

# THE ABBEY NEWS



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## FROM THE PASTOR

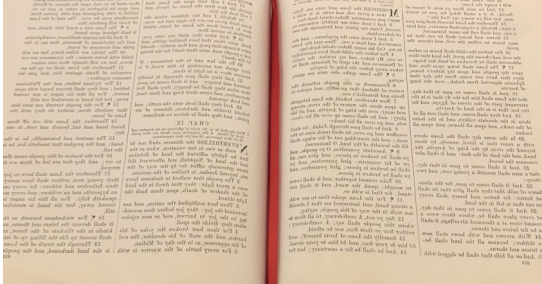
### BIBLE IN A YEAR SCRIPTURE FOR JANUARY

- 1 Genesis 1:1-2:25, Psalm 1:1-6, Proverbs 1:1-7, Matthew 1:1-25
- 2 Genesis 3:1-4:26, Psalm 2:1-6, Proverbs 1:8-9, Matthew 2:1-23
- 3 Genesis 5:1-6:22, Psalm 2:7-12, Proverbs 1:10-19, Matthew 3:1-17
- 4 Genesis 7:1-8:22, Psalm 3:1-4, Proverbs 1:20-22, Matthew 4:1-25
- 5 Genesis 9:1-10:32, Psalm 3:5-8, Proverbs 1:23-27, Matthew 5:1-26
- 6 Genesis 11:1-12:20, Psalm 4:1-3, Proverbs 1:28-33, Matthew 5:27-48
- 7 Genesis 13:1-14:24, Psalm 4:4-8, Proverbs 2:1-5, Matthew 6:1-18
- 8 Genesis 15:1-16:16, Psalm 5:1-7, Proverbs 2:6-9, Matthew 6:19-34
- 9 Genesis 17:1-18:33, Psalm 5:8-12, Proverbs 2:10-22, Matthew 7:1-29
- 10 Genesis 19:1-20:19, Psalm 6:1-5, Proverbs 3:1-4, Matthew 8:1-17
- 11 Genesis 21:1-22:24, Psalm 6:6-10, Proverbs 3:5-6, Matthew 8:18-34
- 12 Genesis 23:1-24:67, Psalm 7:1-5, Proverbs 3:7-8, Matthew 9:1-17
- 13 Genesis 25:1-26:35, Psalm 7:6-8, Proverbs 3:9-10, Matthew 9:18-38
- 14 Genesis 27:1-28:22, Psalm 7:9-17, Proverbs 3:11-12, Matthew 10:1-20
- 15 Genesis 29:1-30:43, Psalm 8:1-5, Proverbs 3:13-18, Matthew 10:21-42
- 16 Genesis 31:1-32:32, Psalm 8:6-9, Proverbs 3:19-20, Matthew 11:1-30
- 17 Genesis 33:1-34:31, Psalm 9:1-5, Proverbs 3:21-26, Matthew 12:1-21
- 18 Genesis 35:1-36:43, Psalm 9:6-10, Proverbs 3:27-30, Matthew 12:22-50
- 19 Genesis 37:1-38:30, Psalm 9:11-20, Proverbs 3:31-35, Matthew 13:1-30
- 20 Genesis 39:1-40:23, Psalm 10:1-11, Proverbs 4:1-6, Matthew 13:31-58
- 21 Genesis 41:1-42:38, Psalm 10:12-18, Proverbs 4:7-9, Matthew 14:1-21
- 22 Genesis 43:1-44:34, Psalm 11:1-7, Proverbs 4:10-13, Matthew 14:22-36
- 23 Genesis 45:1-46:34, Psalm 12:1-8, Proverbs 4:14-17, Matthew 15:1-20
- 24 Genesis 47:1-48:22, Psalm 13:1-6, Proverbs 4:18-19, Matthew 15:21-39
- 25 Genesis 49:1-50:26, Psalm 14:1-7, Proverbs 4:20-24, Matthew 16:1-28
- 26 Exodus 1:1-2:25, Psalm 15:1-5, Proverbs 4:25-27, Matthew 17:1-27
- 27 Exodus 3:1-4:31, Psalm 16:1-6, Proverbs 5:1-6, Matthew 18:1-20
- 28 Exodus 5:1-6:30, Psalm 16:7-11, Proverbs 5:7-14, Matthew 18:21-35
- 29 Exodus 7:1-8:32, Psalm 17:1-7, Proverbs 5:15-20, Matthew 19:1-30
- 30 Exodus 9:1-10:29, Psalm 17:8-15, Proverbs 5:21-23, Matthew 20:1-16
- 31 Exodus 11:1-12:51, Psalm 18:1-12, Proverbs 6:1-5, Matthew 20:17-34

*\*Remember to pick up your free New King James translation Bible in a Year!\**



We are so blessed to have a loving and caring church family here at WPC! If you would like to be a part of this family, we would LOVE to have you! You are only a visitor once at WPC! There are so many offerings of service through our church. There is one for YOU!



