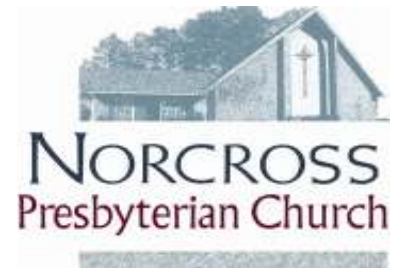


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## November 2009

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November is the month for Thankfulness. Every year I hear about many families who go around the Thanksgiving table, and everyone says a couple of things for which they are thankful.

So here's some of mine. I'm thankful for Diane Lewis, who spends every day in October practically living at the church. Her positive attitude in a yearly time of immense service is something that we all (certainly self included) could learn from.

I'm thankful for Larry Fluehr, who spends about every other day (probably more actually) in the pumpkin patch.

I'm thankful for Jason Bernardo, who very likely sleeps in that "Pete the Pumpkin" outfit during October. He dons it so much, I'm surprised he hasn't come to church in it yet.

I'm thankful for Ken Birmingham, Farmer Ken, who knows more about pumpkins than humans ought to remember. For Carol McGregor and Lyn Ferraiolo, and others who lovingly display to preschool visitors the love of God in action.

I'm thankful for Rod Lewis, who does a lot of behind the scenes work by moving pumpkins, pallets, and all sorts of other stuff to keep the patch looking good, and to keep break down of the patch to a minimum. For Nathan Smith and Jonathan Bartlett who did a lot of rearranging and more behind the scenes work.

I'm thankful for Laura Lankford, who is our pumpkin accountant, and daily reports our sales to the Pumpkin People in New Mexico.

I'm thankful for the folks who worked three Tuesdays at the downtown Norcross Whistle-stop Farmers' Market from 4:00 to 8:00, Carol MacGregor, Beth Miller, and Lyn and Gina Ferraiolo.

I'm thankful for the countless bakers of cookies, who dropped off more than 400 cookies for our preschool visitors.

I'm thankful for Chip Plyler driving a fork lift, and for the many members and boy scouts who unloaded pumpkins in under 3 hours this year.

I'm thankful for the many men who (along with Kayla) set up the patch on Saturday, 26 September, and for the people who helped break it down and drive leftover pumpkins to the Yellow River Game Ranch.

And I'm thankful for the people who sit in the patch, selling pumpkins, and connecting with the community.

Thanks be to God for a wonderful year of service in the patch.

As I am always,  
Yours in Christ,

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus.  
I Corinthians 1:4 (NRSV)



***Peachtree Corners  
Community Thanksgiving Service  
Sunday, November 22, 2009  
7:00 p.m.***

***Hosted by Norcross Presbyterian Church***

All are welcome to attend the annual Community Thanksgiving Service, an ecumenical service of worship to be held at **Norcross Presbyterian Church, 3324 Medlock Bridge Road, Norcross, GA 30092**. Join with others from the community to worship and give thanks to God who abundantly blesses us.

Visit with neighbors and friends at the reception following worship.

***Community Choir***

Enjoy seasonal music sung by our Community Choir and the congregation. If you're interested in participating in the choir, contact Valerie Stipcak at [vstipcak@hotmail.com](mailto:vstipcak@hotmail.com).

***Children's Choir***

A combined children's choir for elementary school children will also participate in the service. If your child would like to sing with us, contact Valerie Stipcak at [vstipcak@hotmail.com](mailto:vstipcak@hotmail.com).

***Norcross Cooperative Ministry***

Learn more about Norcross Cooperative Ministry and join with the community in expressing our appreciation for all the volunteers at NCM.

***A Time for Giving and Thanksgiving***

Please bring your donations of canned or nonperishable food items for the food pantry at Norcross Cooperative Ministry. During worship, we will also collect a special offering in support of NCM ministries.

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## November and December 2009 announcements for

# *The NPC Ringers*

*Handbells are open to all musicians*



**Thanksgiving and Advent are coming!  
There are only seven rehearsals left in  
November and December.**

**Our next rehearsal is Sunday Nov. 1.** We will be playing at the morning and evening Thanksgiving services on Nov. 22. NPC is the host for the community service. And of course there will be ringing in Advent.

If you are interested in ringing, and if you have **ever** played an instrument or sung in a chorus for a year or so:

***You can do it!***

There is always room for another ringer. The NPC Ringers are open to all musicians Middle School age and up. You do *not* have to be a member of NPC to play. We have a slots open at the high end.



