



January
2019



The Church Mouse



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Jill Hayman-Aponte, James McKnight, Linda Spence, Linda Spatta and Vivian Taylor also contributed individually to the sounds of the season.

CHRISTMAS

The decorations in the church were beautiful! All the wreaths and window candles were updated with new ribbons, bulbs and boughs—the theme being red and gold this year! We also added new, oil-filled Advent candles.

We are blessed to have so much creative talent and many helping hands in this congregation.

Thank you to all who worked to beautify the church for this Christmas season and to those who helped put it all away on Dec. 30th.



2019 HARVEST HAPPENINGS CRAFT BAZAAR

Debbi McCloskey is organizing Harvest Happenings for the Fall of 2019.

Crafters are needed for the many craft projects.

The group will meet on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month from 9AM to noon in the craft room downstairs in Douglas Hall.

You may call Debbi at 330-461-4286 for further information.



Needed items for the Harvest Happenings Craft Show:

Glass Blocks	Paddles & Oars
Fan Blades	Cutting Boards
Glass Jugs/Jars	Used Large Paint Brushes
Old Windows	Solid Bricks (no holes)
Denim Jackets	Christmas Decorations
Wood Pieces	Christmas & Decorative Ribbon
Old Wood Furniture Pieces	Jewelry
Old Iron Skillets	Yarn—orange & apple red (Fall Colors)
Ice Skates	Antlers

BY USPS OR BY EMAIL??

You now are going to receive your Church Mouse Bulletin by email. You will enjoy a beautiful, color version, and you might receive it more quickly than the one mailed through the post office. If you are not receiving email blasts from the church office, please send me your email address and you will be added to the newsletter email list if you prefer.



The Church Mouse can also be seen on the church [website](http://www.weirsdalepresbyterianchurch.org) as well. The website has recently been revised so that the newsletter now shows up as a full-screen image. Go to www.weirsdalepresbyterianchurch.org and click on the "Newsletter" menu tab. I will be happy to help anyone who does not understand how to use the website.

In the near future, a Sunday bulletin insert will give you the opportunity to choose whether you want to continue receiving the church bulletin through the postal mail service or not. You will be asked to return it with your preference checked or you can just call the office and let me know.

I am here to help in any way I can.

Linda Spatta

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YOUR SHARING IS A BLESSING

These dates in 2019 are open for altar flowers and fellowship. Please consider signing up for one or the other.

ALTAR FLOWERS

February 17 & 24

March 3, 17 & 24

April 7, 14 & 18

FELLOWSHIP HOST

January 13, 20 & 27

All of February

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

STANTON WEIRSDALE ELEM. SCHOOL WORLD'S FAIR NIGHT

Volunteers from our church cruised over to the elementary school on the evening of Dec. 13th to assist with the school's annual World's Fair Event.





SCOUT SUNDAY FEB 3 SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Boy Scouts of Troop 113 are now selling tickets for their Scout Sunday Spaghetti Dinner. **DON'T MISS OUT!** Get your tickets from a scout or troop leader.

\$5.00 gets you a complete meal of spaghetti, bread, salad & dessert served in Douglas Hall or picked up "to go" at the scout hut after the worship service on Feb. 3rd.

SPRUCED UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The church was power-washed before the holidays from ground up to the tip-top of the steeple. It sparkled with its fresh, clean look.

Also, did you notice the new paint on the Douglas Hall doors and all the poles and rails on the premises?



These Days DEVOTIONALS

The quarterly devotionals for January through March are now in the Narthex. There are still a few left so get one before they are gone.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW OFFICERS

On December 30th, we installed our newly elected ruling elders and deacons.

Welcome deacons Lorna McKenzie, Debi McCloskey and re-elected deacon Marlys Forbrook.

Elders elected are Jim Bowers and Diana Harris.

Please pray for their divine guidance during their service to the church.

SIDEWALKS IN CHURCH PARKING AREAS

Occasionally, we need to be reminded that the sidewalks in our parking area are for **pedestrian traffic only**. They are not built to handle the weight of automobiles.

