

HENDERSONVILLE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

UPDATE NEWSLETTER

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The Vision for 2024 By Rob McClelland

Happy New Year! I hope that the end of 2023 was exciting and that you can look back and see how much God has grown you during the previous 12 months. As 2024 begins, I wanted to take just a second and share with you the vision we have for HPC this year!

The Elders have discerned God's call for HPC in 2024, and that is to become a Church that:

"Follows Jesus together - at home, in community, and in the world!"

We believe that the pathway of discipleship begins at home, growing in Christ as a family and individually. We believe that as the Church, we are called to live in and grow in community with one another, as well as to impact our local community in positive ways for the Kingdom of God. We also believe that the Gospel calls us to impact the world for Jesus, through a global missions program, as well as through strategic partnerships with Global Missionaries.

The strategy we have for becoming the Church described in that Vision includes being Intentionally Intergenerational in everything that we do. We have some unique strengths here at HPC, which allow us to do unique ministry. One of those strengths is the broad range of ages we have represented within our church family...from 102 years of age to 2 months in age. It is truly a blessing to have the younger generations interacting with, learning from and listening to the older generations within the life of HPC, and investing in one another. Our goal this year is to provide opportunities for all to experience the rich blessing of being part of an Intentionally Intergenerational Church. I will share another strength next month. This year, join us in celebrating our Intergenerational ministry!

Local and Church Needs for 2024

HPC - FELLOWSHIP HOUR

We need volunteers to help in three areas:

1. Set up the refreshments prior to the 10:30 fellowship time,
2. Help clean up after the 12:15 fellowship time.
3. Baking cookies, sweet breads etc. for the fellowship time.

If you would like to be involved, please contact Pam Van Tassel @ 610-764-7741 or pvant@comcast.net



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Our local mission partners are in need of a volunteer who can help develop and implement a spreadsheet for tracking the people helped by the county they reside in. If this is your gift, please contact Pastor Rob at the church office.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We are in need of two more volunteers to help one Sunday morning every 6 weeks in the nursery during the 9:00am service.

Contact Stacy McClelland at dcm@hendersonvillepc.org.

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By Charles Reed

Youth Ministry Corner



HPC Youth celebrated Advent and Christmas together with Bible studies and reflections based on Luke chapters 1-2. We also had a gingerbread house competition, an ugly sweater contest, and a white elephant gift exchange. Thanks to everyone for your prayers and support for HPC Youth Ministry. We had a great year in 2023 and are excited about what God has in store for us in the year ahead!



By Sherri Jones

Women in Ministry

The Women in Ministry January program will be held on Monday, January 8th, in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue our study of the Twelve Women of the Bible: Life Changing Stories from Women Today. This month we will spotlight Leah!

9:45 Fellowship & Refreshments

10:00 Devotion & Program

Join us for some fun, fellowship, and applicable study! Bring a friend.

The Leadership Team will meet at 9:00 in the conference room.

OCC Year End:

By Maureen Heaphy



Thank you for your ongoing support of Operation Christmas Child. Our church has been involved in Operation Christmas Child for over 25 years. It is a program of Samaritan's Purse, an international evangelical Christian disaster relief organization. Our mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We are still collecting greeting cards. Please drop those items off anytime in the orange bucket outside of the church office. We are no longer collecting milk carton lids. Many people buy items to contribute throughout the year when something is on sale. If you would like more information about this Christian mission project or to join the committee, please contact Dale Stephens at 828 891-7155.

Library News

By Carolyn R Baker - Librarian

Christmas came to the library recently!!

Let me share a very sincere "Thank You" to all who have donated books!! Fran Ohlsen added to the Children's selections with her own 2 stories written with her Granddaughter Tabitha Morrison. You can find those books in the Children's section today. Look for the green dragon on the cover!

Frank Felsburg has donated a box of inspiring books, as have Wendy McConville and Maureen Heaphy. Dale Stephens dropped off a box of like new books. There are so many books, in fact, it will take a little time to look through them all and find a place for them in our collection.

