

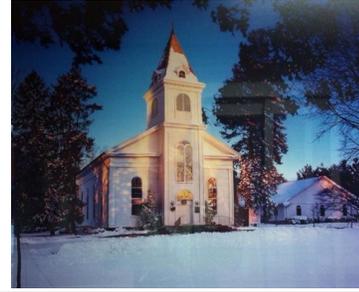
The Missive December 2019

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“Angels Among Us”

Do you believe in angels? This time of year we talk, or sing, about angels more than any other. Already on the radio you might be hearing “Angels from the Realms of Glory,” or “Angels We Have Heard On High.” But what do we think about angels? If they exist, who are they? Why don't we see them? If we did, what would they look like?

The scriptures speak occasionally of angels, both in the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament. But there are no real descriptions of them. The ideas we have of white robed beings with huge wings wearing halos don't really come from the Bible, but from medieval art. Angels appear to Abraham and Sarah in Genesis, but they are mistaken for three men. Angels appear to Joshua and Gideon but they seem to have human appearance. In the Gospel of Luke, an angel appears to Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, and to Mary to announce the birth of Jesus. They don't seem to mistake the angel for anything other than what he is. Angels also appear to Philip and Paul in the book of Acts. From these appearances we can say that an angel is a messenger from God (the word “angel” in Greek and Hebrew really means “messenger”), that they are spiritual beings created by God, and they carry out God's purposes.

So why don't we see them like people in ancient times did? Maybe we do . . .

You may remember the country music group Alabama. They did a song years ago called “Angels Among Us” in which the chorus goes

I believe there are Angels Among Us
Sent down to us from heaven above.

They come to you and me in our darkest hour
to show us how to live
to teach us how to give
to guide us with the light of love.

Their point is that angels might be anyone whom God sends to us to show his care, to deliver his Word, to carry out his purpose. There might be angels around us all the time. Maybe we don't see angels because we don't expect to see them.

Each Sunday this Advent we are going to look at a different angelic visitation. According to tradition there are four archangels of the heavenly host. But there are only two angels who are given names in the Bible, Michael and Gabriel. But if you look in the Books of the Apocrypha (these are books written in between the time of the Old and New Testaments) and especially in the Book of Tobit, God sends another one of his archangels, Raphael. On December 1st we will look at what the accounts of Michael have to teach us. On December 8th we will look at Raphael, and December 22nd the stories about Gabriel. December 15 is, of course, our Christmas Program and if you can't find any angels there, then you are really not looking!

Grace and Peace,

Mark

Suppose There Were No Christmas?

Christmas comes around each year
We've all come to expect it.
If we could choose the year's best day,
I'm sure we'd all elect it!

But I was wondering the other day
Just how on earth it would be,
If there were no Christmas anymore
No Gifts—no Christmas tree.

There was a time like that you know,
About two thousand years ago.

So let's pretend for a little while
Let's imagine for just a minute—
that we are living in a world
That has no Christmas in it.

I think I know what you'd miss most
If you're like most girls and boys—
You'd miss the holiday from school—
The presents and the toys.

There'd be no Christmas bells to ring,
No Hark, the Herald Angels Sing!

But more—far more would disappear
No colored lights—no holly
No Christmas cards—no mistletoe,
No Santa Clause so jolly.

No Merry Christmas! in the air
No Rudolph's bright red nose
No Bethlehem or 3 wise men
Or the Star above that glows.

But we would miss much more I fear
If there were no Christmas in our year.

For if there were no Bethlehem
There'd be no Christmas story
No journey and no crowded Inn
Whose manager was sorry.

There'd be no stable and no straw
No baby Jesus sleeping.
No sheep out on the starlit hills
Safe in their shepherds' keeping.

Just think of all that would be gone
If Christmas had never come along!

And then I thought—I suppose we could—
By thinking hard—invent one
Bring back the gifts and send a card
to everyone who sent one!

Make up a winter festival—
Around another reason
Hang up all kinds of other things,
Make up a happy season!

Couldn't we be just as happy and gay?
If Christmas were suddenly taken away!

