

PEACE HERALD

January / February 2024

Peace Haven Baptist Church

Chalking of the Door – Blessing of the Home

An Epiphany and
New Year's Tradition

20+C+M+B+24

The C M B serves two meanings

The initials of the wise men given
in church tradition, Casper,
Melchior and Balthazar.

The first letters of the Latin
phrase: Christus Mansionem
Benedicat (May Christ Bless the
House)

A Visible Witness for Jesus Christ
A Testimony To Seek Jesus Christ
like the Magi

A Blessing Through Jesus Christ
over All who Enter the home

CONTACT PASTOR NATHAN TO
SCHEDULE A MARKING OF YOUR
HOME WITH THE SIGN OF THE
CROSS AND PRAYER OF BLESSING
FOR 2024

A New Beginning

January marks the beginning of a new year – on the calendar and in the worship life of our congregation. As we consider new beginnings, we can look to the wise men or magi for wisdom and direction (see Matthew 2:1-12). The story of the magi is the beginning of the season of epiphany – which will be celebrated on January 7 at PHBC this year. These Gentiles are drawn to Bethlehem to worship the new born King of Israel. The magi followed the star for hundreds of miles until it came to rest over the place where Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were lodging in Bethlehem. Their priority and passion was Jesus the Christ. The way of the Magi was ordered, governed and directed by God through the star.

“Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him Going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.”

Matthew 2:2,11

Now consider how the story of the Magi intersects with our calendars. What will be our priorities and passion as we enter 2024? How will our steps be ordered? Who will direct our way in this world? May we all share the wisdom of the Magi and make the worship and service of Jesus Christ our first priority and greatest passion.



Congratulations

MARY LOUISE RENEGAR

Mary Louise recently received the Jury Award (2nd place in the Eastern Division) in Best Women Student Filmmakers category. Her short film is entitled "The Chaperone." Mary Louise attends UNC School of the Arts in Winston Salem and is the grand-daughter of Vonda Renegar. Mary Louise and her parents (Scott and Laura) attended the award ceremonies in NYC. The award was presented by the Directors Guild of America.

PRESS RELEASE, Los Angeles, CA- The Directors Guild of America announced the winners of the 2023 DGA Student Film Awards for African American, Asian American, Latino and Women Directors. The DGA's National Board established the awards 29 years ago to address the significant under-representation of Directors of color and female Directors in feature filmmaking. The awards honor, encourage and bring attention to outstanding diverse Directors in film schools and universities nationwide.

The Benfield Legacy Society

Ray and Evelyn Benfield were the founding ministry couple at Peace Haven Baptist Church on September 1, 1957. Ray and Evelyn continued offering their leadership until departing for a new ministry calling in 1969. Ray and Evelyn returned to the membership of PHBC on June 24, 2007 and Ray was the preacher for the 50th anniversary service in August 2007. Named Pastor Emeritus on September 16, 2009, Ray continued his devotion and dedication to PHBC until his death on December 10, 2023. Evelyn continues to reside at Salemtowne and remains committed to the mission and ministry of God in Christ through PHBC.

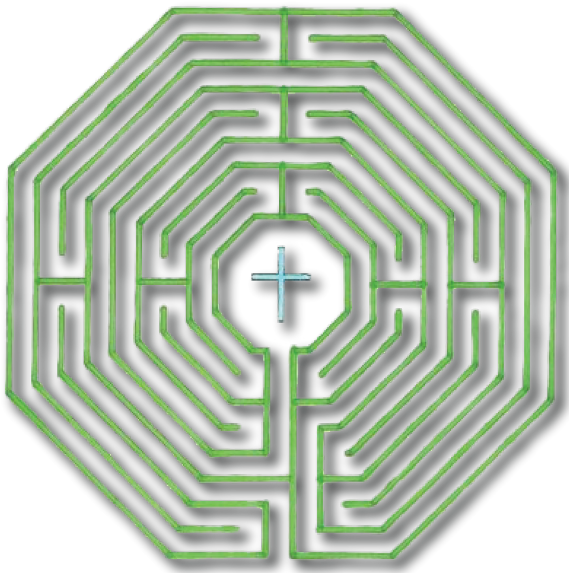
To honor the distinct role of Ray and Evelyn at PHBC, the church established The Benfield Legacy Society in 2023 as a way for church members and friends to financially contribute to the ongoing witness of this distinct community of faith by means of planned estate gifts. Committing to an estate gift is an act of love, appreciation, and hope - a way for each of us to affirm the significance of Peace Haven Baptist Church of Winston-Salem in our present lives and provide financial resources for the future life, witness, and ministry of this church.

The Benfield Legacy Society of Peace Haven Baptist Church of Winston-Salem is open to all church members and friends. Every person can leave a legacy gift for the future of Peace Haven Baptist Church of Winston-Salem and there are many ways to make a legacy gift.

Indicating the specific nature of your contribution is optional, but the Support Team asks that you share your decision to include Peace Haven Baptist Church of Winston-Salem in your will or estate plan by mailing a letter of your intention to the Church at 3384 York Road, WS 27106. The names of Benfield Legacy Society members will be displayed on a plaque in the church unless there is a request to remain anonymous. Make 2024 a year to establish or review your will or estate plan. Ensure that it reflects your intentions. Also review or create primary documents like health care directives, power of attorney designations, and insurance beneficiary forms. Planning provides peace and direction for family members.

A Legacy Society Brochure is available to assist with this process and there are life planning resources on the church website: www.phbcws.org

Thanks for your commitment to the future of God's work through Peace Haven Baptist Church of Winston-Salem.



