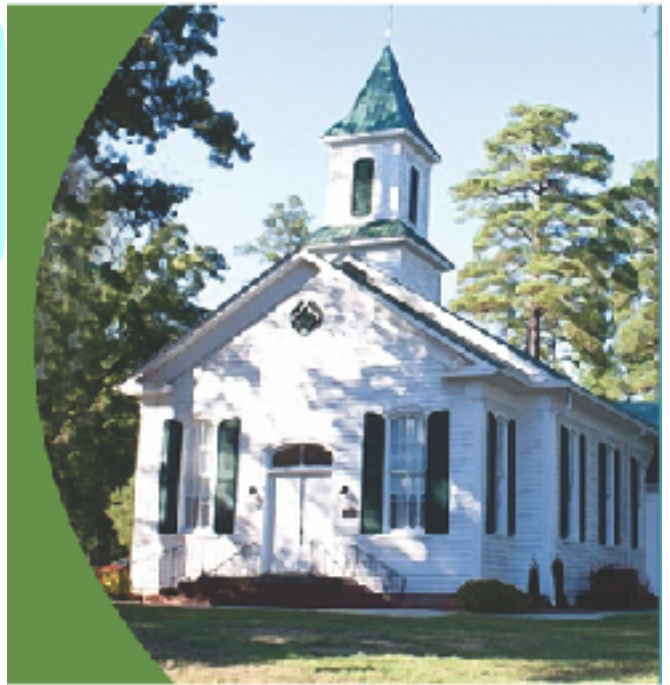


The Link

December 2023

In Dark Weather, Cantata Shines



Mary McDonald's cantata "O Holy Light" brightened a dark and stormy afternoon on December 17. The CPC sanctuary choir gave a bravura performance despite the absence of two regular members due to illness. Rev. David Dudley (back row, second from left) was a welcome last-minute addition. Photo by Linda Seiberling.

Session Notes

November 14, 2023: Moderator John Baker called the November meeting to order with an opening devotion and prayer. Clerk Cathy McRae reported that a quorum was present and asked for discussion on a date for the next congregational meeting. Gene Frazelle made a motion that the meeting be held on February 25, 2024, which was unanimously approved.

Under Committee Reports, Gene spoke for the Budget and Finance Committee and said that the Session will be voting upon the 2024 budget at the next meeting. Kathy Oldham gave the Treasurer's report, stating that recent collections have been good. Upcoming disbursements include the presbytery benevolence contribution, the insurance payment and website fees. Dawn Barber of the Fellowship Committee spoke about refreshments for the upcoming choir cantata performance. Reporting for the Member Care Committee, Cheryl Bacon brought up the possibility of getting new contact information from the church members, since current phone listings are mostly out of date. Cathy said she would generate an information form to be passed out and/or filled in by email.

Terry Keith of the Buildings and Grounds Committee said that tree work has been done to take out two pine trees and the lower branches of another tree. The repairs to the sound system are ongoing; the speakers are not working and an upgrade is needed to one piece of equipment. In addition, a replacement for

the main building water heater is needed for the two bathrooms, plus new faucets. Bulbs need to be replaced in the sanctuary chandeliers. Finally, Terry is looking into getting a microphone for the Fellowship Hall. Karen Keith reported that the Mission and Outreach Committee is investigating the building of a "Blessing Box" to provide food for needy persons in the community. Other projects include sponsoring Christmas gifts for children at Cameron Elementary and taking food contributions to the Vass Food Pantry. Linda Seiberling spoke for the Worship Committee, reporting that preachers have been scheduled for Sundays through March. She also said that new Christmas decorations for the church would be used this year.

In the Moderator's Report, John said that the Union Pines High School homeless population is growing. Beth Thomas has instituted Vikings Helping Vikings to cope with this problem and has reached out to local churches for assistance.

A discussion about the next meeting concluded that there would not be a Session meeting in December; the next meeting will be January 16, 2024. With a closing prayer, the members disbursed to their homes in anticipation of the upcoming holiday season.
—by Cheryl Bacon



Caption



Thanks to all who attended “O Holy Light” on December 17 here at Cameron, and to our friends at Jackson Springs who received us on Saturday, December 16 for cantata presentation.

Choir and hand chimes rehearsals for 2024 will resume on January 10 and 14,

respectively. Our concert series will see the return of the New Horizons Jazz Band on February 18, at 4 p.m., along with the four-hand piano work of Mary Rush and Susan Rush.

The projected Easter Cantata date is March 24 at 4 p.m.

Mayor Jane Leads the Parade

Newly elected town mayor Jane Ethridge led off the Cameron Christmas parade on December 2 , accompanied by grandson Holden and husband Billy.