And then I heard the sound of bells,
And remembered the story that Christmas tells,
And I knew that nothing could take its place
Nothing could say to the whole human race—

“Behold I bring news—glad tidings of joy,
A gift beyond price to each girl and each boy.
The gift of God's Son—his peace and his love
The gift of a Christmas that comes from above.”

And then in the quiet that filled the room
I thought I heard a voice.
'Twas the sound of a thousand Christmases
Shouting rejoice and again rejoice!

Sing Hark, the Herald Angels Sing
And shepherds all awake,
The joy of Christmas is a thing
That only God could make!

And I knew again that Christmas is true
And that we could never invent it.
For the only reason we have Christmas at all
Is because God's love has sent it.

Rev. Philip J. Lyon
First Presbyterian Church
Richland, Michigan
December 20, 1987





December Volunteer Assignments

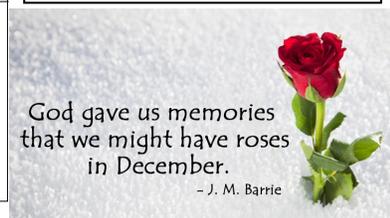
	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Coffee</u>	<u>Nursery Help</u>
1	Saddler	Odell Irey D Saddler	Leiter Wieber	Lovequist
8	Hoekstra	Jones Kendall	L&G Lindenberg Vantine	Smith
15	Mason	Mason Petersen Stafford	Young Barts	Gauthier
22	Remley	Rothenberg Inman Field	Sutherland Cazers	Carisalez
29	G Gross	Wittwer E & M Davis	Romyak VOLUNTEERS	Stafford

May and October, the best-smelling months? I'll make a case for December: evergreen, frost, wood smoke, cinnamon.
Lisa Kleypas

I heard a bird sing in the dark of December. A magical thing. And sweet to remember. We are nearer to Spring than we were in September. I heard a bird sing in the dark of December.
Oliver Herford

Brothers and sisters, true love is a reflection of the Savior's love. In December of each year we call it the Christmas spirit. You can hear it. You can see it. You can feel it.
Thomas S. Monson

Remember This December, that love weighs more than gold!
Josephine D D Bacon
How did it get so late so soon?
Dr. Seuss



24 Wright's Stafford & J&G Gibson



Serving Communion

Please remember that only ordained elders and deacons should serve communion.

December 1
Nancy Lynch
Ruth Mason
Val Osborne
Gene Rothenberg
Sharon Rothenberg

January 5
Nancy Remley
Judy Ruser
Jack Sizer
Brent Slezak
Sheryl Slezak

February 2
Shannon Smith
Jean Sowers
George Spengler
Jennifer Spengler
Tom Stegink

*We rely on many members and friends to help Sundays run smoothly and be a good worship experience for those attending our church. **If for some reason you are not able to help on the day originally selected, please find a replacement or someone to trade with, and let the church office know.** The yearly list of volunteers can be found at www.fpcrich.com, under "Living the Faith", then "volunteer schedule". **Or call Julie for a list of names. Thank you!***

December 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 Chancel Choir 9:45 Worship - Communion 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Adult SS	2 9:00 Care Team 10:30 Office Staff 6:00 Coping With Loss 7:00 Boy Scouts	3 10:00 Connected Threads 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 Girl Scouts	4 5:30 Girl Scouts 6:00 Girl Scouts	5 9:00 Bible Study 4:00 Chancel Choir 5:30 Wassailing Here and in the Village	6	7
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15 8:30 Chancel Choir 9:45 Worship - Christmas Pageant 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Adult SS	16 9:00 Care Team 10:30 Office Staff 7:00 Boy Scouts	17 10:00 Connected Threads 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 Girl Scouts	18 5:30 Girl Scouts 6:00 Girl Scouts 7:00 Boy Scout Leaders	19 9:00 Bible Study 4:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Cub Pack Mtg.	20	21
22 8:30 Chancel Choir 9:45 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Adult SS	23 10:30 Office Staff	24 <i>Office Closed</i> 7:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i> 	26 <i>Office Closed</i>	27	28
29 9:45 Worship	30	31 10:00 Connected Threads <i>Happy New Year Be Safe!!</i>				



**First Presbyterian Church
Presbyterian Women Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2019, 1 pm**

Location – Wanda Clawson’s home.

