



Presbyterian 'Connection'

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From the Pen of Reverend Terry



Sing to the Lord!

Anybody tired of Christmas carols yet? Seems you can't avoid them. They are played incessantly in stores, on TV and on the radio. The media uses these hymns to tug at our heart strings and give us a seasonal shot of sentimental warmth. Marketers and retailers use them to sell everything from alcohol to motor vehicles.

I'm sure that's not what Isaac Watts had in mind when he wrote, "Joy to the World! The Lord is Come." Let's lay claim to the hymns of Advent and Christmas in worship and in our daily devotions.

On the next page is a daily devotional guide that combines a seasonal hymn and a scripture for use in your personal prayer time. Please consider the words of all the verses of the hymns. You might be surprised what you find.

Advent and Christmas Carols will be part of our worship services during December. **Please call, e-mail, drop by, leave a note or in some other way let me know which hymns you want to hear and sing.** If the hymn is not in our current hymnal, that's ok. Pam, Meg and I will do the best we can to find it and include it in our worship throughout the season. In particular, our worship on December 23 will focus on Mary's song of praise and allow us to raise our own voices in song.

Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace goodwill to all,

Many blessings,
Pastor Terry

Sing to the Lord – Daily Advent Readings

2012

Sunday December 2 1 st Sunday of Advent Psalm 98 "Joy to the World"	Sunday December 9 2 nd Sunday of Advent Revelation 21:1-8 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"	Sunday December 16 3 rd Sunday of Advent John 1:1-5 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"	Sunday December 23 4 th Sunday of Advent Zechariah 9:9-10 "Come On, Ring Those Bells"
Monday December 3 Luke 1:67-79 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	Monday December 10 Isaiah 6:1-9 "Angels From the Realms of Glory"	Monday December 17 Psalm 4 "Silent Night! Holy Night!"	Monday December 24 Matthew 1:18-25 "O Holy Night!"
Tuesday December 4 Isaiah 11:1-11 "Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming"	Tuesday December 11 Psalm 23 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"	Tuesday December 18 Luke 1:26-38 "What Child is This?"	Tuesday December 25 Luke 2:1-20 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"
Wednesday December 5 Isaiah 61 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	Wednesday December 12 Isaiah 9:1-7 "Once in Royal David's City"	Wednesday December 19 John 3:11-21 "I Wonder as I Wander"	Wednesday December 26 Matthew 2:1-12 "We Three Kings" (This is an Epiphany hymn)
Thursday December 6 Luke 18:15-17 "Away in a Manger"	Thursday December 13 Isaiah 42:1-9 "Angels We Have Heard on High!"	Thursday December 20 Revelation 19:1-10 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"	
Friday December 7 Micah 5:2-5 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"	Friday December 14 Philippians 2:6-11 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!"	Friday December 21 Matthew 12:18-21 "For Unto Us a Child is Born"	
Saturday December 8 Matthew 7:1-11 "The First Noel"	Saturday December 15 Isaiah 42: 10-13 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"	Saturday December 22 2 Peter 3:1-13 ""I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"	

The Hymns are from "The Hymnal for Worship & Celebration".

IN REMEMBRANCE



Our dear friend and sister in Christ, Ramona Marshall died in her sleep on October 30. She was 97. We will miss her. I will miss her. You served with her on the Deacons Board and in PW. The last week of her life, Ramona told one of our deacons that she missed being at church with us. I always enjoyed visiting with her. She had a wonderful sense of humor. I'm sure we will all be sharing stories of how she made us laugh.

Ramona's faith remained strong. She frequently said that she was praying for the church. One of the first things she always asked me was, "How was the church?" She wanted to know if we'd had any visitors. She looked forward to listening to the weekly worship services on tape and to sharing communion. On my last visit with her, she told me that she was not afraid to die. She knew she'd be with God.

I would love to mention the names of the people in our congregation who were particularly close to Ramona, but the truth is she was well-loved by everyone. Many of you visited her regularly at Flippo's Carefree Living. The deacons visited her weekly and made sure she received home communion whenever we celebrated communion.

I'd like to close with this story. Ramona said that she was sitting with the residents' in the TV room at Flippos. Everyone was quiet. She looked around at all the faces and thought to herself with a grin, "Who's going to be the first one to dance?" I know she's dancing now.

Obituary

Ramona M. Marshall, age 97 was born May 17, 1915, in Kankakee, Illinois to Alexander and Amanda Hess Jennette. She married Verne Salter in 1942, he died in 1972. She was married to Verle Heinis in 1974 until his death. She Married John Marshall in 1983, and he died in 1984.

