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Christmas Eve Services

For the last few years we've held only two evening services on Christmas Eve. This year we will return to our three services.

At 6:00 p.m. the worship service will be designed to let families gather and celebrate the Lord's birth. The music will be the hymns our children love to sing. Dr. Parr will not wear his black robe, but will have a Christmas Sweater. Nor will he stand behind the pulpit, but sit in a rocking chair surrounded by our children as he shares his Christmas story.

The 7:00 p.m. worship service will be designed as a more traditional service, with hymns the adults have come to love. At 11:00 p.m. we will have a service which will include The Lord's Supper. All services will include a time for sharing together through the time of Candlelight.

Mark your calendars now; set your party and family time around the worship of our Lord.

Bobby Brown to Preach

Part of the sign of a church taking the Call of Christ seriously is the growing up of our young people to serve the Lord. Our Bobby Brown has felt the call to the Word and Sacrament. He is presently in Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi. As a first year seminarian he has been deep in study of the Bible and sermon preparation.

We will get the first chance to see whether he has been paying attention in class. On December 30, 2007, Bobby will fill our pulpit. Let us celebrate with him this journey, and support him in his ministry by making this Sunday a special day.

Family Christmas Party

Make plans to attend our 2nd Annual Family Christmas Party, which is just around the corner. This time of the year, our calendars fill up so quickly, so please make sure that this last big fellowship event of the year fits into your family's scheduling.

We'll enjoy cookies & cocoa, a coloring contest for ALL ages, festive Christmas music to hear and sing, the dedication of our Local Missions Angel Tree, and yes, even Santa. See you there!

- fellowship committee

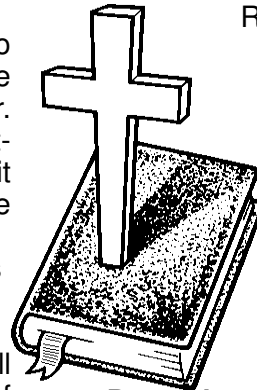


December Lectionary

December 2, 2007

1st Sunday of Advent - Communion Sunday

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122;
Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44



December 9, 2007

2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19;
Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

December 16, 2007

3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10;
James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

December 23, 2007 - 4th Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;
Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

December 24, 2007 - Christmas Eve

6:00 p.m. Service - Luke 2:1-7
7:00 p.m. Service - Luke 2:1-7; Isaiah 9:2-7
11:00 p.m. Service - Luke 2:1-7; Titus 2:11-14

December 30, 2007 - 1st Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148;
Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

Advent is Almost Here

Join us December 1, 10:30am, in the sanctuary for the annual Hanging of the Greens! "Many hands" will make it easier to transform our sanctuary for the Advent season.

The following weekend the poinsettias are due to arrive, and we will begin a new tradition: the Shelving of the Reds. Come join us to see what that means!

If you like decorating, your help is wanted at either or both of these events as we welcome in another Christmas at The Nor'kirk!

Choir Cantata

This Advent season the chancel choir will sing *One Small Child* as the Christmas cantata. Please join us Sunday evening, December 9, at 7:00pm for this celebration of the Incarnation!



The tradition of giving and receiving gifts at Christmastime has its roots in the story of the Magi and the Christ Child. The so-called "wise men" from the East followed the star and presented dramatic and ironic gifts to the babe in the manger, so the story goes.

The gifts were indeed ironic and symbolic. The **gold** represented kingship, **frankincense** represented divinity, and **myrrh** was a burial ointment. The gifts and the visit of the Magi were a prefiguration of the suffering of Jesus as well as a salute to His death.

Gift giving is universal in human cultures. It is one way that people celebrate their relationship to one another. Gifts of enjoyment and entertainment are fun to receive. It is also fun, sometimes, to get a utilitarian gift, like a tie, or a steam iron. Giving gifts, then, is a way we define our roles and obligations each to the other. But the true Spirit of Christmas lies behind the gift. This is the gift that counts.

The gift that changes lives and makes for new community is the gift of self. That is why it is so important for people to put themselves at risk in giving. Working in the social service programs as a volunteer is a gift of great value. Helping as a volunteer in a hospital or working with people in a hospice are expressions of the gift of self.

The gift of oneself is the appropriate gift at Christmas. The Christmas story suggest that God gave Himself to the world in the form of the babe of Bethlehem. To give oneself to others - parents, children, neighbors, those in need of us - is the gift that ultimately gives Christmas its magic and its power.

