

# Circuit Writer

Dear Church Family,



I am not a golfer; not by any stretch of the imagination. So a few years ago when someone I was helping through a difficult time spoke of a mulligan in the course of our discussion, I had to ask her to explain. "It's a do-over," she told me. "In informal play, you get to take the bad shot over." I liked that concept VERY much.

We all have ways of marking time – birthdays, anniversaries, special occasions and our wall calendars all help us to mark our lives and the passage of time. For most of us though, a major time mark is January 1<sup>st</sup> -- New Year's Day. We see the beginning of a new year as a way of taking a mulligan – getting a chance to have a "do-over" from the year that just passed.

What an appropriate time in our church life to have a mulligan. Because we have just celebrated that God came to us in human flesh to offer all humanity an opportunity to "do-over" the fall from grace and be restored to right relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Lamentations 3: 22-24 says, "*The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning. I say to myself, "The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!"*"

Praise God for new beginnings and for a Savior that offers us daily "do-overs".

With transforming New Year hope,  
Claudia

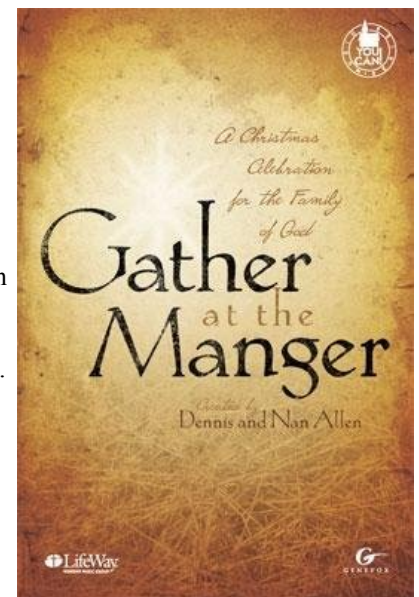
## Gather at the Manger

Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012, 5 pm  
Beaverdam United Methodist Church

Every year at this time, we gather around the manger of Bethlehem. Not literally, of course, but we try at least to re-create that scene, so that we can somehow understand God's plan in it all.

Here is an opportunity to gather at the manger once more and look at it differently—from our own points of view, from the eyes of our hearts.

So let's gather at the manger and take a new look. We can open our physical eyes to see what is there, and we can open our spiritual eyes to see something new and fresh in the most important Christmas story ever told.



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**NOTE: Refreshments are needed for the Cantata on Sun. Jan. 8th. If everyone could bring some light finger foods to share it would be greatly appreciated.**

# Lay Schedule 2012

Date	Jan. 1	Jan. 8	Jan. 15	Jan. 22	Jan 29 YOUTH Sunday	Feb. 5
<b>Greeters</b>	The Umbels	The Mallorys	The Stameys	Julie Durando & Christy Monolo	Alex & Hannah Isbell	Ales Isbell & Lane Smith
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Carole Umbel Luke 2-21-24	Anissa Dougherty Matt. 2:1-12	Martha Slayton Ephesians 3:14- 21	Rob Monolo 2 Corinthians 9:1-15	Christy Monolo	Tim Buyer John 15:9-17
<b>Ushers</b>	The Umbels	Joe & Scott Mallory	The Stameys	Peggy Morris	Alyssa Stamey & Emily Stallings	Edie Beheler & Paytience Shaffer
<b>Financial assistant</b>	Carole Umbel	Anissa Dougherty	Scott Stallings	Julie Durando	Carole Umbel	Tim Buyer
<b>Nursery during Worship</b>	Youth as Needed	Youth as Needed	Youth as Needed	Youth as Needed	Youth as Needed	Youth as Needed

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## JANUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Tony Brubaker	2 Andy Smith	3	4	5 David/DeAnn Pangburn	6	7
8 Cantata 5 pm	9	10	11	12 WHEAT meeting 7:30/Mt. Olivet	13	14
15 Bunny Slayton	16 Tim Buyer Alex Isbell	17 Small Group- Bible Study 9:30 am Janet Exline	18 Sean Carroll	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Rose Edwards	27	28
29 Community Hymn Sing-Zion Christian 6 pm	30	31 Admin Council 7:30 Ryan Slayton				

## KIDS IN CHURCH

3-year-old Reese :  
'Our Father, Who does art in heaven,  
Harold is His name.  
Amen.'

A little boy was overheard praying:  
'Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it.  
I'm having a real good time like I am.'

