

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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Chatting with Charlie – December 2013

2013 has come and gone. It's time for us to reflect on the past year and look forward to 2014. It's time to make resolutions for the New Year because we want to improve ourselves and our quality of life. The top resolutions, for most people, tend to revolve around the same three things: money, health and family.

Here's the set of New Year's resolutions for you and the church I shared with you last year. I hope that we will take the time to reflect on how we did in 2013 and how they can be part of our lives in 2014:

1. **Pray more.** So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD. 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty (Zechariah 4:6, NIV).
2. **Share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed.** I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some (I Corinthians 9:22, NIV).
3. **Take care of yourself spiritually.** Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me (Philippians 3:12, NIV).
4. **Make the tough decisions you know are best.** And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me — the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace (Acts 20:22-24, NIV).
5. **Take care of your family.** A leader must be well-thought-of, committed to his wife, attentive to his own children and having their respect. For if someone is unable to handle his own affairs, how can he take care of God's church? (I Timothy 3:2-5, Msg)
6. **Love people, not just crowds.** If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate. If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing. If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love (I Corinthians 13:1-3, Msg).
7. **Reflect on God's blessings.** We all go through trials and tribulations - some of us worse than others. But remember what God has brought you through before and He will never let you go. God will continue to hold you in His loving arms now and for all eternity. Thank Him for His Loving Kindness.

We hope you had a Merry Christmas and send you our best wishes for a Happy New Year in 2014.

Charlie, Elaine & Streeter

HIGHLIGHTS OF SESSION MEETING-----DECEMBER 15, 2013

Building and Grounds—reports that Lester Painting will be finishing up their painting of Douglas Hall.

Christian Education —Another church has requested the use of any monitors and key boards that are not being used by our computer program. Steve Lytle will be looking into this. The Polar Express at Stanton Weirsdale Elementary School was well attended by families in the community. There were 10 volunteers from our church that helped out. Church web site has been progressing well and involving our office staff.

Fellowship Committee—Committee will finish off a successful year with a pot luck on Dec. 22nd.

Membership Committee—During the January pot luck members who joined the church in 2013 will be recognized.

Mission Committee—Hands-on experiences will continue to be promoted especially in areas of the Community of Gratitude and Stanton Weirsdale Elementary School (Love of Learning Fair and Curriculum Showcase to take place on 2/22/14 at the school and we will be looking for volunteers to help out).

Worship Committee-- Communion Servers and Head Usher Schedules for 2014 have been established and circulated.

Stewardship and Finance Committee—Proposed budget for 2014 was presented. The committee approved a Web Based Accounting System to be transitioned in January.

Pastor Charlie thanked David Vincent, Star Patterson and Mike Rou for their faithful service to the ministry of the church. Pastor Charlie shared the resignation of Joalice Hagle effective 12/31/13 and requested the merge of the Fellowship and Membership Committees under Elder Betty McEuen. It was pointed out that historically the function of these two committees was under one leadership and this could again be effective.



BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

February 2, 2014

DON'T MISS IT!

Sunday, February 2, our own Boy Scout Troop will be serving spaghetti (all you can eat) beginning right after church and going until 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 each, available from any of the Scouts or the leaders before Sunday, or you may also purchase tickets at the door.

The Scouts will also be conducting the worship service that Sunday. We hope you will attend and be blessed during this service. The boys have many talents and work hard to make this a special day for all of us. You wouldn't want to miss this event—this year is the 31st anniversary for this spaghetti dinner. The troop is very appreciative of the congregational and community support given over the years.

Love INC's 2nd Annual Christmas Sanctuary Tour

Weirsdale Presbyterian Church participated in Love INC's 2nd Annual Christmas Sanctuary Tour. Many people from our community came through and all were impressed with the beauty of our sanctuary and the history of our church.

Thank you to all who helped with this annual event and who provided the refreshments.

Our church was beautiful!



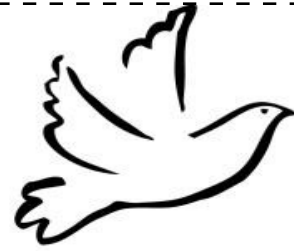
We had the Ordination & Installation Service for the new Deacons and Elders on Sunday, Dec. 22nd.

Elders:

Ray Sheppard
Cathy Skoff
David Vincent

Deacons:

Elaine Metz
Ilene Newton
Marie Oille
Sara Jane Vincent



Ordination / Installation

We are thankful that God has called them to serve as our church officers, and we all look forward to serving with them in the coming years.

Installation & Reception

On January 19th at 3:00 PM, we will be installing Rev. Charlie Rumpel as our pastor. A reception will follow and everyone is welcome.



GIFTING THROUGH THE NEW YEAR

1. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen for anyone willing to help with **Fellowship** during the new year. Fellowship is something everyone looks forward to after the worship service, and you could be a real hero by serving!
2. The green forms for **Altar flowers** are in the Narthex. What a lovely donation to the worship service when you pick a week and remember or honor a loved one. Still only \$25.00!
3. The Community of Gratitude **Food Pantry** and Love Inc **Gas Cans** can always use a refill. Bring non-perishable food and personal care items and place them in the basket in **Douglas Hall**. These items are being placed in the Narthex. Then drop some of that heavy change in your pocket into the gas cans. Your generosity has been overwhelming and both missions look forward to your continued assistance.

DEACONS Christmas Angel Tree

The Angel Tree Mission provided five families including 16 children in our area with a delicious Christmas dinner and gifts.

