

# THE PATHFINDER

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Dear Friends,

Isn't it Strange ....

...how a 20 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?  
 ...how 2 hours seem so long when you're at church, and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie?  
 ...that you can't find a word to say when you're praying but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?  
 ...how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel?  
 ...how everyone wants front-row-tickets to concerts or games but they do whatever is possible to sit at the last row in church?  
 ...how we need to know about an event for church 2-3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events in the last minute?  
 ...how difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share it with others; but how easy it is to learn, understand, extend and repeat gossip?  
 ...how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say but we question the words in the Bible?  
 ...how everyone wants a place in heaven but they don't want to believe, do, or say anything to get there?  
 ...how we send jokes in e-mails and they are forwarded right away but when we are going to send messages about God, we think about it twice before we share it with others?

Consider this email I received shared with everyone who reads this newsletter!

Peace, Connie

## ~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~



### SHAWL MINISTRY

**November 5 9:30 a.m.**  
**Pemberton Bldg.**

If you need yarn or patterns, contact Lyn Stephens. Please join us! If you do not know how to knit or crochet, we will teach you!

### Prayer Circle

Mondays 11:00 am

Join us as we pray for concerns of the church and the world. Fill out a Prayer Request and give it to the Pastor or Trudy Martin. All prayers and concerns are confidential.



### *Presbyterian Women News*

**Circle 1**

**Monday, November 14**  
**6:30 p.m.**

in the home of Ann Martin,

**Circle 2**

**Tuesday, November 15 at 10:00 a.m.**  
Pemberton Conference room

All women are invited to participate in the life of Presbyterian Women. Join us for Bible study, fellowship and service.

### GEMS LUNCH



**Wednesday November 9, 2011**  
**12:30 PM**

All retired and 55+ folks are invited to join us for a delicious meal and fellowship all for the cost of \$3.00!

*RSVP on Sunday in the Friendship Register*

### MEN OF WEST HAVEN BREAKFAST



**Sunday, November 20**  
**8:30 a.m.**

All men are invited to come for good eats and great conversation!

## Lunch Bunch

November 20 12:15 pm  
Cracker Barrel



### ~ WORSHIP & MISSION ~

#### *Outreach Sunday November 6*

Please bring your gift of canned goods for United Community Ministries and ethnic hair care products for My Sister's House. Also collected on this date are Labels for Education UPC labels from Campbell and Franco-American products for Barium Springs Home for Children and our Pennies for Hunger for hunger relief through the PCUSA.



## NEWS FROM PEWS

**October 16 3:00 p.m.**



Members and elders discussed the meaning of stewardship and how we each live out our commitment to Jesus Christ through the church.



### Community Thanksgiving Service

**November 20 4:00 p.m.**

This annual service with First Christian will be a blessing to all those who come and give thanks to the Lord! The offering will benefit FIGS in Edgecombe County.

A chili supper will follow in Rinehart Fellowship Hall.



*Advent 1*  
November 27

*Advent 2*  
December 4

*Advent 3*  
December 11  
Chancel Choir and Lakeside Baptist Choir  
present  
*Christmas Oratorio*  
by Camille Saint-Saëns  
at Lakeside Church, 11:00 am

*Advent 4*  
December 18  
Christmas Joy Offering

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*  
Friday, December 24, 5:45 p.m.

*Christmas Day*  
Sunday December 25  
Worship, 11:00 am

## NEW LENTEN OFFERING PLATE



Many thanks to Jim Baldinger for the beautiful offering plates that he dedicated to the church. The offering received in the plates will go to feed a Thanksgiving dinner at one of the agencies we support.

Jim also has given a beautiful bowl (made from a piece of oak tree that was in the church yard) and another offering plate (with a different look). These items will be displayed on Nov. 6th and put up for a silent auction. The money raised from the silent auction will be used for local mission work. Thanks again, Jim, for sharing your talent and these beautiful plates and bowl!

### Barium Springs Home for Children Thanksgiving Offering Sunday, November 20

Barium Springs Home for Children was founded in 1891 by the Synod of North Carolina, Presbyterian Church (USA). The home began as an orphanage. Services later evolved to meet the needs of young people who come from an abusive, neglectful, or unstable family background.

Currently, Barium Springs Home for Children is responding to the needs of North Carolina's children and families through the operation of residential care, educational services, full-day childcare, clinical services and campus ministry.

Also, remember every first Sunday of the month we bring our product labels from Campbell and Franco-American products to be donated to Barium Springs. Please, give as generously as you can.

