2015 WORSHIP COMMITTEE SUMMARY

Your Worship Committee members this year were Fonta Conway, Margaret Hillin, Sally Hosea, Rev. Candice Klein, Pat Laney, Steve Lowe, back-up elder; Kathy Porter, Mark Reeves, Music Director; Lsha Stanley, Lynn Tieken, and Tom Laney, Chairman. Thanks to these folks, these are some of the results: sanctuary and narthex decorations have been outstanding; the Paraments are always changed on time; the sound system and recordings are faithfully attended to (next comes lighting control); the music ministry is being revived; the sanctuary is relatively dust free (for now - renovation continues); the liturgists are growing in number and giftedness; the ushers are always on duty welcoming and collecting; the pastor presents a challenging sermon every Sunday in a service of worship that is thematically faithful according to the lectionary. We are as authentic as we know how to be in following the Directory of Worship (in the Book of Order) and in our congregation's operating procedures for worship. In addition to all that and more, attendance and participation at the monthly committee meetings have been outstanding!

And, thanks to a gift from the Christian Education Committee, we now have battery powered wax candles that *don't drip* which made for a beautiful Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service.

Tom Laney, Worship Committee



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Happy New Year!

What a year we have finished! So much has been accomplished. So many have received blessings because of the God you serve. Our very dear ones are already missed, and are waiting for us on the other side. I am so honored to have labored in the Lord's vineyard shoulder to shoulder with God's *favorites* this year.



We wanted you to know that your church is so pleased with your efforts and your triumphs. This is <u>your</u> church. It will always be <u>your</u> church, and Jesus Christ is its head. I but work here, and yes – sometimes I marvel at all the lives you touch.

As we step together into another year-long opportunity, I hope that you will remember how greatly you are loved – by your Sovereign, and by me. I hope that *because* you are loved, you will want to serve God more often, to thank God for abundance, to share the *good news* with us, and with neighbors, and to spend even more time with your church family. We are blessed because we belong together and God is pleased, I'm just sure of it!

This is a shortened version of your Pipeline newsletter. It is filled with blessings from your staff and Session, as well as pictures of our newest success – the renovations of the Sanctuary. We aren't finished yet, but we are well on our way. Many thanks to the three wonderful families who stepped up to pay for it all. Perhaps in 2016 you'll think of a special room that you'd like to help renovate, you may certainly make a specific contribution that can be used as *seed money*.

The church staff and I are so grateful for your Christmas gifts. They wonder, as I do, how you can be so generous to us. You fill our hearts and you remind us of your love. Serving God and serving you is our great reward.

This New Year I wish you to have courage to fight for your dreams and the blessings of Almighty God to help you emerge victorious. May you stand up for your own rights this New Year and also the rights of brothers and sisters in Christ, and may nothing stop you from championing a cause that you hold close to your heart.

We are blessed, indeed!



"Look at the nations and watch – and be utterly amazed.

For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told."

— Habakkuk 1:5















CURBSIDE RECYCLING IS HERE!

As a Certified Earth Care Congregation, the Christian Education "Green Team" is excited about curbside recycling that begins in January. If you have trash pickup by IESI/Progressive, you will have this at no additional cost. But you <u>must</u> call 1-800-877-1777 to subscribe to the service and request the free recycling bin. You may also call that number for more information and questions. Also, C.E. member Pat Laney will take calls at 903 657-4706.

Beginning January 5th Reverend Klein will have posted office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm. She will be available for your needs in her office during these times and, as always, available via phone and email.



Please mark your calendar to join us for Martin Luther King, Jr. Worship Service on Saturday, January 16th. We will join together at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary with a reception to follow.

Into the Church Triumphant

Jane Newton Dill

April 17, 1935 - December 24, 2015

Please keep these dear ones in your prayers:

<u>Members of the Congregation:</u> Jack Clark, Syble DeLoach, Tolly Dill and family, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Debbie Murphy, Cindy Ratliff, Kelly Weaver, Sue Williams

<u>Connected Family:</u> Connor Bradshaw – Porter's grandson, Mark & Angela Clark & Kent Clark, Linda and Mark Davis, Diane Dill and Mike Dill

Friends and Neighbors: Kids for God – staff and children

Those loved ones known only to God















Great music, wonderful fellowship, scrumptious food at Presbyterian Women's Annual Christmas Luncheon.