Look over your gift list. Simplify it by imagining the gift of self.

Merry Christmas, Bill and Angi

Movie Warning

Recently there have been ads concerning the movie "The Golden Compass." The movie is based on the works of Phillip Pullman, a proud atheist who belongs to secular humanist societies. He openly states that he hates C. S. Lewis's Chronicle of Narnia, and wrote his trilogy to counter Lewis's Christian story.

Snopes.com has an article on this movie and Mr. Pullman, and before you see this movie, please read more about what the movie is professing. While the ads make the movie out to be another epic Children's Story, the theme is one that might better be suited for adults. While not trying to dismiss this movie or books upon which it is based, this is a good time to consider what a movie says, and how we as Christians monitor what we ourselves and our children watch.

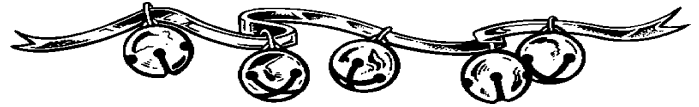
Operation Shoebox

On Sunday, Nov. 18th over 200 shoeboxes filled with toys, candy and sundry items were delivered to Prestonwood Baptist church.

The 2008 Confirmation Class set a goal of 187 boxes, one more than last year's class. They had support in meeting this goal from The Nor'kirk Preschool, a Girl Scout troop that meets in Price Hall, many members of the congregation, and an anonymous donor who donated money to help buy plastic shoeboxes, toys, and postage to ship the completed boxes.

Additionally, the "mission" project of last summer's VBS program was a drive to supply items for the shoeboxes, so the class had a lot of things to pack, and they spent their Sunday School hour on the 18th doing just that, with the help of the 4th & 5th grade class. Members of the ARKK Sunday School class and the Sr. High class supplied packed boxes too.

We didn't know the final count until sometime during worship on that Sunday; and we still aren't certain if it was 205 boxes or 207 boxes, but either way, the class met their goal! Thank you to everyone who made this a possibility, and special thanks to Ben Ewart, Craig Hines, and Mike McCown for transporting the boxes to Prestonwood Baptist church.



Carter Blood Drive at the Nor'Kirk

Christmas is a time for giving. We are called to give abundantly. On Sunday, December 9th, we will be asked to give of ourselves during the Nor'Kirk's Blood Drive.

We sponsor blood drives three times a year to meet the critical need for blood in our community. A healthy person can donate blood every 56 days. Individuals opting to "double-donate" through the apheresis process may donate every 112 days.

The Nor'Kirk is blessed to have a contingent of "steady givers." They readily roll up their sleeves and donate their blood to help others. Each unit of blood may actually help three people.

We'd like to add to that list of givers at the upcoming blood drive. If you are 17 years of age, weigh 110 pounds and are in good health, please consider donating blood on December 9th. There are sign up sheets posted in the Narthex and walk-ins are definitely welcome.

Recent health concerns of congregation members remind us of the importance of giving this gift. A gift only one person may give to another. On December 9th, give the gift of life.

Nor'kirk Post Office

Thanksgiving arrived early this year, allowing all of us an entire week extra in November for Christmas shopping, Christmas parties, and.....preparing our Christmas cards!

And again this year your Nor'kirk youth will offer the Nor'kirk Post Office, a special opportunity for you to "mail" Christmas cards and gifts to other members of the church family at a rate of only 20 cents per item! That's less than half of what you would pay at the post office, and we promise our delivery will be attempted on the same day your card is mailed!

We are back in business for our sixth year in operation. Money raised through this venture go to help pay youth camp and conference scholarships and to pay for other youth expenses throughout the year.

The Nor'kirk Youth Post Office will be in business each Sunday during December from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. Bundle up your Christmas cards, thank you notes and other items that you want to send to members of the Nor'kirk family, and come to the Banner Room, where you will see our postal elves busily sorting and stamping and distributing mail.

One request: please limit your address list to those Nor'kirk members and guests who live in the area and we will most likely see. Any mail that is not picked up will be mailed via the U.S. Post Office at the end of the season, but that takes from our profits, so if someone has moved away please go ahead and mail your card to them yourself – that means they will receive it earlier rather than around January 10th.

Special (secret) news For adults only!