### **BSHC mission statement:**

*Building foundations and influencing futures;  
Serving all children and families;  
Healing hearts and minds through  
Compassionate Christian care.*

### **WHPC Advent Mission Project** **November 27 – December 25**

Our Advent Mission Project this year is a partnership with Church World Service Blankets+ Program. For over 60 years, Church World Service has worked in partnership with local communities to identify their needs and access the resources they need to build the foundation for a more viable future, including:

- **Blankets, tents, food** and other emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster
- **Tools and seeds** for refugees returning home to replant their fields
- **Wells** for families living in drought prone areas to provide clean, safe water to drink and to irrigate crops and gardens
- **Literacy training and microcredit** for women struggling to realize their potential.

Beginning November 27th, we will be collecting \$5.00 "Blanket" donations for the Blankets+ Program. The project will run through December 25, 2011.

If you have any questions, please contact Candice Davis.

## ***FINANCE & PERSONNEL ~***

### ***~FINANCIAL UPDATE~***



Treasurer's Report as of 9-30-11

	<b>This Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Where we should be		
(pledges made)	\$12,942	\$116,478
Where we are		
(pledges received)	<u>11,346</u>	<u>114,969</u>
Over (Under)	(\$1,596)	(\$1,509)
Budgeted Expenses	\$16,573	\$132,584
Actual Expenses	<u>12,117</u>	<u>130,434</u>
Over (Under)	(\$4,456)	(\$2,150)

## **OTHER GIFTS**

Two Cents a Meal [July]	\$	69.40
Organ Fund	\$	105.00
West Haven Endowment	\$	25.50
Red Cross	\$	250.00
United Community Min.	\$	250.00
Disaster Relief (NC)	\$	225.00

**Remember the West Haven Endowment – the gift that keeps on giving!**

Check out our website! You will find all sorts of up-to-date lists, the latest letter from Becca Young, missionary in Indonesia and other helpful information.

Thanks, John Stratton!

[www.westhavenpresbyterian.org](http://www.westhavenpresbyterian.org)

## **~ STEWARDSHIP ~**

**New Consecration Sunday  
Sunday November 6th**

**Worship** 11:00 a.m.  
**Catered Luncheon** 12:05 p.m.

We will again have a wonderful speaker during worship. We will allow time during the service for you to complete your Estimate of Giving cards. After worship, we will gather in the Rinehart Fellowship hall for a celebration lunch with an encore performance from Hunter Hill Cafe. Bring your appetite!!

In this last week, let us prayerfully look to God and ask, **What can I give at this time and in this place?**

The Stewardship Committee

## **~ SESSION ~**



### ***Session Digest***

#### ***October 18<sup>th</sup> Digest***

- Prayed for congregation
- Received documentary of building of Pemberton Bldg from Elmore family
- Discussed upcoming Consecration Sunday
- Heard plans to repair front walk
- Heard plans for Advent project for CWS
- Heard progress report on WHPC Cookbook

#### **Officer Nominating Committee for 2012**

Elected at the Congregational meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup> were:

Candice Davis, John Stratton, Linda Davis,  
Audrey Clark, Rick Adams

Please be in prayer for them as they deliberate and discern God's leading for leadership of the congregation. Please be in prayer as you listen for the call of God upon your life and be ready to say yes.

*To propose names(s) to the Nominating Committee for consideration for the Office of Elder, and believing them to have the spiritual maturity to lead our congregation in the Way of Christ, please call one of the members of the committee.*

## **THANK YOU . . .**



**Joyce Flye and Audrey Clark** for processing the Newsletter.



**Bruce Inscoc and David Pearson** for music on World Communion Sunday.



**Building and Grounds Ministry Team** for dealing with storm damage



**Kevin Stussie** for picking up the topsoil to repair the front walkway

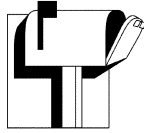


**Wade Martin** for picking up the pine straw for the flower beds around the church



**Kevin Stussie, Jim Baldinger, Jim Newton, David Pearson, Gerald Batts, Wade Martin, Trudy Martin, 3 hired workers, trucks and trailers** who braved the chill and the rain to work in the yard of the church.

## We Get Letters . . .



Some people seem to specialize in doing thoughtful deeds.

Before you ask, they understand your problems and your needs.

They help because they want to, they find joy in being kind, and making others happy is the first thing on their minds.

They make this world a better place by practicing the art of reading out to others and by giving ... from the heart (Amanda Bradley)

Thank you so much – May you always be as happy as you make others! Thanks you so much for allowing us to use your church for our meetings.

Cedarbrook Community Group  
Trudy Melton, President

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To our West Haven Family,

Thanks to everyone who supported us for the American Heart Association heart walk. Our office raised just over \$1600 this year. Thanks also to the session for allowing us to use the fellowship hall for our spaghetti dinner.

Sincerely, Rick and Pat Adams

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*West Haven Church Family,*

*Thank you so much for all your calls, prayers and cards. God has blessed us with a great church family.*

*Gerald and I continue to improve daily and hope to be back in church soon.*

*Thanks again and God Bless you all.*

*Gerald & Jane*

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