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PEACE HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
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# PEACE HERALD

### Deacon Update

The Deacons are sponsoring a Staff Christmas Love Offering for our Staff as a gift for their hard work throughout the year. The love offering will be received from November 8th through December 13th.

You can give in in the following ways:
Place your offering in the plate on any Sunday. Please make checks payable to Peace Haven Baptist Church and note “Staff Gift” in the memo line.
Cash offerings should be placed in an envelope marked “Staff Gift.”
You can give online by visiting phbcws.org. Select the “Gift in Honor” and write “Staff Gift” in the honor section.
Or you can give your gift directly to one of the deacons.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Fansler. Thank you for your continued generosity and for helping us bless our staff this Christmas season!

## Christmas Post Office

### November 29 - January 3

Share Christmas blessings within the church family.
A list of names with boxes is in the lobby.
Place your addressed cards in the Blue Post Office Box and they will be sorted.
Check your box for cards on a regular basis.
In lieu of postage, make a designated offering to support missions. Cash in marked envelopes, checks to PHBC with Christmas Post Office in the memo line.
Online offerings for Missions at www.phbcws.org




## Prepare The Way of the Lord

### The Season of Advent

### November 29 - December 24

At PHBC, we follow the story of God’s saving, healing, and liberating love through the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. The season of Advent marks the beginning of a new church year of worship. Advent means coming and the season celebrates the coming of God’s saving goodness and grace in Jesus Christ. The four Sundays of Advent before Christmas follow the themes of Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace. Throughout the season, focus on opportunities for daily prayer, the reading of scripture, worship, fellowship, and ministry through the church. A great online resource for daily devotions is available at www.d365.org Printed scripture readings for the season will also be available at church. As we prepare for Christmas celebrations, let’s embrace the season of Advent as a way of being centered and grounded in Jesus Christ.

# Sherwood Churches Community Thanksgiving Service

Make plans to join sisters and brothers in Jesus Christ in worship and witness.

**Sunday November 15 at 4:00 pm**

Hosted at Peace Haven Baptist

Love offering for Project HOPE

Non-Perishable food collection for The Beloved Community Food Pantry of WS

## SAMARITAN MINISTRIES ANNUAL PENNY/COIN CAMPAIGN

Offering Dedication on Sunday, November 29

Collection Containers Available in Church Lobby

Let's all participate in supporting the ministry and mission of Providing Food, Shelter, And Hope Through Christian Love

## Church Conference

**Sunday, November 8 at 4:00 PM**

In-person with ZOOM option

## SHERWOOD FOREST CHURCHES CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, December 13 at 6:00 pm Epiphany Lutheran parking lot at 5220 Silas Creek Parkway Travel by float through the neighborhood for caroling and seasonal crafting at sister churches, including a stop at PHBC for Hot Chocolate, Cider, & Cookies

## Labyrinth Walks

Saturday, November 14 at 10:00am

Saturday, December 12 at 10am

## Blue Christmas Gathering

Sunday, December 20 at 3:00pm

More information to come by email.

## Kids and Youth Christmas Party

Friday, December 18

6:30pm - 8:30pm

More details to come by email later.

# PHBC CHRISTMAS CANTATA SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

## *Trunk Or Treat 2026 Recap*

Thanks to all who supported this annual congregation and community event. The candy contributions were needed and appreciated as we blessed many families with kindness, smiles, and treats. Of course, there was also a little "friendly competition" for the chili cook-off. New winners were announced in all three categories. Nathan Parrish won the prize for spiciest chili. Jimmy Flanegin won 2nd place for overall best chili. Trish Burgan is the new PHBC Chili Champion with 1st place for overall best chili. Good Participation, Great Seasonal Decorations, Fun, Fellowship, and Ministry.

Less than a year to start getting ready with new recipes!

## Church Holiday Meal

**Sunday, December 6**

Following the Morning Worship Service

Sign up to attend and to bring suggested sides and desserts.

## Christmas Eve Service

**Wednesday, December 24**

**7:00pm**

Carols and Communion

Invite your family and friends for a special worship service

## Christmas at the Oaks

**Love Offering**

Sponsored by the Senior Adult Team

November 1, 8 and 15

Monies raised will be used to purchase items for Christmas bags for the 130 residents.




How quickly flies the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas! If we are not careful, the duties and expectations of the season can overwhelm one of the most spiritually enriching possibilities of the year: Advent.

To help get the fullest spiritual experience during those busy weeks, Peace Haven Baptist Church and Parkway Presbyterian Church invite you to a retreat using Scripture, silence, song, steps, and sharing to chart a course toward the joy of Christmas Eve and the Nativity of Jesus. Experiencing the music of Taizé and walking the Labyrinth will be central aspects of this exploration of anticipation, active waiting, and mystery that characterize the season. The retreat will be led by Stacey Steck and Michele Shadden.

