

PLEASANT VALLEY  
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN  
WEYERS CAVE, VIRGINIA

8:45 AM December 11, 2011

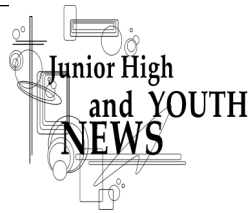
<b>Gathering</b>		
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Isaiah 61	
<b>Songs of Praise</b>	That's Why We Praise Him Here I Am to Worship You Are God Alone (Not Just a God)  O Come, O Come	
<b>Advent Candle Lighting</b>		Flick Family
	O Come, O Come	
<b>Life of the Church</b>		
<b>Prayer Concerns</b>		
<b>Preparation for Prayer</b>	Solo	Saul Rodriguez
<b>Prayer</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>	Heart of Worship (Medley)	
<b>Children's Story</b>		Pastor Spire
<b>Text</b>	John 1:6-8, 19-28	
<b>Message</b>	Joy	Pastor Fike
<b>Response</b>	Hark! the Herald Angels Sing	201

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS  
BY BEING CHRIST IN THE WORLD

11:00 AM December 11, 2011

<b>Prelude</b>		
<b>Welcome and Life of the Church</b>		
<b>Advent Candle Lighting</b>		Garascia Family
<b>*Hymn</b>	Joyful, joyful, we adore thee	71
<b>*Invocation</b>		
<b>Anthem</b>	The Coventry Carol Soprano solo - Emily Fagan	arr. V.C. Johnson
<b>Giving our tithes and offerings</b>	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	
<b>Children's Story</b>		Pastor Spire
<b>Text</b>	John 1:6-8, 19-28	
<b>Hymn</b>	On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry	183
<b>Message</b>	Joy	Pastor Fike
<b>Response</b>	One: Advent calls us to joyful anticipation of the Messiah, but sometimes joy is lacking. <b>All: Restore us, O God.</b> One: When our delight is overshadowed by worry and fear, <b>All: Restore us, O God.</b> One: When problems loom large and solutions are elusive, <b>All: Restore us, O God.</b> One: When relationships are painful and hurt results, <b>All: Restore us, O God.</b> One: When busyness and activity crowd out what is meaningful and important, <b>All: Restore us, O God.</b> One: When life feels tedious, and the waiting drags on, <b>All: Restore us, O God.</b> One: When disappointments mount and disillusionment descends, <b>All: Restore us, O God.</b> One: Joy to the world! The light of the world is coming! <b>All: Restore to us, O God, the joy of your salvation!</b>	
<b>*Hymn</b>	Joy to the world	318
<b>*Benediction</b>		
<b>*Postlude</b>		

(\*Those who are able are invited to stand.)



### Junior High Youth Meeting

Tuesday, December 13, 6:45-8:15 pm

#### Jr Hi & Sr Hi Youth

We are in the midst of making decisions about summer workcamps. See Steve for info.

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Bridgewater Retirement Community will host its

#### Annual Christmas Open House TODAY

2:30-4:30 pm at Houff Community Center in Maple Terrace, 210 Virginia, Bruidgewater, VA

15 themed Christmas trees will be showcased with entertainment from 2:30-4:00 pm and refreshments.



### Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren

91 Valley Church Road, Weyers Cave, VA 24486

(540) 234-9921

Matthew Fike, Pastor

Steve Spire, Associate Pastor of Children & Youth Ministries

David Tate, Director of Music

Saul Rodriguez, Director/Accompanist Contemporary Service

Phil Roberts, Accompanist

### Our Church Today



8:45 am	Worship
9:50 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship
4:00 pm	Children's Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal
7-8:30 pm	Focus Teams meet