Pam Foster opened the meeting with prayer. The least coin container was shared around the table.

Present: Wanda Clawson, Margaret Hetzel, Kalli Inman, Sara Wieber, Nancy Lynch, Pam Foster

Minutes from the last meeting were shared and approved.

Old Business

Margaret shared the financial update: PW balance as of 11/6/19 **\$11,991.02**.

Final totals from: Dessert Tent \$1,357.52 and Rummage Sale \$3,405.25.

Several thank you notes were read: Samaratis for our \$2,000 gift and several notes from the students at Gateway. The students come on Thursday evening before the rummage sale and select first a “need” item and then a “want.” Their notes were heartwarming and we enjoyed them.

Spring rummage sale dates are May 1 & 2, 2020.

Margaret came across a donation receipt for \$300 in 2016 from Wycliffe. We were uncertain when and how much we might have given them in the past. She also briefly read some of their most recent newsletter to us.

Funeral luncheons - Kalli updated the letter to include local caterers to be shared when funeral luncheons take place at our church. The Deacons will provide a presence and assist the families; but will not coordinate with the caterers. That is left to the individual families.

Kitchen stove – A list of cleaning instructions should be displayed by the stove. Pam received a copy of the stove cleaning guidelines from Julie and shared them with the group. Michelle Greve has a stove similar to the one in the kitchen and several people thought it would be helpful to ask Michelle what specific instructions should be displayed. Pam will contact Michelle and ask for her advice.

New Business

Janet Sadler was honored with a brick with her name on it to be placed in the pathway next to the memorial garden. Over the years, Janet has served our church in numerous ways and Julie Pixley shared in detail Janet’s volunteer efforts. Thank you again, Janet!

Terry Vantine and Kalli Inman were both presented with a Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership for their dedication and work in PW over the years. Thank you Terry and Kalli!

The mitten tree is once again up and ready for all new additional items...scarves, mittens, gloves, and hats. Let’s fill it up!

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Attention all bakers...it's time to make cookies (no nuts or frosting) for shut-ins, the YMCA, the juvenile home, the Gospel Mission, etc. Please have them to the church by December 12th. Sara has the poster in the GP room for people to sign-up.

A question was raised about the water cans we donated money (\$200) to earlier this year. Pam will talk with Andy to see if water has been purchased, etc.

On December 4th, the PW year-end donation amounts will be determined. In addition to the numerous places on our budget to receive donations, the following were also discussed as potential recipients:

GL Food Pack Program – Pam will contact Ed Schadt for current needs.

Gilmore Car Museum-“Garage Works”

Gateway – Pam will contact them to see what current needs they might have.

Richland Food Pantry – money needed for shelving, etc.? Pam will talk with Rick and others.

First Day Shoe Fund – Pam will bring information.

Pam will have contact information available in the event we make donations to any or all of the places listed above.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 4th, at 1 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Pam Foster, Secretary



MONEY MATTERS

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of November 17, we had received 44 General Fund pledges totaling \$108,900. This represents roughly 38% of the income needed to cover operating and Mission expenses for an average year, and a little over half of the number (count) of pledges that are typically received. There were 15 Building Fund pledges totaling \$11,920, which is about 30% of average.

If you have already made your 2020 pledge, thank you! If you have not had an opportunity to do so, you may place your pledge form in the offering plate on Sunday, email our Financial Secretary, Brandy Dlugoss, at firstpresbyterianchurch49083@gmail.com, or mail your form to the church office. THANK YOU for your commitment! Pledges are a critical piece of the budgeting equation, assisting Session in maintaining fiscal responsibility.

FINANCIAL REPORT 2019

At the close of October, we are projecting a multi-year deficit of \$10.4K. This is an increase in deficit over last month's projections, due to lower giving in October than was budgeted. There is currently a deficit balance of \$1.6K in the General Fund, meaning, we are "borrowing" from designated funds in order to meet our operational expenditures.

As the year draws to a close, please be sure to review your giving and "keep up, catch up, or step up" as you are able. We would love to close this year without having to carry over the burden of a deficit into 2020. We are so close!

