



Merry Christmas!





The Church Mouse



December, 2019

Walking with Walter



Thanksgiving! Advent! Christmas! Wow, what season of celebration and anticipation. Last month we celebrated Thanksgiving. We are blessed to live in a country where we can take time and simply give thanks to God for all he has done. His blessings have been exquisite, enormous and immense. If we stop and consider that as individuals, country and church, He has blessed us. Words will always be inadequate when we celebrate God and honor him with Thanksgiving.

Now we are preparing ourselves for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Advent is a season to remember the coming of Jesus Christ into the world as that small baby so long ago. Also, it is a time of expectation! Expectation of Christ's second advent, His coming in the clouds to meet us at the time of resurrection. Oh yes! Advent prepares us for Christmas and prepares us for Christ's coming. During this season we need to put aside worries, differences, anxiety and fear because Jesus did come. And in coming, he brought to us forgiveness!

Then Christmas comes. If possible, we join with family and friends in times of Celebration and generosity. Christmas is a time of giving not just material things but the giving of ourselves in love to those around us. I realize that for some Christmas may bring back memories of the past. Some of these memories may be discouraging and disheartening, but despite past disappointments, Christmas is still a time of celebration. We celebrate Christmas because Jesus came and through his grace, sacrifice and love we have been reconciled to God. If that's not something to celebrate, we of all people *should* be disappointed.

Yes, Thanksgiving day is past, advent is here, and Christmas is right around the corner. We at Weirsdale Church have so much to be grateful for. We have so much to celebrate! We have each other! There is no better family in all the world than the family of God, and there is no better family of God than the family here at Weirsdale! Ellen, Candy and I are grateful to be a part of this family. God bless you all and may you have a very Merry Christmas.

DR. WALTER G. LASETER is available for pastoral care and can be reached at 352-598-5767.





DEACONS' ANGEL TREE

All of the cards from the Deacons' Angel tree have been taken so now the gifts need to be purchased and brought to the church.

Please remember to bring the **unwrapped gift with gift receipt and family card with child's information** to Douglas Hall and place in the corresponding numbered family bag by **December 8th**. The Deacons will wrap the gifts and put together a Christmas bag for each family.

It is time to order your Christmas poinsettias to place in the sanctuary. Order forms are in the Narthex in the document holder. The plants remain at \$6 each, and you may take yours home after the Christmas Eve service.



UNGREEN THE CHURCH DEC. 31st

Please consider staying after church for a few extra minutes to help take down the Christmas decorations.



*Enjoy A Christmas Cantata
During Our Worship Service
December 22*

*"Welcome to Our World"
Presented by Jill Hayman Aponte
Accompanied by Jo Ann Hanebrink
Performed by our WPC Choir*



Harvest Table

The Harvest table was overflowing with your generosity this year.



Thanksgiving Day Dinner.

There was a tremendous response to the Thanksgiving Dinner this year.

Diana Harris and her many, many assistants organized a dinner for over 70 people. Everyone who attended contributed a special dish from their family traditions.

Jason Laseter offered the prayer for our gathering and we feasted for the rest of the afternoon.

Walter and Ellen, who were away with family, were missed.

Diana wants to thank everyone who helped and who came to the dinner. The variety and selection of food was fabulous and everyone had a great time!






O, Give Thanks...





The Operation Shoebox sewing group will resume meeting the 2nd and 4th Mondays each month in 2020. The next meetings will be on the 13th and 27th in January.

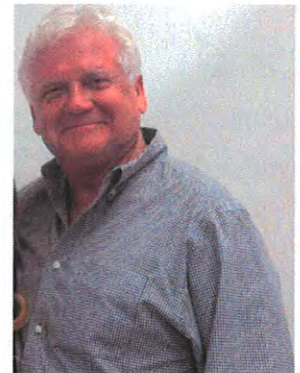
Diana Harris is the coordinator for the sewing group and delivers the items to Operation Shoebox. For further information, she can be reached at 352-425-4351 or at 352-625-6021.



