

# The Missive

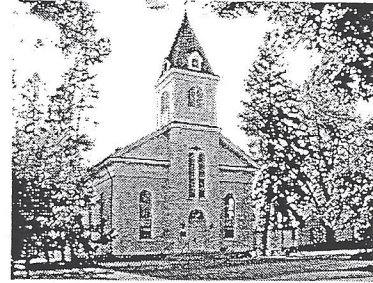
# December 2014

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### *"More Books"*

*"There's no such thing as too much money, trucks, dogs, or books," I was once told. I don't know if that's true, but I've lived my life by the last one—you can never have too many books. I seem to keep collecting them and never getting rid of any—you never know when I might want to read one again. When Erin or the kids ask me what I want for Christmas, my stock response is "you can never go wrong with books." A couple of months ago I asked you all to name some books for me, not your favorite book, but what one book had changed your life. The list was really interesting, and it gave me a reading list that will take me a long time to work through.*

*The August issue of Church Times published a list of the 100 best Christian books of all time, drawing on nominations from their book reviewers, with the final decision made by a panel of judges. Enduring value was a key criterion. The judges acknowledged a dearth of female authors. The top ten: Confessions, by St. Augustine; The Rule of Benedict, by St. Benedict; Summa Theologica, by St. Thomas Aquinas; Revelations of Divine Love by Julian of Norwich; the Divine Comedy, by Dante Alighieri; Pensees, by Blaise Pascal; The Pilgrim's Progress, by John Bunyan; City of God, by St. Augustine; The Imitation of Christ, by Thomas a Kempis; and The Complete English Poems, by George Herbert. (quoted from Christian Century, Nov. 12, 2014)*

*Other than the Bible, these are the most important works of Christian faith; and I haven't read any of them. Oh, I've read bits and pieces of most all of them, I even tried to work all the way through Pilgrim's Progress one year (now I know why it has been voted the most boring classic book of all time). I feel bad that I haven't read them, but they haven't affected me like "Traveling Mercies," by Annie Lamott, or "Peculiar Treasures," by Frederick Buechner, or "An Altar in the World," by Barbara Brown Taylor. Those are books I return to again and again. But if I think about it, I realize that Lamott and Buechner and Taylor are building on ideas and experiences of Dante and St. Augustine, of St. Benedict and Julian, and even of John Bunyan. One Christian experiences informs and enriches another. I have been blessed by worshiping in a Benedictine monastery even though I've never read St. Benedict. One of the reasons I love it when new members come into our fellowship is that I love to hear their stories. We often meet in my office and we start with, "Tell us about yourself—say something about your faith journey." Say something about your faith journey. I hope we all have time to share these with each other. Though we may not have all read St. Augustine, his Confessions are about his journey of faith. By telling each other we enrich each other's faith. And we may even find new ways God has been working in us.*

Grace and Peace,  
Mark

Friends, here is a list of the 20 Questions that we are asking for our Adult Sunday School this year. The dates are tentative, but as you read through the list, you might want to make note of the time your question will be discussed.

## 20 Questions

November 2 #1 "Who Wrote the Bible?"

November 9 #2 "How can I believe the Creeds?"

November 30 #3 "Is the Christmas Story True?"

December 7 #4 "What is the Unforgivable Sin?"

January 11 #5 "Explain the Trinity"

January 18 #6 "Why are there so many different beliefs?"

February 1 #7 "What are the differences between Christian religions?"

February 8 #8 "Why is religion the source of so much violence?"

February 15 #9 "What happens when people die?"

February 22 #10 "Why do bad things happen to good people?"

March 1 #11 "Does everyone get saved?"

March 8 #12 "Why do we believe in God? Is there any proof?"

March 22 #13 "It is enough to 'just believe'?"

April 12 #14 "Should we defend those with whom we disagree?"

April 19 #15 "Why do some prayers get answered and others don't? Is there a right way and a wrong way to pray?"

April 26 #16 "How do we maintain faith in the midst of adversity?"

May 3 #17 "Why did God allow sin to enter the world? Why didn't he create us to prefer goodness?"


May 24 #18 "Explain the Presbyterian Seal"

May 31 #19 "How can we understand God in the infinity of space?"

