



TOY STORE - DECEMBER 12TH - 16TH

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR THE FAMILIES WE WILL SERVE & THE VOLUNTEERS. PRAY ESPECIALLY THAT GOD WILL BE GLORIFIED IN ALL WE SAY AND DO. MAY HE BECOME REAL TO THESE FAMILIES. VOLUNTEER FORMS & CLIENT REFERRAL FORMS CAN BE FOUND IN THE CHURCH OFFICE & AT CONNECT CENTRAL. ON DECEMBER 12TH, WE WILL BE MOVING ALL THE TOYS FROM THE PARSONAGE OVER TO THE LIFE CENTER. WE WILL NEED SEVERAL VOLUNTEERS. YOU CAN SIGN UP ON THE VOLUNTEER FORM OR JUST SHOW UP. WE WILL START AROUND 10AM AND WILL WORK UNTIL WE ARE DONE. YOUTH IS WELCOME TO HELP. WE WILL NEED "MUSCLE" FOR TEAR DOWN ON FRIDAY NIGHT. YOU CAN SIGN UP ON THE FORM OR SHOW UP AROUND 6PM. WE WILL NEED SNACKS FOR THE CLIENTS WHILE THEY WAIT. IF YOU PLAN TO BRING SOMETHING, PLEASE SIGN UP TO BE A BAKER. IDEAS MIGHT BE: CHEESEBALLS, SAUSAGE BALLS OR EVEN POTS OF SOUP. WE WILL NEED SNACKS ON TUESDAY (13TH), THURSDAY (15TH) AND FRIDAY (16TH). THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!!

Christmas Day Lunch Sunday, December 25th 10:00 am - 2:00 pm LCDR

We ask that you pray for this ministry.

We also ask that you and your family consider how you can volunteer at the Christmas Day Lunch.

Volunteer forms are in the church office.

Also, please call the church office, (828) 728-4297, to schedule to have meals delivered or meals can be picked up from 12:00 noon until 2:00 pm. Deliveries must be scheduled by December 21st and are for Caldwell County residents ONLY.

KAREN RUHL HAS GIVEN TWO COPIES OF HER NEW CHILDREN'S BOOK, A TREE FOR CHRIS, TO THE MEDIA CENTER. THIS BOOK IS BASED UPON A TRUE STORY & WILL ADD MUCH JOY TO YOUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GETTING A COPY, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE (828-728-4297).

If you have announcements you would like added to the The Messenger or the Sunday morning Bulletin, please email Jeni at jeni@hudsonfirst.org



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS HUDSON FIRST HAS A LOT GOING ON - MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND DON'T MISS OUT!

Wednesday, December 7 - Senior Adult Bible Study, 11:30am in LCDR

Last night for Midweek at HF

Thursday, December 8 - Circle of Love - Gathering Place

Elizabeth Campbell Circle - Blanche Fox Classroom 10-11am

Friday, December 9 - WHO Christmas

December 10-11 - HF Christmas Special, 6:00pm

December 12-16 - Toy Store Ministry

Sunday, December 18 - Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Thursday, December 22 - Office closed

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Service, 7:00pm

Sunday, December 25 - 2 Services, 9:00am and 10:30am, in Sanctuary, Christmas Day Lunch 10-2 LCDR

Monday, December 26 - Office closed

Monday, January 2 - Office closed

Wednesday, January 4 - Senior Adult Bible Study, 11:30am in LCDR

Thursday, January 12 - Circle of Love - Gathering Place

Elizabeth Campbell Circle - Blanche Fox Classroom 10-11am

Thursday, January 19 - Mary Bentley's Last Day

Sunday, January 22 - Quarterly Church Conference at 6:00pm

Wednesday, February 1 - Senior Adult Bible Study, 11:30am in LCDR

Thursday, February 9 - Circle of Love - Gathering Place

Elizabeth Campbell Circle - Blanche Fox Classroom 10-11am

Wednesday, March 1 - Senior Adult Bible Study, 11:30am in LCDR

Thursday, March 9 - Circle of Love - Gathering Place

Elizabeth Campbell Circle - Blanche Fox Classroom 10-11am

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ABOVE DATES (828) 728-4297



If you selected an Angel from the Angel Tree, please be sure to drop off the labeled gifts to the Church Office by this Sunday, December 4th



Christmas Is...

A Musical Extravaganza

DECEMBER 10 & 11

6:00PM

IN THE LIFE CENTER

November 2022 Designated Giving

#Do Good	10.00
Baptist Children's Home	615.00
Back Pack Ministry	2,625.00
Benevolence Fund	425.00
Christmas Day Lunch	45.00
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	650.00
<i>(includes in memory of Dougie Dingler)</i>	
<i>(includes in honor of Ronnie & Anne Simmons)</i>	
Renovations	50.00
Shoeboxes	585.00
Toy Store Fund	3,565.00
<i>(includes in honor of Mary Bentley)</i>	
W.H.O. Fund	50.00
<i>(includes in memory of Dougie Dingler)</i>	

Total 8,620.00

General Funds Receipts are currently 6% below our needs.
(General Funds includes in memory of Russell Colvard & Dougie Dingler)

Dear Hudson First,
My name is Slavik Rimski and I am writing to thank you wholeheartedly for your generous donation of 50,000.00 USD for the Ukraine's Winter Heat project. As a Ukrainian minister, currently residing in Tuscaloosa, Al I am deeply saddened by the evil that is taking place in my home country as a result of the Russian invasion. However, I am very encouraged by the spiritual awakening and the churches like yours who step up to overcome evil with good! I am sincerely grateful to you, your church elders and the whole church body. Because of Russian missiles Ukraine is facing the most difficult winter. With 50% of power infrastructure destroyed or damaged, Ukraine simply does not have the capability to supply power. Correspondingly, the cities are in blackouts, water supply stops and heating does not work. Through my personal contacts and experience in Ukraine, God has given us a network of churches that we are using as sleeping, feeding, heating centers but they too need power generators, fuel and other heating supplies to prepare for an already existing emergency. My father is pastoring one of such churches and thousands come to church for prayer, food and water. God is at work despite a war and no missile or darkness can stop Him!
Grace and Peace!
Slavik Rimski
Serve Ukraine Coordinator

Thank you

Hudson First Church Family,
Thank you for the beautiful peace lily and for thinking about us in our time of loss.
Love, Keith & Lauri Browning

A very special thank you to my church family for your prayers, cards & calls following my recent surgeries.
May God Bless All,
Larry Helderman

Dear Church Family,
I am completely overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and generosity extended to me at my retirement celebration. Words cannot adequately express my gratitude for your many gifts, cards, and kind words. A special thanks to Paula Nelson and the rest of the staff for planning such a great event. The recognition during the service was much appreciated and very humbling. Serving here at Hudson First has been an honor and a privilege. Glory be to God - great things He has done!
With much love, Mary Bentley