Mrs. Marshall was a former 28-year employee of City National Bank in Kankakee. She retired from First National Bank in Bull Shoals, Arkansas. She also owned and operated a fishing resort on the White River in Flippin, AR. She was a graduate of St. Paul Lutheran School, Graduate of Kankakee High School, and Gallagher Business College. She was a member of Presbyterian Church of Bull Shoals, where she was a Deacon and Board Member. She was a volunteer at Baxter Medical Hospital. She is survived by three nieces Judythe Jennette-Lea, Marlene Townsend, Kathy Klausner all of California and a nephew Mark Jennette of Nevada. She was buried at Friday, November 9 in Kankakee Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Donors Choice.



Be sure to drop in for coffee, maybe a Danish
or cookies and wonderful fellowship on
Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m.
in Memorial Hall!

Connection Online

If you would like to read the "Connection" newsletter online, go to our website;

<http://www.presbyterianchurchofbullshoals>

Click on the 'Info Center' tab at the top, then on the drop-down menu, click on "Presbyterian Connection", then choose the month of the newsletter you would like to read. The most recent newsletter will be at the top.

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WORSHIP IN DECEMBER

December 2

1st Sunday in Advent

Chrismon Tree

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25
1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13; Luke 21:25-36

Communion

“The Lord is Our Righteousness”



December 9

2nd Sunday of Advent

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3: 1-6

Potluck

“The Salvation of God”

POT LUCK



December 16

3rd Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

Blessing of the Food Pantry

“A Clueless Christmas”



December 23

4th Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5; Psalm 80:1-7
Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-55

Christmas Joy Offering

Carol Sing

“The Strength of the Lord”



December 24 – 6:00 pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Communion



December 30
New Year's Eve

1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26; Psalm 148;
Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2: 41-52
“Clothed”

CHURCH USHERS AND GREETERS

Greeters

December 2 - Ed & Peni Lloyd
 December 9 - Mary Lou Bryant & Irene Bere
 December 16 - Paul & Mary Ann Smith
 December 23 - Bob & Gloria Wiles
 December 24 - Ken & Pam Hobart
 December 30 - Norm Hockley & Steve Broskovak



USHERS & GREETERS

Ushers

Esther Roberts & Sandy Erickson
 Bill & Mary Kerr
 Sue Babulski & Amy Johnson
 Ed & Peni Lloyd
 Ken & Pam Hobart
 Ken Hobart & Sandy Erickson

PRAYER LIST FOR CONGREGATIONS, PRESBYTERY OF AR.-2012

December 2 - Mountainburg Church, Mountainburg
 December 9 - Laotian Ministry, Fort Smith
 December 16 - Memorial Church, Atkins
 December 23 - Kirk of the Hills, Fairfield Bay
 December 30 - Administrative Commission Members

Retired Ministers & Educators
 First, Stuttgart
 First, Walnut Ridge
 One-O-One Church, Gamaliel
 Inquirers & Candidates for Ministry



PLEASE NOTIFY PAT ERLEWINE IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO SHOULD BE ON OUR PRAYER LIST.

BIRTHDAYS

December

December 5 - Lee Powell
 December 6 - Shirley Lowe
 December 11 - Jewel Riley
 December 30 - Bruce Powell



January

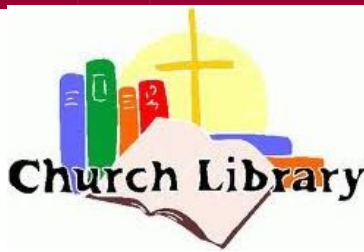
January 2 - Dot Pitts
 January 9 - Mary Kerr
 January 19 - Bob Hobbs
 January 19 - Rich Danderson

ANNIVERSARIES

December 30 - Bob & Gloria Wiles



January 7 - James & Terry Hart
 January 10 - Frieda & Rich Danderson
 January 28 - Ray & Pat Erlewine



LIBRARY LINES FOR DECEMBER 2012

Several non-fiction books have been donated to the library. They can be found on the library cart in the Children's Library. Three fiction books were also donated: *THE CHOICE* by Nicholas Sparks, *WOMAN, THOU ART LOOSED!* by T. D. Jakes, and

THE RED TENT by Anita Diamant. Thank you for all the library donations. The books are very much appreciated.

The Christmas books, videos, and music are on display in the Children's Library. Please take time to check-out some of the inspiring Christmas books. There is a large assortment of Christmas books and videos for the children which are also located in the Children's library.