New this year in The Nor'kirk Post Office – letters from Santa! If you want us to send special greetings from Santa to one of the Nor'kirk children, drop by the Banner Room on Sunday, December 2, 9, or 16 and complete a simple form. We'll make sure that Santa's greetings are delivered by the following Sunday. If more than one person buys a Christmas greeting for the same child, that's okay because we will vary the content of the letter. Cost is only \$1. And we'll keep your secret!



Join us for The Seniors Unlimited Christmas Bash!

Sunday, December 2nd at 6:00pm
in The Nor'kirk sanctuary.

The evening menu includes lasagna, salad, bread and dessert.

Activities include: Dinner,
Playing the card game "31", Singing
Christmas Carols

Please RSVP to the church office by
Monday, November 26th.

Welcome Harold to The Nor'kirk

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a letter of greeting from our new Youth Director, Harold Shuck. I hope you will all welcome Harold and take the opportunity to meet him soon. He comes to us with many years of experience working with youth from throughout the area and with our Presbytery and Synod youth ministry teams.

Harold has lots of great ideas from those programs and he hopes to bring them to our Nor'kirk youth. In fact, he has already started – just one week after closing down "The Hub" at his former church, he opened our Nor'kirk "Hub," a Wednesday afternoon fellowship time featuring coffee drinks, music, games, and just fun. While Harold will be concentrating largely on programs for our senior high youth, he will also want to get to know our middle school youth and to spend time with our college-aged youth.

Let's help Harold be successful in his youth ministry work with us. We hope he will be "one of us" for many years to come.

Welcome, Harold!

Pastoral Support Committee

The life of a pastor is a full one, with many demands and responsibilities. Recently, the Pastoral Support Committee has been reorganized in order to provide Reverend Parr a time to reflect on his ministry and life at the Nor'Kirk as well as giving the committee an opportunity to give Bill support in all of his endeavors.

A growing, healthy church is ever changing and Reverend Parr and the Session want to be aware and respond to your needs. The committee will meet on a regular basis and encourages input from the congregation. Let us know what you think is working, give us ideas for ways to improve! . Committee members include Tim McNutt, Joanne Bara, Diane Kiattinat, John Reas and Kelly Poydence. Please feel free to contact any member of the committee with your thoughts and suggestions.

Preschool News

From Diane Haist

The Preschool Silent Auction during the Fall Festival, was a great success, raising \$1,300.00 for new equipment. Thank you for supporting our preschool!

Our preschool families generously donated items for Operation Christmas Child and also goods to help stock the Metrocrest Senior Services pantry. Our children are preparing for the Christmas program : Thursday, Dec. 20th at noon in our sanctuary. Join us to hear their voices sing the story of Christmas.

Mark your calendars now for these upcoming weekend (and week-long) youth events:

Senior High Youth:

- Celebration, a spiritual retreat weekend: January 19-21 at Camp Gilmont. Registration deadline is January 1st.
- SHYC, our annual trip to Austin College in Sherman: February 1-3. Registration deadline is January 6th.
- Grace Presbytery Youth in Mission Trip (to Mexico June 12-22 or to West Virginia June 25-July 6) Registration deadline is January 10th.
- Mo Ranch Youth Celebration: June 22-27 or August 3-8. Registration deadline will be sometime in February.
- Synod Youth Workshop July 14-19 (tentative dates) Registration deadline will be sometime in February or March.



Middle School Youth:

- Spring YouthQuake at Camp Gilmont or Camp Prairie Valley: April 4-6 or April 11-13 at Camp Gilmont; April 18-20 or April 25-27 at Camp Prairie Valley. Registration deadline will be late January.
- Mo Ranch Junior High Jubilee: June 29-July 3 or July 6-10. Registration deadline will be sometime in February.

Elementary Youth:

- KidQuake at Camp Gilmont or Camp Prairie Valley: April 4-6 or April 11-13 at Camp Prairie Valley; April 18-20 or April 25-27 at Camp Gilmont. Registration deadline will be late January.

We've already mailed out packets about Celebration and SHYC to our Senior High Youth, and we will mail out information about the other programs as it becomes available. For now, get these dates on your calendars (our specific date for both YouthQuake and KidQuake will be determined by lottery drawing.)

You Are Needed - Get Involved!

