



enabling them to experience life is far too high. I'd rather Kayla and Murphy get their hearts broken in love rather than not be able to love. I'd rather they lose someone very close to them than not get to close to people. I'd rather they live the full life, with all of its pain, so that they can enjoy life's beauty. Because in the end, even with all the pain, maybe because of all the pain, life is beautiful.

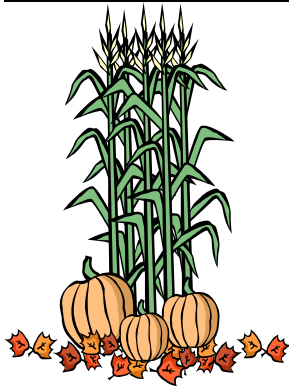
I hope you all know how much I appreciate being able to take the majority of my vacation and be with my family during the birth and first couple of weeks of our wonderful daughter. I am thankful to you (and the session for approving the use of my vacation in this manner) for your letting me use most of my vacation all at once, so that I could share in the journey with our family. I was glad to be able to take care of my 3 ladies, help around the house, and share in the joy of being a parent. We were both astounded at your care and generosity towards us, with the cards, many gifts, calls, and meals. We feel lucky to be in such a wonderful place.

As I am always,  
Yours in Christ,

Matt

**Life and Nurture**  
By Norma Badeaux

**Pumpkin Patch**



Many "Thanks" for all who donated their time to the pumpkin patch.

Youth, keep in mind that you will receive double volunteer credit hours for your help on November 3rd and November 7th during tear down.

**Acolytes**

We are looking for a few interested folks who are between the ages of 10 and 18 (roughly) who would like to be an Acolyte. An Acolyte carries a candle lighter into the sanctuary at the beginning of the service, lights a couple of candles, and then proceeds to join the congregation for worship. At the end of the service, an Acolyte comes and re-lights the lighter, snuffs the candles, and recesses with the pastor after the benediction. If you are interested in helping us "Fire it up", then let Matt know, and we'll do an after church, 15 minute Acolyte training, and you'll be ready to go.

**Community Thanksgiving Service**

As always, we will participate in a community Thanksgiving service on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, Sunday 21 November. As not per always, we will be the hosts this year. The service will begin at 7.30 p.m. There will once again be a community choir, which will be comprised of all the participating church choirs. They will sing one of my favorite anthems. The choirs will meet for rehearsal at 6.15.

This is regularly a wonderful event, where we cross denominational lines, and get to worship together with folks we know (and folks we don't know) in the community. In some senses, when we do ecumenical things, we get a foretaste of what heaven will be like, and with whom it will be populated. After the service, we are to stick around for desert (you will be told what to bring later). Again, another foretaste of what heaven will be like.

As the host church this year, it is my sincere hope that we have a good turnout, and that we make a good showing of our church home to our brothers and sisters in the community. I hope to see you here on Sunday, 21 November.



### Santa Claus Express

Santa Claus Express is the holiday gift program for the residents of Georgia Presbyterian Homes. Our gifts are used to show love at Christmas and throughout the year at the Presbyterian Home in Quitman, Phillips Tower in Decatur, Calvin Court in Atlanta and the Presbyterian Village in Austell. A basket will be in the church narthex to receive unwrapped gifts until Sunday, December 5. If you would be an Angel and give a monetary gift to the Caring Hands Fund of Presbyterian Homes, envelopes for that purpose will be placed next to the basket. A list of suggested gifts will soon be available. Please call Amanda Helmstetter at 770-294-4311 if you have any questions.

### Confirmation Class

*Calling all Potential Confirmands.* We are going to start a Confirmation class shortly after the turn of the new year. If you are interested, talk to Matt.

*Calling all Members.* We need a handful of you to join along with us as confirmation partners. You will be teamed up with a confirmand, and will join in the journey toward their membership. Come participate in the life of the church, and in the life of a confirmand. I promise you this, you will much more out of this experi-



### Angel Tree

An Angel Tree will make it's appearance in the church narthex in mid November. For the sixth year, Presbyterian Women are sponsoring this project to provide the children whose families are assisted by Rainbow Village a Christmas shopping trip to Target. The date is Sunday, December 19th ,beginning with a pizza lunch right after church. Youth and Adults will be needed to accompany the children shopping and gift wrapping their purchases later. Angel ornaments can be removed from the tree and returned with a gift certificate (gift card) from Target. Ten or Twenty dollar values are most useful for this purpose. Thank you in advance for your participation and generosity. If you would like more information please call Paula Smith at 770-368-8385 or Carol MacGregor at 770-840-9250.