The featured book is *THE RED TENT* by Anita Diamant.

"Her name is Dinah. In the Bible, her life is only hinted at in a brief and violent detour within the more familiar chapters about her father, Jacob, and his dozen sons in the Book of Genesis. Told in Dinah's voice, this novel reveals the traditions and turmoil of ancient womanhood--the world of the red tent. It begins with the story of her mothers--Leah, Rachel, Zilpah, and Bilhah--the four wives of Jacob. They love Dinah and give her gifts that are to sustain her through a hard-working youth, a calling to midwifery, and a new home in a foreign land. Dinah's story reaches out from a remarkable period of early history and creates an intimate, immediate connection. Deeply affecting, *The Red Tent* combines rich story-telling with a valuable achievement in modern fiction: a new view of biblical women's society."

May you all have a very blessed Christmas and New Year.



Faye Brackett, Librarian



MISSION MINUTE

DECEMBER-2012



We will be supporting the Christmas Joy Offering again this year. We will start the offering on Dec. 2nd thru Dec. 23rd. Flyers will be inserted in the Bulletins. Donation envelopes will be located in the pews. Please take time to read the two Mission Bulletin Boards, one in the Narthex and one in the hallway to Fellowship Hall.

We will also be providing the Christmas Card Tree again this year in the Narthex. The money used to buy Christmas Cards can be donated to the Food Pantry and a Christmas Ball can be placed on the tree instead of a card to wish our church family Merry Christmas. Please mark your donation envelopes for "CHRISTMAS CARD TREE" so the money will go to the Food Pantry.

WHAT IS THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING?

"A cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930's, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Because Advent and Christmas shine a light not only on our world's greatest hope but also on our world's greatest need, the PC(USA) provides this timely opportunity for congregations to support causes specifically designed to bring "good news of great joy" (Luke 2:10) to the poor in circumstance or spirit. Alongside the message of promise and fulfillment in Luke's Gospel, we also hear the clear call to God's people to respond in faith as Christ calls us: "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded" (Luke 12:48). Undesignated gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering will be distributed equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to support student scholarships at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges."

Thank you to all for your generous support of these mission projects. We on the Mission Committee wish you all a very Blessed Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Mission Committee





Silent Night

Silent night holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ the Savior, is born
Christ the Savior, is born.

Silent night holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.



O Holy Night



O Holy night, the stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till He appeared and the soul felt His worth

A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices
For yonder beams a new and glorious morn
Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night when Christ was born!
O night divine! O night, O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming
Here came the wise men from the Orient land

The King of Kings lay in lowly manger
In all our trials born to be our friend
He knows our need
To our weakness no stranger
Behold your King! before the lowly bend!
Behold your King! before Him bend!

Truly he taught us to love one another
His law is love and His gospel is peace
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother
And in His name all oppression shall cease

Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus rise we
Let all within us praise His holy name
Christ is the Lord
Then ever, ever praise we
His pow'r and glory ever more proclaim
His pow'r and glory ever more proclaim



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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Ladies, we are looking forward to a record attendance at PW's last meeting of the year on Monday, Dec. 3rd, at 11:30 A.M. (breakfast or lunch) at the Village Wheel. Hostesses Vicky Bair and Mary Kerr will be on hand to extend a warm welcome at our Christmas meeting. Amy Johnson will be offering the Devotion. IN ORDER TO MEET IN THE WHEEL'S PRIVATE DINING ROOM, WE NEED 15 PEOPLE TO SIGN THE RESERVATION SHEET POSTED IN THE OFFICE DURING THE WEEK AND IN THE NARTHEX ON SUNDAY MORNING. Guests are always welcome-- please add your guest's name to the Reservation List, also, on or before Sunday, Dec. 2nd.

Our thanks and appreciation to Jini Sass for chairing our annual successful Baked Potato Bash fundraiser. Please read her wrap-up article which appears in this issue.

What happened at our Nov. 5th meeting?

We appreciate & are grateful to Mary Kerr for presiding at the meeting!

1. The following officers for 2013 were elected. Congratulations to: 2013 Moderator and Treasurer, Mary Kerr; Vice Moderator and Secretary, Amy Johnson. So that PW could continue, these two dedicated women volunteered to take four offices (HOW AWESOME) when the Nominating Committee got "No's" from those they contacted.. We are thankful for Mary and Amy's faithful service, not only to PW, but to our Lord! Ladies, we can do no less than to fully support Mary and Amy, and prayerfully consider stepping up to the plate to serve in one of these positions when asked. This is a very serious situation. Our thanks to the Nominating Committee, Amy Johnson and Esther Roberts for the very difficult task of finding candidates to present to the membership.