Please, do not drive on or cross over them. Thank you.



PLEDGE ENVELOPES

There are still a few boxes of pledge envelopes waiting to be claimed at the back of the church on the table just outside of the Narthex. If you made a pledge, then there is a box with your name on it. Please pick yours up the next time you are in church.



Operation Shoebox is in full swing downstairs in Douglas Hall. The group is cutting, sewing, knitting, and crocheting ditty bags for the troops overseas. Come join them; they are working for a church mission that reaches thousands. They meet the 2nd & 4th Mondays from 9AM to 12PM. 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.

FIRST SUNDAY EACH MONTH IS "FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY" COMMUNITY OF GRATITUDE THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Community of Gratitude is grateful for our monetary support and food donations. The pantry is always in need of nonperishable food and toiletries and also accepts food for pets.

In November, 2018, they served 324 households and assisted 935 individual which included 276 children. They provided food that was equivalent to 8,415 meals!

The pantry is always in need of such non-perishable staples as soups, peanut butter and jelly, bread, All-in-One boxed meals, personal toiletries and also pet food.



SECOND SUNDAY EACH MONTH IS THE "SCHOOL CLOTHING DRIVE" FOR STANTON WEIRSDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Every second Sunday of the month is designated for the school clothing drive. Please consider bringing new clothing, sizes 6-12, for the school closet at that time. Parents will be permitted to walk through and pick out needed items for their children.

The school is very thankful for our financial support for the educational needs of the children as well. Our continued commitment to the school is appreciated by the entire Stanton-Weirsdale community.

YUM! Peppermints!

The church secretary and all of those who partake of the peppermints from her candy dish on her desk wish to **THANK** the kind person who put a huge bag of Red Bird peppermint puffs on Linda's desk during the holidays!

Linda hopes you will stop by and "help yourself"!

(And they are her favorite brand! How'd you know?)





“And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ.” Phil 4:7

PRAYER CHAIN INFORMATION

If you have a prayer request or are interested in helping on the prayer chain, please call Marlys Forbrook at 352-430-1727 or Axie Grimes at 352-537-0854.



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



Remember Our Homebound Friends

Richard Bradley
630 Griffin Ave.
Lady Lake, FL 32159

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

JANUARY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Head Usher: Linda Spatta
Liturgist: Ken Cordle
Communion Servers: Kaye Boyer, Glenda Bucklew, Axie Grimes,
Diana Harris, Angela Pecor
Communion Setup: Birdie & Don Roberts



FEBRUARY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Head Usher: Cindy Strategos
Liturgist: Nancy McPeek
Communion Servers Feb 10 Carol Everman, Nancy McPeek, Ilene Newton, Starr Patterson,
Linda Spence
Communion Setup:

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!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 New Year's Day	2 7:30PM BSA	3 10AM 4:30PM Women's Bible Study Choir Rehearsal	4	5 9AM DEACONS Meet
6 9AM 10:30AM 11:30AM Food Pantry Sunday Sunday School Worship w/ Holy Communion Fellowship	7 9AM Harvest Happenings Crafters	8 11:30AM TTO	9 7:30PM BSA	10 10AM 4:30PM Women's Bible Study Choir Rehearsal	11	12
13 9AM 10:30AM 11:30AM School Clothing Drive Sunday Sunday School Worship Fellowship	14 9AM Operation Shoebox	15 11:30AM TTO	16 5PM 7:30PM Seniors' Group BSA	17 10AM 4:30PM Women's Bible Study Choir Rehearsal	18	19
20 9AM 10:30AM 11:30AM 11:45AM Sunday School Worship & Cantata Fellowship SESSION Meets	21 9AM Harvest Happenings Crafters	22 11:30AM TTO	23 7:30PM BSA	24 10AM 4:30PM Women's Bible Study Choir Rehearsal	25	26
27 9AM 10:30AM 11:30AM Sunday School Worship Fellowship POTLUCK	28 9AM Operation Shoebox	29 11:30AM TTO	30 7:30PM BSA	31 10AM 4:30PM Women's Bible Study Choir Rehearsal	1	2

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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)