

## **NEWSLETTER**

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#### From Pastor Carrie

#### **Greetings from Puerto Rico!**

This has already been such a fantastic week! I am with the group who is staying and working at the Seminary in San Juan, while the other half of our group is staying and working in Añasco.



Although we are all exhausted – it is a good kind of tired – our spirits are soaring and our hearts are full. Many hours have already been spent climbing the three flights of very narrow outside stairs to get into the apartment that we are rehabbing, as well as spending hours meeting new friends and seminary students.

The devotional time both in the morning and evening have been rich and nourishing, and I am marveling each and every day at how God has gifted us

for ministry. From an artist that creates wood carvings out of stumps from trees (see separate story), to pastors, physicists, lawyers, researchers, and doctors, scraping the bajillion layers of paint on the ceilings and walls, lugging the very heavy kitchen

and bath cabinets up those three flights of stairs, and rewiring the whole apartment, to librarians and teachers creating scrumptious meals for a large group and cleaning like Tasmanian devils, everyone is using his or her talents to further God's mission here in Puerto Rico.

And our host here at the Seminary, Wilfredo, is an absolute joy to work with. I cannot tell you what a blessing he has been to our group. Everyone here at the Seminary has been so welcoming — we are learning about hospitality, grace and love just by the examples of those we have shared lunch with around the table and those we have sweated with while doing demo and rehab work. It has been a glorious week!



Tomorrow, the seminary group will travel to Añasco to meet up with those staying at La Posada de Angeles. Over the weekend, we will be engaging in the celebration of the Three Kings with neighboring communities and the Presbyterian Church in Añasco. We cannot wait to be a part of these festivities. More to come next week about these interactions!

Blessings! Carrie

#### **Preparing for Three Kings Day**

The Three Kings are coming! Traditionally, the children of Puerto Rico get as excited about the arrival of the Three Kings on January 7<sup>th</sup> as children in the States do about Santa Claus. We're getting caught up in the excitement too!

An important part of the NCP Disaster Relief Network's mission to Puerto Rico this year is to bring a little of the joy of the Three Kings festival – El Día de los Reyes – back to some of the children living in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. We will be participating in the celebrations in the towns of Añasco, Rincon, and Montclair, sponsored by the Presbyterian congregations there.



One thing we plan to do is provide fresh new robes for the Kings to wear as they process through the town. The other is to provide gifts for the Kings to distribute. Our volunteers from the National Capital Region have been shopping for, organizing by age, and gift-wrapping hundreds of toys, dolls, games, and books for the Kings to give out. And while they are doing that, we will have an opportunity to interact with both the kids and their parents. It all kicks off tomorrow in Rincon!

Meanwhile, we are also aiding homeowners with repairs to their houses that were damaged in the storm. Ada Lis, the Disaster Recovery Coordinator for the Southwest Presbytery and our hostess at La Posada de Angeles at the Prima Iglesia Presbiteriana, here in Añasco, has identified two homes in urgent need of repair.

We started yesterday with priming the wooden walls of a home Ada Lis had arranged to be built for a young mother and her son. The house needs further work on its floors and windows, but after only one day's work, Maria Christine has a fine place for her boy to grow up. At the other end of the spectrum, Ada Lis learned of a family whose aged and debilitated mother needs her living quarters adapted to her deteriorating medical condition. We will install a few new doors and an air conditioning unit for them this week too.





And in between, we are working on the Prima Iglesia Presbiteriana facility to make an outdoor activities area. Quite a few of us spent a couple of hours scraping old paint from the walls of what was a carport, so the contractors can repair them before we repaint them. Painting the Prima Iglesia Presbiteriana sanctuary is next on the to-do list!





