



STEEPLE TALK

Wait a Minute

As I was driving along I-70 today, I approached the toll booth and merged to the right so I could sail right through the K-Tag lane. To my chagrin, I came up behind another car in the K-Tag lane that was creeping forward at 20 mph – leery perhaps of just when that gate would rise. Impatient, I slowed to a crawl as we made our way through the gate.

How do you handle waiting? As a culture, it seems to me that we don't like to wait. Fast food, 24-hour news channels. We want it now. There once was a marketing campaign that attempted to capitalize on the virtue of waiting – the Heinz ketchup commercials. Do you remember those? With Carly Simon crooning the song “Anticipation” in the background, we watched as a person tilted the ketchup

“... *Anticipation, it's
making me wait...*”



bottle and waited breathlessly for that first sign of ketchup to appear. Nowadays, of course, Heinz packages their ketchup in those plastic bottles that you sit upside-down on your refrigerator shelf so that when you want your ketchup, you just grab the bottle, squeeze, and splurt!, there you go. Instant ketchup. No anticipation.

We are just about to enter the Advent season which is, brace yourself, a season of waiting. It's a time of preparation as we hear in the scriptures. The prophet Isaiah (40:3) tells us, “A voice

cries out: ‘In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.’” The gospel of Luke speaks of the coming of John the Baptist who will “make ready a people prepared for the Lord” (Luke 1:17).

I hope you will enter fully into the season of Advent at Blue Ridge and embrace this time of preparation as we join together in waiting for our Lord. On the following page, you will see an outline of our Advent schedule which will be anchored in the gospel of Luke. We'll have an Advent “Pre-season” that includes worship on November 22nd and decorating the sanctuary on Saturday November 28th (please join us!). And then we'll kick off the Advent season on November 29th with worship and then the annual Advent potluck dinner. The Advent dinner is a wonderful tradition at Blue Ridge where we share a meal and sing carols. And this year, families can make Advent wreaths to have at home as we mark the four Sundays of Advent.

And wait.

“But the Angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord’ (Luke 2:10).

I can't wait. Can you? But let's slow down together and become filled with the wonderful anticipation of the coming of our Lord.

Peace and grace,
Pastor Pat



Advent at BRPC

Hope, Joy, Love, Peace

“Advent Pre-Season!”

Sunday, November 22nd

10:45 a.m. Worship Scripture: Luke 1:1 - 20 Sermon: “Turning to the Lord”

Saturday, November 28th

9:00 a.m. Decorating the Sanctuary *Help us adorn the sanctuary for the season!*



The Advent Season!

Sunday, November 29th

10:45 a.m. Worship Scripture: Luke 1:26 - 38 Sermon: “Impossibilities”
Noon Advent Potluck Dinner *Join us for a holiday meal, singing carols, and making advent wreaths for home!*

Sunday, December 6th

10:45 a.m. Worship Scripture: Luke 1:39 - 55 Sermon: “Lifting up the Lowly”
5:00 p.m. Session Christmas Dinner & Meeting

Friday, December 11th

Noon Staff Christmas Luncheon

Sunday, December 13th

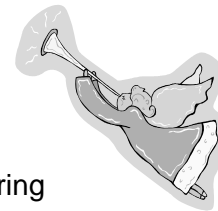
10:45 a.m. Worship Scripture: Luke 1:57 - 79 Sermon: “The Dawn from on High”

Wednesday, December 16th

11:30 OWLS Older, ,Wiser, Livelier Seniors Celebrate Christmas with the game “Pass the Parcel.”

Saturday, December 19th

10:30—noon Children’s Christmas Party!!



Sunday, December 20th

10:45 a.m. Worship Christmas Cantata and Christmas Joy Offering

Thursday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

7:00 p.m. Worship Scripture: Luke 2: 1 - 11 Sermon: “Sudden Riches”
11:00 p.m. Worship Join us for candle light worship (both services) as we welcome the Lord!

Session Update

*Matt and Tierney Brandt and Havala Greene were introduced to the session, and after having answered questions of faith in the affirmative, were voted into membership of the Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church. They will be presented to the congregation on Sunday, November 22. Janet Jackson was unable to attend this meeting. She will meet with the session before worship to answer the same questions after which the session is expected to also vote Janet into membership.

*Rev. Jackson presented a proposed website structure to bring our website up to date

*The nominating committee is presently working to obtain officers for the coming year.

*Guidelines for placing members on the inactive roll or dropping inactive members from the roll were presented to the session. A strong effort is being made to contact each member who is considered for either list.

*The Children’s Christmas program will be held after Angel Food distribution on December 19. The program will be held from 10:30 – noon.

With Rev. Jackson leading our church, we are finding this transition an exciting time.