As of October 31, fund balances are:



If you are not attending worship, your pledge/offering may be mailed to the attention of the Financial Secretary. Our mailing address is 8047 Church Street, Richland, MI 49083.

Questions? Comments? Contact Sandy Carahaly, Elder, Finance Committee

2020 Stewardship
First Presbyterian Church of Richland
 For the Glory of God
Giving Period --- January 1st through December 31st, 2020

We join together with First Presbyterian Church of Richland members and friends to celebrate and support First Presbyterian Church of Richland. I/we have reflected upon the Church's influence upon the community, the world and myself – and submit this pledge with faith and gratitude.

General Fund _____
 Building Fund _____
Total Pledge _____
 Additional One-Time Gift (enclosed) _____
 Additional pledge of _____ for the designated purpose of _____

Please be sure to use your pledge envelopes to aid in the administrative task of tracking offerings. For 2021 envelopes, please circle if you would prefer 12 monthly offering envelopes or 52 weekly offering envelopes.
 12 monthly envelopes 52 weekly offering envelopes

Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 City, St, Zip _____
 Telephone _____
 Email _____

Please turn this card as soon as possible!

*Great causes!
 Help if you can.*

MISSION GIVING TREE:

In the Gull Prairie Room. Take a tag, buy the gift listed, return it WRAPPED, with the tag attached. Mission is working with Family and Children Services to provide a nice holiday for specific families. No later than Sunday, December 15th please!



SALVATION ARMY TREE:

By Julie's office. Take a tag, buy for the age given, return the gift, UNWRAPPED, with tag attached. We all know what a terrific job SA does for our community! Please return gifts asap.

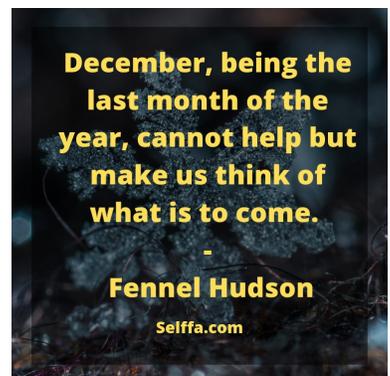


2019 Per Capita

It's not too late to get in your 2019 per capita fee!

\$32.20 per member

Thank you. This helps the church in a HUGE way!



2020 Greeter

Usher

Coffee

Jan	5 12 19 26	Helmick Kendall Leiter Powell		Helmick, A&R Gross, Inman Kendall, Jones Leiter, 2 Beaver's, Lebiecki G&L Lindenberg, Lovequist		Barts Bryant Carisalez Cazers, Croasdale
Feb	2 9 16 23	Trautman Romyak Sizer Slezak		Osborne, Petersen, Remley Romyak, Rothenberg, Simon Sizer, D Saddler, Schaadt Slezak, Smith		Coverly D & M Fisher J Fisher, Gauthier Foster
Mar	1 8 15 22 29	Sutherland Vantine Willemstyn Wittwer Belz		Sutherland, Stafford Vantine, Tower, Webb Willemstyn, Williams Wittwer, Foster Young, Alexander		Gobble family S & H Gobble Greve Inman, Jones Kendall, Beaver
Apr	5 12 19 26	Clawson Volunteer Hodgson Powell	EASTER	Alman, 3 Carahaly's Volunteers Bryant, Barts Carisalez, Cazers, Cooper	EASTER	Lebiecki, Leiter Volunteers G & L Lindenberg Lovequist
May	3 10 17 24 31	Trautman Field Gauthier Wright S & H Gobble		Coverly, Cramer, Croasdale Field, J Fisher, D & M Fisher Gauthier, Helmick, J & G Gibson Wright, J & C Gibson H & S Gobble, Greve		Smith Simon, Volunteer Mason, Osborne Petersen Rothenberg
June	7 14 21 28	Belz Martin Thorne Spengler		Gobble Family Calkins, Hart Thorne, Lynch, Monk Spengler, Sowers/Yoder		Dishon Hutchinson, Luscombe Calkin Stegink, Hetzel
July	5 12 19 26	Stegink Martin Hutchinson Monk		Stegink, Ruser, Ryan Calkins, Lynch, Hetzel Hutchinson, Hart, Thorne Monk, Sowers/Yoder		Hart Monk Sowers/Yoder Spengler
Aug	2 9 16 23 30	Steele Ryan Martin Hetzel Sowers/Yoder		Steele, Spengler Ryan, Ruser, Luscombe Stegink, Calkins, Lynch Hetzel, Hart, Hutchinson Sowers/Yoder, Monk		Hills, Hetzel Thorne, Hutchinson Monk, Spengler Steele Ruser
Sep	6 13 20 27	Luscombe Belz Clawson Hodgson		Luscombe, Thorne, Spengler Irey, G & M Lindenberg Mason, Zick, Inman A & R Gross, Dishon		Ryan, Lynch Zick Young Wright

