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Upcoming Calendar

- Sunday, Nov. 15, Friendship Time following Worship Service, 12:30 pm Handbells, Deadline for Hunger Buster is today
- Monday, Nov. 16, 5:30 pm—8:00 pm Headstart Dinner
- Tuesday, Nov. 17, 6-8 pm, BCHC Clinic, see article on page 2
- Wednesday, Nov. 18, 5:15 pm Wonderful Wed., 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study & Youth Group
- Thursday, Nov. 19, 10:30 am Knitting, 7:00 pm Choir
- Sat., Nov. 21 10:00 am—2:00 pm District III Woman to Woman

Pastor's Pen Sailing the Storming Seas.

One of the great pieces of literature is the work of Homer in his epic "The Odyssey." You might have even been required to read this monster of a book during your High School days or even in your College years. It has been a requirement of many a school class and many a long and dreaded report paper. I remember how long this piece was when I was expected to read it during High School class.

You may recall that the story surrounds Odysseus and his great trip while trying to return home to his beloved wife and country. During this great trip, Odysseus and the men on the ship in which they were travel-

ing are faced with many trying and dangerous situations that try the strength and faith of all on board. Many of the decisions that Odysseus and his men have to make are very similar to every day events that we still face during these modern times.



At one point in the trip, Odysseus and the crew must sail between two monsters at once. On one side are the multi-headed sea monster Scylla and on the other side is the giant whirlpool Charybdis. Scylla is described as a "Dragon" like creature that attacks the crew and is able to

hurt some of the members of the crew. Charybdis is a mass churning of the waves and will destroy the ship and every member on it. What Odysseus must now decide is how he is going to sail between these two monsters? If he sails too close to Charybdis he will risk the destruction of his ship and his entire crew. On the other hand, if he sails too close to Scylla the monster will surely get some of his friends also.

Sometimes, we find that much like Odysseus, we are in a similar situation in our lives and the decisions that we are being called to make. If we go in one direction we see storm clouds ahead of us and even if we were to move in the other direction there are still clouds and storms ahead. There just does not seem to appear to us any way in which

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This Needs Your Attention Now

Bring your food for Hunger Buster. The deadline is Sunday, November 15th.

We still need help with our children and youth departments. If you can volunteer some time, please see Pastor Elaine.

Pat needs the schedules for the New Year as soon as possible please, as she is working on the up-coming calendars, and Thank You.

Upcoming Events for the Holidays

It is hard to believe that it is the 11th of November and that Thanksgiving and the Advent season are almost here. Time is flying way too fast. As usual, Belmont is getting ready for our annual events. On Sunday, November 22nd, we will celebrate Thanksgiving with our Soup & Salad dinner, beginning at 5:00p.m This is always a special time for us to gather as a church family.

The following Sunday, Nov. 29th will be the beginning of the Advent season, as we



prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the birth of Christ. We will once again light the Advent candles during our 11:00 worship service each of the four weeks leading up to Christmas Day. We will also have our annual Hanging of the Greens service on Saturday, Dec. 5th at 7:00 p.m. These special events are a great time to invite friends and neighbors who are searching for a church.

News From Around the Church

Belmont Community Health Center



We would like to invite you to our **FREE MONTHLY CLINIC NIGHT on Tuesday, November 17, 6:00—8:00 PM** Belmont Christian Church 1101 Jamison Avenue, SE Roanoke, Va. 24013

Main entrance: side door
Handicap entrance: Jamison Ave. door (on-street parking)

Come And Learn About Swine Flu And Seasonal Flu

- Receive information about locations for receiving Swine flu shots & who is in the target group to receive shots now.
- Obtain answers to questions related to Seasonal flu & Swine Flu.
- Receive tips on how to prevent getting the flu.
- Receive tips on how to care for yourself and others if someone gets the flu.
- **SIGN UP** if you are interested in receiving a seasonal flu shot when vaccine is received.

ALSO AVAILABLE
FREE blood sugar screenings
FREE blood pressure screenings
FREE "Flu Prevention Kits" available for those who attend!

There are **NO** requirements to get these services. **Everyone is welcome! Come and enjoy cookies and apple cider with us!** For more info please call 312-6302.

Pastor's Pen *(cont'd from page 1)*

we might be able to sail our small ship through

The bible tells us about one evening on the Sea of Galilee when a great storm arose and threatens the small boat that carried Jesus and his disciples. While the storm displayed its might and fury all around and the disciples saw no way that they were going to be able to escape, in the back of the craft their master and Lord slept. When all of their attempts to overcome their problems have come to no good end, they decide to go wake Jesus.



In deciding to finally go to the one source of help that can really overcome all of the problems around them, they were still astounded when Jesus rose and ordered the storm and waves to be still. This condition was not overlooked by Jesus who asked them

why they were so lacking in faith. When the disciples only saw a limited number of ways that would get them out of the current situations and the problems that were gathering around them, God provided a new way out.

When we are in a situation that we might begin to feel has only a very limited amount of ways for us to deal with, God offers us a new and better way out. God can calm the seas around us and quiet the waves that threaten to swamp our little boat. There is always some pathway that is open for us to take if only we would trust in the maker of the waves and of the sea.

Praying for you as I hope that you are praying for me

Craig

**THERE WILL BE
NO WONDERFUL
WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 25th**



Our Stewardship for the Past Week

Attendance Figures:

Sunday School Attendance: 81
Worship Attendance: 138

Offerings and Income:

Current and Mission: \$6,228.85
Building Fund: \$64.00
Memorials: \$25.00
Grand Total: \$6,317.85
Memorial was for Warren Hawley, From BCC
\$300.00 donated for Wed. Night Dinners

Prayer Cues for Belmonters

As you go to God in prayer this week, consider including the following prayer cue in your devotions.

