



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 1st through December 7th.

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!



Prepare The Way of the Lord

The Season of Advent

November 30 - 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.

Christmas Post Office

November 30 - December 24

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

Sherwood Churches Community Thanksgiving Service

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

Sunday November 23 at 5:00 pm

Hosted by Sherwood Forest United Methodist
(5250 Silas Creek Parkway)

Love Offering for Speas Elementary School
Non-Perishable Food Collection for The Beloved
Community Food Pantry of WS

SAMARITAN MINISTRIES ANNUAL PENNY/COIN CAMPAIGN

Offering Dedication on Sunday, November 30
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, December 14 6:30 PM

In-person with ZOOM option
Includes vote on 2026 Church Budget, Church
Officers, and Roadside Sign (options and pricing
available at church or by request)

SHERWOOD FOREST CHURCHES CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, 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

PHBC CHRISTMAS CANTATA SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Trunk Or Treat 2025 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. This year we had nine entries in
the competition and new winners in all three
categories. Megan Martin won the prize for
spiciest chili. Lisa Parrish won 2nd place for
overall best chili. Cindy Oldaker 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 7

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

Chili Cook-Off Winners



1st Place

Cindy Oldaker



2nd Place

Lisa Parrish

Spiciest

Megan Martin



Crop Walk 2025 Walkers



Sam and Eggs 2025



Happy Birthday

November

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| Nancy Greene | 11/02 |
| Gail Shirley | 11/03 |
| Jennifer Vincent | 11/03 |
| Duncan MacMillan | 11/04 |
| Callie Watson | 11/05 |
| Gwyn Gambill | 11/07 |
| Linda Merchant | 11/07 |
| Ekyochi Iddi | 11/10 |
| Cindy Oldaker | 11/10 |
| Johnny Guyton | 11/13 |
| Kevin Watson | 11/13 |
| Patricia Borgan | 11/16 |
| Adrian Borgan | 11/17 |
| Valentin Garcia | 11/17 |

November

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| Jean Jarvis | 11/18 |
| Christopher Davis | 11/19 |
| Terri Fisher | 11/22 |
| Jo Reeves | 11/22 |
| Vonda Renegar | 11/22 |
| Idi Iddi | 11/23 |
| Mary Iddi | 11/23 |
| Emory Owen | 11/23 |
| Michele Shadden | 11/26 |
| Rashad Shute | 11/27 |
| Alice Greene | 11/28 |
| Sebastian Shortt | 11/29 |
| Saige Gordon | 11/30 |

December

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| Judy Johnson | 12/04 |
| Alan Hodges | 12/15 |
| Mindy Kistler | 12/17 |
| Selena Shortt | 12/17 |
| Xenia Watson | 12/20 |
| Peggy Davis | 12/21 |
| Dick Roan | 12/25 |
| Juelz Rice-Young | 12/28 |
| Keith Travis | 12/29 |

Share corrections or additions with the Pastor

Engagement Team Updates

Our July Global Mission's Love Offering of more than \$3300 has been sent to the Kukuma Life Source International Church in Kenya.

We had wonderful participation in the October Crop Walk. There were 18 walkers and \$2155 was raised. Funds from the walk are donated globally to Church World Services and locally to Crisis Control and Sunnyside Ministry. Thanks to all for your support.

Upcoming Opportunities

Samaritan Ministries Penny Campaign – Bring your offering of coins Sun, Nov 30 during worship for Samaritans Ministry Penny Campaign. If you prefer, you can make contributions on the Peace Haven Baptist website by selecting Samaritan Ministries.

Kettle Bell – Mark December 13 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. They will be available soon for you to select.

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

Advent
The Season of Hope and Expectation