We've had the election, training is under way, and we're planning for next year already. We would love to have everyone in the church plugged into a committee, whether it is attending meetings to help with planning or assuming a task which can be done in the background like making coffee, preparing communion elements, counting offering after church, taking attendance for Sunday School, etc.

Next year's session members are listed below. They will be calling you, but you can call them, too! Let's all get involved and help make The Nor'kirk a viable, alive organization/family.

Building and Grounds - Robert Hopper

Clerk - Kathy Wyman

Coordinating and Personnel - Joanne Bara

Evangelism and Outreach - Charlotte Moellering

Fellowship - Anne Thomas

Finance and Stewardship - Neal Harper

Ministry With Adults - Tim McNutt

Ministry With Children - Sandy Haltom

Ministry With Youth - Stan Parr

Missions – Local - Peg Kinkade

Missions – World - Donna McGrath

Worship and Music - Ben Ewart

Feel free to contact any of us if you have questions. We will be happy to try to direct you to the right area to fit your passion to serve.

- Kathy Wyman

Nor'kirk Book Club December Meeting

The next meeting of The Nor'kirk Book Club will be at Joanne Bara's house, 3528 Silverwood Drive, Carrollton, Texas, on Tuesday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m. Pat Kennedy will be helping with refreshments. The book being discussed is *The Kite Runner* by Khalid Hosseini. It's a fascinating book about Afghanistan, telling the story of the unlikely friendship between the son of a wealthy Afghan businessman and the son of his father's servant. It begins before the Russian invasion and ends after 9/11. Anyone interested in reading is invited to attend book club meetings. You can call Dru Banner (972.492.7810) for more information.

The Kirk News is published once a month. The deadline to submit articles is the 2nd Wednesday by 7 p.m. Articles can be submitted on disk or by email. All articles require the name of the submitter.

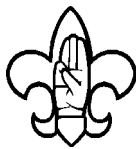
Men's Breakfast 2007

Join the Men of The Nor'kirk on the first Saturday of every month for the Men's Breakfast. Each month will feature a great breakfast, fun and fellowship along with opportunities to discuss current events, study the bible and provide a great outreach for the Nor'kirk. Bring your friends and neighbors! We can even provide wake up calls for you Saturday snoozers!

Join us Saturday, December 1, 2007 from 8 – 9:30 a.m. for the next Men's Breakfast! Food & fellowship RSVP to Tim McNutt at tim@ciloconsulting.com or 214-215-4065.

Interested in Small Groups?

The Small Group Ministry program has begun! Each week, groups' pray for the empty chair in hopes that someone new will join the group. Can you fill the empty chair? It's never too late to join a group. Contact Tim McNutt at 214-215-4065 for more information.



"To help other people at all times"
The Boy Scout Oath

The Boy Scouts of Troop 114, chartered here at The Nor'kirk, embodied this part of the Scout Oath when they prepared and served the November 5th meal at the Austin Street Centre. The boys (and their leaders) prepared two large pots of their signature "Cowboy Stew" and were able to offer "second" servings. Many rounds of applause reflected the thanks of the recipients. The Local Mission Ministry extends its thanks to Boy Scout Troop 114 for their support of this on-going project.

When we partner with other groups, we are able to provide more to those in need in our community. We will continue this partnership in December. The First Methodist Church of Carrollton (our neighbors up the road) will prepare the hot dish for the Monday, December 3rd meal.

The Nor'kirk will provide the hard-boiled eggs, crackers, bananas, pastries and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to round out the meal. With these donations, the homeless are provided with food for the next day. Please continue to support this ministry with your donations. Bring your hard-boiled eggs, bananas or saltine crackers to church on Sunday, December 2nd.

Begin the Advent season by donating a gift of time. Plan on staying after the 10:45 service on December 2nd to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. With many hands, we are usually done in less than an hour. If you have questions about this ministry, please contact Peg Kinkade at dankplant@juno.com

What's in a Name?

Have you noticed the church Web site's "new" name? Now you can reach the site at "www.TheNorkirk.org" (capitalization doesn't matter) as well as the old "www.norkirkpresbyterian.org." Either name goes to the same site. You may have seen both names referenced in the worship bulletins and around church, so I wanted to clear up any confusion. Any questions or comments? You can email me at webmaster@TheNorkirk.org! Ben Ewart, Nor'kirk Webmaster

Sr. High Gingerbread Churches

Back by popular demand, the Sr. High Sunday school class will be designing their gingerbread churches after Thanksgiving. At the conclusion of this event they will be in the halls for judging by the congregation. Please consider voting for your favorite church. Voting is done by cash donations. All donations will go to the Sr. High youth for future events.

