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# Williston Presbyterian News

Cassie Todd, Pastor

December 2012

## NEED A SESSION MEMBER?

Pastor Cassie Todd	266-3623	Moderator
Mark Creech		
* James Hewitt	266-7825	Music & Worship
* Norm Duncan	266-3532	Clerk of Session and Budget & Finance
Mark Creech	266-2999	Music & Worship
Linda Starnes	266-3708	Budget & Finance
Todd Waller	266-4116	Buildings & Grounds
Barry Zeigler	266-3196	Buildings & Grounds
Jim Hilton	266-4440	Congregational Nurture
Kathy Beasley	709-1302	Clerk of Session and Congregational Nurture



\* *Elders Norm Duncan and James Hewitt rotate off the Session this month. We offer our sincerest thanks for their wisdom, devotion, dedication, and service to our church all these years.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - December: Kathy Beasley

**THANK YOU** to Sarah Hilton for coordinating the Poinsettia drive again this year. The sanctuary is beautiful!

**THANK YOU** to all who participated in the sanctuary decorating on 12/01! Stunning!



## "GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS REJOICE!"

Time for celebration and anticipation of Christ's birth is here!



Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m.

Join us for  
an informal, old-fashioned celebration,  
singing favorite Hymns and Christmas Carols,  
followed by fellowship,  
Hot Chocolate and Doughnuts  
in the Fellowship Hall  
afterwards.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

- 12/16 - Carroll & Barbara Zeigler
- 12/16 - Pat & Becky Truitt
- 12/23 - Richard & Marilyn Johnson
- 12/26 - Matt & Cassie Todd





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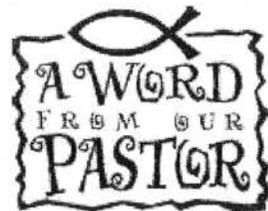
As the Advent season approaches, I am especially feeling the anticipating that goes along with it this year. In Advent, we recall the situation of the ancient Israelites and Jewish people who waited a very long time for our Messiah to come. We remember how they anticipated Christ in the time leading up to his birth. Yet we also anticipate, at the same time, a time when Christ will come again: or his second coming.

Most of you can guess why this year I happen to have a bit more anticipation: in addition to Jesus' birth, but not to distract from it, our congregation is also expecting two new babies in December! One of our members, Alyson Hutson, is expecting a daughter, Hensley, and I am expecting a daughter, Kennedy.

A new child brings a lot of excitement, worries, and a ton of other emotions. I am really grateful to this church for allowing me sufficient time off to be able to bond with my child, and for the incredible support of the church in general as we face this new adventure. Although I won't physically be with you during this season, I pray that God will point you toward Jesus and to put worship of Christ at the forefront of your hearts this year, for Christ is the reason we celebrate Christmas.

Blessings to all of you, and Merry Christmas!

Pastor Cassie Todd



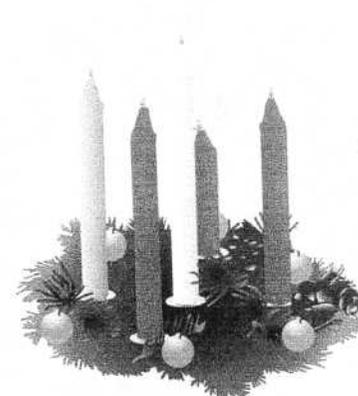
### LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

*"Tis better to give than to receive."*

- ⇒ Thanks to a local need, noticed in our community by Karen Fiery, several volunteers (WPC members and friends) donated their time and talents to help another family in town. Cost covered through the "Bunny Money" fund. Labor costs: -0-! Questions? See Karen or Roxanne.
- ⇒ The weekend **Snack Pack Program** continues faithfully each month helping to supply needy elementary school children with nutritious snacks for the weekends. "Bunny Money" and private donations support this local mission opportunity. Questions? See Jim Hilton or Linda Starnes.

### Fellowship Hall Bathroom Updated!

If you haven't stepped into the bathroom in the Fellowship Hall lately, please do. Thanks to Mary Kay Burton for the fresh, much needed update!



Williston Presbyterian Church, US Holidays

Dec 2012 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 9:45am - Sunday 11am - Worship 6pm - Youth @	26	27	28 6:30pm - Choir	29	30	1 LOCAL 8am - Mission 10am - Christmas DECORATING
2 9:45am - Sunday 11am - Worship 6pm - Youth @  COMMUNION	3	4	5	6	7	8 " " 6pm - Good CHRISTIAN FRIENDS REJOICE!"
9 9:45am - Sunday 11am - Worship 6pm - Youth @	10 6pm - Session	11 7pm - Women's	12	13	14 PEARL HARBOR DAY	15
16 9:45am - Sunday 11am - Worship 6pm - Youth @	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 9:45am - Sunday 11am - Worship 6pm - Youth @	24 Christmas Eve 6:30pm - Christmas  COMMUNION	25 Christmas 	26	27	28	29
30 9:45am - Sunday 11am - Worship 6pm - Youth @	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day	2 6:30pm - Choir	3	4	5



## CHARLESTON ATLANTIC PRESBYTERY WEEKLY CHATLINE E-NEWSLETTER

### Have Any Extra Wheels?

Crisis Ministries is looking for some gently used bicycles, both men's and women's, to provide to residents who are working and or interviewing for a job and need transportation. Now may be a good time to clean that garage and get rid of any no longer used bikes! They are also in need of helmets and locks. If you have any bikes you would like to donate (or helmets and locks) please contact Steve Bailey (881-8472 or [stevenbailey.co@aol.com](mailto:stevenbailey.co@aol.com)) and he will make arrangements to pick up.



### PDA Continues Providing Help

PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) has continued providing help and hope for the survivors of Hurricane Sandy over the past couple of weeks. Twenty-seven members of the National Response Team are working with mid-councils in New York and New Jersey helping them organize their response, assisting in the assessment of damages (both in the community and to Presbyterian churches), assessing potential sites to host volunteer work teams, and providing spiritual and emotional care for Presbyterian leaders.



Visit the [PDA website](#) for more information on Sandy and other areas that PDA is currently responding.

#### Whose Christmas Quote Is That?

"God Bless us, every one."

- Tiny Tim (Crotchit) -

**Bonus:** Who wrote  
*A Christmas Carol*?

- Charles Dickens

#### Whose Christmas Quote Is That?

"Look, Daddy. Teacher says,  
'every time a bell rings, an  
angel gets his wings.'"

- Zuzu (Bailey)

**Bonus:** In what now-classic  
Christmas movie does this  
line occur?

- "It's a Wonderful Life"

#### Sing the Next Line

It came upon a midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,

- From angels bending near the  
earth, to touch their harps of gold.

**Bonus:**

- Peace on the earth, goodwill  
to men...

#### What Is That Tradition All About?

This calendar traditionally helps  
count down the days until  
Christmas, and behind each  
number, it contains a prize.

- a. Christmas calendar
- b. December calendar
- c. Advent calendar
- d. candy calendar

- c. Advent calendar

**Bonus:** In what country did the  
Advent calendar originate?

- Germany