John & Jean Cox



Edna De Leon



Steve Oelrich

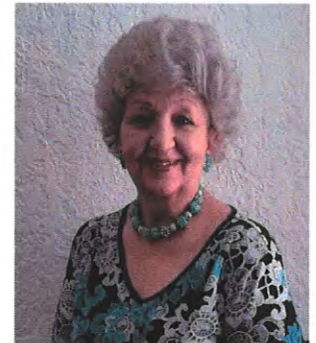
NEW MEMBERS JOINED OUR CHURCH IN NOVEMBER

Give them a WPC welcome!

We are blessed to have these new members and pray the Lord will lead and guide them to participate in our church activities and leadership.



Debby Rynak



Jane Williams

CHRISTMAS COOKIE FELLOWSHIP

December 29th Fellowship will be Christmas Cookies! Bring your cookies to share as we say goodbye to the Christmas season.



Seniors Group will not dine out this month.

The next dinner together will be January 15, 2020.

Tuesday Time Out will not meet on December 24th but will serve lunch on December 31st.



Christmas doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more. Dr. Seuss
Love the giver more than the gift.
Remember this season, that love weighs more than gold.

PRAYER CHAIN INFORMATION

If you have a prayer request or are interested in helping on the prayer chain, please get with **Axie Grimes**.

352-537-0854 (Cell)
 352-821-1378 (Home)
 mrsagrimes@yahoo.com



- Becky
- Nance'
- Wayne & Mary
- Ester
- Terri
- George (2)
- Katie (2)
- Jim
- Nelda
- Gary
- Russ
- Victims Mexico
Massacre
- Dori
- Nikko
- Dottie
- Sue
- Jean
- Bruce
- Aunt Cora
- Jill
- Ivan

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



Robert Lipsner
 800 Lake Port Blvd. Apt C505
 Leesburg, FL 34748

Betts Mengel
 ATRIA Lady Lake
 930 County Road 466
 Lady Lake, FL 32159

James & Audrey Stangle
 4680 Bellwether Ln. Apt. 113
 Oxford, FL 34484

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

DECEMBER

Head Usher:
 Dec. 15:

Ellen Laseter
 Cindy Strategos
 Bud Boyer

Liturgist:
 Communion Setup
 Dec. 1:

Jane Sands and May Fair Taylor
 Starr Patterson

Dec. 24:
 Communion Servers:
 Dec. 1:

Kaye Boyer, Carol Everman, Lorna McKenzie,
 Angela Pecor, Cindy Strategos
 Glenda Bucklew, Diana Harris, Ilene Newton,
 Starr Patterson, Linda Spence



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!

Altar Flowers & Fellowship

The slate is wide open in early 2020 needing altar flowers and hosts for fellowship. That is only 5 weeks away!


Altar flower forms are in the document holder in the Narthex. Flowers remain at \$25.00.

Check the bulletin board in the Douglas Hall kitchen for openings if you would like to host a snack.

Your contributions are appreciated.

December 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 First Sunday of Advent Food Pantry Sunday 10:30AM Worship/Holy Communion 11:30AM Fellowship PIES 11:30AM Congregational Meeting for election of officers.	2	3 11:30AM TTO	4 No Bible Study Group 7:30PM BSA	5 10:00AM Women's Bible Study 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal	6	7 DEACONS Meet 9AM
8 Second Sunday of Advent SWES Clothing Drive 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Fellowship Angel Tree Gifts Due in Douglas Hall	9 Session Committee Reports due in office today.	10 11:30AM TTO	11 No Bible Study Group 7:30PM BSA	12 10:00AM Women's Bible Study 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal	13	14 Deacons Wrap Angel Tree gifts 1:00-4:00PM AED Training Douglas Hall
15 Third Sunday of Advent 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Fellowship 11:45AM Session Meets Polinsettia Flower Forms Due	16	17 11:30AM TTO serves a Turkey Dinner	18 No Bible Study Group No Senior Group dining out 7:30PM BSA	19 10:00AM Women's Bible Study 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal	20	21
22 Fourth Sunday of Advent 10:30AM Worship & Christmas Cantata 11:30AM Fellowship	23	24 NO TTO Today CHRISTMAS EVE Candlelight Service 4:30PM	25  1-Jan-20	26 10:00AM Women's Bible Study 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal	27	28
29 10:30AM Worship Service 11:30AM Fellowship Cookies Ungreen the Church	30	31 11:30AM TTO				

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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

Sunday School:

9:00 AM

(October through April)