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THE WEST END NEWS

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Elephants Fork Update

The holiday party in Ms. Blei's first-grade class began with construction of "gingerbread houses." Nothing puts a six year old in the Christmas spirit like great gobs of icing and an assortment of colorful candy, and West End volunteers were delighted to join the fun.

Three volunteers rotate mornings in this classroom helping students one-on-one with reading, online testing of reading comprehension, and math.

In Ms. Williams' kindergarten class, two volunteers alternate weeks working individually with young readers.

Two more volunteers work in fourth-grade classrooms tutoring the children and grading papers. Mr. Alston divides his class into five groups, each named for an NFL team. His volunteer assists students with reading, writing and math as each "team" rotates through work stations.

In just one hour or less per visit, West End volunteers are providing academic support, positive role models, kind encouragement and one-on-one attention to students at Elephants Fork. What a rare opportunity to touch so many lives in a short amount of time with no budget at all! If you can spare even 30 minutes twice monthly, there's a job for you at Elephants Fork. Call Cheryl Taylor to learn more. Even without setting foot in the door, you can support Elephants Fork in three important ways:

- 1) **Save plastic bags and wrapping**, such as grocery, dry cleaners, and bread bags, and the plastic wrap used to package rolls of toilet paper together. Bring them to the collection area at church behind the choir room. Elephants Fork participates in a recycling program that turns used plastic bags into school benches.
- 2) **Snip Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education** from grocery containers and place them in the small collection box outside the church library. These programs allow schools to trade points for audio/visual equipment, computers, books, etc.
- 3) **Pray!** The teachers and volunteers need prayer support as much as the students and families they work with. Pray too that God will continue to place in our path those he has already gifted us to serve.

SUNDAYS IN JANUARY AT WEST END

NURSERY OPEN 9:30 TO 12:15 PM
SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45 A.M.
WORSHIP AT 11:00 A.M.

JANUARY 1, 2012

The First Sunday after Christmas
Holy Communion
Benevolent Offering Received
"Another Beginning"
Genesis 1:1-5
Revelation 21:1-6

JANUARY 8, 2012

The First Sunday after Epiphany
"Baptism"
Genesis 1:1-5
Mark 1:4-11

JANUARY 15, 2012

The Second Sunday after Epiphany
"Jesus Calls His Disciples"
1 Samuel 3:1-10
John 1:43-51

JANUARY 22, 2012

The Third Sunday after Epiphany
"Obeying God's Call"
Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Mark 1:14-20

JANUARY 29, 2012

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
"Jesus' Authority"
Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Mark 1:21-28

Greeters in January

Jan. 1: Bob & Mary Ann Coggsdale
Jan. 8: Tommy & Rita Queen
Jan. 15: Lou Rachel Eure
Jan. 22: Bill & Frances Carr
Jan. 29: Sam & Mary Sherard

Service of Deacon Ordination

At the November Annual Conference, the church elected Tom Apple, Frances Carr and Caroline Luzzatto to serve as deacons.

As a part of our worship service on Sunday, January 15th, they will be ordained as deacons. We encourage you to be part of this special celebration.

Youth Fundraiser Luncheon January 8

Come support our youth next Sunday, January 8th, and enjoy a baked potato bar luncheon. The cost is \$7 per person and includes a baked potato with chili and/or assorted toppings, fresh salad and a beverage. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help send our youth to MC2, a hands-on Baptist missions camp at Eagle Eyrie.

West End Youth Thank You for Supporting the Holiday Food Drive

This year, the youth collected and delivered holiday food baskets to three large households - 27 people in all! Thanks to your generous support, each household received a turkey or ham, a large assortment of canned goods and staples, along with fresh foods such as bread, milk, eggs, cheese and butter. We learned about one of these families through our partnership with Elephants Fork Elementary. Thank you!

Coat Drive Report

The women of the JOY Circle thank you for supporting their winter coat drive. It was hugely successful, which points to the tremendous need in our immediate community. Each coat, jacket and sweater was sold for \$1 each and many participants received a free knitted scarf or hat donated by a member of Suffolk Presbyterian Church. Within three hours, 97 items were sold without any advance advertising.

Five remaining warm men's jackets and several sweaters were donated to Better Man Coalition. Leftover sweaters were donated to the Suffolk Christian Fellowship Church yard sale to support their food ministry. Only one small box of jackets was leftover and was donated to the upcoming coat drive at Suffolk Christian Church.

We would like to thank everyone for all of the wonderful cards, flowers and gifts we each received throughout the Christmas holiday. May you all have a wonderful new year!
Kim, Dean, Walter and Rita

January Birthdays:

1 st	Lillian Riddick
2 nd	Betty Jo Stroud Carol Webb Missie Greenwood Peggy Luter
7 th	Shellee Stevens
8 th	Jack Leach
10 th	Mary Watson
11 th	Jackie White Anita DeJarnette
16 th	Barbara McMahon
30 th	Casey Carlson
31 st	Brittany Boyette Wayland Pond, IV

January Anniversaries

13 th	Bennett and Julie McBride (20 th)
19 th	Casey Carlson and Bob Heard (34 th) Rob and Priscilla Heard (5 th)

WMU CIRCLE GROUP MEETINGS

❖ The J.O.Y. Circle Group will meet on Wednesday, January 11th at 6:30 P.M. at Tokyo Grill.