WALKING THE PHBC LABYRINTH

New Year Prayer Labyrinth Walk

Sunday, January 21, 2024

4:00pm

Labyrinths date to the earliest Christian communities and provide sacred space and time for participants to enter an intentional practice of devotion and dedication. The PHBC Labyrinth is octagonal in shape and is also constructed with eight circuits.

Many baptistries in the early church were octagonal - symbolizing the eighth day of creation - the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and the promise of new life in His name.

Rev. Michele Shadden will facilitate this opportunity to experience prayer walking in the PHBC Labyrinth. Contact Michele at 336-692-7588 or mchljhn1@triad.rr.com

Come and Experience the Practice of Prayer in a new way.

ONGOING EVENTS

We are collecting
COFFEE for
Samaritan Ministries
You can drop off your
donations at the
church.

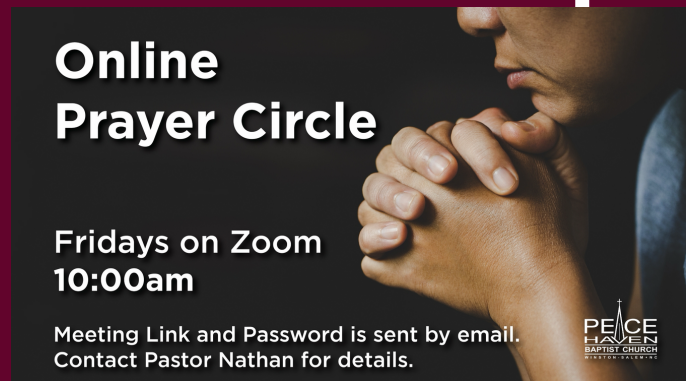
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more information.



Online Prayer Circle

Fridays on Zoom
10:00am

Meeting Link and Password is sent by email.
Contact Pastor Nathan for details.



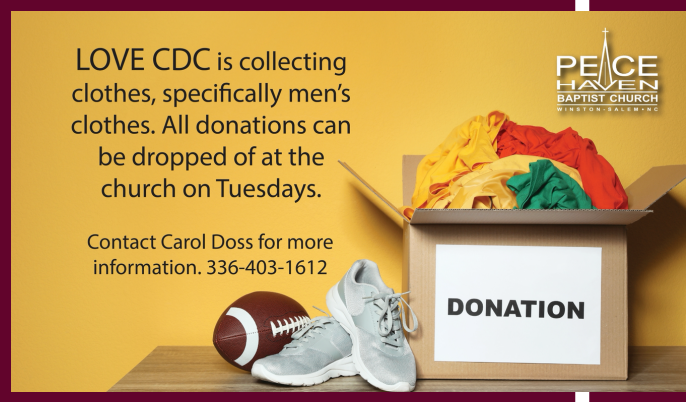
We are collecting
pasta and sauce for
CRISIS CONTROL.
You can drop off your
donations at the
church.

Contact Carol Doss for
more information.



LOVE CDC is collecting
clothes, specifically men's
clothes. All donations can
be dropped of at the
church on Tuesdays.

Contact Carol Doss for more
information. 336-403-1612



Happening at PHBC



Sunday Morning

OPPORTUNITIES AT PHBC

10:00am

Sunday School is a great way to gather in fellowship for learning, sharing, and relationship building. PHBC provides classes for all ages.

Nursery, Preschool (ages 3-5), Children (Grades 1-5), Youth (Grades 6-12) and two Adult Classes.

All Classes located in the Educational Wing
Contact Pastor Nathan for more information

Church Conference

Wednesday

January 17 @ 6:30

In-person with Zoom option

Includes: Updates on Renovations, Ministry Team reports and setting goals and priorities for 2024

New Ministry Opportunity

Senior Adult Ministry Team

Organizational Meeting
Monday, January 29 @ 6:30pm at PHBC
Contact Jean Jarvis
336-671-2919 or
dumpydivine3@aol.com

Wednesday Night Online Bible Study

Hebrews

Resumes January 10 on Zoom at 6:30pm

LIVE STREAM

Worship Service Options

www.phbcws.org

or

www.facebook.com/phbcws

or

www.youtube.com/@phbcws

For more information contact
Rev. Jon Hamby-Lattimore
336-757-0264 or
rev.jonhamby@gmail.com

Drive Thru Tuesdays

Each Tuesday
10:00am - Noon

Come by for prayer, drop off collection items or just enjoy the beauty of the campus.



Happy Birthday Wishes!

Ningejua Iddi	01/01
Daniel Benson	01/03
Gail Shaw	01/03
Jimmy Kistler.	01/08
Tom Vincent	01/10
Elaine Hodges	01/10
Craven Page	01/12
Emily MacMillan	01/15
John Crews	01/23
Janet Day	01/30

Joy Benson	02/01
Julia Fox	02/05
Aundrea Shepherd	02/07
Nathan Parrish	02/08
Bill Ring	02/13
Avery Fansler	02/14
Mike Jamison	02/15
Memphis Shortt	02/18
Anita Ketron	02/22
Stuart MacMillan	02/22
Jessica Stevens	02/22
Tim Shortt	02/26

Tyke Guyton	03/02
Lori Stutts	03/06
Sophia Hartley	03/08
Steve Doss	03/10
Maggie Iddi	03/15
Ann Ring	03/17
Bob Travis	03/21
Shane Fisher	03/24
Maynard Lloyd Jr.	03/29
Celia Tebbetts	03/31

Linda Glover	04/01
Libby Jamison	04/04
Mark Fansler	04/06
Maynard Lloyd	04/06
Christina Peterman	04/09
Tim Mason	04/16
Melvis McCarthy	04/26
Larry Dorriety	04/28

Please share corrections and additions with Pastor Nathan