pageant, featuring music, drama, carols... and a lively Nativity!

- **Middle School Youth and Christian Adventurers**, 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The two groups will join voices to go caroling at local retirement centers.
- **Senior High Youth Christmas Party**, 6:00 p.m. "Soles for Hope" Mission Activity

### **December 14: Special Service**

- **When Hearts are Troubled**, 3:00 p.m. at the Kirk of Kildaire. This service of healing and hope, sponsored jointly by CPC, Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian and Glenaire, is available to anyone struggling with grief or loss during the holidays.

### **December 16 (Tuesday):**

- **Presbyterian Men Christmas Caroling**, 6:30-9:30 p.m. (meet in the Narthex) All men of the church are invited to share the Christmas spirit via bus ride through the CPC neighborhood and to Glenaire. Fellowship and warm beverages to follow.

### **December 21:**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love**  
**Worship at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.**

Sunday School for elementary children in Faith Journey will include CPC's 2nd

annual Birthday Party for Jesus. Honor Jesus with a canned good as a gift for the Dorcas Shop Food Pantry.

- **Annual Celebration of Light**, 5:00 p.m. - Outdoor labyrinth walk and service.
- **Middle School Youth Christmas Party**, 6:00 p.m. Off-site at the Bowdish home.

#### **December 24:**

- **5:00 p.m.** - Christmas Eve Service in Fellowship Hall with focus on families with children
- **7:00 p.m.** - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols
- **9:00 p.m.** - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols with Communion

#### **December 28:**

**No Sunday School**

**All Together Sunday Service at 11:00 a.m.**

Open Choir and Hallelujah Chorus. Please bring non-perishable food items for donation to the Dorcas Shop Food Pantry.

**\*Find more details about all of these events at [carypresbyterian.org](http://carypresbyterian.org)**

#### **Ongoing:**

You are invited to pick up Advent Devotional materials from the table in the Narthex to help with study and reflection throughout the season.

#### **Angel Tree**



Gift suggestions for families at Loaves and Fishes will be available on the Angel Tree in the Narthex on November 30. Choose an age level and one item or take an envelope and return a gift card or check made out to Loaves and Fishes to the box by the Angel Tree or Barbara Turner's box in the office. Return unwrapped gifts and other items (wrapping paper, boxes, hats, mittens, gloves) to the Narthex by December 14 for delivery on December 15. These families live in inner city Raleigh and have many needs. Your generosity will help them have a blessed Christmas.

#### **Triple F Group**

The Christmas Luncheon will be Tuesday, December 2, at Embassy Suites. Please sign up with Barbara Turner. (The buffet is currently available only on Tuesdays. Cost will be around \$14.00, due that day.)

A Business Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 5, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., Room 100.



Contributions to the Joy Offering will be received on the Sundays in Advent, beginning December 7. Envelopes will be in the pews. Funds are designated for church workers and their families who are facing emergency situations, and for scholarships and support for racial ethnic colleges, such as Barber-Scotia in Charlotte, NC.



***Journey to Bethlehem***  
***After a five year hiatus, the beloved***  
***Journey to Bethlehem is back at Cary Presbyterian!***

**Save this date *now* so you won't miss the congregation-wide Journey to Bethlehem on Sunday, December 7, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**What is Journey to Bethlehem? Journey to Bethlehem is a progressive Christmas walk. Shepherd guides explain the situation to the group at each station, and a different scene or activity is presented. Each individual or family receives a memento of that scene. You will hear the prophecy about the messiah, witness the Angel Gabriel telling Mary that she will bear the Son of God, listen in on the travelers as they make their way to Bethlehem from Nazareth, meet the innkeeper, see Mary and Joseph and Jesus in the stable, visit with the shepherds and their live sheep and donkey, and encounter the Wise Men in all their splendor.**

**The evening will include:**

- **A Soup Supper - please sign up (in the Narthex or at [SignUpGenius](#)) to provide soup, bread, or finger veggies;**
- **A Christmas walk, visiting seven stations that tell the story of Christmas**
- **Songs of the season**
- **Making Christmas cards to share with others in the church family or those in need**