Join us on Saturday, November 21 from 10am – 2pm at Peace Haven Baptist Church. The cost is $10 (includes lunch), but finances should not prevent you from attending.

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Michele Shadden by Wednesday, November 18.

# Support Team Update

**2027 Commitment Cards and Budget Planning Update**

It's not too late to send in your 2027 commitment card! If you haven't received a commitment card and would like to have one...please contact a member of the Support Team. 2027 Team budgets are being finalized and submitted to the Support Team. We will soon consolidate into an initial overall Church budget. This initial budget, along with the information provided on the commitment cards received, will guide the team on how to proceed forward in preparing a final budget request. The proposed budget will be presented later in 2026 and will be voted on in Church Conference in January 2027. Our next Support Team meeting will be held on Monday November 9, 2026 at 5:00 PM. Anyone interested in joining the team is welcome!

**2026 Financial Update**

* Gifts and Offerings Through September 2026 totaled $142,911.68
* This year to date amount represents 74.6% of our total budget of $191,327

The Support Team continues to ask for your prayerful consideration and support of the financial mission of Peace Haven Baptist Church.

## What To Know about Required Minimum Distributions Seminar

Wednesday, December 2 at 11:00am @PHBC

More information will be sent by email on this presentation. This is sponsored by the Support Team

# Happy Birthday

| November | | November | | December | |
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| Nancy Greene | 11/02 | Jean Jarvis | 11/18 | Dale Lane | 12/02 |
| Gail Shirley | 11/03 | Terri Fisher | 11/22 | Judy Johnson | 12/04 |
| Jennifer Vincent | 11/03 | Jo Reeves | 11/22 | Alan Hodges | 12/15 |
| Duncan MacMillan | 11/04 | Vonda Renegar | 11/22 | Mindy Kistler | 12/17 |
| Callie Watson | 11/05 | Idi Iddi | 11/23 | Selena Shortt | 12/17 |
| Gwyn Gambill | 11/07 | Mary Iddi | 11/23 | Xenia Watson | 12/20 |
| Linda Merchant | 11/07 | Emory Owen | 11/23 | Peggy Davis | 12/21 |
| Ekyochi Iddi | 11/10 | Michele Shadden | 11/26 | Alexis Greer | 12/23 |
| Cindy Oldaker | 11/10 | Alice Greene | 11/28 | Dick Roan | 12/25 |
| Johnny Guyton | 11/13 | Sebastian Shortt | 11/29 | Juelz Rice-Young | 12/28 |
| Kevin Watson | 11/13 | Saige Gordon | 11/30 | Keith Travis | 12/29 |
| Patricia Burgan | 11/16 | | | | |
| Adrian Burgan | 11/17 | | | | |
| Valentin Garcia | 11/17 | | | | |

Share corrections or additions with the Pastor

# Engagement Team Updates

We had wonderful participation in the October Crop Walk. There were 18 walkers of which 9 were our PHBC children. We raised almost $2000. Funds from the walk are donated globally to Church World Services, locally to Crisis Control and Sunnyside Ministry. Thanks to Nancy Greene for organizing this effort and to all for your support.

**Upcoming Opportunities**

**Samaritan Ministries Penny Campaign** – On Sunday, Nov 29, bring offerings of coins or checks to Samaritans Ministry Penny Campaign during worship. Or you can make contributions on the Peace Haven Baptist website by selecting Samaritan Ministries.

**Kettle Bell** – Mark December 5 on your calendar to join us and sign up for a 1 hr. shift to ring the Salvation Army Kettle bell. A sign-up sheet will be available soon. According to Brandon McCann of the Salvation Army, "Bell ringing for one day could feed a family for an entire week or more. Your bell might be small, but the joy it brings rings loud and clear." Ringing the bell at Lowe's Foods in Sherwood Shopping Center is a rewarding experience.

**Angel Tree** – Once again we will receive 17 children's names with requests for Christmas surprises. Tags will be available soon for you to select. **Unwrapped gifts** should be returned to the church by Sunday, November 29.

**Reminder** – We postponed our school supplies mission effort for MSES until January. There will be more information regarding that after the Christmas holidays.

THANK YOU very much for all the support to the Engagement Team.

# Columbarium Update

The Columbarium Team is interested in completing the planned space of the Columbarium by opening the remaining niche sections. The team has check with Armento (the company that installed the present niches) and learned that they still have the present design available.

The cost has increased the past two years and it is expected to continue to rise. In order to provide the remaining niches, the cost to individuals purchasing a niche will increase.

In order to change the cost to individuals, the church must give approval

This information was shared at the September 20 business conference, with the statement that the church will be asked to vote on this matter at the November 8 meeting..

We cannot finish the columbarium and offer niches at the present charge. In order to change the price, the church must agree.

AGAIN: The proposal to allow the Columbarium Team to change the purchase price of the niches, as needed, will be part of the business at the November 8 meeting. Please give thought to this and be prepared to vote on November 8 .

