**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Today we welcome Rev. Malcolm Brownlee to our morning worship service. He will be bringing the message for worship and moderating our congregational meeting that follows.

Today there will be a **congregational meeting** immediately following worship for the sole purpose of electing the next class of elders.

**PASTORAL SUPPORT:**

Rachel Clark is co-pastor of New Monmouth Presbyterian and is available for anyone who has pastoral needs as CPC continues the process of finding a permanent minister.   She can be reached by phone at 603-607-9938 (cell phone) or by email at revrachelclark@gmail.com.

The **Christmas Joy Gift Offering will be received on Sunday, December 18**. Fifty percent of the gifts given will support current and former church leaders through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. The remaining fifty percent of the Joy Gift offering will be used to support new leaders through the ministry of Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Offering envelopes for your gifts have been placed in the bulletin, at each sanctuary door, and on the bulletin board by the ramp entrance to the building.

The **Rockbridge Christmas Baskets** Packing Day 2022 is on Saturday, December 10 at the Virginia Horse Center beginning at 8:00 a.m. It is the 75th year of this community outreach to individuals and families in need. Volunteers are needed to pack baskets and help bring Christmas to area families!

**CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE**: The “Christmas Church Mailbox” is located in the foyer for those that wish to send Christmas greetings to friends and family in the congregation without the need for a postage stamp. Cards should be addressed to members, placed in alphabetical order by last name, and banded together before placing them in the mailbox. If the mailbox is full, additional cards can be placed on the church pew beside the mailbox. All cards need to be in the mailbox by Wednesday, December 14. Bags of holiday greetings will be available for members to pick up in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 18.

This year consider giving an “**Alternative Christmas Gift**” in honor of the special people in your life. Four ministries for your consideration that will further the message of the gospel while honoring those individuals who have meant so much to you are: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Cindy Corell, a mission co-worker in Haiti serving as the Presbyterian Hunger Program/Joining Hands companionship facilitator, CPC Backyard Missions, and Rockbridge Area Hospice. A description of each and the details on giving an alternative gift can be found in the December Church Newsletter or by contacting Debbie McCormick, WCC Chairman.

**THINKING OF YOU**

This week we are thinking about and praying for Jim Hamilton as he continues to deal with health problems. Thinking of you cards/notes may be mailed to: 552 North Dry Well Road, Natural Bridge, VA 24578.

**ANNUAL CHURCH DINNER FOLLOW UP:**

Just a short follow up to let you know how the dinner went on Saturday November 5, 2022. We served either in the dining room, through take-out, or delivering meals on wheels  **978** meals. Last Sunday Karey gave us our Income and Expense report. Total expenses $9,522.92, net income $7,919.39. There are copies of this report at each door.

It was a lovely DINNER DAY. I have worked very hard since the dinner to be sure and thank everyone for their help with the dinner. I asked everyone to share their **GOD GIVEN TALENTS** to made the Annual Dinner work after a two year absence. Thankfully you responded to my and God’s request.

So many helped make the dinner happen. My steering committee chairmen took their jobs seriously and recruited workers to come get us ready. There is a lot involved.

Not only do I want to thank those who come and physically work the dinner. I also want to thank those who respond to our canvass of goods, to our monetary supporters, those who support us with a kind word of encouragement. All of you keep the dinner going.

I appreciate you dedication and faithfulness to the dinner and to the church.

With much love, thanks, and BLESSINGS,

 Mary Jarvis – 2022 Dinner Chairman