June 6 #20 "Leftovers"



# December Volunteer Assignments

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Coffee</u>	<u>Nursery Help</u>	<u>Teacher/Crafter</u>
7	Keusch	<b>Dwoinen</b> <b>Mandrell</b> <b>Meitz (7&amp;14)</b> <b>Wright (21&amp;28)</b>	Willemstyn Stafford	Alspach	Deater/Ruser
14	Petersen		Williams Stafford		Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
21	Butler		Wittwer Stafford	Odor	Merry Christmas
28	Remley		Wynsma Stafford ♡♡		Merry Christmas
24	Wright	Coverly 3-4 VOLUNTEERS			



## Serving Communion

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

### December 7

Jilisa Williams  
Mike Wright  
Nancy Wright  
Brian Young  
Teresa Young  
Phyllis Youse  
Marilyn Alman  
Andy Alspach  
Lynn Bakker

### January 4

Sandy Barts  
Jon Brignall  
Tina Brignall  
Barbara Brundage  
Heidi Bryant  
Mary Ellen Bryer  
Dave Butler  
Theresa Butler  
Ed Calkins

### February 1

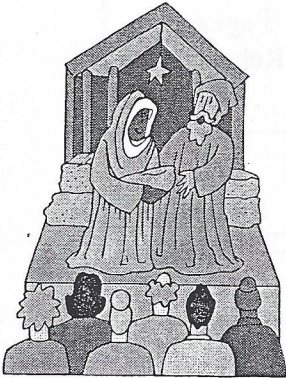
Sandy Carahaly  
Sue Carlson  
Jane Carpenter  
Terry Carpenter  
Beth Carrington  
Lee Coverly  
Carol Coverly  
Clark Crenshaw  
Judy Croasdale

*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](http://www.fpcrich.com), under "Living the Faith", then "volunteer schedule". Or call Julie for a list of names. Thank you!*

# Christmas Musical !!

## December 14

We have a stupendous Christmas program coming up,  
and we want you all to be there!



"Flying monkeys, and tigers, and Herod with a bear—oh my!!"

Not only will there be wonderful music in the program, but  
wonderful singing!! Rehearsals are December 7th during  
Sunday school and Saturday December 13th from 9 to 10.

We're also gathering to sing carols during  
Wassailing (12/4), so join us!!

Meredith Alspach is the one to contact with  
questions or comments - 629-9772.

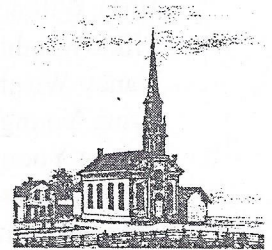


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### Wanted: Church Historian

Are you a history buff? Does being a part of the first congregation in Kalamazoo County float your boat? Do you like reading through old documents and manuscripts? We are looking for a new Church Historian.

The post of Church Historian has been ably filled by Carolyn Curtis and Martha Strumpfer during my time at this church and those are big shoes to fill. But you may be the person who has a love of the church that is wedded to a love of history. This position is a volunteer job that should be made easier than it has been because in the next year, due to some generous donations, we are going to be digitizing most of the current records of the church. We will need an on-going Church Historian who will occasionally write articles for the Missive, bring me ideas to enhance our appreciation of our church's heritage, and to keep our records intact.



If this interests you, please give me a call at the church (629-4944) or email me ([RevMarkJ@tds.net](mailto:RevMarkJ@tds.net)).

Mark



## Missionary Report December 2014

Note: photos were part of Deng's presentation to the church in September this year.  
Deng is with David Bowman of Grand Rapids, founder and CEO of PCC



Greetings,

I heard that the winter weather is around the corner. My computer broke down the first day I arrived in Nairobi, Kenya. I tried to fix my computer in Nairobi and I was told by a technician that the motherboard is damaged and that it cannot be fixed. I sent it back to US with one of our volunteers from Partners in Compassionate Care (PCC) for another check up and I got the same result. The last solution for my computer was to transfer all the files to an external hard drive. I have been without a computer since I came back from US. I recently received a used computer from one of my friends in the US but I have not set it up yet. I am using my phone (Samsung galaxy 5) to send you this update.

