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The Salvation Army & First Presbyterian Church Host The Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner

November 24, 2011

By Lynn McCauley

Our church, in conjunction with the Salvation Army, will once again host the Salvation Army and First Presbyterian Church Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 24. Guests will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Meals will also be delivered in the Winchester, Frederick and Clarke County areas. Last year we served more than 900 meals, and we anticipate a large turnout again this year.

There are plenty of opportunities for you to be of service. We especially need our First Church family to sign up to donate and cook a turkey or cook one of the turkeys provided by the Salvation Army. Turkeys may be picked up at the Salvation Army Thrift Store, 404 Weems Lane on Monday, November 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please register on the bulletin board in the hallway. For the bakers in our congregation, we need an assortment of pies, or you may purchase pies. All turkey and pie donations are to be dropped off at the Cork Street side of the Fellowship Hall between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23.

On Thanksgiving Day we need an army of carvers, potato peelers, servers, delivery drivers and especially a clean-up team. Sign-up sheets

are located outside the sanctuary on a bulletin board in the hallway. Please note the starting time for your assignment.

If you cannot be with us on Thanksgiving but wish to contribute, we ask that you consider making a monetary gift to underwrite the dinner. Last year our dinner costs exceeded revenues by \$1,700 with the deficit being absorbed by other outreach ministries. You can certainly help in making this dinner an annual event for our community by making a generous contribution. Please make your checks payable to the First Presbyterian Church and earmark it for the Salvation Army Dinner.

If you have any questions concerning the dinner, please contact Lynn McCauley at 667-3550 or llmc1@verizon.net. First Church has partnered with the Salvation Army for many years to see that no one goes hungry on Thanksgiving Day. Thanks for being a part of this great day of caring and giving thanks.



New Church Directory

So start practicing on those smiles. We have contracted with Olan Mills to produce a new pictorial directory of all our wonderful families. The photographer will be at the church November 28-30, December 1-3, December 8-10, and December 19-20.

We have sign-up sheets in the hallway and for a limited time we will be making appointments online as well. Simply use the link www.signup.olanmills.com, use the church phone number as the password [662-3824], and fill in all the required fields. You may then select a day and time for your appointment. It's that easy. We are counting on everyone to participate. Each participating family will receive a free copy of the directory and a \$25 Olan Mills credit to be used for a free portrait. You are not required to purchase additional portraits, but certainly may if you see something you want. If you have any additional questions please contact **Dave Rusch** at 868-1777.



Advent Wreath Observance Leaders Needed

The four Sundays of Advent are November 27, December 4, 11, and 18. The call to worship throughout Advent in the chapel, New Stone Gathering, and sanctuary services involves candle-



lighting, scripture reading, and leading a prayer. If you and/or your family and friends would like to lead the call to worship during Advent, please contact **Dan McCoig** at dan@firstchurch-winchester.org or 662-3824. Thank you.



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Deriters Road Trip

[Deriters is Retired spelled backwards]

The Deriters are on the road again! Visit Hillwood Estate Museum & Gardens, Kennedy Center, Folger Library and American History Museum. Tour the beautiful gardens and home of Merriweather Post; it's showtime for *Shear Madness*; see the "Sin" King James Bible; and view Thomas Jefferson's "Revised Bible" on Wednesday and Thursday, November 16 and 17, 2011. \$135 per person includes transportation, admissions, and hotel. Submit \$50 nonrefundable deposit to **Pat Snapp** in the church office by November 1.

November 16, 2011 (Wednesday)

- 8:15 a.m. Leave. Church parking lot
- 10:30 a.m. Arrive Hillwood Estate Museum & Gardens (Merriweather Post)
- 10:30 a.m. - Garden Tour
- Noon – Lunch in Hillwood Café
- 1:30 p.m. – Mansion Tour
- 3:30 p.m. Check in hotel
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner in restaurant
- 7:00 p.m. Leave. for Kennedy Center for *Shear Madness*
- 10:30 p.m. Return to hotel

November 17, 2011 (Thursday)

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast in hotel
- 9:15 a.m. Leave for Folger Shakespeare Library
- 10:00a.m. Docent tour of exhibits and viewing of "Manifold Greatness: The Creation and Afterlife of the King James Bible"
- Noon Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Visit American History Museum – Thomas Jefferson's Bible
- 2:30 p.m. Leave. for Winchester
- 4:30 p.m. Arrive at church parking lot

Projected cost: \$135 (meals not included)

International Peacemakers Visit First Presbyterian Church

By Carolyn Thalman



*Karla Koll and Juana Herlina Yac Salanic
(photo by Dan McCoig)*

On October 13 and 16, Presbyterian International Peacemakers **Juana Herlinda Yac Salanic** and **Karla Koll** visited First Church. On the 13th more than 70 people attended a dinner and presentation by Juana Herlinda in our Fellowship Hall. We heard Juana Herlinda tell the story of how she and a group of women in her village worked for more than six years to bring a Health Post to her community. This Health Post is where our Guatemala Team has worked for the past two years and where our donations were able to repair half of the roof, which leaked badly. Juana Herlinda was chosen by the Peacemaking Program of the PC(USA) because of her activism in bringing health care to her community and beyond—to other villages nearby. On October 16 in worship, Juana Herlinda explained her view of peace. Peace is love. Peace is hope. Peace is caring for your neighbors. Her comments remind us so eloquently of the song, “Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.” Let us all be peacemakers.