Well, that's what we're doing here on this beautiful island to help our brothers and sisters. Your prayers are much appreciated. May all that we do be to the glory of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

(Find out more about El Día de los Reyes in Presbyterians Today <a href="https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today/">https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today/</a>)





#### **Turning Toppled Tree Trunks into Prayers**



After Hurricane Maria topples over tress and left stumps in the seminary courtyard, one of our mission team members, Evelyn Mogren, just creates these praying hands by carving these out with a chainsaw! (The mother hen and her chickadees loved them too.)

#### **Making a Difference**

By Julia Fiedler

Buenos días from Añasco, Puerto Rico! Our mission team hit the ground running on New Year's Day and worked through the rest of the week. It has been spiritually and emotionally fulfilling to help the people of Añasco. You can see God's smiles in every person's face, even though resources are so limited and the Category 5 Hurricane Maria damage is still so pervasive. The storm battered the island and its inhabitants in late September/early October 2017. Since then, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance team has been on the ground, sponsoring and coordinating numerous mission trips from Presbyterian Churches from all over America.

Our host this week is a lovely lady, Ada Lis, who runs the First Presbyterian Church in Añasco, which also serves as a supply/food bank for the community. Ada Lis knows everyone in town, and especially those in need. She helped to designate the houses that needed work following the hurricane.

A lot of families have no source of income whatsoever because their businesses or places of work were destroyed. So, they cannot afford the materials they need to fix houses. Many depend only on donated food and supplies and the Presbyterian Church is at the center of that need.

Our Mission Team included a "building masters" team who went to the designated locations to figure out what was needed. We split up into several teams in order to service these houses. The homeowners were thrilled to get our help and God's spirit was everywhere.

One house has no doors or windows, the other has no flooring because it was rotted away and is infested with termites. We are also working at the First Presbyterian Church, the first floor of which was completely submerged in four feet of mud and another ten feet of water. The concrete, siding, paint and every layer is rotten in places, so we are doing a lot of getting down to the base and then building up from there.

One homeowner's home was destroyed in the hurricane. She and her 5-year old son have lived in a 4' x 6' concrete block structure with a tarp for a roof. Our team helped to finish off painting a new home that had been built by an earlier mission team. The mother is thrilled to move into the new structure!

Our host town of Añasco celebrates "Three Kings Days," otherwise known as Epiphany. We are helping to arrange and host a city-wide event with over 200 children attending. We wrapped over 500 gifts for the distribution to children at the event. For many children, our gifts will be their only celebration of Christmas (and Three Kings Day!).

Look for more information on our mission trip later this month. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and thoughts as we continue to guide God's touch to the hearts and people of Añasco.

# Upcoming & Recurring Events

The **Choir** meets every Wednesday at 2PM at Jane Dassen's house. Contact Jane at 301-948-9816 if you're interested in joining.

The **Praise Team** meets most Wednesdays at 7PM in Kerr Hall. Contact Jasper at 706-405-5262 if you're interested, or you can just come join us. Praise Team won't meet January 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Lunch Bunch** meets the second Tuesday of each month at various restaurants. The next gathering is January 8<sup>th</sup> at NOON at *Applebee's* in Frederick. For reservations, contact **Sharon** in the office at 301-540-2544 or <a href="mailto:boydspc@comcast.net">boydspc@comcast.net</a> by Monday December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**M&Ms** (Mission and Merriment group) meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month in P-W Hall, from 11<sub>AM</sub> – 1<sub>PM</sub>. At each meeting, we start with a devotion, have a brief business meeting and then make fleece blankets for local charities. Some members of M&Ms also knit and crochet prayer shawls and hats at their homes. M&Ms won't meet New Year's Day.

Contact Marj Turbyfill at 301-972-0265 if you are interested in receiving any of the items we provide or for more information.

**Soul Sisters** meet the last Thursday of each month. The next gathering is January 31<sup>st</sup> at *DeMarco, The Italian Place* in Germantown. Come join us anytime between 6:30-9pm for fun, fellowship, and food with friends.



From the Session: Thank you!

