



DECEMBER—2015

NAZARETH NEWS

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Change is inevitable. Sometimes it is pleasant. At other times it is uncomfortable. Still occasionally change is neutral. In just the last few weeks, our world has experienced shooters in restaurants and theaters, floods in our state, and the leaving of a pastor. Our personal lives are filled with changes of health, family status, and possibly job situations. No matter what kind of change we experience, it is hard.

All change involves loss. And we have to let go of expectations, dreams, plans, and even a sense of control. But then...then...we can be open for the growth that is waiting to happen in each of us as well as our world.

During this time of Advent and Christmas, we can walk through the darkness of the shortened days knowing of our loss and our struggles to let go. But the message of this holy season is that we are primed for growth. We may not know what that growth will look like. After all, who knew that the Messiah, the Savior of the World, would come as a peasant baby? We know that God promises us hope, peace, joy, and love. We know that Jesus, the light of the world, is coming. We know that we are not alone in the dark. We know that God is present with us. That's the message of this special season. And how honored I am to be sharing it with you!

Blessings,
Beth





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Sunday Morning Coffee and Conversation Time: 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.

December Wagner Class

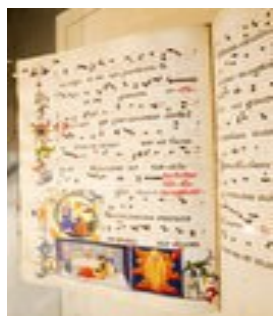
The Segrest Fellowship Class supplies the coffee for our Sunday Morning Fellowship Hour. PLEASE DO NOT TAKE COFFEE FROM THE MISSION ROOM. Judy Taetz and Amelia Senn will be checking the supply and will replenish it as needed. Thanks!

Thanks to everyone who shows up early on Sunday mornings to man the kitchen so that coffee and snacks are ready for everyone's enjoyment! Also, please help us take good care of the good earth that

God created by rinsing and placing recyclable items numbers  1 - 7  in the tote bag that is in the kitchen. Thanks!

From the Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team:

If you would like to remember a loved one who has passed away, you can donate a Christmas ornament in his or her memory. Your ornament will adorn the "Memory Tree" that will be placed in the Social Hall. Please provide a suitable container in which to store the ornament later. Also, mark the ornament and the container with the person's name. Ornaments may be dropped off at the church office Monday - Friday between 9 am and 1 p.m. or left on the counter in the choir room on any Sunday.



ONE SILENT NIGHT—DECEMBER 13TH.

One Silent Night. The choir cantata for December 13 proclaims the story that forever changed our world. Lying in a manger was a newborn babe who would become the source of our Christian faith and abiding hope. Join us as the Nazareth Sanctuary Choir present "One Silent Night," accompanied by Mrs. Maria Menendez on piano and strings from Dorman High School Symphony Orchestra.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Wagner Class—Christmas Party December 6th after worship. Bring a dish to pass and a gift to swap. Class will furnish meat. All are welcome.

Bridges Class—Christmas Party will be held on December 12th at 6:30 at the home of John and Debbie Ritzo. Meat will be provided. Bring a dish to pass and a gift to swap. All are welcome!

PULPIT SUPPLY INFORMATION

Beth Templeton will be our supply minister for the month of December and January 3, 2016.

Thank you Beth

MISSIONS:

Don't forget the **Spartanburg Soup Kitchen**. It is a great time of fellowship while serving the needs of the hungry. We are there from 9-1:00. Hope to see you there! December 26th.

Christmas Angels. Our Angels are the children of the Spartanburg Soup Kitchen. All gifts must be back at church, in the social hall, by Sunday December 13th. Please make sure to put your child's name on each gift. They are also asking for gift cards for the older children. Thank you for making Christmas special for these children.

As the year closes your **Missions Committee** would like to take a moment to thank everyone for your thoughtful, caring and generous gifts this year. Canned and paper goods for the Carpenter's Table, the Soup Kitchen and St. Luke's. School supplies and snack items for the Backpack Ministries and Thornwell. Dog and cat food for Mobile Meals. \$2267 in generous giving to Pennies for Hunger, \$3006 for the SC flood relief. The gracious donations for our **Share the Warmth** drive and rounding out the year with your generous love filled gifts for our 25 Christmas Angels. We have such a loving, giving and generous church and we thank you so much for all that you do to share God's love with our community.

YOUTH NEWS

Calling All Children—Children through the 6th grade are invited to be a part of the Nazareth Kid's Choir! We will meet in the choir room on the first and last Sunday of every month during the Sunday school hour.

On December 6, the youth will meet at Target to shop for our **Christmas Child's presents**. Please bring an offering to help with the purchase. Afterwards, we will enjoy a meal together.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held on Sunday, December 13th following the worship service. Lunch will be served. So that we know how much pizza to order. Please RSVP your number of adults and children to text 864-680-2370.

NAZARETH COOKBOOKS are still available at \$8.00 each. They make a wonderful gift. They are located in the church office and on the table outside the sanctuary.

The Friendship Club will not meet in December.

Take a break from cooking and join us for food and fellowship at our **Advent dinners**. \$5.00 per person or maximum of \$20 per family.