**Walks will depart from the Fellowship Hall every 5-6 minutes in groups of 10-15 people. Please sign up (in the narthex or via Sign Up Genius) for a specific departure time. Suggestion: *if your walk begins between 5:00 and 5:36 p.m., please eat afterwards. If your walk departs between 5:42 and 6:14 p.m., enjoy supper before you go on the Journey to Bethlehem.***

**Several groups will sponsor stations on the journey, and students will be your shepherd guides. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to experience the Christmas story in a unique way! Share the good news: you're welcome to "register" friends and neighbors to come with you.**

## ***The Annual Christmas Pageant is coming!***

**Sunday, December 14 at 9:45 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall, this year's event is a true Sunday School pageant with a cast of hundreds! All youth and children's Sunday School classes will be participating in a traditional rendering of this beloved event. Several music groups will sing, and the congregation will sing a variety of hymns.



**Pageant rehearsal is built into Sunday School on December 7, so it is very important not to miss Sunday School that day.**



**The "Birthday Party for Jesus"** will be the learning event during Sunday School for elementary students in Faith Journey on Sunday, December 21.

**The Annual Celebration of Light** outdoor labyrinth walk and service will be held on the shortest day of the year, Sunday, December 21, at 5:00 p.m. We will gather in the lower parking lot for a brief service of prayer, song, and readings, and then proceed to the candlelit outdoor labyrinth. Hot apple cider will be provided.



## ***Christian Education***

- The Bible and Beyond Class has finished its study of Simply Christian, and in December will take a look at the making of the King James Bible. You are welcome to join for this event.
- Christ, Coffee, and Conversation will take a look at several current issues and events in the world for a few weeks by using the Wired Word, a curriculum "ripped from the headlines."
- Other adult classes will meet as usual.



**Sunday School for everyone is in recess on December 28,  
the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's.  
All classes resume on January 4, 2015!**

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**For January**



- Faith Journey (elementary age Sunday School) will begin a new unit January 4, learning about two of the most wild and crazy guys in the Old Testament, Elijah and Elisha. Come and learn about the fiery showdown between Elijah and the prophets of Baal and about Elisha taking up his mantle.
- The "Worship Two" Milestone for 5<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents begins a three-week adventure on January 25 during Sunday School.

### **Adult Christian Education - Sunday School and More:**

*Bible and Beyond* begins a new Dr. Mickey Efirm study on Revelation. This is one of Efirm's most popular and helpful learning tools. Class meets in the Library and welcomes new people.

*Christ, Coffee, and Conversation* begins "Embracing an Alternative Orthodoxy" with Fr. Richard Rohr, a teacher whom Pastor Allen has been quoting much of late. Fr. Rohr introduces us to an orthodoxy lost to much of contemporary Christianity, one rooted in Franciscan theology and practice, biblically grounded, personally challenging, and ultimately liberating. Led by Sheri Mitten and David Voss.

*Belonging, Behaving, Believing* invites you to join as they look week to week at the overall sweeping message of the Bible in an accessible way, through video and discussion. *The Story* of God's love, as expressed in Scripture, is the resource for this exploration. Class meets in the side of the Fellowship Hall.

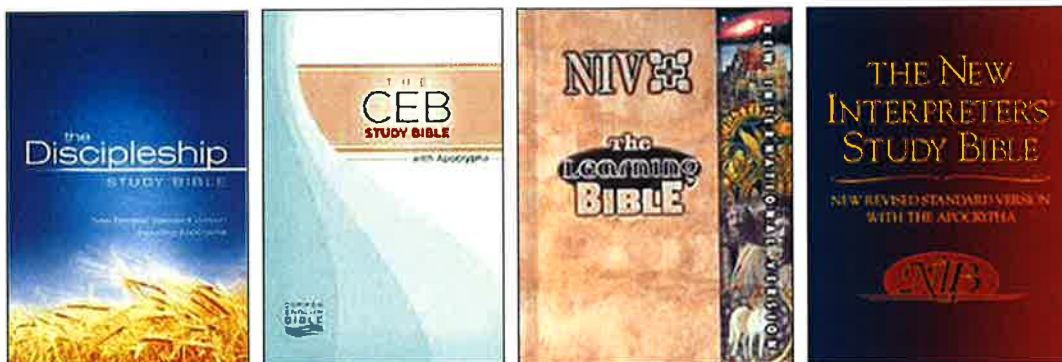
*Young Families Class* continues with its variety of topics and shared experiences.