# Mission Statement Connecting all to God's love and grace. Engage. Nurture. Serve.

Session is very proud of our mission team who is in Puerto Rico helping to rebuild after Hurricane Maria. Thank you to Pastor Carrie for identifying this hands-on opportunity and to those who participated in bringing God's love and grace to the people of Añasco. Thanks to Jasper Davis, Julia Fiedler, Margie Smith, Bill Wall.

Session is also very proud of our Coat Drive team! Inspired by the recent confirmation class, Joshua and Matthew Ashley, Matthew Buehler, Trever Martin, and Keaton Dorman, our young new members organized a coat drive for Daly Elementary School in Germantown. After the first delivery of coats, the team recognized that the need was much larger than anticipated so they organized a second drive and collected a few hundred coats, hats and mittens.

The second delivery added Alex and Bailea Edwing, and Katie Smith, and was eagerly anticipated and exceptionally well-executed as we brought God's love and grace to kids who need warm clothing right in our own backyard. Special thanks to Glenn Karta for being the adult lead on this ambitious service project!

#### **Pastor Carrie Named Stated Supply Pastor**

At the December Session meeting, Session agreed to name Pastor Carrie our Stated Supply Pastor. Over half of the PCUSA churches in America are led by a Stated Supply pastor. Fewer and fewer have "called and installed" pastors. Essentially, the only difference between "called" and "stated supply" is that a called pastor is voted on by the congregation while a stated supply pastor is contracted by the Session without a congregational vote. A stated supply contract is usually for one year and is renewable by Session vote. Thanks go out to Elder Catherine Reese for guiding the contracting process with Pastor Carrie. As a result of this action, this essentially ends the interim process, as described by Lyman Smith from Presbytery's Committee on Ministry at the November Town Hall meeting.

**Next meeting**: Monday, 2/4 at 7pm in P-W Hall.

#### **Boyds Lights Up the Town Christmas Tree**

By Mark Stunder, Faith Formation Ministry Team

Imagine, an old-fashioned outdoor tree-lighting with carols. Then a hay ride to see Santa, making some Christmas crafts, grabbing a bite to eat, coloring until your heart is content, hearing some live Christmas music, socializing with neighbors, and meeting new friends. And all in a safe environment. This was the Advent Festival and Tree Lighting held the evening of Friday December 7<sup>th</sup>. The event was organized by the Faith Formation Ministry Team, along with Pastor Carrie, and engaged many church members for assistance. Thank you to everyone who helped, and especially to the Harners, who each year provide the services of their hay wagons and other great support.



The event started at the Post Office with the traditional tree lighting and carols. The event then moved by hay wagon (and car) to Kerr Hall. The attendance estimate was over 100: we ran out of name tags at 70, with many more in line for registration at that point. A numbering system was established to line-up kids for Santa. Prior to last year, the event only included the tree lighting and a visit with Santa in Kerr Hall via a hay wagon ride. Last year we expanded the event to create more of a festival atmosphere with some crafts. Based on success last year, the event was expanded this year to include more crafts, coloring and live music.

Downstairs in the Vail Education Building was converted into a creative Christmas arts and crafts workshop that kids and adults flocked to. Each room had different Christmas crafts to make including crafts related to bells, small tissue paper Christmas trees, Advent Calendars and easy to make crafts for smaller children. Each room was packed with children and adults having fun together making things.



Upstairs was divided into a food area along with music, a Santa room, and coloring. Ah, the coloring! At first one would think that only kids would love the coloring of Christmas related large banners. And the kids did love it. But it was the adults who really loved the coloring. Adults of all ages: young, older, some saying they haven't colored since grade school! Whole families coloring together. People discussing what colors to use next. Serious color choice debates. People wondering how there can be 96 Crayola crayons in a box now, because when they grew up there were only eight. We had to pry some adults away from coloring in order to end the festival! The banners were displayed, depending on the Advent theme, each week at the 9:30AM service and all banners were displayed on Christmas Eve in the sanctuary.