We will Celebrate Holy Communion on January 7th during worship!



## JANUARY SERMONS

- 7: Genesis 7:1-6, Matthew 7:24-27: "Building on the Foundation"
- 14: Rev. Debbie Foster Preaching
- 21: Psalm 139:1-6 and Mark 1:4-11: "Strange Men and a Voice from Heaven"
- 28: Mark 1:21-28: "The Time an Unclean Spirit Met Jesus"





“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”  
2 Corinthians 5:17





TREASURER’S REPORT

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| November Receipts: | \$ 16,705.93 |
| expenses           | 9,777.95     |
|                    | +6,927.98    |
| YTD receipts:      | \$135,668.86 |
| expenses           | 134,846.56   |
|                    | + 822.30     |

**“You Can’t Out-Give GOD!!!”**  
Praise God for His Blessings on our little church! Last month, we ended the month almost \$7,000.00 over budget!! But, look what God did! With many prayers for His Will to carry us through financially this year, He not only met our deficit, He even gave us a surplus of over \$800 ! God is so good!



Thank you all so much for your generous giving! Thank you for giving to the Joy Gift offering! We were blessed to shower a wonderful family with gifts and needed items!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women were blessed with another wonderful evening of Christian Sister fellowship! Chapter 5 of our “Celebrating Sabbath” was led by Nancy Johnston. We discussed “good” work v. “bad” work on the Sabbath. Many thanks to all the ladies for the delicious goodies! Our annual “White Elephant” game was so much fun! Please join us January 8th at 4:30pm in Gossett Hall! Linda White will be our Bible Study leader and we will dive into Chapters 6, “Sabbath and Hospitality”. Bring a goodie to share or just bring yourself and be Blessed!!



Here is a portion of scripture from our Chapter 5 Lesson: Exodus 31:12-18; 35:1-29; 36:1-7

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘You must observe my Sabbaths. This will be a sign between me and you for the generations to come, so you may know that I am the LORD, who makes you holy.





## Welcome our New Members



Welcome to our new members!! God has blessed us with two wonderful families joining our “Small but Mighty” church! Welcome to The Orlowski Family, Michael, Meredith, Rowan and Willem and the Towe Family, Ashley, Hadley and Kenley. We are so looking forward to seeing how God uses each and every one of them in the life of His Church.

Please welcome these newest members to our church and keep them in your daily prayers. God is so Good!

## Our Advent Soup and Study was a blessing! Thank you to everyone who participated in this Bible study!



A huge thank you to the Walhalla Rotary Club for their donation to Dot’s Kitchen in honor of one of their members, Marvin Hill, who is also a volunteer with our kitchen. Our volunteer coordinator, **Joey Roeder**, gave a presentation about **Dot’s Kitchen** and accepted the donation which was presented by President David Hyatt.



Rev. Audrey will be offering a **morning** (9:30 am) devotional once a week to introduce some of the topics she will cover in her sermons each week! This is a great time to get together and discuss topics on line and/or just hear a bit of encouragement to get you through the week!

Our next Men’s Bible study will be January 7th. All men will meet at the church beginning at 10 am. Don’t miss this this awesome opportunity to share how God is working in your life, prayer requests and praise reports while diving into God’s Holy Word!





**Dates to Remember!**

- 1/3: Dot's Kitchen
- 1/7: Ordination and Installation of New Officers
- 1/7: Session meeting 12:30
- 1/8: Presbyterian Women 4:30
- 1/9: Dot's Kitchen
- 1/10: WHC Board Meeting 5:30
- 2/4: Souper Bowl of Caring Offering
- 2/13: Shrove Tuesday Supper



**Happy Birthday for the month of January**

- 4 Robert McMillan
- 17 Billy Cooner
- 18 Bill Brockington
- 21 Bonnie Sharron
- 21 Laura Ann Moore
- 25 Patsy Morgan
- 29 Doug Chuites
- 30 Meredith Orlowski



**\*\*Early birthdays in February: 2-Tonya Stancil, 9- Nancy Dougherty \*\***

**RINGING THE BELL FOR THE SALVATION ARMY**

What a blessing to “Ring the Bell” for our friends at the Salvation Army!