For more information, please call your circle's group leader.

What to Do with Your Old Christmas Cards

The St. Jude's Ranch in Nevada collects old Christmas cards to recycle and resale as new ones for next Christmas. If you wish to donate your Christmas cards, please remove just the fronts of the cards and bring them to church during the month of January.

In Memoriam

Helen Louise Stokes Anderson
July 26, 1923 – December 12, 2011
Member of West End since July, 1960

Christian sympathy and support are extended to her husband Andy and several nieces and nephews. A funeral service was held on December 17, 2011 at West End.

****SPIRITUAL SEWING****

Every Wednesday at 10:00 AM
in Fellowship Hall
Coffee, snacks, crafts and fellowship

Thank You's

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT PROGRAMS

This month we will study the Gospel of Mark

Jan 5:

(Chicken & dumplings, candied yams, garden salad)

Jan 12:

(Brunswick stew, biscuits, garden salad)

Jan 19: Church Conference

(Ham & cabbage, pickled beets, potatoes)

Jan 26:

(Chicken tetrazzini, steamed broccoli, French bread)

Call by noon on Tuesdays with your reservation.

Our Prayer Concerns:

Family of Louise Anderson, Judy Saunders (death of her mother Helen Taylor), Morrison Smither, Charles White, Faye Webb, Tom Apple, John Harrell, Wayne Holland, Audrey Byrum, Andy Anderson, Louise Wiggins, Eloise Britt, Barbara McMahon, Bob & Mary Drew, Willie Colby, Martha Britt, Caroline Pond, HR Gray, Rawles Wilcox, Roxana Copley (Peggy Luter's daughter), Willard Earl White (Dana Hale's nephew), Jackie Carlson (Casey Carlson's mother), Mattie Johnson (friend of Bill Ashley), Margaret "Billie" Harry (friend of Bill and Frances Carr), Jim Parker (friend of Molly Crow), Ed Sawyer, Dan Hassell (Iris Sylvia's brother), John & Candice Thomas (Linda Beale's niece), Joan Steel Bonwell, Helen Bross (mother of Paul Bross), Pam Hagerty (Linda Beale's sister).

Church members are listed in bold type.

Please call the church office (539-8771) to add or remove names.

Food Pantry Needs Donations

The J.O.Y. Circle has been very successful with their food pantry and would like to ask your help with replenishing their shelves. To date we have distributed over 75 bags of food to Suffolk residents. Thank you so much for your support of this program.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Our monthly giving goal for December was: \$16,116
December contributions were: \$17,676

Budget goal through December: \$204,013
Budget receipts through December: \$ 175,180
Expenses through December: \$161,213

We thank you for your support of West End's mission.

Dearest West End Members,

On behalf of our family, I want to sincerely thank everyone for your love and compassion when my mother passed away recently. The lovely sympathy cards with the handwritten notes are priceless. The gorgeous flowers and the delicious food were especially wonderful, too. I would also like to thank the West End members who attended her visitation. Your presence meant more to me than you could ever imagine. Words simply are not adequate enough to express our appreciation for everything each of you did to let us know you care. Our hearts were broken when she passed away so suddenly but, your kindness has helped tremendously.

Happy New Year to you and your family with love,
Judy, Phil, Lee, Elizabeth and Katherine Saunders

Dear West End Family,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers, lovely outfits and delicious meal that you gave us for the birth of our daughter, Charlotte Munro White. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness and are comforted by having such a wonderful church family that cares for us. Charlotte is doing well and truly is a gift of God that we look forward to sharing with you.

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and support as we transition into parenthood!

Sincerely,
Steven, Angie and Charlotte White

To the members of West End Baptist Church,
On behalf of the scouts and their families, we would like to thank all of you for your support over the past year. We look forward to continuing our scouting program and strengthening our relationship with the church and its family. We wish you all a joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Scoutmaster Stu, Cubmaster Cindy
and the Scouts & families of Troop and Pack 1929

Dear members of West End,

Thank you so much for the lovely reception following the service for mamma. It was so nice to have a pleasant place to greet friends and family. I always enjoy being back in West End whenever I visit. Lou, Euell, Rebecca and I all appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,
Lila Pretlow

Dear Everyone in the West End Church Family,

I am writing for Euell, Lou, Lila and myself to thank you all for your kindness and thoughtfulness after Mama's death. I know many of you visited Mama at the nursing home or at home and sent cards to her. She really enjoyed having the cards read to her. We appreciate the efforts of those who readied the church for the service and of those who came to the service and of those who sent cards to Euell and Lou. We thank the women's group who prepared and served at the lovely reception after the service. Some of my cousins were held up by a traffic accident and had no time to eat before the service. Thank you all for one of the elegant floral arrangements of pink roses and yellow lilies and spider mums at the reception. Thank you most of all for the fellowship and friendship you have given to Mama, Euell and Lou.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Elswick