Wednesday, December 2 at 6 PM

Pork loin, white/sweet potatoes, fresh green peas, applesauce, various pies.

Wednesday, December 9th at 6 PM

Pancake supper, ham

Wednesday, December 16th at 6 PM

A variety of soups, crackers and desserts

Please sign up in the social hall for each week by November 29th.



Nazareth's Limited Mobility

Betty Anderson (Birthday: 9-17)
105 Nazareth Church Road
Moore, SC 29369

Mary Brady (Birthday 4-8)
208 Club Meadows Court
Spartanburg, SC 29302

Fran Deer (Birthday 3-7)
PO Box 96
Moore, SC 29369

Ethel Baier (Birthday 4-11)
1124 Webber Way
Spartanburg, SC 29307

Margaret Culclasure (Birthday 5-21)
345 Valley View Drive
Woodruff, SC 29388

Ruby Stone (Birthday 4-28)
Windsor House
850 John B. White Sr. Boulevard
Spartanburg, SC 29306

**Cards and visits are
always appreciated.**

NOTE: Please don't forget to put your name on your offering envelope. If you give cash we cannot identify the donor without a name. Thanks.

JANUARY NEWSLETTER - The deadline for the January newsletter articles and information will be December 21th. Please have all information to Kay by that time. Ample time is needed to complete the newsletter by the end of the month.

Please pray for the members of Nazareth's family who are on active duty.

Steven Alverson
William J. Berry, IV
Andrew Caldwell
Dorothy Ellis
Eric Gallman
Christopher and Andrea Munsey
Mike Roberts
Shelly Roberts
Joey Menendez



Morgan Dernar
Doneven Dernar

PRAYER FOR THESE PEOPLE IS APPRECIATED

**Rusty Kirkpatrick
Gerald Broome
Carroll Cardwell
Jane and Gerald Cook
Jennie Lindman
Linda Kinley**

NOTICE—Kay Johnson's e-mail address
kay@nazarethpresbyterian.org

If you need to have anything notarized, Kay is a notary. Just come by the office during regular office hours.

EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST

The emergency contact list is in the drawer under the telephone, in the social hall and FLC. An additional copy is on Kay's desk in the office.

FLOWER CALENDAR

December 6	Poinsettias
December 13	Poinsettias
December 20	Poinsettias
December 27	

January 3
January 10
January 17
January 24
January 31



DECEMBER—2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Cub Scouts	2 Choir ADVENT MEAL	3	4	5
6 Youth—6:00 Worship—8:30 B & G—8:15 Evangelism—8:30 Christmas Child Wagner Party	7 Boy scouts Handbells Finance 7:00 CE Comm 6:00	8 Cub Scouts	9 Choir ADVENT MEAL	10	11	12 The Carpenter's Table 9 –12:00 Bridges Class Christmas Party
13 Cong Care-8:30 Mission-8:30 Youth—6:00 Choir Contada Children's Christmas Party	14 Boy Scouts Handbells Circle #3. Finance—7:00 CE Comm—6:00	15 Cub Scouts	16 Choir ADVENT MEAL NO FRIENDSHIP CLUB	17	18 Newsletter info due for JANUARY.	19
20 Youth—6:00 Christmas Joy Offering	21 Boy Scouts Handbells Session—7:15	22 Cub Scouts	23 Choir	24 Office Closed CHRISTMAS EVE—5 PM	25 Office Closed MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 Soup Kitchen 9-1—Workday
27 Youth—6:00	28 Boy Scouts Handbells	29 Cub Scouts	30 Choir	31 OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY NEW YEARS EVE	OFFICE CLOSED	

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Stephanie Gray
02 Elfriede Henry
02 Kelcie Kight
04 Paula Cash
08 Kim Cansler
10 Rick Duerksen
13 Dale Wright
15 Anna McCormick
16 Deb Gray
16 Sarah Smith
16 Bill Stuermann
18 Cindy McCormick
18 Tiffany Nobles
22 Angelee Berry
22 Jennie Lindman
23 Casey Lindman
23 Barbara Melton
26 Sandy Hartnett
27 Lou Buttino
27 Phyllis Powers
31 Kathy Cothran
31 Hannah Dillard

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

02 Lucas Kight
06 Collin Oburg
07 Rachel Hawkins
09 Mary Snoddy
10 Mike Roberts
13 Liam David Labelle
15 Aletha Misenheimer
19 Jamison Franklin
19 Marian Johnson
20 Leslie Stuermann
21 Carolyn Berry
22 Marian Stephen
23 Roy Oates
23 Pat Sykes
25 Sarah Beth Lister
25 Ashley Whitfield
26 Paul Harrington
27 Drew Cash
27 Carol Tesh
28 Ken Collins
28 Judy Taetz
29 Amanda M. Smith
30 Susan Baier
30 Joan Cothran
31 Kaushik Kotecha

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

13 Dave & Lois Weneck
19 Travis & Heather Lister
22 Bill & Leslie Stuermann
23 Walter & Catherine Beach

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

06 David & Marian Stephen
07 Jerry & Marian Johnson
17 Larry & Phyllis Powers
26 Blake & Emily Collins