About half-way through the festival I paused in the back of Kerr Hall near where the tables are stored. I stood back there for a few minutes and observed what was going on. I did the same thing downstairs in each craft room and then near the Santa room. It was amazing to see all the interaction, fun, family togetherness, adults and crayons, Santa, kids working with parents on crafts, etc.

But what hit me most was there was our church living out our mission statement... live...right in front of me! Connecting all to God's love and grace!

#### Connecting All to God's Love and Grace

In talking to people, I was asked why do we do this? I was able to answer with great confidence that this is one of the ways Boyds Presbyterian Church connects people to God's love and grace. By the way, I was able to say that at the Daly Coat Drive event as well.

Friends, we made a lot of kids, families, and adults very happy by spreading God's love through this event and making an otherwise dark world brighter for many that night.





#### **Family Advent Worship Services**



Each Sunday through Advent, we welcomed families, children and young adults to light the Advent candles, read scripture passages, lead prayers and participate in the service. It was great fun to see the anticipation in the faces of our youngest!

Thank you to the Praise Team Singers for the musical leadership of seasonal songs and hymns. Throughout Advent, we celebrated the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the legendary hymn, "Silent Night, Holy Night."



#### Christmas Eve Celebrates Jesus' Birth



Candlelight and communion were centerpieces of the family and traditional Christmas Eve services. The sanctuary was filled with the love of God and members of the Boyds' community. Thank you to the many who participated in leading the services with readings, singing, praying and distributing and collecting candles — too many to name here for fear of leaving someone out!

#### **Poinsettias Dressed Up the Sanctuary**

Thank you to Nancy Knott and Marj Turbyfill, along with Sharon Catron, for organizing and displaying the nearly 30 beautiful poinsettia plants for our Christmas services! The ladies did a great job keeping the plants watered

throughout the season.

#### **Coming Attractions: 2019**

Over the weekend of November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>, Session took the opportunity to go on an overnight retreat in Frederick for the purposes of team building and visioning for the new year. Several things are under consideration, all focused on the Mission Statement of connecting all to God's love and grace. Our request of each and every member and friend of the Church is simple: Find a way to participate in leading or running events that help us connect with those who need a church home. Here are just a few samples of things under consideration but we are open to suggestions.

- First Fridays: We discussed the need for consistency so our community members can rely on our Church doing something on a regular schedule. The concept of First Fridays was discussed. On the first Friday of each month, we would host a community event either at the Church or in the community. Some of the ideas include:
  - o Movie Night: Sponsor a dinner and movie night for families to attend.
  - Parents' Night Out: Open our doors to free babysitting service for an evening so the Mom and Dad can go out.
  - Blessing of the Animals: Perhaps we take over a dog park and invite a community such as Cabin Branch to bring their critters to get a blessing!
- ➤ July at the Movies. We had tremendous success with dinner and movie the last two years and we anticipate hosting it again this July. One of our most important learnings last year came from a father who said, "I'm so glad you hosted this. I have been looking for something our family can do together on a Friday night and it's just impractical for us to get here on Sundays." Our goal is not necessarily to get people to come back on Sunday mornings. Our goal is to connect all with God's love and grace and sometimes that means connecting with them on their schedule, not ours.
- Seasonal events. Lent and Easter give us the opportunity to host special events for the community. We may bring back the Spring Festival, but we will certainly participate as the lead church in the Sunrise Service on Sugarloaf Mountain. Advent and Christmas offer up many opportunities for community engagement and events.

Events and celebrations like this require participation from members and friends of the Church. Each event will be led by a Session member. You may expect them to call you to help organize and host these events. If you are interested in helping, just let a member of Session know: Anne Davies, Doug Fiedler, Brenda Reid Jones, Catherine Reese, Dee Smith, and Mark Stunder. Incoming members (effective with the February Session meeting) include Hammet Hough, Bob Hoyt and Glenn Karta.