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Remember to keep this list of names throughout the year so that if you are not able to fulfill your assigned responsibility, you can call someone from the list to trade with, and then just let Julie know. Thanks!

ALSO, THIS LIST WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE ~ www.fpcrich.com

and on the bulletin board above the water fountains.



Greeter

Usher

Coffee

Oct 4	Powell	Kendall, 2 Beaver's	Wittwer
11	Trautman	Lebiecki, L&G Lindenberg, Osborne	Williams
18	Remley	Remley, Leiter, Lovequist	Tower, Cooper
25	Saddler	D Saddler, Petersen, Romyak	Sutherland
Nov 1	Schaadt	Schaadt, Rothenberg	Webb
8	Simon	Simon, Sizer, Slezak	Willemstyn
15	Stafford	Stafford, Smith	Alexander
22	Tower	Tower, Vantine, Sutherland	G & M Lindenberg
29	Belz	Webb, Willemstyn	Irey
Dec 6	Clawson	Williams, Wittwer	Saddler
13	Hodgson	Wright, Young	Stafford
20	Zick	Zick, Alexander	Slezak
27	Alman	Alman, Bryant, Cazers	Sizer, Vantine
<u>24</u>	<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>	<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>	

Most of you are down twice for usher & once for coffee

Look over the names carefully to find yours! Thank you so much.



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THE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS A CO-LEADER

We have some snowbirds who'll be heading out January thru April, and will need someone(s) to help.

This commitment would require you to be at the church about 2 days a week (not all day!). Mostly it's checking stock, ordering supplies (easy), and re-stocking the shelves when our orders come in from Loaves and Fishes. You need to be a sturdy person for this - lifting cartons of cans, etc.

Please call Marsha Zick, 491-1320, mzick@tds.net, or the office, to find out how great this job is!

Another perk - our daily volunteers are not only self reliant, they are all fantabulous!! A wonderful group to work with!



A little note about the 2020 volunteer lists.



Most everyone is down to usher twice in the year, except the choir.

Most everyone is down to do coffee only ONCE! Except the choir.

Most of the time, one of the ushers will also greet.

I hope everyone is excited about the fewer times we need to help.....and I hope the choir is still speaking to me after they read the list.

We received several good ideas about how to make coffee time less involved and we'll be doing some things different, hence the need for only two people each week instead of three:

No dishwasher - we've purchased biodegradable/compostable coffee cups, so the few dishes needing to be washed can be done in the sink.

One pot of coffee instead of two. Only regular will be made, and we'll have instant decaf if anyone wants it.

One pot of hot water for the decaf, tea, hot chocolate.

No juice needed. We can use a couple pitchers of water.

No cookies. NONE of us need these! ;)



A LOT of coffee is thrown out each week, so this will help conserve. No dishwasher might make us a bit "greener", environmentally speaking. And the instruction paper should be MUCH less! Woohoo!

The point of all this is to make it easier for those in the kitchen.

Let's give it a go and see if it makes it better, huh?

Of course, if anyone chooses to bring their own cookies, or feels like making juice, you certainly can! But as a rule, we'll keep it simple.

Thanks!! Julie





Dearest friends,

Our family wishes to express our gratitude for the prayers, cards, and donations to the Memorial Garden in John's memory, where his ashes will be placed. John finished the course and kept the faith. He is at peace. Blessings to all.

