



Bryson City Presbyterian Church



2011

# OUR CHURCH NEWS



Peggy Ashley	11/10
Whitney Hanna	11/16
Ray Barclay	11/16
Jim Ewing	11/16
Terry Palmatier	11/20
Claude Douthit	11/21
Robert Booth	11/22
Kelly Hanna	11/23
Frank VanMiddlesworth	11/26
Lois Ewing	11/27
Cathy Stevenson	11/27



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Pat & Ken Clack	11/2
Susie & Drew Campbell	11/15
Becky & Steve Claxton	11/21

## MISSION OPPORTUNITY!

### Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

These Shoeboxes will be blessed on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

More information at [WWW.samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://WWW.samaritanspurse.org/occ)

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### From My Heart to Yours....



Today rise up, "Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God for everything." (Ephesians 5: 19-20)

This morning I woke up and drove home after a two day Presbytery meeting at Lake Junaluska. As I drove West towards home, I was filled with an overwhelming sense of gratitude and found myself naming God's gifts out loud...

Like...a few good men who were willing to take the time this week to fix a leaky church roof and cut the lawn. Or my favorite month, the month of October, and being appreciated in a million little ways. Or watching our children play the drums at fellowship supper on Wednesday night. Or hearing the laughter of some of our choir members on retreat as I walked down the hall to their room at the Inn at Lake Junaluska. Or watching ministers and elders after a tough day of meetings at Presbytery sit around and sing old hymns and new spiritual songs and just enjoyed being in relationship with each other. Or visiting with one church member who was physically doing so much better than I ever expected. Yea God! And visiting with another member of our church family who took the time to knit me a scarf and make me some mittens while sitting in a hospital room...

As we enter into the month of November, traditionally a time of thanksgiving, please know how aware I am of your gifts to the church and to Mark and me! And I hope you will make it your spiritual practice to count your gifts and be grateful!

*Pastor Terry*

## Mark your Calendar

**Disciple Bible Study** meets on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 and Wednesday evenings at 7:00. Come join us as we study *The Letters of Paul*.

We will have a **Community Thanksgiving Worship Service** on Sunday, November 20, at First Baptist Church at 4:00 with a chili supper after.

Yes, we will have our **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday meal** this month!

**Children choir every third Wednesday at 5:30!**



# October Recap

## Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Drum Circle What is a Drum Circle?

Thanks to Larry McDowell for leading our drum circle, Larry explains that the Drum Circle is used as an event for unity. It is NOT a drum class. It's NOT using culturally-specific rhythms. A community drum circle is a fun, family friendly event, where people empower each other in the act of celebrating community and life through rhythm and music. To view all the pictures from the event go to our websites photo gallery.



Weapons of choice



Leader giving instructions



We are ready



Our little drummer girl



### MAY I HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH?

Our own Alana Booth did a wonderful job in the play "Little House By The Shores of Silver Lake". Congratulations Alana

The PW made and delivered (thanks Lois & Jo Ellen) 15 baskets, each with a theme, for the Fall Festival's Silent Auction at the Black Mt. Children's Home. The Fall Festival was held October 15th; it was a beautiful and windy day, and our Church was well represented by 14 members of our Church Family.

## "Presbyterian Women"

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN - all the women in the Church family are considered "Presbyterian Women" and are welcome (and encouraged) to attend any of our activities.

### CIRCLES

The RUTH CIRCLE meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. It will meet November 3rd in the "Hut".

The AFTERNOON CIRCLE meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. It will meet on November 10th, at Jean Douthit's home.

The WOMEN AT THE WELL CIRCLE meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m., (before the monthly Fellowship Dinner.) It will meet November 16th at the Church. Their children can participate in a children's choir during this time.

## Up-coming PW events

### CALLING ALL WOMEN!!

**THANK OFFERING LUNCHEON** will be held at Noon, November 12th in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome and encouraged to bring someone with you. There will be a soup/cornbread/dessert luncheon provided, followed by a program about this Church-wide Offering and its purpose. An offering is voluntary. Other WNC Presbyterian Church women have been invited. Come, meet and greet "old" and "new" friends.

Contact info – DeAnna Booth at [dbooth@swainmail.org](mailto:dbooth@swainmail.org)

**CHRISTMAS GATHERING** for women at Jessie Greyer's home. Save the evening of December 8th, at 6:00 p.m. for this festive and enjoyable evening. We share a potluck dinner and bring \$10.00 in lieu of a gift exchange. This money gift goes to the Black Mt. Women's Correctional Facility for the "Read to Me" program, which is a way to connect incarcerated mothers with their children.

Jean Douthit's name was omitted from last month's list of the CT (Coordinating Team). Jean is the Secretary/Historian for the CT and is very much appreciated in this important "job". She is also our Liaison with the Session which keeps the communication lines open. We give thanks to Jean and for Jean!