#### **Deacons Commissioned for Home Communion**

Recently, the Board of Deacons went through training on how to host homebound communion under Pastor Carrie's direction. We now offer communion to those who are infirmed and unable to come to Church. Just let the Church Office know and we will make the arrangements.

#### From the Deacons

The Deacons met on December 10<sup>th</sup>. We continue to coordinate with the Worship, Fellowship and Mission Teams. The third Ledo Pizza fellowship fundraiser was held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and a good time was had by all who participated. We discussed an additional event for January, time and location TBD. Stay tuned!

**Next meeting**: Monday, 1/14 at 7PM in P-W Hall.

#### From the Trustees

The Board of Trustees did not meet in December.

**Next meeting**: Tuesday, 1/22/19 at 7PM in P-W Hall.

# Mission Ministry Teams



# Fellowship Team Report By Anne Davies & Brenda Reid Jones

Having organized the well-attended Stewardship Dinner in November, the Fellowship Team took a break in December. Sunday fellowships were spoken for, but the Team did not meet in December, nor did Soul Sisters. Thanks to all those who hosted during December: Brenda Jones, the youth in the confirmation class, Janet Reise, Maria Romero, Cathy Reese, and the Trustees.

We need folks to sign up for Sunday fellowship in January. Remember, it does not have to be elaborate. Everyone appreciates whatever you care to bring. Joining with another member or family is a good way to lessen the burden. Having this time together for coffee and a bite to eat is such a good way to maintain connection with the folks you don't see during the week.

Soul Sisters will meet for dinner and fellowship in January at 6:30pm at De Marco's The Italian Place in Germantown. Date TBD. Please let Anne or Brenda know if you plan to come. We look forward to seeing you there.

In January, we plan to start a new Sundate activity. This year, a number of us joined for a once a month dinner on a Sunday evening (hence the name "Sundate.") We dined at Kerr Hall, at the Yearicks' home, at AgroDolce and at Anne Davies'. We had good food and excellent conversation, and we got to know one another better. There were 9 of us, and we invite others to join. Depending on how many are interested, we can break into two groups. The joint activities can be anything the group wants to do, with dinner being a favorite, and it can be whatever night the group chooses. We want to facilitate, not dictate.

#### Worship Team Report By Mark Stunder

#### 2019: WHETHER LARGE OR SMALL...IT'S ALL ABOUT YOUR CALL

Beyond our normal planning and review of worship, the Worship Team in December engaged in a really good dialogue about worship itself including questions such as:

- Is worship a priority in the church (meaning the greater church)? For some and not for others? (Interestingly research is showing many people are increasingly NOT entering the church through the church doors each Sunday, but instead they enter by first experiencing God's love through service or mission, and then eventually coming to worship.)
- How can one know how to properly worship God?
- What are the ingredients of a truly Biblical worship service?
- What does our (Boyds) kind of worship experiences say about God?



As we enter the new year and we think about 2019 worship let's reflect on the fourth question. This question created A LOT of discussion, but not as you would think. An unnamed member of our team (who, by the way, should really become a preacher out on the street corners (3) suggested that it is not just the traditional or contemporary worship experiences Boyds offers that are important. It's what one does with those worship experiences out there in the world that counts. In other words, do these experiences change us, motivate us etc.? It all starts with us sharing God's love and serving like Christ, flowing outward from Boyds. The important thing, however, is each of us.



Consider the pictures you see on this page. First, there's St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, the largest Christian church in the world and the seat of the Roman Catholic faith. Thousands attend church services weekly with millions visiting each year. I've had the privilege of spending a day there and throughout the Vatican. The place....is big! And yes, worship is inspiring!

The second picture was taken at Brambleton Presbyterian in Loudoun County Virginia. Our youth group (called Ablaze) is shown. We visit Brambleton each fall. The church has no building of its own. It used to meet in an elementary school cafeteria each Sunday. Now it meets in the school's gym/multipurpose room. Our youth group has worshiped with Brambleton for over 10 years. And yes, worship is inspiring!