2. The membership voted to allocate fundraising dollars as follows: \$400 to the Bull Shoals Food Pantry - Christmas Baskets; \$200 to our Church; \$100. to the Mountain Home Christian Clinic in memory of Ramona Marshall; \$100 to the Flippin Schools Lunch Program, for a total of \$800.

3. The Flippin Headstart Christmas Project - By the time you receive this issue of the "Connection" all 20 needy children's names will have been taken by individual members who have each donated \$25.00 toward the purchase of clothing, a book, and a sweet treat. THANK YOU FOR THE WONDERFUL RESPONSE TO THIS HEARTWARMING PROJECT WE'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS! Special thanks to Vicky Bair, Chairperson, and Mary Kerr who are purchasing the Christmas gifts for each child. We will wrap the gifts at church on Sat., Dec. 8th at 1:30 p.m "Santa" Vicky will deliver them to the school on the 20th.

On Sat., Dec. 15th some of our ladies will be joining Betty Aaron, PW Mission Chairperson, in the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall to give out the 370 scarves, socks and hats made or purchased by individual PW members for children of the families the Bull Shoals Food Pantry serves. A HUGE thank you to Jewel Riley and Betty Aaron for crocheting 120 scarves and to Esther Roberts and Sue Babulski for supplying 250 gloves and hats!

The Thursday Bible Study group resumed the study of the Book of Acts on Thursday, November 29th. Join the group which meets from 11 a.m until noon weekly, and is led by Rev. Terry. There's always room for one more!

We continue to collect non-perishable food items and personal hygiene items for the Food Pantry at our monthly meetings. Ladies, we invite you to join us for a time of warm fellowship and fun as we usher in the Christmas Season at our meeting on Monday, December 3rd. Please add YOUR NAME to the Reservation List, and your guest's name, also, on or before Sunday, December 2nd.

From Presbyterian Women to our very special Church family: who supports us in all endeavors: we thank you and wish for each of you the hope, joy and peace of Christmas this season and always. To God be the Glory for what He has enabled us to accomplish in His name.

God bless!

Irene Bere, Acting Moderator



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Baked Potato Bash

Our Baked Potato Bash was held on Saturday, October 27th from 4-6:00 p.m. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year.

The 1 lb. potatoes were topped with generous supplies of any topping you could think of. Our toppings were all donated by the ladies of our congregation, along with the cakes.

The time & talent of each volunteer is amazing. Everyone pitched in, from ladies donating food, cakes being baked, drinks being supplied, coffee being made, to cleanup in the kitchen.

From our first meeting on September 11th, to the last meeting on October 9th before our Bash, everything was clockwork perfect. Our special thanks go out to Sharon Arra, Skye Self & Catelyn Dahn from the Methodist Church, who worked the cold drink table to clearing off the tables. Churches working together is a wonderful inspiration to all of us.

To all who helped make this year's Potato Bash, a big success...Thank you!!

"Love ya all".

