

PLEASANT VALLEY
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
WEYERS CAVE, VIRGINIA

8:45 AM December 18, 2011

Gathering

Call to Worship

Songs of Praise Greatly To Be Praised
 O Come All Ye Faithful
 The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

O Come, O Come

Advent Candle Lighting Neil Houff Family

O Come, O Come

Life of the Church

Prayer Concerns

Preparation for Prayer Emmanuel

Prayer

Offertory How Great Is Our God

Children's Story Pastor Spire

Text Luke 1:39-56

Message About halfway Pastor Fike

Response Joy to the World

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS
BY BEING
CHRIST IN THE WORLD

11:00 AM December 18, 2011

Prelude

Welcome

Life of the church

Advent Candle Lighting Sanders Family

***Hymn** Come, thou long expected Jesus 178

***Invocation**

Giving our tithes and offerings

Mary heard the voice of the Lord, calling her to do that which had never before been done.

We are invited to overcome our fear and respond to God in faith and obedience, for nothing is impossible with God.

Mary and Joseph lived in times of political and religious unrest, making life uncertain and troubled.

We are invited to work for justice and be peacemakers in the world, for nothing is impossible with God.

Jesus promised his followers a life of service and self-sacrifice, of turning the other cheek and returning evil with good.

We are invited to hear the message of the gospel anew and take up our cross and follow Christ, for nothing is impossible with God.

Children's story Pastor Spire

Ministry in song Linda Swope, Tori Heatwole, Paul Wilson

Text Luke 1:39-56

Hymn What child is this 215

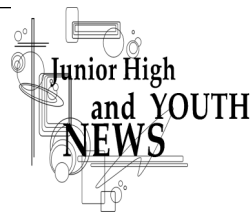
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***Hymn** Angels we have heard on high 197

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Emily Fagan - Congregational singing leader today
 (*Those who are able are invited to stand.)



Jr Hi & Sr Hi Youth

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

A big THANK YOU to the Women's Fellowship for all the time and effort you gave toward our family Christmas dinner. The food was SO DELICIOUS and you made our day special for all of us.

Members and Guests of the Dorcas Circle



My family and I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, emails and facebook concerns during my recovery. It helps to know that so many care and are there for me during my recovery. THANK YOU!!!

Harold, Connie, Zachary & Elizabeth

Our world has changed dramatically with the addition of 3 foster girls - Leah (19 months), Heidi (5), and Kaity (6) - who came to us around Thanksgiving. We are most appreciative of all the prayers, donated items, food, and support our church family has provided us. While I would love to provide individual thank you cards, I'm realizing that I do not have enough time in the day to do all I would like to do! We don't know the girls future at this point, but we are certainly glad to have a great church family to help raise them while they are with us.

Thank you all. Karissa and Robert Ruiz

Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren

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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
6:00 pm Children's Christmas Program

Our Church this Week

Monday Church Office closed
7:00 pm Jimmy Fortune Concert at WCCC
Tuesday January newsletter DEADLINE
Wednesday DEADLINE for bulletin announcements
6:00 pm Handbell Choir
7:00 pm Adult Choir
8:00 pm Praise Team
Thursday
Friday
8:00 pm AA
Saturday
7:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Next Sunday - Merry Christmas

10:30 am Combined worship

Last Sunday

Attendance: Worship: 234 Sunday School: no count
Offering: \$ 9,339.00 (Envelopes & Loose)
\$ 1,000.00 (Vineyard SS fundraising fund)
\$ 385.00 (Poinsettias)
\$ 450.00 (Rent)
\$ 40.00 (Bethel)
2011 Weekly Budget Needs: \$ 6,191.00
2011 Budget Deficit: \$ 7,263.87



Donald Kauffman
 Bill Hall - Envoy
 Alice Roadcap
 William Whetzel
 Amanda Tomlinson Armstrong

**Children's Christmas Play
 TODAY at 6:00 pm**



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**



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 Saturday, December 24, 2011, 7:00 pm
 followed by refreshments in the Fellowship Hall

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

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.

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 sheet in the narthex during the month of December. Contact Teri Sumey or Carol Wilson if you have questions.



Angel Remembrance Tree in Fellowship Hall for any one who wants to place an angel ornament on the tree in remembrance, in honor, or in appreciation of someone.

Please write the person's name and who you are honoring on the ornament and place it on the tree.

The Upper Room

January - February, 2012 daily devotional guides are now available on the table by the east entrance.



Back Pack Pals

a program to provide weekend food for some Clymore students. If you are interested in helping, please sign up in the narthex. We need shoppers, deliverers and packers. Please indicate your preference of day or evening.



If you **DID NOT** have offering envelopes last year and would like to have envelopes this year, please see Evelyn Matthews or Angie Brittle in the narthex. New envelopes for 2012 will be in your mailbox soon.

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:

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| 2 CD players | pencils |
| 2 cork bulletin boards | pencil sharpener |
| push pins | wide-rule notebook paper |
| chalk & chalk erasers | index cards |
| Xerox paper | manila folders |
| 2 large world wall maps | variable hole punch |
| 2 clocks | name tags |
| 2 wall calendars | 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