*Adult I Bible Study* meets in the parlor, using the Uniform Bible lessons with experienced teachers.

### **Financial Peace University**

**Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is coming to CPC!** Are you curious to know what the Bible says about money? Do you feel you're running in place when it comes to your finances? Or stuck because of debt? Have you wondered how it would feel to GIVE more? We all need a plan for our money. Financial Peace University is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! Class begins Wednesday, January 7 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 102. FPU classes meet for around an hour and a half each week for nine weeks. Sign up at the table in the Narthex or at [www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/org/53045/class/266966](http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/org/53045/class/266966). Membership kit is required and available for \$93. Please see David Bohm or (Uncle) Dennis Bohm with any questions.





### ***CPC Library: Study Bibles***

There are so many good study Bibles on the market today, it can be hard to decide which one to use. The CPC church library can help with that! We have several different study Bibles using different translations of the Bible, so you can check them out (literally) before you buy. They are grouped together under the Dewey Decimal number 220.5 in the church library.

- *The CEB Study Bible* (2013) - New Contemporary English Bible translation, includes Apocrypha, comprehensive explanatory notes, praised for being highly accurate.
- *The Discipleship Study Bible* (2008) - NRSV translation, includes Apocrypha, social issue oriented notes.
- *The HarperCollins Study Bible* (1993) - NRSV translation, includes Apocrypha, good standard scholarly study Bible.
- *The Learning Bible* (2003) - NIV translation, includes many maps, charts, illustrations, diagrams, and sidebars. Particularly good for those new to Bible study.
- *The New Interpreter's Study Bible* (2003) - NRSV translation, includes Apocrypha, good background and explanatory notes.
- *The New Oxford Annotated Bible* (1991) - NRSV translation, includes Apocrypha, historical-critical approach notes. There is also a newer 2010 edition of this available in stores now.

For questions about the library, or the CPC Library Team, please contact our church librarian, Lisa Ward, at [library@carypresbyterian.org](mailto:library@carypresbyterian.org) or 919-460-7055.

### ***News from Spiritual Practices Ministry Team***



**Gentle yoga classes** are being offered in conjunction with the monthly meditative labyrinth walk the first Wednesday of each month. The labyrinth is available starting at 5:30 p.m., and the yoga class starts at 7:00 p.m. A suggested donation of \$7-10 is asked per yoga class. Teacher is Jody Probert, certified yoga teacher. If you would like to register for one of the yoga classes, please contact Jeanne Bolick ([jlbolick@att.net](mailto:jlbolick@att.net))

**A Not So Silent Retreat** will be held at Cedar Cross Retreat Center, January 30-31. We will focus on moments of **Transformation** in our lives, as we alternate periods of silence with time to share with each other. John Hilpert, director of Cedar Cross, will help with the facilitation. Cost is \$85 and includes one night's lodging and three meals. Interested? Contact either Jeanne Bolick ([jlbolick@att.net](mailto:jlbolick@att.net)) or Diane Garber ([dianegarber@mac.com](mailto:dianegarber@mac.com)) for more information or to register.

## **\$Financial Update\$**

We report with great joy and thanksgiving the following gifts received during the three weeks ending November 16, 2014:

- The beautiful fall annuals that grace our front garden beds and columbarium.
- Memorial gifts of \$25 in memory of Ken Eller.
- Gift of \$200 to the Minister's Discretionary fund.
- Gift of \$20 to the Associate Minister's Discretionary fund.
- Gifts of \$300 to the Music program.
- Donation of a 37-inch flat screen TV for the Christian Education program.
- Additional Peacemaking Offering gifts of \$50.
- Gift of \$200 to the Parish Nurse fund.
- Gift of a bonfire fire pit for the youth program.
- Donation of several canes, walkers and chairs to the durable medical equipment loan closet.
- Memorial gifts of \$50 in memory of Mickey Waller.
- Gifts to the Crop Walk.
- Gift of \$200 to the Preschool program.
- Donation of kitchen equipment improvements, slow cooker and dishes to the kitchen.

As of November 16, we are six Sundays away from the end of the year. On average over the last five years, we have received 88% of our planned giving by the end of November. We are anticipating that by the end of November we will be very close to where we should be.