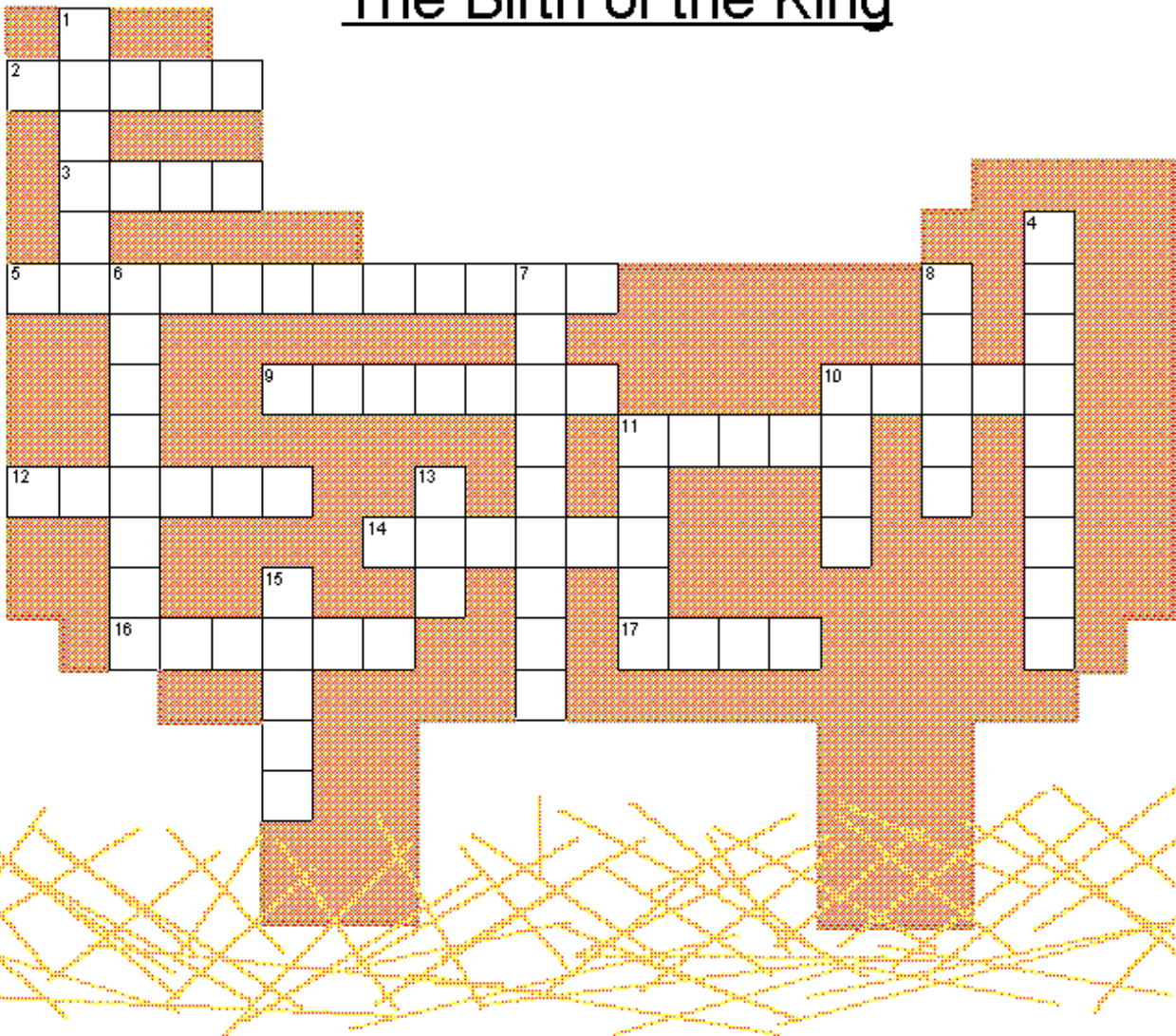
Before expenses we made... \$953.00



Jini Sass
Chair

December Puzzle

The Birth of the King



Across

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| 2. Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem to pay these | 12. Mary's husband |
| 3. A precious metal: one of the gifts from the 3 kings | 14. These appeared to them about the birth of Christ |
| 5. A fragrant gum used to make incense: one of the gifts from the wisemen | 16. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a _____, which is Christ the Lord |
| 9. The 3 kings from the east | 17. This led the wisemen to Jesus |
| 10. A pungent tasting herb: A gift from the wisemen | |
| 11. Bethlehem is here | |

Down

- | | |
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| 1. An open box to hold food for livestock: Mary laid Jesus in one | 11. And she shall bring forth a son, and you shall call His name _____ |
| 4. The city of His birth | 13. He was born in a stable because there was no room here |
| 6. The Roman emperor who taxed everyone | 15. We celebrate His _____ at Christmas |
| 7. Angels told these guys about His birth while they were watching their flocks | |
| 8. The king of Judea when Jesus was born | |
| 10. His mother | |

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RECIPES

Christmas Chocolate Bark



Ingredients

- 2 cups dark chocolate chips
- 1/3 cup pistachios (mine were unsalted)
- 1/3 cup dried cranberries
- 1/2 teaspoon coarse sea salt

Directions

1. In a small saucepan over very low heat, melt chocolate
2. Pour chocolate into a [parchment paper](#) lined [8x8 inch Pyrex baking dish](#)
3. Sprinkle pistachios and cranberries over chocolate
4. Using a metal spatula, spread the mixture evenly back and forth to around $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thickness
5. Sprinkle salt over bark
6. Allow to sit out until set, 1-2 hours
7. Cut into 16 squares and serve.

THIS WE BELIEVE for DECEMBER

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus"
Philippians 4:6-7

~MISSION STATEMENT~

"We will be scripture-based to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and spiritually led to guide all people to be active doers of the Word"

Approved by Session on November 16, 2007

CHURCH STAFF

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