## Handbell Calendar for Nov. — Dec. 2009

Date	Ringers' Activities	Comments
November 1, 8, 15	Rehearsals at 1:30 PM	Thanksgiving and Advent Music
November 22	Setup to play at 8:45 AM and 5:30 PM (exact time to be determined)	<b><i>Thanksgiving Services, morning and evening, at NPC</i></b>
November 22	NO 1:30 PM rehearsal	<b><i>HAPPY Thanksgiving!</i></b>
November 29	Rehearsal at 1:30 PM	Advent Music
Dec. 6, 13, 20	Rehearsals at 1:30 PM	Advent Music, Christmas Music
December ???	Participation in services	<b><i>Dates to be announced</i></b>

# NPC Youth News

## By Melissa Fry

To all NPC Family.....

**On Sunday, November 15th, the youth of Norcross Presbyterian Church will be hosting a fundraiser/silent auction!** We will cook and serve you dinner at 6:00pm - Adults are \$7, Children 5 and up are \$4, and Children under 5 are free! We will have a sign-up sheet starting this Sunday, so we know how many people are coming and can cook accordingly!

We will begin the bidding for the silent auction on Sunday, November 8th! The youth will be auctioning off their time and talents - from babysitting, to cooking, to wrapping Christmas presents! The money that we raise will go towards the Montreat Summer Youth Conference 2010! We hope to take a big group this year and this fundraiser will help us out tremendously financially! We will announce the winners of the silent auction at the dinner on Sunday, November 15th!

If you have any questions, please talk to Melissa Fry or Sarah Brown! The youth are very excited about this opportunity to help out their church family!!

Thank you,  
Melissa



**2009 CALENDAR of ADVENT EVENTS**  
*at*  
**NORCROSS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, November 22	7:00 p.m.	<b>Community Thanksgiving Service</b> NPC is this year's host for the community-wide service in Peachtree Corners.
Saturday, November 28	10:00 a.m.	<b>Hanging of the Greens</b> Join your friends and decorate the Sanctuary for the Christmas season.
Sunday, November 29	10:30 a.m.	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent – Crismon Tree #1</b> Bring your family's favorite Christmas ornament to hang on our NPC tree.
Saturday, December 5	8 to 11:00 a.m.	<b>Breakfast with Santa</b> (times are still tentative) Sponsored by our Men's Group. The menu includes French toast sticks, sausage, fruit, juice, milk, and coffee. <b>Santa will make a special appearance at 8:30 a.m.</b>
	6:00 to 9:30 p.m.	<b>Youth Group Free Babysitting</b> Providing an opportunity for parents to Christmas shop. This is available to church members as well as parents of children in our childcare program. For children 12mos.-5 <sup>th</sup> grade. Snacks provided. There is no charge, but donations are accepted.
Sunday, December 6	10:30 a.m.	<b>2nd Sunday in Advent – Crismon Tree #2</b> Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday, December 13	11:00 a.m.	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent – Christmas Cantata</b> There will be no contemporary worship segment this day. <b><i>Please note worship begins at 11:00.</i></b>
	after worship	<b>Potluck Christmas Luncheon</b> Right after worship, we will celebrate with a Christmas luncheon in honor of our choir.
Wednesday, December 16	6:00 p.m.	<b>Christmas Potluck Supper</b> Share a Christmas Potluck Dinner during our Wednesday Night Dinner time.
Friday, December 18	11:30 a.m.	<b>NPC Preschool Christmas Program</b>
Saturday, December 19	4:45 to 8:00 p.m.	<b>Youth Group Progressive Dinner</b> <b>Meet at church at 4:45 p.m.</b> Pick up at the Fry's at 8:00 p.m. (Times subject to change depending on host locations.) Please bring a white elephant gift.

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Sunday, December 20	10:30 a.m.	<b>4th Sunday in Advent — Jesse Tree</b> Drama performance during worship by the NPC Players
	3-5:00 p.m.	<b>Rainbow Village Kids Shopping</b> Church-sponsored Target visit. Gift cards can be brought to church in advance.
Monday, December 21	TBD	<b>Grief Service</b> Service of grieving for those experiencing loss this Christmas season
Thursday, December 24	5:00 p.m.	<b>Christmas Eve Services</b> Family/Children's Service Candlelight Service with Holy Communion
	7:00 p.m.	
Wednesday, January 6, 2010	6:20 p.m.	<b>Take down Christmas decorations from Sanctuary</b> Following the Wednesday Night Dinner

Visit our website at [www.norcrosspresbyterian.org](http://www.norcrosspresbyterian.org) for any changes or additions.

