



# Pantops Beacon

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**WEF Meal, Kingdom Kids Create, and Bible Study**

Wednesday, January 15, starting at 5:45 PM

**Men's Breakfast at Tip Top**

Thursday, January 16, at 9:00 AM

**Town Hall Meeting**

Wednesday, January 22, at 6:00 PM

**Quarterly Business Meeting**

Sunday, January 26, at 12:15 PM

**Serve PACEM meal at University Baptist Church**

Monday, January 27

**Together on Tuesdays**

Tuesday, January 28, at 12:00 PM

**Wednesday Night Supper Rescheduled**

Due to snow last week, return to activities has been postponed to Jan 15. We will have our full schedule of events next Wednesday with Choir at 5:00, Supper and Kingdom Kids Create at 5:45 and Bible Study at 6:30.



Thank you to everyone who helped decorate our Mitten Tree with warm socks, gloves, hats, and scarves. We delivered a bag full of goodies to The Haven last week, just in time for this winter storm. Before the bag even made it into the building, a pair of gloves was handed out. As we did in 2024, we'll offer monthly opportunities to care for our neighbors, whether they live close by or far away. Coming up in January is serving a meal at the PACEM Men's Sleep Site and in February, the Souper Bowl of Caring.

**Attendance on January 5, 2025**

Worship - 45	Sunday School - 34
Budget	\$ 825.00
Other	\$ 2,117.00

**Financial Summary as of November 30, 2024**

Budget to Date	\$ 202,500.00
Actual Expenses to Date	\$ 210,685.00
Actual Giving to Date	\$ 202,148.00
Freeman Original Loan	\$ 120,000.00
Remaining Loan Balance	\$ 18,950.71

*Loose plate offerings are designated for budgeted expenses. Thank you for your faithful financial support of Pantops.*

**G**ift was given in memory of *Bill and Louise Kirby, and in honor of Ronnie and Deanna Kirby and Family* by Donna and Ricky Fowler and Family, and William and Family.



**C**ongratulations to Nick and Liz Deere on the birth of their daughter, Rowan Andrasi Deere! She was born on January 4 weighing in at 7 lbs. 3 ozs and 20 inches long.

# *From the Associate Pastor*

Marvel. That's my Star Word for this year. When I read it, I immediately thought of medieval cathedrals, Alpine meadows, mountain hikes, and sunrises at the beach. All places that fill me with wonder and awe. Yay! My Star Word was an encouragement for me to take more wonderful trips this year! We have some travel plans in mind, and I'm sure we'll be marveling at many more beautiful vistas. But I think there is more to my word than travel. I've already started thinking of some of my favorite passages of Scripture, one of which is "Be still, and know that I am God." As I type this, I can look out at our woods that are quietly filling with snow. We're not going anywhere today, even if our road gets plowed. Marvel just might have something to do with slowing down and giving space for reflection. Maybe it has something to do with picking up a book to read and finding that the author's words are just what I needed to hear. Maybe it has something to do with watching our grandchildren play together and thinking about this family we created when we joined our lives together almost 47 years ago. I look forward to discovering what Marvel means in my life in 2025 just as I focused on Renew in 2024. In fact, Marvel might just be another aspect of Renew.

Happy New Year! We may have some ideas of what we'd like to do in the coming year, but we can almost be guaranteed that there will be some events or occurrences that we wish had not come our way. Whatever is ahead for you or me, the welcome or the unwelcome, we'll go through it together in another one of God's marvelous gifts, the community at Pantops Community Church.

Journeying with you,  
Margarete

## **Christian Concerns**

Bill Downer, Ted Harwood, Pete Hildebrand, Ray Klein, Susan Marinan, Greg McDuffie,  
Kim Murdock, Cathy Musselman, Frances Parsons, Janice Poindexter, Bruce Poole, Marilyn Randels,  
Joseph Sesay, Edie Wheeler

Christian sympathy to Joe McDoal and Esther Cash on the death of their niece, Korri McDoal.

### *Pantops Beacon*

Pantops Community Church  
1525 Stony Point Road  
Charlottesville, VA 22911

**Sunday, January 12, 2025**

**Sermon Title:** "A Running Start"

Rev. Matt Roberts

**Text:** Luke 15:11-24

Sunday Morning Worship In Person and  
Online at 11:00 AM

January 8, 2025

# JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b> <b>Church Office</b> <b>Closed</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  AA Meeting 7:00
<b>5</b> Deacons Meeting 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Worship 11:00	<b>6</b>  AA Meeting 7:00	<b>7</b>  AA Meeting 6:00	<b>8</b>  Park View Bible Study 1:00  WED EVENING ACTICITIES POSPONED	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  AA Meeting 7:00
<b>12</b> Sunday School 9:45 Worship 11:00 Church Council Meeting 12:15	<b>13</b>  AA Meeting 7:00	<b>14</b> Embroidery Guild 11:00  AA Meeting 6:00	<b>15</b>  Park View Bible Study 1:00  Choir 5:00 Wednesday Evening Meal 5:45 Kingdom KIDS Create 5:45 Bible Study 6:30	<b>16</b> Men's Breakfast at Tip Top 9:00  Art and Soul 1:00	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  AA Meeting 7:00
<b>19</b> Sunday School 9:45 Worship 11:00	<b>20</b> <b>MARTIN LUTHER</b> <b>KING, JR. HOLIDAY</b> <b>Church Office</b> <b>Closed</b>  AA Meeting 7:00	<b>21</b>  AA Meeting 6:00	<b>22</b>  Park View Bible Study 1:00  Choir 5:00 Town Hall Meeting 6:00	<b>23</b>  Art and Soul 1:00	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  AA Meeting 7:00
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