



# THE GOOD NEWS

December 2011

## HIGHLIGHTS

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
10:15 A.M.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
9:00 A.M.

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**Dec. 4**  
**Advent Festival**

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**Dec. 18**  
**Lessons & Carols**  
**Service**

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**Dec. 18**  
**Youth**  
**Cookie Walk**  
**Fundraiser**

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**Christmas Eve**  
**Worship Services**  
5:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

## A Message from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

*As I write this article, I still have Thanksgiving leftovers, and yet Advent (which means “coming”) is already here!*

*Sometimes, it sure does seem like time flies!*

*It’s easy to get caught up in the busyness and the commercialization and the “have to do’s” of our life in the world. The “holiday” season is pushed more and more each year, with decorations, seasonal music, and sales that begin way before Thanksgiving, leading us to believe that the best way of counting down to Christmas is somehow by the number of shopping days left.*

*Advent reminds us there is more – so much more! Advent is a time of waiting..... of anticipating, looking ahead, seeking, preparing, for all that is coming. There is no need to rush, it will most surely come, it already has, it is here, with more, more to come!*

*God is with us, a Savior is born to us, the Messiah, the Christ, who even now, reigns in power, and will come again! We have good news to share and much more to await.*

*So, as we wait, here are a few “if you want to’s”*

- *Sunday School will be as usual at 9:00 a.m. on the 4th, 11th, and 18th.*

- *Worship is at 10:15 a.m. on the 4th, 11th, 18th.*
- *On the 4th, we will have Communion together and offer our pledge cards during worship.*
- *The Advent Festival is also on the 4th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.*
- *The Charlie Brown Christmas gifts are due on the 4th, and alternative gift offerings through God’s Gift Shop are due on the 18th.*
- *On the 18th, the choir will lead the service with Lessons and Carols and special music.*
- *Christmas Eve services will be at 5:00 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. The 5 p.m. service will be geared more towards children with our resident story-teller, Becky Dingle, preaching! Both services will be “candlelight services” and Communion will be served at both.*
- *On Christmas Day and on New Year’s Day, worship is at 10:15 a.m. with no Sunday School. These two services will be a little more “relaxed” than usual, so don’t spend your whole morning getting dressed. Just dress casually, and come!! - - - If you want to!?*

*I can hardly wait!*

*Grace and peace,*

*Jeff*



## God's Gift Shop

Turn in your orders for God's Gifts Shop by December 18 to get it filled before Christmas. This is a wonderful way to give two gifts at once. Your gift given in honor of a loved one also gives a blessing to others! Speak with Pam Stewart if you have any questions.



Charlie Brown  
Family  
Christmas Project

## Annual Christmas Project

Please return your wrapped gift with the original gift tag to church on December 4. Speak with Robin Bowers if you have any questions.

As God so freely shared with us in the birth of His Son, our Savior, so we are invited to share that very love in this caring manner.

## Safe Place Training

### Dec. 4

You can't turn on the news lately without hearing updates on the sexual abuse cases at Penn State and right here in the Charleston area. It's a scary time, but there are things we can do to protect our children and youth, as well as our volunteers.

There will be a Safe Place Training on Sunday, December 4 at 9:00 am in F202. This training is required for all of DPC's volunteers in Sunday school, youth group, nursery, and VBS but anyone is welcome to come to learn more about how we can create safe places for our loved ones. Speak with Dorothy if you have any questions.



## Stewardship Dedication

### Dec. 4

You should have received your 2012 stewardship packet either in worship on November 20 or in the mail. Please prayerfully consider how you can help us fulfill God's vision for Dorchester in the coming year. Your pledge helps guide the session as they make plans and plan for the mission and ministry for our church in 2012. We will dedicate our pledges in worship on December 4th. We also encourage you to fill out the blank card with your own dreams for our church and to bring that with you to worship on the 4th. The Dream Team will use those as they continue to dream and seek to discern God's vision for us. If you will not be here on the 4th, you can place your card in the offering plate at any time or mail it to the church office.

# PREPARE THE WAY

**Advent Festival**  
**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**4:30-7:30pm**  
**Fellowship Hall**

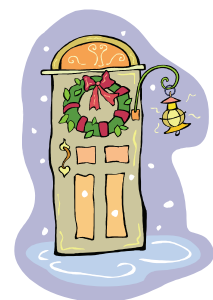


We hope you will join us for a casual evening of food, fellowship, singing, and preparing for the coming of the Christchild as we celebrate the Advent Season. During the first hour, you will have the opportunity to make crafts as well as take a family portrait to go on an ornament for the Christmas tree. We will then enjoy an eclectic supper of soup, salad, and bread; we hope that everyone will bring their favorite to share. After dinner, we will have an Advent Program followed by dessert, coffee, and hot chocolate.

## PYC Scavenger Hunt

**Dec. 11**

If a group of rowdy teenagers knocks on your door Sunday night, December 11 from 6:00-7:30, don't be alarmed! It's just the DPC youth...well...maybe you should be alarmed! The youth will be going on a Christmas scavenger hunt and may come to your house looking for some of their items.