If you are up to date with your planned giving commitment, we thank you. If not, we graciously ask that you become current by the end of the year. Thank you.

We are truly grateful for your faithful and generous support of our operating budget and our mortgage reduction campaign.

## **Youth News**

Youth Sunday was AMAZING! So many people were deeply moved by the gifted and creative leadership of our youth. I was so proud...of the youth, the advisors...and the congregation. The youth could not create and lead like that if they were not supported and encouraged by the community. What a wonderful church CPC is.

*Pastor Jen*

An update on what the Youth Ministry Task force has been up to: This handful of people met weekly for almost two months and accomplished a great deal.



- A budget was decided upon that is generous enough to support expanded programing, training, mission work, mentorship, retreats and group bonding.
- Activities that could be tried out right away were sent to teachers and advisors. Some were implemented immediately!
- Short term goals were defined that are to be implemented within a year.
- Long term goals were suggested that would come to fruition within two years.
- A program structure and cycle of yearly events was outlined.
- Specific volunteer positions and descriptions were written to support sustainable youth ministry at CPC.

The team's final ritual was to lovingly hand over their work to the freshly created long term Youth Ministry Team. There is room for many to join this team: teachers, parents, mission folk, project managers, dreamers...there is room for YOU! Stay tuned for more details on how you can be a part of this exciting and vital ministry.

### **Here are the activities scheduled for Youth Fellowship for the months of December and January:**

#### **All Church and Youth Events:**

**December 7 : 5:00-7:00 p.m.** Journey to Bethlehem

**January 25: 5:30-8:00 p.m.:** Third Annual Square-Dancing and Bake-Off

#### **December 14:**

**6:00-8:00 p.m.:** **Middle School and Christian Adventurers** go caroling together. They will get a sweet treat at the end too.

**6:00-8:00 p.m.:** **Senior High** will work on the Mission Project "Soles for Hope," a wonderful mission that has the benefit of being an activity during which youth can chat.

#### **December 21:**

**6:00-8:00 p.m.:** **Middle School** will have a Christmas party at Jim Bowdish's house.

#### **December 24:**

##### **Three Christmas Services**

**5:00 p.m.:** **Family Christmas service:** Main leadership roles will be "acted out" by youth

**7:00 p.m.:** Lesson and Carols, and a wonderful anthem sung by the Youth Choir.

**9:00 p.m.:** Lessons and Carols with Communion, and special music by Bill Leslie.

#### **December 28: No Youth Fellowship**

#### **January 4:**

**CA:** Mission activity with Dorcas

**MS:** Triangle Rock Club!

**SH:** To Be Determined...you know it will be fun though!

#### **January 11:**

**CA:6:00-7:30 p.m.:** Games with the Senior High

**MS:** To Be Determined....oooo the anticipation!

**SH: 6:00-7:30 p.m.:** Games with the CAs

#### **January 18:**

**MS:** Comedy Works

**SH:** To Be Determined...could be a trip to Scotland...to study our religious roots



### **Cool Books Club**

The Cool Books Club will meet on December 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Peg Giesbrecht, 200 Summerwinds Dr., Cary. We will be reading John Grisham's *Skipping Christmas*, a comedic novel about an empty-nest couple who decide to forgo the hassle of the holidays by embarking on a cruise on December 25. We expect this one to be an enjoyable read which will provide fodder for some interesting conversation. Do join us if you are interested. For more information, please contact Peg Giesbrecht at 919-859-3951 or Ellen Cline at 919-469-1456.



We are excited to begin planning for CPC's **25th** year of volunteering with the Appalachia Service Project! ASP works to rebuild substandard housing for low-income families with the goal of making homes warmer, safer, and drier. We head to the mountains **June 21-27**. Is this the year you come along with us? Registration will begin in mid-February for one of 38 spots on our team

Have questions about the trip? Contact Chris Bula at [cbula@bellsouth.net](mailto:cbula@bellsouth.net) or 919-454-5495.



