



Mount Hermon Baptist Church

Enewsletter – December 19, 2013

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Let's go Caroling... then, let's eat!

Meet at church this **Sunday at 5:00 pm** to go sing Christmas carols at the homes of some of our members. After caroling, *everyone is invited* to the home of Lee & Gina Thompson, 4241 Hunters Ridge Drive. -- **Bring food and goodies to share!**



Thanks to everyone who placed **poinsettias** in church this Christmas season, and thanks to Clyde & Kathy Goode for facilitating their purchase and delivery. If you donated a poinsettia and would like to take it home, you may do so after worship this Sunday.



As you know, the **children's Christmas program** planned for Dec 8 was interrupted by icy weather. We had thought to reschedule for Dec 29, but it has proven to be complicated. With everyone's crazy winter schedules, we feel the best thing to do is to save it for next December.

Gingerbread Houses – Dec 15



From the Personnel and Music Teams: December 2013

Peiling Zhao has completed her service to our church as Minister of Music. We sincerely appreciate all that she has done in this role over the past fifteen years.

We would like to thank her by receiving a **Love Offering** and by **members sending personal cards** of appreciation. – Contributions to the love offering should be sent to the church (clearly designated), and your personal cards and letters should be mailed to Peiling's home address: **1701 Burfoot Road, Henrico, VA 23233**

Karen Blankenship will be serving as our church Music Coordinator. Please give her your full support in this role. – Thank you.



For 2014 are in the Commons Area ready to pick up. Using envelopes provides you with an accurate record of your giving at the end of year. If you do not receive a box of envelopes and would like one, please contact Linda Meyerhoeffer or the pastor.



Christmas Eve – Tuesday, Dec 24

Children's Service, 4:00 pm

Christmas Eve Service, 7:30 pm



**If you haven't got any charity in your heart,
you have the worst kind of heart trouble.**

Bob Hope

**A lovely thing about Christmas is that it's compulsory,
like a thunderstorm, and we all go through it together.**

Garrison Keillor

No dinner or activities at church on Wednesdays until Jan 8

Prayers appreciated for...

- **Hugh Woodle**, St. Francis Medical Center, 334
- **Sandra Hauser**, having a series of treatments

- **Jean Boykin**, Beth Paul's mother, recovering from knee surgery

Note of thanks...

**I didn't know that I had so many friends at Mount Hermon Baptist Church.
All the cards and well-wishes are greatly appreciated.** – Hugh Woodle

Happy Birthday! **December**

22 Lu Gay Lanier	27 Sarah Blankenship
24 Nancy Spivey	27 Gina Thompson
25 Jefferson Moore	27 Allison Taylor
26 Kira Carey	28 Kimberly Robben
26 Cory Witt	28 Addy Blankenship
26 Logan Witt	

Sunday – Dec 15

Contributions – \$ 8,747.00	Worship – 195
Avg. weekly need – 3,881.00	Adult classes – 31
Building Fund – 20.00	Youth – 20
Missions – 100.00	
Budget needs to date – \$194,050.00	
Contributions to date – 186,660.00	

Special Gifts

In memory of...

- **Magaline Bass**, by Woodmen of the World, Lodge 17, Oxford, NC
- **Bet, Boo Boo, Mama Hazel & Daddy Arthur**, by Buddy & Laura Haycox
- **Aubrey Bass and Howard & Ester Bass**, by Ken & Nancy Zilli

In honor of... Ron Hatcher, by the Golden Circle Class



This Sunday

9:30 am – Coffee fellowship
9:45 am – Adult Bible classes
11:00 am – Worship
 Children's Church
5:00 pm – Caroling, then Food & Fellowship



From the Pastor

December Odds & Ends

- Sunday's presentation of *A Family Christmas* was wonderful! A sweet blessing for everyone. Big thanks to all the singers, narrators, and tech people who made it so special.
- And thanks for responding to the request to “**make up**” for collections missed because of Dec 8's icy weather. Well done! We have only two more Sundays in our church fiscal year, so let's make our best effort to fully fund our 2013 ministry plan.
- The **poinsettias** in church are lovely. Thanks to everyone who provided them. They add so much to the Christmas decorations in remembrance and honor of many special people.
- Looks as if we will enjoy warm weather for **Caroling** this Sunday. This special, fun time means a lot to those whose homes we visit.
- **Big thanks to Peiling Zhao** for fifteen years of music ministry to MHBC. We wanted to have a reception for her, but she did not want us to do that. So we honor her wishes on this, as well as her decision to complete her service to the church on Dec 15. I know you will want to thank her in personal ways through cards and gifts to her love offering.
- We remind you of a called **business meeting** on Jan 8 to take church action on the 2014 ministry plan.

God's best to you this Christmas season,

Lee



December 22, 2013 - 11:00 am
Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Advent Candle of Preparation

Call to Worship Handbells

* Songs of Praise 87 Joy to the World, vss. 1-2,4
89 O Come, All Ye Faithful

* Scripture Jeremiah 33:14-16 Ron Hatcher

* Greeting Time

Welcome & Church Highlights

The Bible Says... Matthew 1:18-25

Duet *One Holy Night* Jordan Dickson
Monnie Kesler

...dance movement by Laura Koelzer

* Offering Song 93

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

* Offering Statement & Prayer Ron Hatcher
Special Music Handbells

A Man of God Named Joseph Lee Ellison

Solo *Breath of Heaven* Monnie Kesler

* Commitment Song 96

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

* Parting Blessing

* Parting Song Choir

Christmas Is a Time for Love