The Urban family

Sounds of the Season

**Western Michigan University
School of Music**
presents

A Choral Christmas
Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019
4 and 7:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, Kalamazoo

Jazz for the Holidays
Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019
3 p.m.

Miller Auditorium, WMU

A Brass Celebration of Christmas
Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019
3 p.m.

Dalton Center Recital Hall, WMU

Tickets:

\$15 full

\$12 seniors

\$5 students (college or high school)

Available via wmich.edu/music/events

Save the Date!

For the Annual Christmas Program

Sunday, December 15, 2019

during worship

There are Angels Among Us



Youth Group

BE THE CHURCH.

Youth Group Schedule

December 1 – NO Youth Group

December 8 – WE host Christmas Party, 5-7

December 15 – January 5 – NO Youth Group

Is counting our blessings enough???

The youth have decided it's not enough for them
and would like to do more.

We will be collecting the following highly
requested items that will then be distributed
to those in need:

Blankets
Socks
Chap Stick

Please drop off any donation items to the
church between now and December 8.

Thank you for supporting the youth as they
strive to *Be the Church*.

NAMES FOR THE MESSIAH

by Walter Brueggemann

~~ an Advent book study ~~

Wonderful Counselor

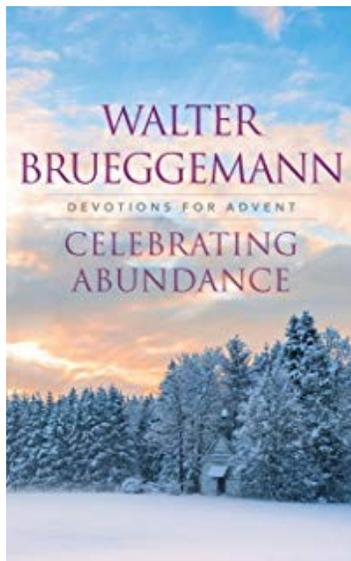
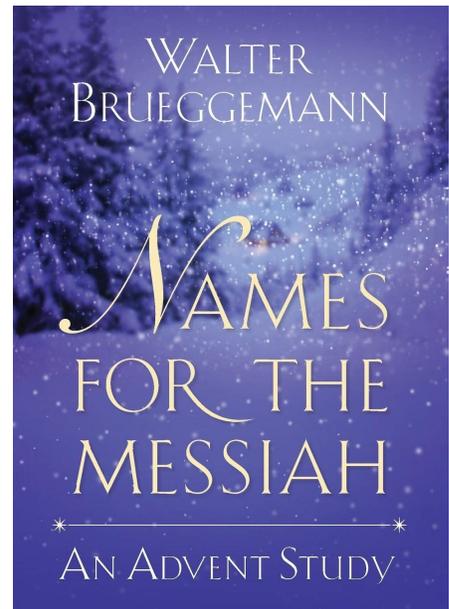
Mighty King

Everlasting Father

Prince of Peace

“Isaiah 9:2-7 is a well-known oracle, a divine utterance, using four royal titles. This Advent study will *ponder* each title and how the people understood it then, how Jesus did or did not fulfill the title, and how Christians interpret Jesus as representative of that title.”

Join us in Adult Education on the church’s Facebook page or in Sunday school, or both. We will discuss one chapter each week, Mark providing provocative questions.



Books available for \$8 in Julie’s office.

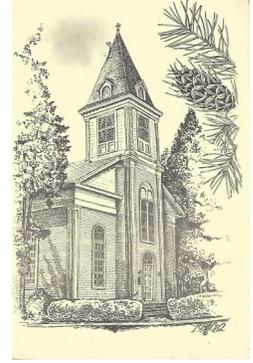
Also available for a daily devotional:
Celebrating Abundance by same author.

Awesome!