They were treated to a meal with ham and all the fixings including a cake for dessert. The children received the gifts which the congregation generously donated along with a Bible Christmas Story Book and a Bible.

Thank you to the congregation for taking all the tags on the tree early on in the season and getting all gifts in on time.

Operation Shoebox

Thanks to everyone who helped make ditty bags and Christmas stockings for Operation Shoebox this year. Whether you made donations, traced patterns, cut fabric, matched pieces, sewed stockings and ditty bags, crocheted strings, or knit caps and helmet liners, you are an integral part of our mission to provide a little cheer to our military men and women stationed around the world. You are greatly appreciated for what you do.

Our military men and women really appreciate the gifts they receive and are grateful for the dedication of time and talents of our volunteers. Special thanks to all of you, and you know who you are.

I wanted to report that our yearly total for Ditty Bags was 3,874, and we were able to make and ship 2,248 Christmas Stockings. I had requested help from the Del Webb Arts and Crafts League, and they provided us with 331 Christmas stockings to include in our total.

Warmest wishes for a blessed and Happy New Year. God Bless You All.

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FROM THE TROOPS

Many notes of appreciation have been sent to Operation Shoebox by our troops stationed overseas. Here is one we received:

12-16-2013

Mrs. Dalbeck,

I want to thank you for preparing all those stockings. I received one today at work and was blessed. Please also tell everyone else who prepared them a Big Thank You for us. My name is Charles Collier. I was deployed to UAE in October and will be here till February. I currently live in NJ but I grew up in Tampa, Florida. I hope to retire back to Florida someday. I have 4 children, 1 boy and 3 girls. My son is in the Marines. I am in the Air Force Reserves and I have been in for 26 years. Thank you again for your labor of love, it does not go unnoticed. If you or someone wants to email me, it's ChuckyCollier@aol.com. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Charles Collier
John 3:16





REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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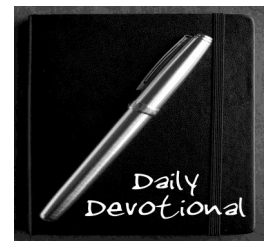


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DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Please feel free to take one.



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There are still some new 2014 Day Planners on the table in the Narthex. These are a gift to you. We hope it will be of use to you throughout the new year.

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Our Mission:
Bring People to Christ
Develop our Discipleship

Dates to Remember

Jan. 1, Church Office Closed
Jan. 1, NO Boy Scouts
Jan. 2, Women's Bible Study, 10:00AM
Jan. 2, Choir Chimes Rehearsal, 1:30PM
Jan. 2, Choir Rehearsal, 3:00PM
Jan. 4, DEACONS Meet, 9:00 AM
Jan. 5, Small Groups Study THE SHACK, 9:00AM
Jan. 5, Holy Communion Worship Service, 10:30 AM
Jan. 7, Small Group Study THE SHACK, 10:00AM
Jan. 7, Tuesday Time Out, Noon
Jan. 8, Boy Scouts, 7:30PM
Jan. 9, Women's Bible Study, 10:00AM
Jan. 9, Choir Chimes Rehearsal, 1:30PM
Jan. 9, Choir Rehearsal, 3:00PM
Jan. 12, Small Groups Study THE SHACK, 9:00AM
Jan. 12, Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM
Jan. 12, Session Meets, 12:00PM, Sr. High Classroom
Jan. 14, Small Group Study THE SHACK, 10:00AM
Jan. 14 Tuesday Time Out, Noon
Jan. 15, Sr. Singles Meet, 5:00 PM
Jan. 15, Boy Scouts, 7:30PM
Jan. 16, Women's Bible Study, 10:00AM
Jan. 16, Choir Chimes Rehearsal, 1:30PM
Jan. 16, Choir Rehearsal, 3:00PM
Jan. 19, Small Groups Study THE SHACK
Jan. 19, Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM
Jan. 19, INSTALLATION Service & Holy Communion,
3:00PM, Reception afterwards
Jan. 21, Small Group Study THE SHACK
Jan. 21, Tuesday Time Out, Noon
Jan. 22, Boy Scouts, 7:30PM
Jan. 23, Women's Bible Study, 10:00AM
Jan. 23, Choir Chimes Rehearsal, 1:30PM
Jan. 23, Choir Rehearsal, 3:00PM
Jan. 26, Small Groups Study THE SHACK, 9:00AM
Jan. 26, Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM
Jan. 26, Annual Congregation Meeting, 11:30 AM
Jan. 26, POTLUCK Fellowship--Bring a dish!
Feb. 1, DEACONS Meet
Feb. 2, NO Small Groups Study THE SHACK, 9:00AM
Feb. 2, BOY SCOUT Sunday Worship Service, 10:30 AM
Feb. 2, BOY SCOUT Spaghetti Dinner, 11:30 AM

Dates to Remember (cont'd)

Feb. 4, NO Small Group Study THE SHACK, 10:00AM
Feb. 4, Tuesday Time Out, Noon
Feb. 5, Boy Scouts, 7:30PM
Feb. 6, Women's Bible Study, 10:00AM
Feb. 6, Choir Chimes, 1:30 PM
Feb. 6, Choir Rehearsal



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Did you know that
United Way has a free
resource & referral
helpline?

Available 24 hours a day/7 days a week, confidential, and multilingual. Callers link to local resources ranging from: FOOD, RENT, UTILITY ASSISTANCE, ELDER HELP, and much more.

Keep our troops in your prayers and pray for
a safe return of all who are on foreign soils.