Craft night is December 14th!

Come join us from 7pm-midnight in the Banner Room. This is a great time to write your Christmas cards or finish up your Christmas projects. Hope to see you there! Contact Susan Overstreet for questions (susanlynn3@verizon.net).

Sunday School Bible Study

9:45-10:30 AM
Room 3; CE Wing

Join Rev. Bill Parr as we study God's word directly from Scripture. Learn more about God's purpose for our lives by digging deeper into the Word and the power of the Holy Scriptures.

Please contact Tim McNutt @214-215-4065 or tim@ciloconsulting.com for more information.

Church Office Hours

As you know, the church office is run by our stellar staff of Mimi Forsythe and Nancy Harper from 9am to 1pm Monday through Friday. This is the best time to contact the church for any routine matters or concerns. Rev. Parr and Nancy Pratt, Director of Christian Education, also keep office hours in order to be available to attend to your needs and concerns. Rev. Parr is available at the church office Tuesday through Friday 9:30 am - 3:00 pm. Nancy's hours are Tuesday through Friday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. It is always helpful and encouraged to make appointments with them so you can have their undivided attention! Of course, appointments can also be made at other times when necessary to fit your schedule, and emergency numbers are posted on the answering machine message.

Pledge & Payoff

As we all read the Beatitudes, (Matthew 5) we seldom contemplate verses 15-16 "Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on lamp stand and let it give light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." The Nor'kirk can be the Shining Light. Please help us let our light shine! Please make the Commitment.

THE PLEDGE

The 2007 Fall pledge campaign is in full spring. Please complete the Pledge card below and return it to Rick Thomas. We want to wrap up the campaign on Sunday December 2. We will use these pledges to plan the expenses for 2008.

THE PAYOFF

The Session wants to start 2008 with the Mortgage paid in full. We need \$25,000 to payoff the mortgage and start the year with more flexibility. Please give an extra gift marked "Mortgage Payoff" by year end.

Nor'Kirk Presbyterian 2008 Pledge

I am making a commitment to support the Lord's work at the Nor'kirk Presbyterian through the following financial gifts

My Annual Commitment will be \$ _____

I will give it _____ per _____ week per _____ month per _____ quarter per _____ year

Name: _____

Signature _____

(Place in offering plate or in Rick Thomas's box in the church office.)

Give A Vehicle

If you have an extra vehicle that you have been considering donating, please call Charity Motors Car Donation Programs at 972-Charity (972- 242-7489). Tell them you want to donate the proceeds to The Nor'kirk. You will receive a tax deduction for helping the church.

Thanks, Stewardship and Finance

Hello Nor'kirk family.

My name is Harold Shuck and I'm your new youth director. Here are a few quick facts about me:

I was born in Fort Worth and grew up in Dallas. I attended schools in Farmers Branch and graduated from SMU with an engineering degree. My parents are still happily married and live in Carrollton. I live in Highland Village. My wife's name is Merry. My daughter is in high school and my son is a U.T. Longhorn.

I believe in experiential spiritual development. What I mean is... I believe that our youth grow in faith by doing things, so I believe in a strong, active youth ministry. I have been responsible for many active youth at Ridgeview Presbyterian, in Farmers Branch, and at Trinity Presbyterian, in Flower Mound. I'm also the director for Junior High Jubilee at Mo-Ranch. I have been in youth ministry for over 15 years and I'm still amazed, by the depth of understanding, the strength of commitment, and the life-changing discovery of talent and passion within our youth. It is my greatest blessing to have this opportunity to guide and nurture your youth. Although I take this responsibility very seriously, I have a tremendous amount of fun doing it. Thank you, so very much, for allowing me to be part of God's wonderful plan here at The Nor'kirk. I hope that peace and happiness surround you during this busy Christmas time, and I pray that youth add a dash of spice to make the season just a bit tastier. :)

*Sweetest Blessings, and Deepest gratitude,
Harold Shuck*

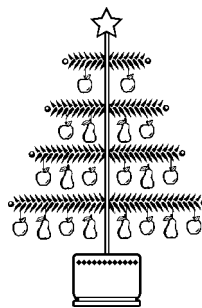
Christmas in Our Community

Share the joy of the holiday season with an under-privileged child in our community. This year, The Nor'Kirk will partner with the CFB-ISD's "Community in Schools" program to provide Christmas gifts for area school children.