Carillon Hymns and Honoree's for December

<i>Date</i>	<i>Selection</i>	<i>Honoree</i>
12/13	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	<i>Zackery James Anderson</i>
12/14	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	<i>Olga E. Boyer</i>
12/15	<i>The Old Rugged Cross</i>	<i>Emma Hubbard</i>
12/16	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	<i>Ellie Lynch</i>
12/29	<i>Wedding March</i>	<i>John & Kay Polzin</i>



**FOOD
PANTRY
CORNER**



**FOOD PANTRY
Giving Suggestions**

**Small pack snacks
Granola bars**

***THE MEMBERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP
COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO.....***



....WASSAILING !!!



Join us for fellowship and a delicious warm cup of our world famous wassail, (at least in Richland it's famous!). December 5th is the kick-off to the holiday season. If you would like to help that evening with kitchen duties, greeting guests, and/or cleaning up, please call the office, 629-4944, or contact Judy Ruser.



Christmas Joy Offering



At Christmas we celebrate the joy of belonging to Christ, of being part of the family of God. For decades Presbyterians have chosen Christmas as a time to affirm that indeed we care for one another as members of one family.

Every year at Christmas, Presbyterian churches receive the **Christmas Joy Offering**. Through this offering we share our joy with members of our extended church family.

About two-thirds of the **Joy Offering** goes to supplement the benefits of retired church workers, workers who have taken risks in the faith in the belief that God will provide for them as they give their lives to God's work. The **Joy Offering** helps a former missionary whose salary was too low to provide a sufficient pension. It helps the family of a pastor whose early death leaves them emotionally and financially drained. It is one way for us to reach out to members of our church family as God reaches out to us.

The other third of the **Joy Offering** supports seven racially ethnic colleges across the country. The **Christmas Joy Offering** helps schools to create a family environment that nurtures each student's gifts.

At Christmas we celebrate God's gift of Christ to us, his confirmation that he will indeed take care of us. In Christ we are one family. And, as in any family, we sometimes receive comfort and at other times have the opportunity to offer comfort to others.

This year, December 22nd is the Sunday designated for the annual support of this most valuable program. Prayerfully consider your stewardship offerings and include the **Christmas Joy Offering** as a part of your contributions this year. An envelope is enclosed, and one will be provided on the 22nd.

Thank you!



TO ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPEOPLE

Just a friendly reminder that ANNUAL REPORTS are due in Julie's office by January 17. Please call if you have any questions or need help or want a copy of your report from last year! 629-4944



December Birthdays



1 Andrew Fiordalis
1 Joseph Juodawlkis
1 Jana Turpin
2 Brian Schaadt
2 Casey Sunden
3 Brandon Delf
3 Katie Venner
4 George Lovequist
4 Grant Slezak
6 Georgie Lovequist
7 Josh Weigel
8 Kevin King
8 Jean Sowers
8 Carson Miller
9 Nancy Hess
9 Matt Reinhardt
9 Alanna Wyckoff
10 Kendall Jennings
10 Kathleen Rothenberg
11 Gordon Mahieu
11 Jane Morrow
11 Lindsey Scribner
11 Holly Scribner
14 Mara Cazars
14 Evan Odar
14 David Snyder
15 Sarah Myland
15 Lars Ruser



16 Marty Rench
16 Harry Stolt
18 Jarred Barts
18 Pam Moseley
19 Nathan Brundage
19 Hoyt Fonger
20 Cathy Layson
20 Michael Wright
21 Ashleigh Webb
22 Mike Juodawlkis
22 Laura Monk
22 Julie Pixley
23 David MacQuarrie
24 Jake Larson
24 Jeni Steele
25 Jan Petersen
26 Jennifer Stupica
27 Amy Juodawlkis
29 Laurie Alexander
29 Karen Urban
29 Nancy Woods
30 Ashlee Connell
30 Maggie MacRitchie
30 Chad Storer
31 Eric Bryer
31 Jan Fisher
31 Kay Polzin
31 Arlene Kuizema



and Anniversaries



1 Ed and Marilyn Davis ~ 30 years
12 Jim Collier and Stuart Verseman ~ 6
16 Larry and Kay Irej ~ 52
18 Lib and Jerry Wittwer ~ 54

21 Liz and Allen Matthews ~17
27 Kay Gross and Gary Mittelbach ~ 44
27 Julie and Matt Pausch ~ 33
29 Chuck and Joyce Farho ~ 15

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