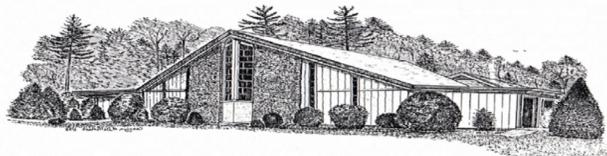


# THE PINECREST



## PRECENTOR

DECEMBER 2019

### *From Our Senior Pastor -*

Dear Pinecrest Family,

I'm not sure where the year went but once again the Christmas Holidays are upon us. Although many of us may be a bit anxious about all of the chaos and long to-do lists that they bring, I'm sure they will prove to be another joyous occasion.

One of the things that amazes me about the Christmas Holidays is the prominence they are given even in our secular society. Yes our society has tried to change the focus of these days from their original purpose, but still their calendar and activities are all about Christmas in December. Classes are cancelled and offices are closed so that everyone can be with their family and celebrate the day.

Isn't it amazing how the birth of one child 2000 years ago continues to impact the world today?

This shouldn't make sense to our secular neighbors but to Christians it makes perfect sense. Jesus was the promised Messiah whom God had sent to deliver us from our sins. Things were never going to be the same.

As you go throughout this holiday season remember what you are celebrating and how thankful we should be for the arrival of our savior, Jesus Christ. Also, let us try to remind our neighbors of the true reason for the season.

Christmas blessings!

*Rev. Rhett Carson*

### **Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Service**

Service at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, December 24th

### *Intercessory Prayer*

Henry Arnott  
Barbara Herdina  
Liz Kimberling

Chuck Evans  
Virginia Stanley

### *Book of Remembrance*

The following have contributed towards the General Fund or other fund as noted below:

**In Memory of Mrs. Jeanette Burrell** from First Baptist Church of Flat Rock.

**In Memory of Mrs. Gerry Eichenberger** from Bigelow Girls and **in Memory of Daniel and Gerry Eichenberger** from Mr. & Mrs. Dan Eichenberger.

**In Memory of Mr. Dan Van Oosten** from Mr. & Mrs. Craig Feagin.

### *Thank you*

Dear Pinecrest Family, I just have to say how much I appreciate all of the kindness of our Church family since Betty and I first "visited" in 1998. We felt at home and soon joined.

Since then, you have made "my" ministry yours in a multitude of ways. It is difficult to raise support for a ministry to those in jail and people have a tendency to forget the other victims...the spouse, the parent, and the children of the inmate who suffer with the incarcerated. "Old legs" prohibit my doing cell-to-cell ministry which has only increased my opportunity to serve. Monday and Wednesday evenings I sit with those who come for family visitation. We make available a resource pack that tells them where they can find various helps such as groceries, twelve-step programs for addicts, employment, and even diapers. It is often a matter of weeping with those that weep. They come to me...often sitting on both sides of me venting their pain.

I want to thank you for the vital support, for the generous financial giving, for Bibles and Christian literature, for books donated to the jail library, and for the plain white socks given at Christmas for the inmates of Henderson County Detention Center.

We have about 75 pairs of socks so far but need more, approximately 100 men's and 50 women's. Any extra that we receive will be set aside for the nurse to distribute to diabetics incarcerated after Christmas. There is a marked bin in the atrium of the Church to collect these most appreciated socks. (It seems I cannot say "Thank you" without asking for something more.)

Personally, thank you, for all the gracious care since Betty died. Keep me on your prayer list.

I love my Church, but it is easy to love the loveable.—  
John Andrews

We want to send a special "Thank you" for the many prayers, cards, and visits. It is greatly appreciated.—  
Henry & Edna Arnott

The Carson family would like to thank the church for all of the cards, visits, meals, treats, and prayers that we received both for Pastor Appreciation month and during Rhett's recent surgery. You are a blessing!

Dan & Barbara Eichenberger would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and support following the death of Dan's mother Gerry Eichenberger.

### **Congregational Meeting**

We will have a Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 8th, immediately following the 10am worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to elect Church officers in addition to approving expenses for a new Church sign. Please plan to attend.



# Pinecrest Calendar & Recurring Events

**Sunday** 10:00 am Worship  
 11:15 am Sunday School  
 6:00 pm High School Discipleship Group

**Weekly Meetings & Events**  
 Monday 4:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
 Tuesday 2:30 pm Sunshine Small Group—Every other week  
 Wednesday 4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 pm Evening Worship  
 Thursday 12:00 pm Sunday Bulletin Deadline  
 Saturday 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group

# DECEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School 6:00 pm HS Discipleship Group	2 <b>Church Office Closed</b> 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	3	4 4:30 pm Choir Practice 5:30 pm 1st Wed. Covered Dish & Presentation	5	6	7 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
8 10:00 am Worship & Congregational Mtg. 11:15 am Sunday School 6:00 pm HS Discipleship Group	9 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	10 12:30 pm Circle 2—Library 2:30 pm Sunshine Group 7:00 pm Deacons Mtg.	11 1:15 pm Circle 3—Library <b>No Choir Practice</b> 6:00 pm Bible Study	12 6:00 pm Circle 5—Library	13 6:00 pm Youth Outing	14 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
15 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School 12:00 pm Precentor Deadline 6:00 pm HS Discipleship Group	16 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	17 1:00 pm Circle 4—CV 6:00 pm Session Mtg.	18 4:30 pm Choir Practice <b>No Bible Study</b>	19 9:00 am Precentor Mailing	20	21 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
22 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School 6:00 pm HS Discipleship Group	23 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	24 <b>Christmas Eve Church Office Closed</b>	25 <b>Christmas Day Church Office Closed</b> <b>No Choir Practice</b> <b>No Bible Study</b>	26 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	27	28 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
29 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School 6:00 pm HS Discipleship Group	30 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	31 New Years Eve				

## Circle News

Circle 2~ Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 12:30 pm in the church library.

