

WEST END BAPTIST CHURCH



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THE WEST END NEWS

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January, 2010

Second Sunday after Christmas
January 3, 2010

Installation of Board of Deacons
Holy Communion

The Greeter
Judy Smith

JANUARY *WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES* *AT WEST END*

Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Nursery Open
9:30 to 12:15 p.m.

**Remember our Benevolent
Fund on Sunday, January 3.**

First Sunday after Epiphany
January 10, 2010

The Greeter
Barbara McMahon

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 17 2010

Service of Deacon Ordination

The Greeters
Morris & Frances Holland

Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 24 2010

The Greeters
Tommy & Rita Queen

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 31, 2010

The Greeters
Sam & Mary Sherard

2010 BOARD OF DEACONS

Officers for the 2010 Board of Deacons are:

Chairman:	Don Luzzatto
Vice-Chairman:	Chris Robinson
Secretary:	Cheryl Taylor

Other deacons serving this year are: Casey Carlson, Mary Lawrence Harrell, Amy Herrmann, Ray Herrmann, Lillian Riddick, Judy Saunders, Phil Saunders, Bill Webb, and Eddie White.

ANNUAL BOOK OF REPORTS

It's that time again for all 2009 committee chairmen to prepare your yearly committee report for the 2009 year. Please work on this information and have it completed and turned into Kim Baines by January 31, 2010.

SERVICE OF DEACON INSTALLATION

The 2010 Board of Deacons will be installed as a part of the worship service on January 3rd. The installation will take place prior to our celebration of communion.

SERVICE OF DEACON ORDINATION

As a part of our worship service on Sunday, January 17, Lillian Riddick will be ordained as a deacon. We encourage you to be part of this special celebration.

2010 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2010 Offering Envelopes are available in your Sunday School class or in the church library. If you are unable to locate yours, please let the church office know.

QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE JANUARY 28TH

If you have an item to be included on the agenda at our Quarterly Conference on January 28th please contact the Pastor. **Committee chairmen from 2009 are asked to bring their annual reports for the Book of Reports if they have not been already turned in to the church office.**

The following items will be on the agenda:

- End of the year report from the Finance Committee concerning income and expenses for 2009;
- Setting of an offering goal for our spring missions offering.
- Action on a proposed amendment to the Bylaws (see additional article in this newsletter).

Among Our Members... (as of December 28)

...Peggy Luter is now at home following heart surgery and therapy.

...Wayne Holland is at home following his heart surgery in December.

...Nelda Hayes is at Autumn Care for physical therapy after her recent hospitalization.

...Dorothy Williams is a patient at Sentara Obici.

...Johnny Johnson is a patient at Sentara Obici.

...Walter Stroud is scheduled for orthopedic surgery on December 30.

HYMN FESTIVAL IN JANUARY

Make plans now to attend the Downtown Hymn Festival to be held on January 24th. We will be singing many of your favorite hymns and the choir will be singing some well loved anthems.

The choir will be made up of singers from Main Street UMC, St. Paul's Episcopal, Suffolk Christian, Suffolk Presbyterian and West End Baptist. Chris Ward will be playing the organ, Dean Kershaw will be the pianist with Talmadge Darden and Al Reese directing.

The Hymn Festival will be held at Main Street United Methodist Church at 202 North Main Street on Sunday, January 24th at 4:00 PM.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Our monthly giving goal for December was: \$15,720
Contributions through December 27 were: \$16,343

Budget goal through December: \$188,646
Budget receipts through December 29: \$191,803
Expenses through December 29: \$203,782

We thank you for your generosity.

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT PROGRAMS

Jan. 7: "The Direction of Spiritual Growth"

Philippians 1:9-11
(Meatloaf, boiled potatoes, cabbage)

Jan. 14: "Anxiety's Antidote"

Matthew 6:33
(Roast pork, baked apples, corn & butterbeans)

Jan. 21: "The Sacrament of the Present Moment" – Luke 10:38-42

(Chicken & dumplings, sweet potato casserole, green beans)

Jan. 28: Church Conference

(Beef tips, rice, green peas)

[Chicken Salad and Tuna Salad cold plates
and a Child's Meal are available by request only.
Call by noon on Tuesdays.]

WMU CIRCLE GROUP MEETINGS

- ❖ The Marie Bailey Circle will meet on Wednesday January 13 at 10:00 A.M. with the Sunshine Circle.
- ❖ The J.O.Y. Circle Group will meet on Wednesday, January 13 at 6:00 PM at the home of Rita Queen.
- ❖ The Sunshine Circle will meet on Wednesday, January 13 at 10:00 A.M.

For more information, please call your circle's group leader.

WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS...

The St. Jude's Ranch in Nevada collects old Christmas cards to recycle and resell as new ones for next Christmas. If you wish to donate your Christmas cards, please remove just the fronts of the cards and bring them to church during the month of January. If you need additional information, please call Amy Herrmann at 539-0996.

THANK YOU FROM OUR YOUTH

The members of the Youth Fellowship would like to thank everyone for their donations to the holiday food baskets. Because of your generosity, four families benefited from your generous donations of food and money.