Avis Odenbaugh, Clerk of Session

Notes & Events

- * The office will be closed Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Volunteers will be in the office Tuesday and Wednesday of that week.
 - * Pastor Pat will be out of town Nov. 24 - 27th. He will be in the office Mon. afternoon, Nov. 23rd. In there is an emergency Nov. 24-27th, please contact Donna Chavez at 816-679-5493
 - * A reminder: The 63rd Street Bridge will be closed from December to Spring of 2010.
 - * OWLS : Plan to join us Wednesday, December 16th, 11:30 - 2:00 p.m. We will celebrate Christmas with an English tradition of playing a game called "Pass the Parcel". A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Owls (Older, Wiser, Lively Seniors) meet the third Wed. of each month 11:30-2:00 p.m. Please join us for conversation and fun.
 - * The Women's Night Circle meets on the second Thurs. of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the church. December 10th will be the next meeting. Please join us for fellowship & Bible study.
 - * Carter Willis's new military address is: Willis, Carter P.
2nd Bn Echo Co. Plt. 2107
36001 Midway Ave.
San Diego, CA 92140-2107
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Christian Education

The 7th – 12th grade Sunday School class has been studying lessons which discuss fake Christians, what's up with the offering, and why is church sometimes boring. 1st – 6th graders have been studying about Moses and are looking forward to Advent activities.

The painting of the youth Sunday School classrooms is complete!! Feel free to go upstairs and look around. Thank you to the many volunteers who worked long hours to accomplish this goal of updating the classrooms to better accommodate the rotational Sunday School program.

We are looking into setting up some 7th through 12th grade youth activities and would appreciate hearing from anyone willing to help out.

We would like to plan a progressive dinner in December and are looking for a volunteer to host the youth for salads and a host for the main meal. The Taylors will host the desserts and gift exchange. In early January we hope to have a lock in and would welcome volunteers to spend the night as well as help during the evening. Please let Mary Z. know if you are interested in helping in any way.



ANGEL FOOD



Order dates and times:

Dec. 2: 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Dec. 5: 9 - 12:00 p.m.

Angel Food Distribution Day is Dec. 19, 9:00 - 10:30

Cherith Brook Charity

Holiday Happening

The Women's Night Circle thanks everyone who generously donated to the Cherith Brook Charity. This Charity organization helps many people and was impressed with the large contribution and was very grateful. Following is an updated list .

URGENT NEEDS: Coats, hats, gloves, long underwear (men's & women's), blankets & sleeping bags.

OTHER NEEDS: Men's underwear, sizes 32-38, women's underwear, sizes 4-7, men's jeans, sizes 32-38, shoes & extra laces, tube socks & footies, towels & washcloths, cold medicine (non-alcoholic), cough drops & chapstick.

Donations can be brought to the church and placed in the coat closet.

Ring in the holiday season by attending the Holiday Harmony Spectacular Show Dec. 5, 2009 presented by the Heart of America men's Barbershop Harmony Society chorus and the Kansas City Sweet Adelines chorus along with several internationally acclaimed quartets! 150 voices singing Christmas carols and other holiday favorites in a cappella harmony are guaranteed to put you in the holiday spirit. This show will be held in the Unity Village Auditorium. Show times are 2 & 7pm. Ticket prices are \$12, \$17, & \$22 (groups of 10 or more save \$3 on each ticket when purchasing \$17 tickets – if you are interested in group tickets, contact Linda Schumacher). BRPC members who are also members of these choruses are: Jim Bagby, Judy Glass, Jana Henderson, Carol Schumacher, Linda Schumacher, Mike Schumacher, Stacy Schumacher, Peggy Sinden, John Starcke and Don Young. Call 816-326-8413 or log onto www.hoachorus.com to purchase tickets today.

Thank you

Thank you for the cards, calls, prayers and the flowers from the Sanctuary. *Lena Martin*

A thank you to God, my family and my church family for making my 90th birthday party a most wonderful day. God bless everyone. *Love, Edna M. Shaw*

The family of Edna Shaw would like to thank everyone for helping make our mother (Edna Shaw's) 90th birthday a wonderful day for her. The help we received from the members of the church was greatly appreciated. You are truly a wonderful church family. *The family of Edna Shaw*

Thanks for the prayers, cards, flowers and visit from Pat. All were very much appreciated. I hope to be (seeing) you soon. *Arlene Angle*

The words "Thank you" seem so inadequate to tell you all how much I enjoyed and am enjoying all the cards I received for my 90th birthday. It made for a wonderful day. *Affectionately, Virginia Mosiman*

BRPC Family Members:



Linda & Mike Schumacher

Mike has been a member of Blue Ridge since 1951 and was confirmed in 1963. Linda has been a member since 1973.

They both sing in barbershop choruses. Mike likes to golf and Linda likes to read. Both enjoy traveling.

The Schumachers live in Kansas City. They have a son, David Wilson and a daughter, Stacy Schumacher.

What they like best about BRPC is the choir. They met in the choir and that is still their favorite church activity.