How about Boyds? We are certainly not a large church. Both worship services are inspiring, but a writer once said, "A church is not measured by its seating capacity, but by its sending capacity." So, the question for us (and for The Vatican or ANY church) is whether we EACH carry the worship experience outward to the community and to those with whom we interact. Do we each live out the scriptures heard and preached? Do we follow through with the message of God's love and grace via Jesus after we worship? Or do we sometimes, as the preacher-to-be Worship Team member said, "Get all caught up in ourselves and this and that, and don't hear what God wants us to do!"

The Worship Team in 2019 is planning an all church hymn sing ("The Sing") in February, and an inspiring Lenten season of worship among many other things throughout the year. All this is great and creates a variety of worship experiences. The Worship Team's hope in 2019 is that you experience God through worship at Boyds and then really live out what God is calling you to do. God may be calling you to do a small thing or it may be a big thing. God calls all of us to love one another, to love God, and to not "get all caught up with ourselves!"

#### In 2019, whether large or small, it's all about your call!

Happy New Year from the Worship Team! We usually meet once a month in P-W Hall. Members of the team are: Glenn Karta, Nancy Knott, Dee Smith, Mark Stunder (chair) and Marj Turbyfill. Staff members include Jasper Davis, and Rev. Carrie Yearick.

**Next meeting**: Thursday, 1/10 at 7pm in P-W Hall.

### THE SING!

### All Church Hymn Sing: Sunday February 24th, 10AM Sanctuary



"The Sing" is coming February 24<sup>th</sup>! The Sing will be a "hymn sing" of traditional and contemporary worship music. We'll be having one worship service in the sanctuary at 10:00AM with Fellowship afterwards in Pollock-Williams Hall. The Sing is designed as a worship service with your favorite worship songs included.

The key is you! What are your favorite worship songs? They can be ancient or brand new. They can even be "off season" like Easter,

Thanksgiving or Christmas. Later in January, look for boxes in Kerr Hall, Pollock-Williams Hall, and the Sanctuary to drop in your favorite worship song. We'd like you to also say, if possible, why you chose the song. Just a one or two liner like "I grew up with that song" or "these words mean so much to me." Worship songs always have meaning, and many bring back memories.

Join everyone in The Sing!

Coordination by the Worship Team: Glenn Karta, Nancy Knott, Dee Smith, Mark Stunder (chair) and Marj Turbyfill. Staff members include Jasper Davis, and Rev. Carrie Yearick.

## Faith Formation Team Report By Dee Smith

Members of the CE Team met on December 6<sup>th</sup> to finalize plans for the Advent Fair/Tree lighting on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. The activities were prepped, spaces planned out, and volunteers finalized.

We would like to commend our congregation for living into our mission statement to Connect all to God's Love and Grace. A huge thank you and well done to all the volunteers who gave their gifts and talents to bring the evening together and to be an evening to be remembered by everyone who attended. Pastor Carrie, to you an enormous hug and thank you for all your organizing, ideas, shopping, and commitment.

Also this month, we celebrated 5 new members joining the congregation by confirmation on December  $2^{nd}$ . The youth lead the Family Advent service on December  $23^{rd}$ .

Adult Bible Fellowship did not meet during December.

The **Adult Study Group** meets every Wednesday at 7PM in P-W Hall. They are currently studying **Unafraid, Living** with **Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times**, by Adam Hamilton. Contact Dick Ernst at 301-540-2143 for more information.

Our **Ablaze** youth will meet each Sunday evening in January at 5PM in Kerr Hall for a meal, a lesson and preparation for youth involvement in the 9:30AM Sunday services.

**Next meeting**: Thursday, 1/3 at 7PM in P-W Hall.

**Save the date:** Please keep Sunday February 3<sup>rd</sup> on your calendar for the annual Souper Bowl service at 9:30AM in Kerr Hall.