After the christening of his baby brother in church,  
Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car.  
His father asked him three times what was wrong.  
Finally, the boy replied,  
'That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home,  
And I wanted to stay with you guys.'

One particular four-year-old prayed,  
'And forgive us our trash baskets  
As we forgive those who put trash in our baskets.'



## BUMCY

In the month of December, the youth helped out with the kids' Candy Cane Fun event where we played games, made crafts, and enjoyed lots of candy canes. The second annual Christmas Progressive dinner was a great success. Thank you to all of the wonderful people who opened up their homes to the youth for that night! BUMCY has been preparing for the New Year through establishing a contract for

both youth and parents to allow for a loving and respectful environment when we spend time together.

For January, BUMCY will be starting a new Bible study in Sunday school on January 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be 3 BUMCY nights from 6:30 pm to 8 pm on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be working on preparing a skit for BUMCY to perform for the Christmas cantata on January 8<sup>th</sup> as well! January 13<sup>th</sup> through January 14<sup>th</sup>, we will have a lock-in at the church where we might play the Wii on the big screen. That Saturday of the lock-in, the youth will go to volunteer



at BARK and help out with this organization that houses dogs that do not have a home. A little bit of fun and service packed into a lock-in! Then, on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the church and BUMCY will be making a trip to Wintergreen to go night snow tubing for a couple of hours. If you and/or a youth would like to go, let Ashley know by January 15<sup>th</sup>. With 20 people, we could get a group discount meaning only \$20 a person. As always if there is financial trouble, do not be afraid to talk to me. I want everyone to come!

Thank you for a great year! From my heart to yours, please know that the events and memories that these youth have could not be obtained without the help from each and every person.

Happy New Year,  
Ashley Harper

## MISSIONS

Candy drive for children in Iraq. Please limit your contributions to individually wrapped hard candies (such as lollipops, tootsie rolls, twizzlers, etc.) and because of the heat, chocolates should be avoided. Barbara Bauserman will collect these goodies and see that they are delivered.

## W.H.E.A.T.

needs our help both with financial donations and with the following food pantry items: pasta and spaghetti sauce.

## Compassion International:

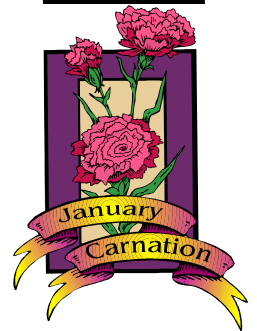
Don't forget to support Karen and Axel, our Sunday School's adopted children by depositing your spare change in the Wooden Box in the church's narthex.

## Blessing Box:

Rouzie's has a Blessing Box to collect used men's clothing in good condition and assorted toiletries that can be given to the men at New Life for Youth Ranch. Please only men's Clothing & Toiletries!

Date	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29	February 5
Scriptures	Matthew 2: 1-12	Ephesians 3: 14-21	2 Corinthians 9: 1-15	Ecclesiastes 12: 1-7	John 15: 9-17
Greeter	The Lear's	The Marsh's	Doris Davis Karen Roach	Barbara Bauserman	The Flint's
Lay Reader	Jay Marsh	Martha Jones	Barbara Bauserman	Jay Marsh	Martha Jones

# News from the Pews

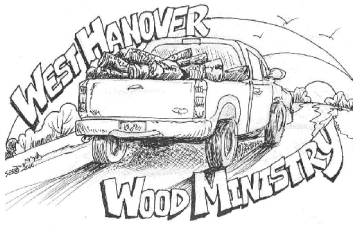


## The Friendship Book, 2011, by Francis Gay

Our old friend Mary said that she used to wonder why people complained about time speeding by so fast – then as the years passed, she realized why! “Now it seems like the year has hardly started before it’s over and a new one waits in the wings,” she commented one day. “The only bad news,” said her neighbor Fred, “Is that time flies. The good news is that you are the pilot!”  
Let’s fly next year to somewhere worthwhile?