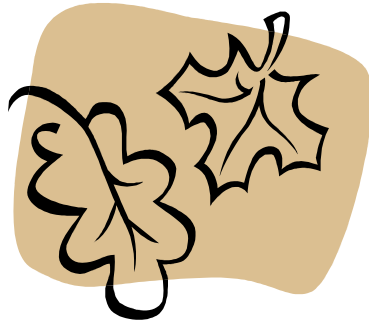


## *Santa Claus Express 2009*

A sign that the Advent and Christmas season is approaching has come already. Presbyterian Homes of Georgia is sending its **Santa Claus Express** out during November. Gifts for residents of the several Presbyterian Homes in Georgia will be taken from Norcross Presbyterian Church to the local delivery site on December 2 this year. A 2009 list of suggested gift items (similar to previous years) will be available in your bulletin on Sunday, November 1.

**Our participation in gathering items for the senior residents of these homes brightens many lives at Christmas.**

**BEST WISHES TO OUR  
NOVEMBER  
BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS**



- 2 Calvin Bernardo
- 3 Mundy Rado
- 3 Jo Crymes
- 18 Glory Hanna

**\*\*For the latest scheduling additions and updates, view our online calendar at\*\***

<http://calendar.yahoo.com/norcrosspres>

# November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:15 SS/NPC 9:15 Praise Team 9:30 Prayer Shawl 10:30 NPC Worship 12:00 SS/KYC 1:00 KYC Worship 1:30 NPC Ringers 2:30 KYC Fellowship 6:00 Youth Group 7:30 KYC Class	<b>2</b> 6:30 Boy Scouts	<b>3</b> 7-9:30 District BSA Commissioners' Mtg 8:00 KYC Class	<b>4</b> 5:45 WND— Plyler/Bartlett 6:30 Discussion 7:30 Chancel Choir 8:30 KYC Worship	<b>5</b> 6:45 Jr. Girl Scouts 8:30 KYC Class	<b>6</b> 9:00 Youth Group Lock-in begins 9:00 KYC Prayer Meeting	<b>7</b> 8:00 Youth Group Lock-in ends 10:30 KYC Bible Study
<b>8</b> 9:15 SS/NPC 9:15 Praise Team 9:30 Prayer Shawl 10:30 NPC Worship 12:00 SS/KYC 1:00 KYC Worship 1:30 NPC Ringers 2:30 KYC Fellowship 3:00 Session Mtg. 6:00 Youth Group 7:30 KYC Class	<b>9</b> 6:30 Boy Scouts	<b>10</b> 8:00 KYC Class	<b>11</b> Preschool Early Release @ 11:30am 5:45 WND—Fry 6:30 Discussion 7:30 Chancel Choir 8:30 KYC Worship	<b>12</b> Preschool Early Release @ 11:30am 8:30 KYC Class	<b>13</b> 9:00 KYC Prayer Meeting	<b>14</b> 7:00am-4:00pm Pickron Rental 10:30 KYC Bible Study
<b>15</b> 9:15 SS/NPC 9:15 Praise Team 9:30 Prayer Shawl 10:30 NPC Worship 12:00 SS/KYC 1:00 KYC Worship 1:30 NPC Ringers 2:30 KYC Fellowship 6:00 Youth Auction and Dinner	<b>16</b> 6:30 Boy Scouts	<b>17</b> 8:00 KYC Class	<b>18</b> 5:45 WND— Helmstetter 6:30 Discussion 7:30 Chancel Choir 8:30 KYC Worship	<b>19</b> 6:45 Jr. Girl Scouts 8:30 KYC Class	<b>20</b> 9:00 KYC Prayer Meeting	<b>21</b> 10:30 KYC Bible Study
<b>22</b> 9:15 SS/NPC 9:15 Praise Team 9:30 Prayer Shawl 10:30 NPC Worship 12:00 SS/KYC 1:00 KYC Worship 2:30 KYC Fellowship 7:00 <b>Community Thanksgiving Service</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30 Boy Scouts	<b>24</b> <i>newsletter deadline</i> 8:00 KYC Class	<b>25</b> Gwinnett Co. Holiday Preschool Closed No NPC Activities 8:30 KYC Worship	<b>26</b> Thanksgiving Holiday Preschool and Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving! 8:30 KYC Class	<b>27</b> Thanksgiving Holiday Preschool and Office Closed 9:00 KYC Prayer Meeting	<b>28</b> 10:00 Hanging of the Greens 10:30 KYC Bible Study
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