### Our Church this Week

<b>Monday</b>	Church Office closed
<b>Tuesday</b>	
6:45-8:15 pm	Junior High Youth Meeting
	Covenant Kids to Bridgewater Home
<b>Wednesday</b>	Deadline for bulletin announcements
9:00 am	Comfort Makers
6:00 pm	Handbell Choir
7:00 pm	Adult Choir
8:00 pm	Praise Team
<b>Thursday</b>	
7:00 pm	Filling disaster buckets in Fellowship Hall
<b>Friday</b>	
8:00 pm	AA
<b>Saturday</b>	Valley Mission dinner

### Next Sunday

8:45 am	Worship
9:50 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship
6:00 pm	Children's Christmas Program

### Last Sunday

<b>Attendance:</b>	Worship: 257 Sunday School: 138
<b>Offering:</b>	\$8,602.00 (Envelopes & Loose)
	\$2,000.00 (Pastor Geodany)
	2011 Weekly Budget Needs: \$ 6,191.00
	2011 <i>Budget Deficit:</i> \$10,901.87



Audrey Shreckhise  
 Millard Driver  
 Donald Kauffman  
 Bill Hall - Envoy  
 William Whetzel  
 Alice Roadcap  
 Amanda Tomlinson Armstrong

Children's Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal TODAY at 4:00 pm  
 Bring costumes with you



featuring music from his album *"Windows"*  
 and selections from his holiday album *"Feels Like Christmas"*  
**Monday, December 19, 2011 at 7:00 pm**  
 Weyers Cave Community Center  
 Tickets \$10 donation - available in church office  
 Make checks payable to Verona Food Pantry

**Goodies are needed for Christmas Eve...  
 please sign up in the narthex.**



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**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
 Saturday, December 24, 2011, 7:00 pm

Both **Christmas** and **New Year's** are on a Sunday this year.  
 Each day, there will be a  
 single **combined worship** service at **10:30 am**  
 with no Sunday School.



Please join us  
 Thursday, December 15th at 7 pm  
 in the Fellowship Hall  
 to fill Disaster Buckets

As approved at the October 9th Congregational Business Meeting, the cost of cemetery lots will increase effective January 1, 2012. Lots may be purchased at the old price, \$300 for 4 sites, until that date. Lots are available to church members, regular attendees, and their families. If interested, please call Eddie Meyerhoeffer, Ronnie Ritchie, or Harry Houff.



Karis is looking for donations of CDs and DVDs to sell in the store. Please bring them to the Karis store.

**Dorcas Circle is collecting needed items for First Step through December 16 in the Parlor.  
 Detailed list of items is on table in narthex.**

We still need someone to help with the Valley Mission meal for Saturday, December 17th. If you are able to help (provide food and/or help serve), please contact Teri Sumey.

**Collecting WRAPPED gifts in the parlor for Western State through December 13.  
 List of needed items is on table in narthex.**

### Valley Mission 2012

Are you aware that our church members have been serving a meal once a month at Valley Mission for FOUR years?! Valley Mission is the homeless shelter in Staunton. The shelter has grown over those four years, so we hope to continue this outreach ministry in our community. Please consider signing up to help with one of the months in 2012. There will be a signup sheet in the narthex during the month of December. Contact Teri Sumey or Carol Wilson if you have questions.

Christmas is for Sharing



With Special Friends Like You!  
 Don & Jeannie Garber's Christmas Open House  
**TODAY, 1:00-5:00 pm**  
 Merry Christmas!

## KARIS ADULT ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASS

Please help distribute notice about class to local businesses  
in the community to recruit learners.  
(Flyers are available in narthex.)

### Want list:

- 1 white dry erase board/dry erase markers/erasers
- 2 CD players
- 2 cork/bulletin boards/push pins
- Chalk & chalk erasers
- Xerox paper
- 2 large world wall maps
- 2 clocks
- 2 wall calendars
- Pencils - pencil sharpener
- Wide-rule notebook paper
- Index cards
- Manila folders
- Variable hole punch
- Name tags
- 2 UNO card game
- Refreshment items: 1 Mister Coffee/1 hot water  
Coffee, tea, hot chocolate  
Condiments/ cups

Please put donations in big box in church library!

Thanks,  
Martha Carper

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