



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please take your poinsettia home following today's service, thank you for sharing them with us for the Christmas Season.

**Your help requested...** We will meet on Saturday, January 4 at 9:00 a.m. to remove the Christmas tree and decorations from the sanctuary, please plan to come and help if you are able, the more help we have the less time it will take.

**Help Needed:** We are still in need of nursery workers, please speak with Rosie Abernathy if you are able to assist. The obligation is a small one and the need is great if we can enlist a number of helpers you will not be needed that often.

**WEDFEST** will resume on Wednesday, January 29, and meet until March 5, the meal is served at 5:30 p.m. with adult and children's classes beginning at 6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal will follow at 7:30 p.m.

The January calendar is ready for pick-up from the table in the narthex and hallway table by the choir room.

After the service a Ruling Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary if you wish to speak or pray with someone.

If you are not already on the email-prayer chain or the notification email list you may sign up for both at the member's area link on the bottom of the home page of our web site. The password is available through the church office.

Please feel free to pick up any of the booklets and materials that are on the tables in the narthex and the hall as you leave the sanctuary. They are there for your personal use or as outreach tools. Also, if you need a copy of the Bible, feel free to take the one from the pew rack.

**The Mission Budget Update** some changes to note.

At the last Session meeting the budget was approved, in the new budget there are a few changes that reflect some changes in our missions support. First, the Sparks have returned from the field so that Steve can pursue additional education with hopes of returning to the field in about two years, because of their change we have altered our support for them, providing about half of our former support as they continue to labor part time in ministry providing support for non-PCA missions. In order to continue our connection to the Ukraine we have picked up MTW's Doug Shepherd who is doing church planting work in the Ukraine we will get some information about the Shepherds on our bulletin boards and web site before too long.

We have also dropped our support for Gene Bowman who was formerly with BEAMM, which was disbanded. In the summer when Rev. Bowman announced that he was transitioning to HLI (Hispanic Leadership Initiative) we decided to continue our support for 2013 and reconsider at the year's end. Our conclusion was that, though we are very glad to see an ongoing work in training leaders in the Hispanic community, this new work was not something that we could be enthusiastic about, and at the present seemed somewhat vague in its objectives. This may change in the future and we may likewise change our position concerning supporting this work but for now, it does not seem to be a work that we should be supporting when seen in light of all the other works that stand in need of support.

The changes to the Sparks support and dropping the Bowman support has allowed us to also make some positive changes to a few other accounts. Along with adding the Shepherds, we have included increases to Robert Hale, Nathaniel Adawonu, New Harvest Missions International, and the Christian Men's Job Corps. The particulars of these increases will be available in the 2014 budget which will be published in January. Our mission's budget total for 2014 remained the same as it was last year.