[Editor’s note: The Health Post committee is now only \$500 short of having enough money to complete the roof repairs. First Church is accepting donations on their behalf.]

Meeting of the Congregation

A congregational meeting will be held Sunday, December 4, at 9:35 a.m., in the sanctuary for the purpose of receiving the report of the officer nominating committee and electing elders and trustees.



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Save the Date: Disaster Response Work Trip

By Dave Thalman

Our next work trip to the Gulf Coast is slated for **February 25-March 3, 2012**. Our tenth work trip from Mountain Valley Mission Community since Katrina in August 2005 will return to the New Orleans area. We will work for Project Homecoming, a ministry of the Presbytery of South Louisiana and supported by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). There will be a planning meeting in February. Stay tuned for more details. Please let **Dave Thalman** know if you are interested or have questions (540-723-0433, dthalman@comcast.net).





***CCAP Sunday
3rd Sunday
of each month***

November 20

***"I will praise God's name
in song and glorify him
with thanksgiving."***

Psalm 69:30

***Four Cents-A-Meal
Hunger Offering***

***4th Sunday
of each month***

November 27



Weekday School Update

By April Willingham



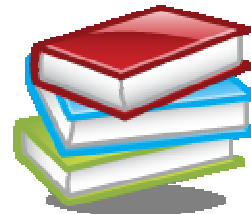
The Weekday School had a very busy October. The students enjoyed a night out with the special men in their lives at Sundaes with Dad, delighting in ice cream and creating some wonderful memories.



Many of the

classrooms took trips to local farms to enjoy fall fun and pick pumpkins. The month wrapped up with the annual Halloween parade. Children had a blast donning their costumes while strolling down Old Town Winchester.

November is sure to be a month filled with excitement. We are starting off with Chick-fil-A spirit night on Friday, November 4th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. What a great way to visit with friends, enjoy great food, and raise money for our school (10% of all sales will be donated back to the WDS). Just before Thanksgiving break, we will celebrate our grandparents—a day in which they visit the classrooms and stroll through the book fair. The Winchester Book Gallery will be in Loudoun Hall on Thursday the 18th and Friday the 19th from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Please feel free to come and browse their selections. You may find the perfect gift for that special someone.





Music Notes:

Looking forward to Advent and Christmas

The Carol Choir is preparing its Christmas musical, *The Case of the Reluctant Innkeeper*, for the entire church to enjoy. The 12th annual Christmas “Dinner Theater” presentation of the musical will be on Friday evening, December 9. The children will present the musical again at the Sunday School hour in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 11; the younger choirs will also sing at this time.

Our Chancel Choir is looking forward to presenting a brand new work, *Tapestry of Light, A Celtic Christmas Celebration*, during Advent and Christmas. All of the selections in this work are based on tunes that come from the traditions of Scotland, England, Ireland, and Wales; these all have their “roots” in the Celtic tradition, and many of them will be quite familiar. The choir will sing one or more of the selections from this work on each Sunday in Advent: Nov. 27, Dec. 4 & 11. On the fourth Sunday in Advent, Dec. 18, a major part of the services at 8:30 and 11:00 in the sanctuary will be from this music. On the 18th, the choir will be accompanied by a “Celtic Consort,” consisting of violin, flute, cello, and percussion.

Congratulations to the persons who completed the Bible in a Year reading project

Bonnie Carter
 Bryan Corsnitz
 Dee Dee Corsnitz
 Patsy Cress
 Lynn Miller
 Chris Oldham
 Judy Owens
 Lynn Williams
 Marcia Winfield

They read three chapters from the Old Testament and one chapter from the New Testament daily for 365 days. Talk with them about their experience and discover the ways daily, intentional Bible reading can enrich your Christian faith.

[If your name belongs on the list and doesn't appear, it simply means we need to hear from you. Please email Dan McCoig at dan@firstchurch-winchester.org or call the church office at 662-3824. Thank you.



St. Andrews/Scottish Heritage Sunday: November 27 at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

On Sunday, November 27 – the Sunday closest to St. Andrews Day, November 30 --in the sanctuary worship services, First Church will celebrate the Scottish heritage of American Christianity. The service will include a prayer from the Scottish Book of Common Order, hymns from the Geneva Psalter, and an affirmation of faith from the Scots Confession of 1560. Great Highland Bagpipers will be on the walking mall to call believers to worship. Persons are invited to wear traditional Scottish Highland dress, if they wish.

Weddings

Sep 17 Sarah Maccubbin & David Tremper

Oct 9 Lisa Brumback & Brent Kooken

In Memoriam, with Christian sympathy to the families

Oct 5 Audra Kalafat

Oct 26 Kathreen Dunlap of Memphis, TN, mother of Nelda Head

Oct 28 Gen Stimmel

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Send submissions to calvin.chatter@verizon.net.

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Sunday Worship Services 7:30 a.m. (Boyd Chapel), 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

New Stone Gathering (Fellowship Hall), 8:30 a.m.

Coffee and Cookies 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Richard W. Reifsnnyder

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