

# NEWSLETTER

Pearisburg, Virginia 24134 [921-1021]

January 2019

Dr. Brian Burch, Pastor

## ***Jubilation***

Senior Adults mark your calendars now for May 6-8. Get ready to travel to Pigeon Forge to be like the youth: shop, eat and worship. This year's worship is led by retired Bishop Ken Carder. Bishop Carder was born in 1940 in Washington County, TN. In addition, there will be music and a guest appearance by "Forest Gump."

## ***Resurrection***

Why do you go to this annual youth retreat? Here are the answers our youth gave: Fun. I love Jesus. Shopping. Pigeon Forge. Group is fun. Surrounded by others who care about God. Enjoy being around others who everyday seek to make it better for everyone else. Seventeen of our youth are currently signed up to take part this event on January 25-27. Thanks to Renee Williams for her constant commitment to seeing our youth grow in their faith.

## ***Celebrations from 2018***

As we look back over the previous year here are a few of our memories

1. Children: We had Sundays were 25% of those in worship are aged 12 and below.
2. "Draw the Circle" forty-day study on the power of prayer
3. New members
4. Take TWO program; over 40 children each week is the standard
5. Celebrated those in our midst who were 80 and over
6. Celebrated those who have been married more than 40 years
7. VBS, Bike Rodeo, Family Advent Night and Fall Festival Children's Events
8. Camp-in-the-Community: blessed 65 Giles County children. Two of our youth were Junior Counselors.
9. Parsonage Renovations: Entire first floor now remodeled.
10. Upgrades to Playground; fence, bench and mulch
11. Excellence in offerings, major drop in expenses.
12. Giles Christian Mission Expansion to second building
13. Lord's Acre Sale with two rounds of fried pies
14. 10th Anniversary of the Preschool
15. 55 School kits for Liberia packed by our own kids
16. 63 Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child
17. Added HVAC for the Parlor and Small Fellowship Hall
18. Lights in the church were updated; with an Appalachian Power grant
19. Even auctioned off a donated golf-cart



- Jan 1 – OFFICE CLOSED
- Jan 6 – Youth Spaghetti Lunch – 12pm
- Jan 8 – Lydia-Susanna – 10am
- Jan 8 – Prime Timers Program – 6pm
- Jan 9 – Men's Prayer Breakfast - 8am
- Jan 10 – New Friendship Circle – 7pm
- Jan 12 – Amahl & the Night Visitors – 3pm
- Jan 13 – Amahl & the Night Visitors – 7pm
- Jan 25 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Lock-In
- Jan 25-27 – Resurrection

### **Every Wednesday:**

Take TWO–3:30-6:00pm (Resumes January 30<sup>th</sup>)  
 Handbell Ringers–6pm                      Choir Rehearsal–7:10pm

## ***Thank You***

Each month a host of volunteers make time to help Pastor Brian get around. Below is a list of some of those who have taken time to help in 2018: Carl Adams, Darrell Adams, Doug Armstrong, Alan Ashworth, Fred Austin, Jeffery Ballard, Kelli Blankenship, Jim Bronnenkant, Tom Bube, DeAnne Burch, Zachary Burch, Lanse Carpenter, Steve Chafin, Faye Cofer, Jonathan DeFreeuw, Jeff Dinger, JR Farr, Tracy Ferguson, Sherry Fleeman, Morris Fleischer, Donald Frazier, Rhonda Frazier, Patty French, Lynn Garrison, Robert Givens, Kim Goddard, Jonathan Harman, Mark Haynie, Nancy Haynie, Charlie Herbert, Pat Hipkins, Wat Hopkins, Jan Houck, Roger Houck, W.R. Johnston, Evelyn Kanter, Howard Kanter, Cheryl Kingrea, Leon Laws, Debbie Leet, Amy Lucas, Juanita Lucas, Joyce Marion, Mabel Martin, Drema McMahon, Mike McMahon, Debbie Morris, Clifton Nestor, Jim Oakley, Dorcas Parks, Jackie Payne, Tim Poole, Trish Poole, Bobby Price, Harold & Ann Price, Debbie Ring, Roger Roller, Ellen Salmon, Bryan Stafford, Lyndon Sutherland, Pam Sutherland, Donald Swift, Steve Taylor, Debbie Taylor, Richard Trenar, Phil Vickers, Amy Westmoreland, Barbara White, Edgar Williams, Joey Williams, Renee Williams and Dave Zimmerman

## ***Prepping for February***

Fried Cherry Pies and Chocolate & Peanut-Butter Hearts will be perfect gifts for your sweetie-pie this Valentine's Day. Our Lord's Acre Group and UM Women are in the planning stages now to get these ready in February.