December Volunteers

Guest Book

Ann TeKolste
Paul & Donna Vance
Ann Wiltfang
Arlene Angle

Liturgist

Carol Cockrell
Jana Henderson
Bob Jones
Mike Schumacher

Nursery Attendants

Amy Banks & Mary Ziegenhorn
Amy & Joe Banks
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Deacons

Team 2

Coffee Fellowship

December 6: Stiegler, Taylor, TeKolste, Thomasee, Vance, Wasco, Webb, Wentz,
Contact: Kellie Wentz: 246-8254

December 13: Willis, Wiltfang, Withers, Woody, Wright, Young, Ziegenhorn,
Contact: Ann Wiltfang 358-5644

December 20: Allen, Angle, Bagby, Banks, Bass, Becka, Blaney,
Contact: Arlene Angle 254-2662

December 27: Bryan, Burcham, Cardona, Chick, Clevenger, Cliburn,
Cockrell, Contact: Karen Clevenger 353-6184

We welcome contributing
newsletter articles from our
members. Articles may be
edited for length/precision.

A Note of Appreciation

I wanted to thank you all for providing the office space for me to use this past year. I have been touched by your welcoming spirit and the growing friendships that have developed. Presbyterian Children's Services has benefited from the prayers, support, and cooperation of this church family. We greatly appreciate all that you have done for us. In Nov. I will no longer need the office space as my time will be spent more in the community. I want to encourage you to continue to pray for us & support the mission of helping children & their families. Thanks again.

Marla Taylor, Pres. Children's Services

Worship Attendance

November 1: 134

November 8: 105

November 15: 113



Sunday Schedule

9:30 Adult Sunday School

10:45 Worship

*Youth Sunday School
(grades 1 - 12) following the
Children's Message*

*Communion: 1st Sunday
No Youth Sunday School*

*Coffee Fellowship following
worship. Please join us.*

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Pres. Women's Circle 12:00 Angel Food 3:30-5:00 6:00 Bells 7:00 Choir	3 Committees 7:00	4	5 9-12:00 Angel Food
6 9:00 Bells 9:30 Adult Sun. School 10:45 Worship Youth Sun. School 5:00 Session Holiday Dinner & Meeting	7 Evangelism 6:30	8 RCIFA	9	10 7:00 Pres. Women's Night Circle	11 Noon Staff Christmas Luncheon	12
13 Bells 9:00 9:30 Adult Sun. School 10:45 Worship Youth Sun. School	14	15	16 11:30 - 2:00 OWLS 6:00 Bells 7:00 Choir	17	18	19 9:00-10:30 Angel Food Distribution 10:30-12:00 Children's Christmas Party Wedding
20 Bells 9:00 9:30 Adult Sun. School 10:45 Worship Cantata Youth Sunday School,	21	22	23 Choir 7:00	24 Christmas Eve Services 7:00 & 11:00	25 Office Closed	26
27 9:00 Bells 9:30 Adult Sun. School 10:45 Worship	28	29	30	31		

Outreach

Fall Fling Felicitations: What a beautiful day for our fundraiser and how nice it was to see people from the community as well as our members. There were many more outsiders who bid on Silent Auction items and four people won bids, so that was encouraging. It is an "All Church Event", with Care Committee providing a tasty lunch, Property members doing heavy lifting, Outreach Committee setting up and taking down, many members baking, buying and donating items. We appreciate all the business items or services donated and will post a list of them later. Fred Angle is our unofficial member of Out-

reach and is tireless in asking for donations from businesses. He also pays for two ads to help out, so we give him special thanks.

All money is not in yet, but we are very close to making \$3,000, plus \$210 for the scarves for the Pakistani Girls' School. Thank you one and all.

P.S. Nuts and snacks are still for sale in the office. Those prices are firm.

Community of Christ is offering homebaked pies for sale for Thanksgiving. Forms are on the bulletin board.

We have two families for LINC this year. Each one is a mother with one little boy: one is 5 years and the other is 6 year. The list will soon be posted on the bulletin board and in the parlor. We will include a complete list in the bulletins some Sunday.



Joys and Concerns

Family of Ray Friesz upon his passing November 15th.

Family of Helen Nance upon her recent passing.

Arlene Angle recovering from eye surgery.

Jack Bryan at John Knox Care Center, room D 406.

Jamie Lee, daughter-in-law of Milly & Howard Cox, recovering from surgery.

David Schesser with health concerns.

Laura Fenske, daughter of Mary Lou & Gary Oberlander, at home recovering from surgery.

Connor Banks with health concerns.

Larry Lunceford with health concerns.

WELCOME



11/1 Eric Nolan, Chris Kindle, Arvis Shields, Kristen Bayne, Jerry & Darlene Finke, Frank & Donna Macek, Joleen Macek, Shelia & Jerry Howard, Dorothy Wolfe, Shauna Nolan

11/8 Kris Kindle, Bill Melewski, Capra McCallon

11/15 Bill Melewski, Kayleigh Klein, Chris Kindle, Bobby Neal



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God, nurture wholeness,
and enfold all people in a
spirit of Christ's love.

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