WINTER MISSIONS OFFERINGS

as of December 28, 2009

Combined Goal: \$ 3,500

Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond \$810.50
CBF Global Missions Offering \$1,465.50

Our Prayer Concerns:

Walter Stroud, Johnny Johnson, Dorothy Williams, Nelda Hayes, Wayne Holland, Rillie Bailey, Barbara Jenkins, Lillian Riddick, Fred Panton, Peggy Luter, Frank DeJarnette, Louise Wiggins, Pete Wiggins, Caroline Pond, Jim Beasley, Willie Colby, Martha Britt, Otis Freeman (*friend of Phil Saunders*), **Jackie Carlson** (*Casey Carlson's mother*), **Linda Miller** (*Rillie Bailey's daughter*), **Ryan Beale** (*friend of Cheryl Sawyer*), **Kevin Lackey** (*friend of Michael Clark*), **Bernice Atkins** (*Mary Ann Coggsdale's sister*), **James Holland** (*former custodian*), **Betsy Brothers, TJ Joines** (*friend of Eddie & Jackie White*), **Julia Gunn** (*Cindy Robinson's grandmother*), **Hyla Brinkley** (*Joe Brinkley's mother*), **Mattie Johnson** (*friend of Bill Ashley*), **Robert Ashley** (*son of Bill Ashley*), **Pam Hagerty** (*sister of Linda Beale*), **Carl Ward** (*friend of Casey Carlson*), **Charlie Baumgardner** (*friend of Caroline Pond*), **Freda Freeland** (*friend of Caroline Pond*), **Cathy Barrington** (*friend of Casey Carlson*), **Julia Brady** (*sister of Dick Pond*), **Betsy and Chris Delionback** (*friends of Lynnette Park*), **Jean Shamanski** (*Carol Apple's mother*), **Emily Crostic** (*mother of Debbie Newell*), **Matt & Margaret Kelley** (*sister of Debbie Newell*), **Renee Carr** (*friend of Joe Brinkley*), **Charles Byrum, Helen Bross** (*mother of Paul Bross*), **Families of International Paper in Franklin, Brandon Hatfield** (*in Iraq – husband of Elizabeth Spratley Hatfield*).

*Church members are listed in **bold type**.*

Please call the church office (539-8771) to add or remove names.

LAS POSADAS A SUCCESS

On December 22nd, West End joined St. Paul's Episcopal, Suffolk Presbyterian and Suffolk Christian churches in Las Posada, a traditional Mexican, Advent celebration commemorating Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and search for shelter.

Event planning and programming were developed by the four-church VBS leadership team of Pretlow Pacheco (SPEC), Lou Ventura (SPC), Lisa Rath (SCC), and Cindy Robinson (WEBC) as a time of worship and fellowship. Youth from all four churches played innkeepers in the reenactment. Al Reese (SPEC) and Dana Bilby (SCC) played Joseph and Mary, who led participants by candlelight in prayer and song through nine stations of Las Posadas. At the ninth door, we were welcomed into a delicious potluck feast, followed by the youngest children breaking a piñata. Approximately 100 people attended.

A special thank you goes to our youth who participated in Las Posadas, and to their parents who helped make the event a success!

THANK YOU...

- ❖ to the dedicated members of the Church Services Committee for decorating our sanctuary and the church entrances for the holidays.
- ❖ to our members for your involvement in the many Christmas and pre-Christmas activities of the Church last year -- from the feeding of the hungry at the Salvation Army, your giving to the Foster Children Christmas Tree project, to your support and involvement in the Chancel Choir's Cantata and the Children's Sunday School Christmas Program, and your part in our Winter Missions Offerings.
- ❖ to the membership from the Church Staff for your support in 2009 and the tributes of appreciation given them this holiday season.

To My Family at WEBC,

Thank you for all the cards, flowers, thoughts and prayers during my surgery and rehab. The many good wishes must have helped my recovery a lot, because I am doing very well. Your support is always appreciated

*Sincerely,
Fan Panton*

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all of your kindness and for the beautiful flowers that expressed your sympathy in our recent sorrow. Mama loved West End and really missed not being able to attend the last 5 years. We appreciate you being a part of her life.

The family of Ruby Pierce

Dear West End Family,

I can't express my love and appreciation to the WMU and all members for their support, love, prayers, cards and visits after my recent surgery. I love each and every one of you.

*Sincerely,
Lillian Riddick*

BYLAWS AMENDMENT TO BE PROPOSED

At the January 28th church conference, the Church Services Committee will propose an amendment to the bylaws that will make the Church Services and Church Hostesses two separate committees.

Copies of the proposed amendment are available in the church office.

“GREAT TEXTS FOR A HEALTHY SPIRITUALITY”

Beginning in January, our Fellowship Night programs will focus on some New Testaments texts that give us help in developing a healthy spirituality. We invite you to make our weekly Fellowship Nights a regular date on your calendar.

PLASTIC BAG RECYCLING DRIVE

Suffolk Public Schools are participating in the Suffolk Clean Community Commission and Trex Company, Inc.'s Plastic Bag Recycling Drive until April 22, 2010. Please bring plastic bags to church and we will forward them to the participating schools.

Birthdays:

1st Pete Wiggins
2nd Betty Jo Stroud
Carol Webb
Missie Greenwood
Peggy Luter
Johnny Johnson
6th Laura Williams
10th Mary Watson
11th Anita DeJarnette
Jackie White
30th Casey Carlson
31st Brittany Boyette
Wayland Pond, IV

Anniversaries

13th Bennett and Julie McBride (18th)
19th Casey Carlson and Bob Heard (32nd)
Rob and Priscilla Heard (3rd)