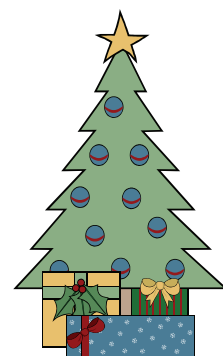


## Senior Adult Fellowship

**Dec. 14**

Everyone is invited to join us for lunch and a White Elephant gift exchange at 11:30 am on December 14 in the fellowship hall. All you need to bring is yourself, your appetite, and a wrapped gift item that you already have in your house that you no longer want. After lunch, we will draw numbers and pick a present from under the tree. Each person has the choice to unwrap a new gift or steal one they like from someone else! We will also enjoy a Christmas performance by the Good Shepherd School four year old class!

We hope to see you there for this fun event for the young at heart! Speak with Dorothy if you have any questions.



*All you need to bring is yourself, your appetite, and a wrapped gift...*



*All women are invited to Presbyterian Women's activities.*

## Presbyterian Women

### Dec. 15

Dorchester Presbyterian Women held their monthly meeting on November 17th, a week early due to Thanksgiving.

We had a dedication of prayer shawls, chemo caps, and surgical caps for the children at MUSC on November 20th. We have several shawls available for those of you that have loved ones and friends going through hard times—remember shawls are given at times of celebration also. The shawls are in the church office if you need to pick one up. We do not charge for the shawls but if you would like to make a donation, the money will be used for replacing the yarn so we can keep this ministry going.

Our December meeting will also be a week early. We will meet on December 15th in the chapel at The Presbyterian Village at 11:45 a.m. for a short meeting and then go for lunch in the dining hall at 12:30 pm. The cost of the meal is \$6.00, please bring the correct change. Please let me know by the 8th if you plan to be there.

All women at Dorchester are invited to join us for our meetings and craft day or night. We have crafts the second and fourth Monday night at 7:00 p.m. and the third Thursday at 10:00 a.m. and the fourth Thursday after our meeting. Hope to see you there.

*Norma Jamrogowicz, moderator*



## Lessons & Carols Service

### Dec. 18

You do not want to miss this special service of Christmas readings and music. You will be lead in worship by our own Dorchester choir, as well as the children's choir. Music will also feature a variety of instruments with some of our own and some guest musicians. We hope to see you in worship on the 18<sup>th</sup> for this uplifting service that will surely get you in the Christmas spirit!

## Cookie Walk

### Dec. 18

The youth will be hosting their cookie walk after church in the fellowship hall on December 18. Join us in the fellowship hall to walk the cookie mile and pick out your favorites and try some new varieties.

We also hope you hang around and enjoy some of your "loot" over fellowship, hot chocolate, and coffee! You can fill a large box for \$10 or a small

box for \$5. You can also be "green" and bring your own container – the price will depend on the size of the container.

Proceeds will support PYC summer trips – we already have 15 youth signed up for the Montreat Middle School Conference and 10 youth signed up for the Montreat Youth Conference!!



**Youth  
Cookie Walk**

## Women's Retreat 2011



The women had a great time this year. Mark your calendars for November 9-11, 2012 for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Retreat at Camp St. Christopher.

## Good Shepherd School Events

**Dec. 6**      **Santa visits Day Care** ~ children's pictures will be taken with Santa.

**Dec. 15**      **Children's Christmas program** ~ This special event will begin in the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. with a carol sing, followed by the children's nativity performance. After the program, everyone is invited to come to the fellowship hall for refreshments.

**Dec. 26-30**      **Preschool Closed**



## THANK YOU to the Classes of 2011!!

**Robin Bowers**, who has boldly led the Mission Committee for the last 4 years, including the initiation of Dorchester Serves Day and Second Sunday Stewardship as well as continuing the many ongoing ministries of our church.

**Alex Hansen**, who served as the youth representative on Session in 2011 and has been a leader in the youth group, assisting in worship on several occasions and leading youth Sunday services.

**Don Harmon**, who has served faithfully with the Property and Worship Committees and continues to keep our campus running smoothly.

**Peter Jones**, who saw the need for continuity during times of transition and agreed to fill an unexpired term, serving for five years on Session, as well as serving on the Good Shepherd School Board and chairing the Finance Committee, leading the movement to pay off our mortgage.

**Harry Johnson**, who has helped to restructure our Property Committee and work day model to meet the needs of our changing church as its chair, as well as served as the Session representative to the Pastor Nominating Committee, which led us to Jeff!

**Shirley Monnet**, who also graciously volunteered to stay on session to fill an unexpired term, totaling 5 consecutive years on session, creatively led the Fellowship Committee and saw the Personnel Committee through many staff transitions.

We also thank **Jim Mallory** and **Don Graves** for their years of service as our first installed deacons, each serving as Moderator of the Board of Deacons. They have been a strong leadership presence in this ministry of care and compassion.

We also thank **Bob Semle, Joan Semle and Debbie Sessoms** for their many years of service on the Good Shepherd School Board. During their time on the board, the school has installed security cameras and a phone/intercom system through the building in addition to many other improvements. Bob has served as chair, Joan as secretary and Debbie as personnel chair.