*Dear CPC Family,*

*Thank you so much for all the delicious meals brought to us. We are so blessed with such wonderful cooks that are willing to share their gifts. Believe me, they have been eaten with great "gusto", Jim's appetite (thank God) is very good and the meals are really helping me to get more done in the house. We are so blessed to be in such a loving and caring Church family. Again thank you, thank you, thank you.*

*Jim and Naureen Hobbs*



*To the members of Cary Presbyterian Church,*

*We shall always remember with deep gratitude your comforting expressions of sympathy, care, and food nurturing during our Mother/Grandmother's illness and subsequent passing. Thank you.*

*The Witherspoon Family*

**Happy Birthday:**

Deky Hall, Ayla Lamb	12/1
Tim Goettel, Jon Powers, Matthew Simmons	12/2
Jim Bowdish, Betty Futrell, Jorgi Robinson	12/3
Estelle Cameron, Rachel Ford, Bryan Tighe	12/4
Dot Humphrey, Ben Morrissey, Mary Steger, Marlene Wyatt	12/5
Ellen Cline, Dawes Graybeal	12/6
Alice Burgess, Tim Farless, Grayson Hinnant, Lee Robinson	12/7
Christie Foppianno, Jesse Hofmeister, Tia Van Scoyoc	12/8
Ava Azad, Roni Zeugner	12/9
Dick Hatch, Anne Yerby	12/10
Betty Boyd	12/11
Susan Birchfield, Ashley Giovenco, Emily Nassif, Jordan Short	12/12
Sue Harley, Steven Shay	12/13
Helen Alberse	12/16
Rebecca Curtis	12/17
Joseph Williams	12/18
Mike Boyd, Hailey Clark, Rhonda Hinnant, Michael Oglesby	12/19
Katie Herring, Lisa Neal, Jerry Turner	12/20
Ian Govert, Sarah Govert, Kate Overby	12/21
Mick Whelan	12/22
Ken Downes, Angie McHargue, Rod Morton, Holly Yanker	12/23
Natalie Hancock, Sam Oglesby	12/24
Carol Drumheller, Gwen Fletcher, Undine Warner	12/26
Nicole Christensen, Kyle Czika	12/27
Jamie Cope, Grayson Farless, Taylor Goodnough	12/28

Emery Johnson	12/29
Teresa Jennings, William Leslie	12/30
Matthew Hardie, Barbara Turner	12/31
Beth Campbell, Su Johnson, Catherine Powers	1/1
Lee Robinson	1/2
Allan Cain, Austin Edge, Joyce Herr, Beth Langston, Sue Lawrick	1/3
Amy Edge	1/4
Jimmy Tallett	1/6
Yates Fletcher, Harrison Jennings	1/7
Ellice Johnson, Tyler Spencer	1/8
Ann Kurz, Julianna Langston	1/9
Corinne Kadlec, Kevin Kohl	1/10
Dave Batchelor, Tim Luckadoo	1/11
Kay Coleman	1/12
Dana Hancock	1/15
Carolyn Clark, Bill Davis, Helen Granzow	1/16
Toni Brandt, Chip Carew	1/17
Jennifer Greer	1/18
Stephen Diaz, Audra Slaymaker	1/19
Bill Adkins, Jack Henry, Blythe Holloway	1/20
Alex Williams	1/21
John Sheffield	1/22
Frank Bradsher, Mary Downes, Jane Dunbar, Greg Lawrick, Amy Millet	1/23
Elizabeth Allen, Charlie Kadlec, Riley Keith	1/25
Jim Millet	1/26
Donna Millet	1/27
Susan Bowdish, Peggy Nielsen	1/28
Conniesue Oldham	1/30
Emily Aukamp, Stan Aukamp, Sarah James	1/31
<b>Happy Anniversary:</b> Mike & Cynthia Clark	12/3

Tim & Deb Luckadoo	12/11
John & Sheri Mitten	12/12
Ken & Mary Downes, Joseph & Marie Williams	12/23
Walt & Conniesue Oldham	12/24
Greg & Jamie Cope	12/27
Jim & Barbara Turner	12/28
Jim & Carol Sylvant	12/29
Scott & Melanie Phillips	12/30
Bill & Carolyn Davis	1/10
Yates & Gwen Fletcher	1/13
Jack & Allene Wagoner	1/15
Jim & Betty Klutz	1/24
Free & Julie Henry, Jody & Kim Zeugner	1/28
George & Penny Burke	1/29

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