## ***River Rat Rampage***

Want to spend time with your children? Saturday, April 6 is a free event for you. From 9-3 that day. Tim & Amanda Cowles will share through illusions, ventriloquism and puppets the joy of Christ. Roger Williams and the All Mixed Up Quartet will keep us singing upbeat songs. On that Friday, Tim & Amanda will be sharing at Eastern & Macy about character building, drug awareness and anti-bullying. That Sunday April 7, Tim & Amanda will be present for our worship service. Initial funding for this event comes from our New Ministry Fund, and the Witten Outreach Fund.

# MEMORIAL GIFTS

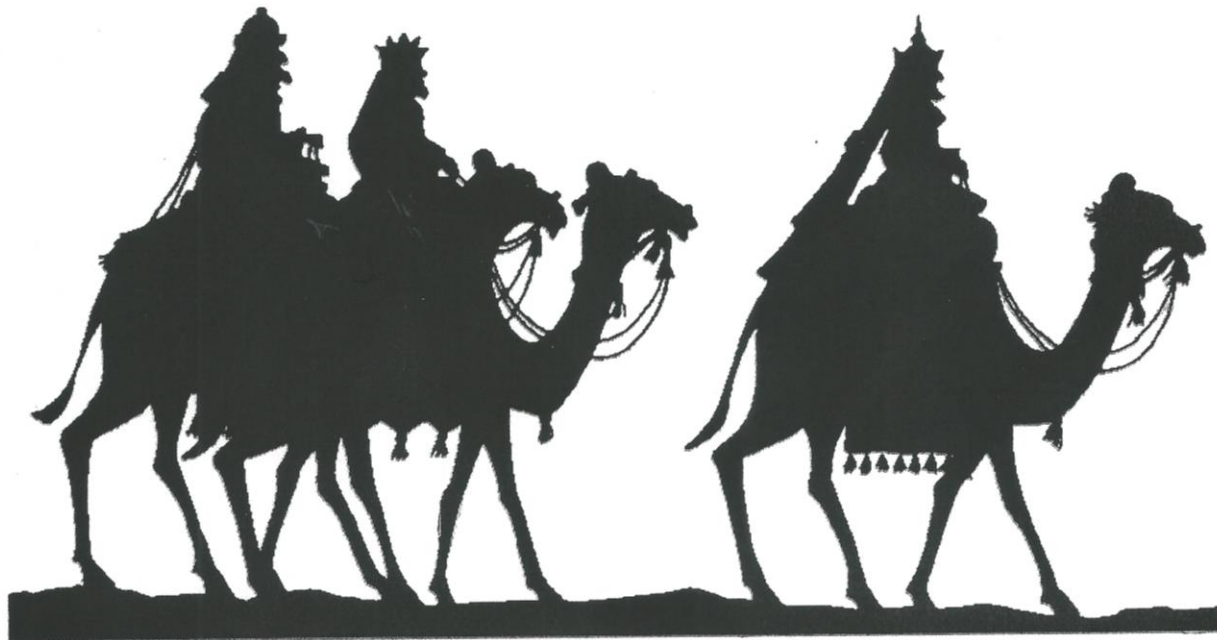
Were given this month in loving memory of:

*Bill Hollar  
Leona Martin  
Ruth Wilklow*

## Stewardship Report-Budget

Received December a year ago.....	\$ 27,064.25
Received December .....	\$ 26,716.09
Received Y-T-D a year ago .....	\$ 236,498.69
Received Y-T-D .....	\$ 233,064.64

Pearisburg First United Methodist Church  
and  
The Giles High School Choral Ensemble  
present:



## Amahl and the Night Visitors

By Gian Carlo Menotti

Saturday January 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00p.m.

Sunday January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.

PFUMC

1101 Valleyview Dr. Pearisburg, VA

Free to the Public

Donations Accepted

Snow date:

Saturday Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00

Sunday Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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