Sunday February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019 marks the 12<sup>th</sup> year of our church participating in the **Souper Bowl of Caring** (SBOC). The SBOC is an annual event where churches and other groups around the country collect money and canned goods on Super Bowl Sunday. The SBOC contrasts the real Super Bowl and all its build-up, to what we can do to help those in need.

100% of the proceeds go to the charity of choice, which in our case is Mealson-Wheels and WUMCO Help. Our middle and senior highs will present a skit interpretation related to the Souper Bowl and will collect money and food donations after each service.

**2019 Offering Envelopes** are in the church vestibule and Kerr Hall. Our Worship Team has put your envelopes in the location where you typically attend worship. If you weren't assigned a box, they are available in P-W Hall. Please write your name on the form and take the associated box of envelopes, or contact the office.

The **2019 Per Capita** for each communicant member is *\$41.73*. Per capita is what BPC pays to *The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.),* in order to cover the denomination's general administrative expenses. If you choose to help offset this expense, you may use the first blue envelope in your offering box designated for "per capita apportionment."



#### **Appreciation and Gratitude to:**

- Everyone who helped with the Tree Lighting
- Everyone who helped with the Advent and Christmas Eve Services
- \* Everyone who hosted a December fellowship:
  - Our Faith Formation Team
  - Brenda Reid Jones
  - Janet Reise
  - Cathy Reese& Maria Romero
  - > Everyone who contributed to the Potluck
- ❖ Margaret Leaman for cleaning the church

We need volunteers to host **Fellowship** between services on Sundays. It's easier than it sometimes looks. Deacons make the coffee and help serve it and the lemonade. The food is meant to be simple: e.g. cookies, grapes, cheese and crackers. The emphasis is on fellowship and, while a big spread is appreciated, it is wholly unnecessary. So partner with another family, if you like, but please take a turn. Sign up is in P-W Hall. The last Sunday of each month is potluck.

The **2019 Sanctuary Cleaning** schedule is on the bulletin board in the church vestibule. Please sign-up to clean for one month.



#### **Pray for grieving:**

Family and friends of those who passed away during December:

- Mary Lou Robertson
- Ineke Lok Smallwood
- Polly Huff

#### **Pray for healing:**

Gwen Alred; Ian Armstrong and family; Taylor Barnes; Jeffrey Barrientos; Karla Barron; Stephanie Bennett; Susan Blackman; Linda Reise Brainard; Ron Breland; Callier family; Aaron Cantler; Mark Cantwell; Jeannette Cochran; Nancy Daughtry; Dean; Averi Donat; Dick Ernst; Joyce Floyd; Blair Gibson; Ginger & Steve Gibson; Gregory Glaude; Perri Green; Greg; Anne Gupman; Joe Healy; Gene Hoilman; Ken Huff; Jason Johnson; Joe Katran; Larry King; Eddie Kiser; Renie Kiser; Nancie Kondo; John Labbe; Ellen Landriau; Jack Louth; Zelda Morgan; Marcia Nass; Christine O'Connell; Tony Pirrone; Rex Reed; Justin Rosner; George Smith; Mark Sutch; Andrea Kempner Wink; Veronika; Arthur & Mary Virts; those who have recently lost loved ones; active members of the armed services and their families; members of our church; those affected by natural disasters and tragedies. Pray for those recovering from their war wounds, for victims of violence and war throughout the world.

Mission & Merriment have prayer shawls to give to anyone, church member or friend. To request a prayer shawl, please contact Marj Turbyfill at 301-972-0265.



January 1 – Happy New Year, Office Closed

January 21 – Martin Luther King Day, Office Closed

January 27 – Annual Congregational Meeting & Potluck, one svc @ 10AM



### **Bad Weather Action Plan**

In the event of heavy weather this winter, please use one of the following for worship schedule changes:

- \* Call the church office @ 301-540-2544
- \* Check our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/BoydsPresbyterianChurch
- \* Check our webpage: <a href="https://www.boydspc.org">https://www.boydspc.org</a>

We will update any service change info before 8AM on Sunday mornings.