They will work with a school district volunteer to write a Christmas wish list. The gift tags will be hung on the Christmas tree in The Nor'Kirk's Narthex. Generally, three items will be listed.

Please purchase one of the three items, wrap it and attach the holiday tag. Return your gift to The Nor'Kirk Community Christmas tree by Sunday, December 16th. Some of our Christmas helpers will deliver the gifts to the elementary and middle schools for distribution to the children.

Pick an ornament off our "Giving Tree" and share your blessings this holiday season.



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Mike Reeves



The Nor'kirk Orchestra will be participating in both worship services on December 16. *We will be playing two movements of the Corelli "Christmas Concerto" and our traditional postlude, Trepak, from the Nutcracker. That same evening, we will be part of the Nor'kirk Family Christmas at 6:00 p.m. You will enjoy a traditional, holiday favorite: Sleigh Ride. The orchestra will also provide the music for the sing-a-long on Leroy Anderson's "Christmas Festival."*

ABOUT THE KIRK ORCHESTRA

The Kirk Orchestra is a full orchestra, comprised of strings, woodwind, brass and percussion instruments.

Who's in the Kirk Orchestra? Here are some facts about us:

- ◆ 31 members total (+one director)
- ◆ 3 middle school musicians
- ◆ 15 high school musicians
- ◆ 3 college age musician
- ◆ 10 adult musicians

Only two members have a music degree. (One of those is the director!) 21 are members of the Nor'kirk. We are in our 7th season. All members are dedicated to using their God-given talents to glorify Him.

If you, or someone you know, would like to join us, please have them contact the church office. January would be a perfect time to start, as we will begin new music.

Praise Him with music! Charlotte Moellering, Director

Nor'kirk Mission Trip

We are going to Mexico!!!! We are planning on joining First Presbyterian of Lewisville. We will need people to build houses. Other projects might include teaching sewing, doing VBS, and taking a medical team. The dates have not been determined yet, but it should be the middle to the end of June 2008. More information to come. Donna McGrath, Missions Elder

Holiday Handyman

Do you have a list of projects you'd like to finish before the holidays? Are the calendar pages flipping by too quickly? If you need a helping hand, our Sexton Antonio Negrete is available. His phone number is 214-995-2436. Antonio is a master with the paintbrush. He is quick and neat. Antonio can also help with drywall and basic carpentry. He is also handy with yard work. Antonio works as a professional painter, but may have some extra time as the holidays and colder weather approach. Give him a call and see if he can help you with those holiday projects.

Good News...Bad News

The exciting, good news is that our beautiful accompanist, Laura Robertson, is engaged! The bad news is that her last Sunday will be December 19th. So, we are currently searching for a replacement. We are also interested in finding an ensemble director for the Hand Bell Choir. If you are interested in either position, or might know of someone who is, please have them call the church office or send a resume to Joanne Bara at syu51@yahoo.com.

Nor'kirk Book Club

Come help us celebrate the season by joining the Book Club members for dinner at Avalon's on Tuesday, Dec. 11th at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP by Dec. 9th to Joanne Bara at 972-965-9390 or syu51@yahoo.com This is a great opportunity to come and hear what we are all about and get in on the planning for next year.

Be watching for our debut page on The Nor'kirk Website that will give all of the upcoming dates and selections. SNEEK PREVIEW: In January join us for a potluck dinner and review the book Dying is No Excuse. Each member will make a recipe that is highlighted in the book for all to share. This is just another great way to experience the fellowship of The Nor'kirk!

Presbyterian Woman Annual Ornament Exchange

Please join us for the Presbyterian Women's Annual Ornament Exchange on Monday, Dec. 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Joanne Bara, 3528 Silverwood Drive, Carrollton, 75007. Bring a wrapped ornament valued no greater than \$10 to exchange, and an appetizer to share. I am sure many of you have already started to hunt for the most treasured ornament and it always proves to be a fun night of swapping and trading. If you need transportation or babysitting please call the church office (972-492-1578) or email to office@norkirkpresbyterian.org by Dec. 7th.