Circle 3~ Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:15 pm in the church library.

Circle 4~ Meets the third Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm at Carolina Village.

Circle 5~ Meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm in the church library.

If you are interested in joining a circle, please contact one of the circle leaders: Jeanie Bennett, Ruth Anne Gibson, Susan Sanders, or Kathy Carson.

## December Birthdays

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|---------------------|--------------|
| 1 Susan Sanders     | 29 Bob Brogi |
| 6 Sherry Voris      | 31 Jim Brice |
| 8 Pam Danz          | Bill Kent    |
| Gwen Hicks          |              |
| 9 Dennis Dodd       |              |
| 12 Phyllis Dingeman |              |
| 21 Ashley Harper    |              |
| Imogene Wallace     |              |
| 23 Mary Burrell     |              |
| 28 Jeff Allers      |              |
| Rhett Carson        |              |
| Roberta Watson      |              |

If your name or family members name is missing and you'd like to have it included in future publications, please call the church office at 828-692-0063.

## Worship Workers Schedule: December 2019

### Elder of the Month:

Bob Eckley

### Deacon of the Week:

Dec 1...Gary Burrell  
8...Jan Moore  
15...Jim Moore  
22...Paul Rector  
29...Chip Sherer

### Greeters:

Dec 1...Reynolds & Cecil Young  
8...Dan & Barbara Eichenberger  
15...Bob & Norma Eckley  
22...Jim & Jan Moore  
29...Agnes Jones & Ann Stroup

### Toddler Nursery:

Dec 1...Barbara Sherrill  
8...Margo Pugliese

15...Eben Carson  
22...Barbara Sherrill  
29...Margo Pugliese

### Children's Church:

Dec 1...Bill & Kathy Guerard  
8...Lynn Rogers & Emily Jane Carson  
15...Fran Jester  
22...Sue Brogi  
29...Gary & Mary Burrell

### Ushers:

Dec 1...Dan Eichenberger, Bill Guerard, Xan Hick, and Eben Carson  
8...Jim Moore, Bill Stanley, Mike Rector, and Paul Rector  
15...Ken De Zwaan, Mike

Pugliese, Ray Burns, and Dennis Dodd  
22...Jim Hart, Ron Grigsby, Dave Morton, and Paul Rector  
29...Dan Eichenberger, Bill Guerard, Xan Hick, and Eben Carson

### Visitation Team:

Dec 1...Rose Anne Perry  
8...Susan Sanders  
15...Jane Kennedy  
22...Susan Jones  
29...Mike Rector

### Sacrament Preparation

Dec. 24...Bob Eckley & Tom Carpenter

### Christmas Card Exchange

The Christmas Card Exchange box will soon be in the atrium! Save yourself some postage by filing your Christmas cards according to last name. Please make sure your name is on the envelope so that any cards that are not collected can be returned to you for mailing or delivery. Remember to check the file box each week for your Christmas cards!

### 2020 Flower Calendar

The 2020 Flower Calendar is on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary ready for you to fill in the dates you would like to provide flowers for worship services in memory or in honor of someone you love.

### Youth Christmas Lights

The Youth will be going to see local Christmas lights on Friday, December 13th. Meet at the church at 6 pm, and dress warmly!

### 2019 Contributions

All contributions for 2019 should be dated and post marked by December 26, 2019. All contributions must be received by our financial secretary by December 31st for 2019 credit. Contribution statements will be available as soon as possible once the deposit has been made but no later than January 31, 2020. In order to reduce the expense of postage, statements will be placed in a file box that will be located in the atrium for you to pick up. If you would like the church to mail your contribution statement, please call the church office (after January 2nd) at 828-692-0063.

### Christmas Covered Dish Dinner

There will be a Christmas Covered Dish Dinner on Wednesday, December 18th, at 5:30 pm at the Carson home. Please come and enjoy Christmas Dinner with your church family. The Carsons will provide a turkey and a ham. There is a sign up sheet in the atrium so that you can let us know if you can come and what you'll bring.

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Associate Reformed Synod

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For the Glory of God, Pinecrest Presbyterian Church exists to produce fruit for God's kingdom by rooting people in God's word, growing them in their faith, and helping them branch out with the gospel in their homes, communities, and the world so that all may know that Jesus is Lord.

Come Worship with us:

Sunday Morning Worship Service: 10:00 AM

Sunday School: 11:15 AM

Sunday Evening High School Discipleship Group: 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 6:00 PM