# Christmas Eve Services



*"A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn  
Fall on your knees; O hear the Angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born  
O night, O Holy night, O night divine!"*



PRAYER CHANGES EVERYTHING!



*Town Prayer Meeting! Join us for prayer every Tuesday morning at 9 am at the gazebo in downtown Westminster. Rev. Audrey has served as a guest minister! Come join us!*

Robbie McClure (Marie Dunnam’s brother) Elizabeth Christensen (Kathy Skillen’s niece), Arthur Skillen (Kathy Skillen’s brother) Bob Hartness (Rev. Audrey’s dad), Clifton Mabry, John Davis, Sam and Edna Dillard, Kathy Skillen, Joel Thrift, Al Belauskus, Sue Costa, (Paula Meades and Shari Waldo’s friend), Arlene Touart (Sherry Moats’ aunt), Erin Wood (Wendy Linhart’s daughter, who has been deployed to serve our country) Ed Black (cousin of De French), and Bently Carver (son of a friend of James Lawson) Alston Gordon (Henry Gordon’s brother)



Thank you so much to Nancy Johnston for bringing this most worthy mission to our attention. Our PW Circle has been supporting Mission Haven for the past few years and we wanted to share a letter from some of the recipients of our efforts in supporting this mission. The couple in the article retired right outside Montreat!

*Mission Haven Update – December 2023*  
REMEMBRANCES: *Betty & Hugh Linton*

In 1953, after the Korean War, Betty & Hugh Linton, a young couple in their mid-20s, departed the U.S. for South Korea as missionaries of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

Hugh toured the remote islands and mountainous areas, planting more than 200 churches. While preaching the gospel via jeep on a bumpy country road, his black rubber shoes often wore out and had holes in them, so his nickname was ‘black rubber shoes’.

In 1960, he and Betty came home on furlough and lived at Mission Haven for a year. At the time, they had 5 children; the older two had attended Korean schools. The teachers at Winona Park (near Mission Haven) thought they didn’t know any math ... actually, they knew it, but only in Korean!!

After returning to South Korea, Hugh secured about 160 acres of land through reclamation projects and distributed them to the poor.

Meanwhile, in addition to raising six children, Betty was instrumental in creating a tuberculosis (TB) treatment program which served the war-torn Korean countryside. She directed the program from Soonchun, treating approximately two thousand outpatients and operating two TB rest-homes in conjunction with her clinic.

Together, the couple served for over 30 years to battle TB. After Hugh’s sudden death in 1984, Betty remained in Korea, continuing her fight against TB until she retired in 1993/1994.

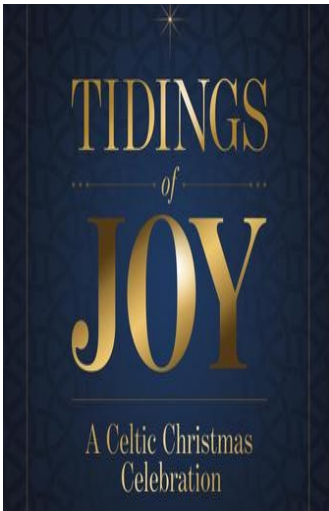
At her retirement, Betty moved to Black Mountain, North Carolina, but continued to visit Korea. In 1995, she and her children helped initiate a charitable mission program for the purpose of ministering to the people of North Korea (DPRK). Christian ministries, instituted by the Linton family for the DPRK, have continued, supported both by South Korean and American churches. Betty received local and national recognition for her medical ministries through the years, including a special award: the acclaimed Samsung Ho-Am prize.



Betty died September 7, 2023. Her wishes were to be buried in Korea next to her husband, so her body was flown *at Korean Air’s expense* because of the family’s long history in the country.

Merry Christmas! 메리 크리스마스!

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Many thanks to our awesome choir for presenting the beautiful cantata! Thank you to Rev. Audrey for reading the narration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

We appreciate all that each of you bring to our worship services. Not only on cantata Sunday, but every Sunday of the year! We are truly blessed!

January Flowers

*\*Contact Shepherd Chuites if you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary\**