Lord Jesus, I pray your resurrection never ceases to bring more joy in our lives.

Amen



Church Women United Dates to Remember



Annual Meeting –January 22, 2010, World Day of Prayer-March 5, 2010, *May Friendship Day-May 7, 2010
*Indicates Luncheon Meeting
Meeting places are needed for year 2010. If your church could host a meeting, please let us know.

Hunger Buster 2009



The deadline for getting your non-perishable food items in is this Sunday, November 15th.

They will be taken to the Presbyterian Community Center for distribution to help the southeast clients in need. Let's line the hallway on 2nd floor, and thank you for your support as always!

Woman To Woman



On Saturday, November 21st at 9:45 am the C.W.F. will be hosting a District III Woman to Woman event.

Evelyn Glasscott of Luray, Va. will be coming to share a power point presentation on her trip to Bosnia and Kosovo.

We hope many Belmonters will bring a dish and come and enjoy this program, and stay for lunch.

The meeting will be in the parlor and the luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Hazel Moody at 890-3084

Thanksgiving Dinner



Sunday, November 22 will be our Annual Thanksgiving Service, Soup/ Salad & Sandwiches at 5:00 pm. Bring soup, crackers, sandwiches, salad or dessert. There will be a brief program of devotions following the dinner.

We will have our regular Sunday morning Service, Handbell Choir at 12:30 pm, then back at 5:00 for our Thanksgiving meal. See you there!

Handbell Choir



Thanks to those participating in the handbell choir as we are getting ready for Hanging of the Greens and Christmas. We meet every Sunday in November at 12:30 pm following Worship Service.

Congratulations



Pairs & Spares had 100% this past Sunday.

The Belmont Kids Connection

Helping Hands



Our CYF youth group would like to offer to help some of our church members.

If you are in need of someone to rake leaves, or other yard or household work, please contact Allison Clarkson or Pastor Elaine. This is a ministry that our oldest youth group would like to offer our congregation.

CYF Lock-In

It is FINALLY on the calendar!! The long-awaited lock-in is almost here. Our CYF youth group, for grades seven through twelve will have a lock-in at the church on Friday night, November 27th. We will begin at 7:30



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more details.

p.m. and conclude at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. Watch for

More Thank Yous

Last Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, six of our church members traveled to the Habitat for Humanity Store on Salem Ave. to work. They spent several hours cleaning up one level of the four story building. Then they began moving Christmas decorations down for retailing during the holidays. Thank You needs to go to: **Joey Sparks, Thomas LaPrade, Conner Rutherford, Mallory Austin, Allison Clarkson, and Pastor Elaine** for their hard work. The Habitat for Humanity Store provides financial support for the building of Habitat houses. This is a great ministry within our community and the store is an important part of that ministry.



Attention All Children (Ages 4 through Fourth Grade):



We are beginning a new series in Sunday School called, "Luke's Christmas Story." Please come and join us as we look at the Christmas story through art, music, people and foods, fun and games, brain teasers, meditation, and community service.

We have lots of fun, learning and sharing together. Won't you be a part? We begin the new series this coming Sunday, Nov. 15th.



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Service Times:

Sunday School: 9: 45 AM
Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM
Wednesday Family Night: 6:00 PM

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**For Your Information
News You Can Use**

Prayer List:

Our Church Family: Joseph & Jennifer Bailey & family, Gilee & Sal Corral, Clark Davis, Barbara Farmer, Lois Hawley & family, Cindy Higgins & family in the death of her Father, Helen Smith Kingrey, Michelle Obenshain, Donald Stanley Sr., Sharon Stoneman

Our Extended Church Family: Christy Brown, Isabelle Chapman, Ben & Sara Chocklett, Mike David, George Edwards in the death of his Mother, Jerry Fernatt, David Allen Gray, Eddy & Deb Hannabass, Leo Hirsbrunnen, Tom Jennings, Carlton Kingery & family, Margaret Mills & family, Mike Monk, Martha Moore, Sue Mustard, The family of Debby Reynolds, Bob Schuermann, Diana Shields, Barbara Shull, J.C. Smith, Carrie Lee Stagg, Debbie St. Clair, Joan Walters, Family of Anna Ruth Wills, Karen Witcher

(If you know of any updates to this list, please let the Church office know.)



It is time to place your orders for poinsettias to be placed in the sanctuary for Christmas. Please fill out the form below if you would like to order one (or more). Please indicate if the poinsettia is in **Memory** or **Honor** of someone. Orders must be in to the church office by **December 1, 2009. Cost this year will be \$8.00.**

If you prefer, you may use the order to make a memorial gift to the church without ordering a poinsettia. If you choose this option, your gift will also be listed in the bulletin.

Name _____
Telephone Number _____
Number Ordered _____
In **Memory** of _____
In **Honor** of _____
Memorial Only _____

"It's All About You"



Help us to remember
Lord....
It is all about you....
Whatever we think....
Whatever we do....

When times are hard....
And our hearts are sad....
We acknowledge it's all about you...
And you immediately make us glad....

When we put you first....
Things always work out....
Forgive us Lord....
For having any doubt....

When I'm having a bad day....
And feeling really blue....
It's going to be ok....
Cause it's all about You!

Thank you Lord!

By: Pat Lumsden
11/6/09