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dave Bolden	11
Jarrett Stanley	11
Steve and Gwen Leech	21
Jay Marsh	27
Johnny & Jennifer Webner	28
Preston Leech	30

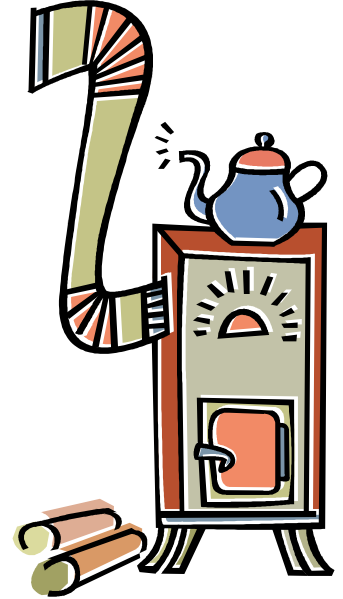


## West Hanover Wood Ministry (WHWM) Update

The wood ministry made a lot of deliveries in the month of December. We are up to a total of 82 ½ loads of wood delivered to our 36 families. Although it has been relatively mild so far this winter it looks like January will be providing us with colder weather. Our families have been cranking up their wood stoves to stay warm. To date The Fork Church as delivered 25 ½ loads, Rouzie's/Beaverdam 43 loads and St Peters UMC and Church of Our Savior have both delivered 7 loads of wood.

Louise Gordon from Rockville VA donated a large red oak to the wood ministry that was dead standing on her property. The Wednesday Crew started cutting, splitting and hauling the wood to Rouzie's wood yard in December. It will most likely take until the first week of January before they get all of the wood out of Mrs. Gordon's yard. We also had 8 red oaks donated by the Pratt family but the wood is on a 25 degree slope in their backyard with little or no access. It will take a real herculean effort to pull the logs or rounds out of the woods. Perhaps Rob Monolo will be able to give an assist with his excavator and dump truck. It would be a shame to see all the wood go to waste.

Fredy Calderon, from Beaverdam UMC, is coordinating deliveries for our wood ministry families. If you would like to help deliver wood contact Fredy 804 357-5504, axc609@gmail.com, or Dick Lear 540 894-9919, rblearl@gmail.com, to get on the e-mail or telephone distribution lists. You don't need a truck to help with deliveries. When the call goes out for deliveries, come to the wood yard and we will team you up with someone who has a truck. Many thanks to all those who support the wood ministry both physically and financially. Happy New Year



## A Christmas Alphabet

Anonymous (c. 1890)

A is for Animals who shared the stable.	O for the Oxen, the first to adore Him.
B is for the Babe in the manger cradle.	P for the Presents Wise men laid before Him.
C is for the Carols so blithe and so gay	Q for the Quaking of shepherds in fear,
D for December, the twenty-fifth day.	when the bright angels brought them the words of good cheer.
E for the Eve when we're all so excited.	R for the Reindeer leaping the roofs.
F for the Fun when the tree's at last lighted.	S for the Stockings that Santa Claus stuffs.
G for the Goose, so round and so fat.	T for the Toys, the Tinsel, the Tree.
H for the Holly you stick in your hat.	U is for Us – the whole family.
I for the Ivy that clings to the wall	V is for Visitors bringing us cheer.
J is for Jesus, the cause of it all.	W is Welcome to the happy New Year.
K for the Kindness begot by this feast.	XYZ bother me! All I can say, this is the
L is the Light shining way in the east.	
M for the Mistletoe, all green and white	So now to you all, wherever you be,
N for the Noels we sing Christmas night.	a Merry, Merry Christmas, and many may you see!
	Taken from "Traditions" catalogue 2011

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Happy New Year Girls and Boys,

1 Thessalonians 5:11 - "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

Paul founded the church at Thessalonica during his second missionary journey, but he had to leave earlier than he anticipated because the Jews opposed his presence and his teachings. Paul wrote this letter to give the people encouragement.



The letter was written about 51 A.D. Each chapter of this book ends with a reference of Jesus' second coming.

Now most of you know that I am not up on Texting, using a Blackberry, and certainly am not on facebook. I am not "linked in." I do not Twitter and do not have friends on face book. In fact, if I see one of you "texting" I have to ask what you are doing? The only thing I know is that you have to talk in less than 140 characters.

I asked a young friend who she was writing and why. She said she was asking someone what she was doing. I asked her, why are you doing that? She looked at me as if she knew something that I did not know.

She then asked me, "Do you like people?" Well of course I do, but what does that have to do with asking questions like what are you doing in a texting system?

Finally it dawned on me. Sharing hope, faith and fun with people is a great gift and doing it in every way we can is what Paul is saying we should do.

So, offer someone a kind word, put a smile on someone's face either by phone, snail mail, email, or texting. You will feel better and so will they.

Have a great year. Love. JuG

12/27/2011