### Drama

Drama is looking for actors of all ages (14 people or more) to participate in "The Twelve Days of Christmas" play to be performed at the Christmas Eve Service. We will rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 beginning November 10. Contact Tanya Carroll, 770-806-0935, if you are interested or have any questions.

## **Witness & Evangelism**

**By Sandra Murray**

**NCM / Barnes & Noble Charity Book Fair** – The Norcross Co-Op is having its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Charity Book Fair in conjunction with Barnes & Noble at the Forum. The Norcross Co-Op receives a portion of the evenings qualifying sales (non-café items). NCM uses the funds raised during this event to support its ESOL and School Supply Drive programs for the coming year. Please ask Sandra, Rodney or Diane for a book fair voucher or visit the Witness & Evangelism bulletin board in the hallway. There are a few vouchers in a “Take Me” folder on the bulletin board. Barnes & Noble has been very generous this year by allowing us to count sales made during a whole week rather than just one evening. So, please take your book fair voucher and shop at Barnes & Noble anytime from Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> through Saturday evening, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Take voucher home to share with friends, family, neighbors and co-workers. We’d love to have a huge turnout for this event. Please help us spread the word and the vouchers. This is a great opportunity to buy holiday gifts and pick up your own books and music and help one of our primary charities in Norcross. NCM will have a booth and will sponsor guest readers on Saturday evening, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30PM until 8PM. Stop by that evening if you can to meet the staff and volunteers of NCM and to hear special people share beautiful stories from the stage in the Children’s Department of the store.

**Simon Evening of Giving** – The Norcross Cooperative Ministry invites you to participate in the Simon Evening of Giving. The event is an exclusive by ticket only shopping event at the Mall of Georgia on Sunday evening, November 21, 2004 from 6:30PM until 9PM. The Mall will close at its normal time and re-open for ticket holders only at 6:30PM. The food court merchants will be open. The stores will run special sales and discounts during this event. – Please visit the Witness & Evangelism bulletin board in the hallway. There are flyers in a “Take Me” folder that outlines the toy and gift items most needed to help the Norcross Co-Op provide Christmas gifts to over 3,000 children. If you’d like more information on the NCM Holiday Assistance Program at NCM please ask any of the NPC Youth or any member of the Witness & Evangelism Committee.

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**Norcross Cooperative Ministry** – NCM needs volunteers to serve the more than 1,000 families who visit the Co-Op each month. If you have any time available during weekdays, please contact Shirley Cabe at the Norcross Co-Op. She’d love to give you a tour of the facility, answer any questions that you might have, and sign you up for training alongside a seasoned volunteer. She especially needs help on Wednesdays from 9:30AM until 3:00PM. You may work 2 or 4 hour or more blocks of time. Working at NCM is a wonderful opportunity to re-invest time in the community. Please consider serving the community in this way. Thank you.

**Presbyterian Women**  
By  
**Carol MacGregor**



The LionHeart Theatre  
Company

**Be a Presbyterian Woman this year!**

Plan to join us for the *Horizons* Bible Study and other program we support. Be sure to check the Presbyterian Women bulletin board in the church hallway to keep up to date on events of interest to women of the Presbyterian churches.

“When You Loved the Least of These” is the theme of a Tri Presbytery Mission Conference to be held on Saturday, November 6 at Shallowford Presbyterian Church, Atlanta. Worship, a Keynote address “Mobilizing the Church for Mission”, Workshops, Luncheon and an International Market Place and Bookstore are included in the day’s offering. Child care is available. Flyers with complete details and registration information are posted on the Presbyterian Bulletin Board in the narthex.

Bible Study using Horizons 2004-2005 Study entitled “What She Said” will begin in October. All women are invited to join this opportunity to look in depth at the actual quotable words by women in the Old and New Testaments. Fill out one of the questionnaires posted on the PW bulletin board to help us reach a consensus on meeting days and times. Telephone Carol MacGregor if you have any questions about the study.

