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# The Church Mouse



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## Chatting with Charlie – December, 2015

Once again it's time to make resolutions for the New Year because we want to bring change to bear on our circumstances. 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. Some favorites are we're going to lose weight, exercise more, get out of debt, stick to a budget, stop smoking, save for the future and spend more time with family.

How about a set of New Year's resolutions for you and the church? Here are a few to consider:

1. **Spend more quality time alone with God.** 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 with those God brings into your life.** 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 by studying God's Word with your fellow believers.** 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. Be Thankful and Grateful to Him for His Loving Kindness and share your time and talents with your church.

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

Charlie, Elaine & BB

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS—DECEMBER, 2015

The calendar for Fellowship is empty. Please sign up for 2016.

WPC Child Protection and Sexual Misconduct policies were adopted as requested by Presbytery.

The proposed 2016 budget was approved.

A letter from Presbytery was received congratulating WPC on our 125th Anniversary.

All year end reports are due from committees on January 31st.

A New Member class and reception will be held in February.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Cordle



The sewing group that makes the ditty bags and Christmas stockings for our troops stationed over seas meets in Douglas Hall on the second and fourth Monday each month.

They will resume activity and meet on January 11th & 25th.

Cutters, sewers and crocheters can all help; your efforts are appreciated.

Diana Harris coordinates sewing sessions at church and delivers the items to Operation Shoebox. She can be reached at 352-425-4351 or at 352-625-6021.

## POLAR EXPRESS STANTON-WEIRSDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



For such a small church, we had a big turn out of volunteers for Polar Express at Stanton Weirsdale Elementary! Thirteen folks helped with the many activities at the school. The children decorated bags, made tree decorations and rode the Polar Express train! Other activities included making snow and jingle bell necklaces. Kids of all ages were smiling and having a great time--including the adult volunteers!

## ALTAR FLOWERS for 2016

The new year is upon us, and there are many Sundays available for the sponsorship of altar flowers. Reserve that special date before it is no longer available. The 2016 flower forms are in the Narthex and the church office. The flowers are still only \$25.00.



## INDIVIDUAL HEARING AMPLIFIERS

Hearing amplifiers can be found in the Narthex for your use during the worship service. If you have any questions, ask the head usher or the person at the audio/visual cabinet.

## CHURCH COOKBOOKS

The WPC cookbooks that you donated recipes for are available for \$5.00 each. You can get yours in the church office during office hours (Mon-Thur, 9AM-1PM) or after worship on Sundays.

## JANUARY 3rd WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist: Bud Boyer  
Communion Set Up: Jan Carey  
Communion Servers: Axie Grimes, Tom Hagle,  
Linda Spence, and  
David & Sara Jane Vincent

## COMMUNITY OF GRATITUDE REPORT November, 2015

Total Individuals	843
Number of Households	320
Equivalent:	7,587meals
Children 0-17:	240
Adults over 60	252

As always, if you are unable to serve as listed above, **PLEASE find a substitute.** And, thank you for your willingness to serve our church!

Please pray for all those who attend and are members of our church family. We all have our little problems and our health needs. Praying for each other as a gift of love will give us a great blessing!

May the Grace and Mercy of our Lord fill our hearts with LOVE Now and in the New Year!

For prayer requests, contact the following:

Ann Myers 352-653-3319

Marlys Forbrook 352-430-1727



### PRAYER CHAIN INFORMATION

If you have a prayer request, please call **Ann Myers** at 352-653-3319 or **Marlys Forbrook** at 352-430-1727.

Also, if you would be interested in helping on the prayer chain, call either Ann or Marlys and let them know.



Remember our friends who are homebound or in a care facility by sending them a card to brighten their day:

Norman Brew  
8220 Natures Way #120  
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

Gene Pratt  
3131 TCU Blvd.  
Orlando, FL 32817

Eleanor Redding  
P.O. Box 96  
Weirsdale, FL 32195

Marilyn Smith  
15020 SE 140th Ave. Rd.  
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### GIFTING THROUGH THE YEAR

1. The forms for **Altar Flowers** are in the Narthex. If you are so moved to sponsor the flowers for a Sunday service, please fill out a form and return it to the office or put in the collection plate on Sundays. The flowers are only \$25.00 and add to the beauty of the sanctuary and service.
2. The **Love INC** gas cans are always conveniently located in the Narthex and Douglas Hall so you can drop your change in them as you are coming or going. The little amounts that you leave make such a big difference to those in need of your help.
3. The first Sunday of each month is **Food Pantry Sunday**. Please put your items in Douglas Hall in the designated area. They are always in need of peanut butter, jelly, cereal, applesauce and personal toiletries.

# January 2016

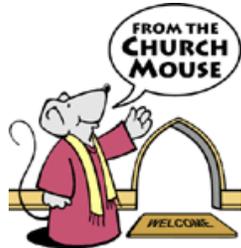


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day	2 Deacons Meet, 9AM
3 Food Pantry Sunday Sunday Worship & Holy Communion, 10:30AM	4	5 Tues. Time Out, 11:30AM	6 Choir Rehearsal, 4:30PM Boy Scouts, 7:30PM	7 Women's Bible Study 10:00AM	8	9
10 Romans Life Study Womens, Mens Groups, 8:55AM Sunday Worship, 10:30AM	11 Operation Shoebox Sewing Group, 9:00AM	12 Tues. Time Out, 11:30AM	13 Romans Life Study, Stoncrest, 1:30PM Choir Rehearsal, 4:30PM Boy Scouts, 7:30PM	14 Women's Bible Study 10:00AM Roman Life Study, Mens Group, 5:30PM	15 Romans Life Study, Del Webb, 10:00AM	16
17 Romans Life Study Womens, Mens Groups, 8:55AM Sunday Worship, 10:30AM Session Meets, 11:45AM	18	19 Tues. Time Out, 11:30AM DEADLINE Mouse News to Office	20 Romans Life Study, Stoncrest, 1:30PM Choir Rehearsal, 4:30PM Sr. Singles, D.H., 5:00PM Boy Scouts, 7:30PM	21 Women's Bible Study 10:00AM Roman Life Study, Mens Group, 5:30PM	22 Romans Life Study, Del Webb, 10:00AM	23
24 Romans Life Study Womens, Mens Groups, 8:55AM Sunday Worship, 10:30AM Polluck, 11:45AM	25 Operation Shoebox Sewing Group, 9:00AM	26	27 Romans Life Study, Stoncrest, 1:30PM Choir Rehearsal, 4:30PM Boy Scouts, 7:30PM	28 Women's Bible Study 10:00AM Roman Life Study, Mens Group, 5:30PM	29 Romans Life Study, Del Webb, 10:00AM	30
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**Our Mission:  
Bring People to Christ  
Develop our Discipleship**



## **Weirsdale Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM**

**Fellowship: 11:30 AM**

### **Study Groups:**

**Sundays 8:55 AM Men's & Women's: Church**

**Wednesdays 1:30 PM: Stonecrest**

**Thursday's Men's 5:30 PM: Douglas Hall**

**Fridays 10:00 AM: Del Webb**