The library is a special place in the church and every single person, young and old, is welcome to drop in and check out a book. I hope you all have a chance to see what our Christian fiction, nonfiction, and resource sections are all about. Have a very HAPPY NEW YEAR and Read a book!!

By Stacy McClelland

Children's Ministry

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

As we welcome in 2024, let us take a moment to give thanks for our many blessings and memories from the previous year. Let's also anticipate the many ways God will share His goodness within the unfolding of this brand new year!



All children, Kindergarten through 5th grade, are invited to join us for Children's Hour as we look at God as the author of creation. He has entrusted us to care for and cultivate the world we see around us.

We do that by taking responsibility. From work we need to accomplish, to people we meet, to the words we use, life is filled with moments where we can decide to reflect God's character, take responsibility, and use what we have wisely! When we follow through and do what needs to be done, we can point others to Jesus, the One who took ultimate responsibility for us and made it possible for us to be with God forever.

Join us!

Sundays, 11-12 pm in Room #112



By Tom Drick

Music Notes

We hope everyone enjoyed the Blue Ridge Christmas Concert, HPC's chancel choir hosted this December.

You are invited to come and sing with our wonderful, Chancel Choir in 2024! Our first rehearsal for the new year will be: Wednesday, January 10th, 2024, in the Choir Room from 6:00-7:15pm

Creative Beginnings By Katrina Bowen

On December 19th we had a wonderful Christmas program and hot chocolate-cookie bar. I have a few pictures of our cast here to share. They are always so proud to sing for their families and their church family. This year, our Christmas program was a little extra special because we have costumes to represent a nativity scene.

A special thank you to Gaye Currier for the wonderful music.

I also want to say a word of thanks to everyone who donated and shopped at our Christmas sale in the Fellowship Hall. With your support this was one of our biggest fundraisers with \$1,100 being raised to support our school. What a wonderful way to give a gift. Our next big event will be a family literacy night on Feb 6th at 5:30pm. This will be a fun night of simple games and free books to take home. If you have a preschool age child or grandchild, I invite you to attend our literacy night and have some fun fellowship with a little learning sprinkled in. Happy New Year!



**Update deadline is
January 19!!!!**

Let's Celebrate January Birthdays!

Jan. 2	Rhoda Suesz	Jan. 16	Tim Stark
Jan. 3	Caryl Mobley	Jan. 17	Dorothy Pickens, Bette Lee Taylor
Jan. 4	Steve Byrd, Larry Grubb	Jan. 18	Gayle Emery, Don Holmer
Jan. 5	Sam Elliott, Mary Sizemore, Linda Stephens	Jan. 20	Barbara Pharr
Jan. 7	Caleb Reed	Jan. 23	Brenda Bradshaw
Jan. 8	Cathey Gilbert	Jan. 24	Patty Collins, Bill Jones, Judy Van Wagoner
Jan. 9	Lin Campbell, Bob Murray, Nan Rich	Jan. 25	Marcia Elliott, Roberta Swanson
Jan. 13	Ruth Dykstra	Jan. 26	Rodney Gilliam
Jan. 15	Dianne Speese	Jan. 27	Georgia Spencer
		Jan. 31	Andrew Reed

Homebound Member of the Month!

Dona Mennella
The Bridge
334 Thompson Street
Hendersonville, NC 28792



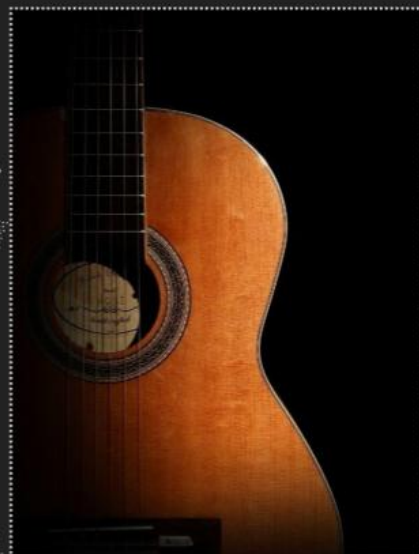
Bluegrass Bash!

Sunday, January 21, 2024

7:00 pm | Fellowship Hall



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