Lionheart Theatre Company will present “Merry Christmas Charlie Brown” December 7,9,14,16 at 7:00 and 7:30 pm (two shows each night). The show will be at the Royal, 19 Jones Street in downtown historic Norcross. Tickets are \$5.00 and include punch and cookies after the performance. All audience members are also encouraged to bring a box of cereal to be donated to the Norcross Cooperative Ministry. For reservations call the Royal at 77-823-0694 or access the website at [royalnorcross.com](http://royalnorcross.com)

**Childcare**  
By  
**Melissa Fry**

**CANDLES, CANDLES, CANDLES!**

The Preschool is selling candles as our fundraiser again this year. There are many of the same yummy flavors as last year and some especially yummy new ones. They are \$12 a candle and they make a wonderful birthday gift, Christmas gift or just an everyday gift for yourself. I will be setting up a table in the narthex before and after church. So, stop by and see me! Thank you for your support! Blessings - Melissa

**THANK YOU!**

What can I say except Thank You.....Thank you for being our family, thank you for the wonderful surprise baby shower, thank you for all of the special gifts for Murphy and for Kayla, thank you for the many tasty meals, and thank you for being there for us during all that we have been through. We are thankful for you all!!

Much Love - The Fry Family

**CELEBRATING  
November  
BIRTHDAYS**

|    |              |
|----|--------------|
| 2  | Cal Bernardo |
| 3  | Mundy Rado   |
| 3  | Jo Crymes    |
| 10 | Jo Lovell    |
| 13 | Rich Brown   |
| 18 | Glory Hanna  |
| 26 | Deb Bain     |
| 30 | Matthew Ward |



**Newsletter Articles**

News articles may be submitted to the church office prior to November 21 for publication in the December **CrossWord**. Calendar updates will be made on the website as they are provided.

# November 2004

| Sun   | Mon                              | Tue  | Wed   | Thu                                   | Fri       | Sat   |
|---|----------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|-----------|---|
|   | <i>1</i><br><br>7:00 Boy Scouts  | <i>2</i><br><br>10:00 PW Bible Study<br>6:30 LionHeart<br>7:00 District Commissioner | <i>3</i><br><br>Pumpkin Removal<br><br>Wednesday Night Dinner<br>6:00—Youth Co-op<br>6:30— Praise Kids  | <i>4</i>                              | <i>5</i>  | <i>6</i><br><br>Santa Claus Express Begins        |
| <i>7</i><br><br>9:15 SS<br>10:30 Worship Service<br>3:00 Adult Bells<br>4:00—Youth Bells<br>5:00—Youth Choir<br>6:30—Youth Group                                      | <i>8</i><br><br>7:00 Boy Scouts  | <i>9</i><br><br>6:30 LionHeart   | <i>10</i><br><br>Wednesday Night Dinner<br>6:30—Youth— Movie<br>6:30— Praise Kids<br>7:30—Chancel choir | <i>11</i>                             | <i>12</i> | <i>13</i>   |
| <i>14</i><br><br>9:15 SS<br>10:30 Worship Service<br>Advent Planning<br>3:00— Session<br>3:00 Adult Bells<br>4:00—Youth Bells<br>5:00—Youth Choir<br>6:30—Youth Group | <i>15</i><br><br>7:00 Boy Scouts | <i>16</i>  | <i>17</i><br><br>Wednesday Night Dinner<br>6:00—Youth-Co-op<br>6:30— Praise Kids<br>7:30—Chancel choir  | <i>18</i><br><br>7:30—Troop Committee | <i>19</i> | <i>20</i>   |
| <i>21</i><br><br>9:15 SS<br>10:30 Worship Service<br><br>6:15 Choir<br>7:30— Community Thanksgiving Service   | <i>22</i><br><br>7:00 Boy Scouts | <i>23</i>  | <i>24</i><br><br>NO Wednesday Night Activities  | <i>25</i><br><br>Thanksgiving         | <i>26</i> | <i>27</i><br><br>10:00 am "Hanging of the Greens" |
| <i>28</i><br><br>Advent Begins<br><br>9:15 SS<br>10:30 Worship Service<br>3:00 Adult Bells<br>4:00—Youth Bells<br>5:00—Youth Choir<br>6:30—Youth Group                | <i>29</i><br><br>7:00 Boy Scouts | <i>30</i>  |   |                                       |           |   |