### December Birthdays

Isabelle Rooney	2	Madison Kampwerth	14	Cooper Mitchell	24
Carole Proefrock	2	Mary Jo Blackwood	15	Bill Moore	25
Peter Jones	2	Moana Limehouse	15	MaryLou Core	27
Pame Schilling	5	Barbara Jackson	16	Janet Hortman	27
Scott Nelson	7	Kathy Worthington	19	Tonya Mantooth	27
Lyn Browning	8	Harry Johnson	20	Bob Ticknor	28
Linda Jenkins	10	Jesse Dove	21	Carolyn Davidson	29
John Means	11	Melanie Oswald	22	Jeff Uyak	29
Katie DuBon	12	Ethan Price	24	Jena Prevuznak	29

## Looking Ahead...

- Oyster Roast and Chili Cook-Out - Jan. 28
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast - Feb. 21
- Ash Wednesday Worship Service - Feb 22

## Dorchester Road Construction

As the road construction continues in front of the church, please take your time entering and exiting our parking lot.

Also, take note of Jeff's (300-7007) and Dorothy's (513-2627) cell phone numbers because crews have cut our church telephone and internet lines a few times and probably will again. We want to be sure you can reach us if you need us!



- Dec. 4 Advent Festival
- Dec. 11 Christmas Scavenger Hunt
- Dec. 14 Soul Sisters Bible Study
- Dec. 18 Cookie Walk

## In the News...

Evan Huiet and a friend, both freshmen at Ashley Ridge High School, won the Thursday Night Lights Photo Contest with a stretch Hummer limo party. Check out the video on [www.youngfreesc.com](http://www.youngfreesc.com).

**The Church Office  
will be closed  
Dec. 26-30**

## GREETERS NEEDED

Christmas Eve - 5pm & 7pm services  
Dec. 25th - 10:15am service  
Please contact Angie Kelley at 871-4711 or email [angiemk@sc.rr.com](mailto:angiemk@sc.rr.com) if you can help.

## Those Who Serve

### December 2011

<b>ELDER DEACON</b>		Brandon Page Don Graves
<b>COMMUNION SERVERS</b>	Dec. 4	Brandon Page*, Winnie Harris, Bill Rooney, & Susan Burnette
	Dec. 24	<u>Christmas Eve</u>
	5:00 pm	Don Harmon & Bob Veline
	7:00 pm	Don Harmon, Kathy Worthington, Bob Semle & Jesse Dove
<b>NEWCOMER HOSTS</b>	Dec. 4	Kylie & Brandon Page
	Dec. 11	LeeAnne & Fred Newton
	Dec. 18	Sue & Collis Boyd
	Dec. 25	Joan & Bob Semle
<b>GREETERS</b>	Dec. 4	Harold & MaryLou Core
	Dec. 11	Bob & Jenny Ticknor
	Dec. 18	Dianne & Marshall Higon
	Dec. 24	See <b>GREETERS NEEDED</b>
	Dec. 25	
<b>NURSERY</b>	Dec. 4	Sara Gamble & Debbie Sessoms
	Dec. 11	Angie Kelley, Barbara & Abby Alexander
	Dec. 18	Julie Richardson & Dennis Pankop
	Dec. 25	Matthew Oswald & Ann Anderson

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## DORCHESTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



Rev. Jeff Kackley, *Pastor*  
Rev. Dorothy Blackwelder, *Associate Pastor*  
Kevin & Jennifer Gossett, *Music Directors*  
Angie Krouse and Connie Judson, *Organists*  
Karene Feltner, *Bookkeeper*  
Lynn Miksche, *Church Administrator*  
Joan Farrell, *Director*, Good Shepherd School  
Amy Plexico & Angela Laflin, *Sunday Nursery Staff*

### SUNDAY MORNING

**Worship: 10:15 a.m.**  
**Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.**

## DORCHESTER SESSION

### Elders

Class of 2011: Robin Bowers  
Alex Hansen  
Don Harmon  
Harry Johnson  
Peter Jones  
Shirley Monnet

Class of 2012: Collis Boyd  
Teddy Marcot  
Brandon Page  
Tony Savage  
Randi Wells

Class of 2013: Jan Goin  
Kelly Howard  
Mike Lesko  
Ramona Smith  
Ben Stark

Clerk of Session: Kathy Worthington

### Board of Deacons

Class of 2011 Don Graves  
Jim Mallory

Class of 2012 Margaret Jones  
Joan Semle  
Pam Stewart

Class of 2013 Mary Lee  
Anne Peterson  
Bill Rooney

## DORCHESTER LEADERS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Kelly Howard  
Randi Wells

FELLOWSHIP: Shirley Monnet

FINANCE: Peter Jones

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL : Bob Semle

MISSION: Robin Bowers  
Mike Lesko  
Tony Savage

OUTREACH: Collis Boyd

PERSONNEL: Shirley Monnet  
Doug Richardson  
Brandon Page  
Jan Goin

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Norma Jamrogowicz

PROPERTY: Don Harmon  
Harry Johnson  
Ben Stark

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP: VACANT

WORSHIP: Teddy Marcot