The road to Werkok was still bad when I returned from the US and I could not travel to Werkok. I did a drugs inventory at our clinic in Bor. We were supposed to go back to Werkok this month but since the road is not completely dry, we will not move back to Werkok until the first week of December.



With my health, I went to the hospital in Nairobi before I came back to South Sudan. The doctor took an x-ray. The doctor told me I have a small blockage in one part of my nose and this is what is affecting my throat. The doctor prescribed medicine for me and he told me to go back to Nairobi after two months for follow up. I finished the medicine and I don't see much change.

This is the small update I can give you at this time. I do have pictures but I have not been able to copy them to my computer. I will send you pictures with next update or even before that.

Keep praying for my health and the health of my mother. Thank you very much.  
Blessings, Deng Alier

# December 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 9:00 Care Team 9:00-11:00 PEO meeting in GPR 1:30 Office Staff 6:00 Boy Scouts	<b>2</b> 10:00 Connected Threads 6:00 Girl Scout Leaders	<b>3</b> 1:00 PW Meeting	<b>4</b> 9:00 Bible Study 5:30 Wassailing 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10:00-12:00 Tribe ringing the Salvation Army bell at Har-dings
<b>7</b> 9:45 Worship - Communion 11:10 Pageant Rehearsal during Sunday School 12:00 Youth Choir	<b>8</b> 1:30 Office Staff 6:00 Boy Scouts	<b>9</b> 10:00 Connected Threads	<b>10</b> 7:00 Session 7:00 Cub Leaders	<b>11</b> 9:00 Bible Study 12:00 Lunch Bunch at Middle School 4:00-5:30 Girl Scouts 6:00 Deacons 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00-10:00 Pageant Rehearsal 6:00 Christmas Party
<b>14</b> 9:45 Worship - 2 cents-a-meal - The Christmas Musical	<b>15</b> 9:00 Care Team 1:30 Office Staff 6:00 Boy Scouts	<b>16</b> 10:00 Connected Threads	<b>17</b> 7:00 Committee's Meet	<b>18</b> 9:00 Bible Study 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Pack Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:45 Worship 1:00 Girl Scouts	<b>22</b> 1:30 Office Staff	<b>23</b> 10:00 Connected Threads	<b>24</b> 7:00 Christmas Eve Service	<b>25</b> <i>Merry Christmas</i>	<b>26</b> Office Closed	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:45 Worship 12:00-6:00 Osborne's using the GPR	<b>29</b> 1:30 Office Staff	<b>30</b> 10:00 Connected Threads	<b>31</b> Office Closed Be very, very careful tonight! 			



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



WASSAILING IS COMING!!!

Join us for fellowship and a delicious warm cup of our world famous wassail, at least in Richland! December 4th is the kick-off to the holiday season. If you would like to help this evening with kitchen duties, escorting our guests through our church, and cleaning up, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board outside the Gull Prairie Room, or see Janet Fonger or Judy Ruser.



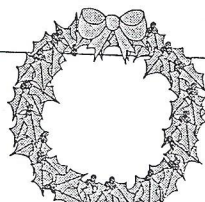
## Church Christmas Party!

*The Membership and Fellowship Committee cordially invite all adults to join in our annual Church Christmas Party, to be held at the church on Saturday, December 13th at 6:00. This year we will enjoy fellowship, food, fun, and games!*

*We ask for appetizers and desserts to be shared. A sign-up sheet will be in the Gull Prairie Room. Drinks will be supplied.*

*This evening will be good, ole-time fun, with parlor games, teams, and prizes for winners and losers! More information to come.*

*Mark your calendars NOW!!!*



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**Greeter****Usher****Coffee**

Jan.	4	G & J Gibson	Barts, Calkins	Kibloe, Lebiecki
	11	Knox	Coverly, E & M Davis	Fiordalis, Romyak
	18	Teall	Kleis, Deater	Hart, Inman
	25	Sorrell	R & A Gross, Hubbard	Hittle, Larson
Feb.	1	Carahaly	Keusch, Petersen	Mandrell, Rothenberg
	8	Carrington/Crenshaw	Bryer, Carrington/Crenshaw	Saddler, M Simon
	15	Croasdale	4 MacRitchie's	Schaadt, Trautman
	22	J & D Fisher	Carpenter, Polzin	D Odar, Young
Mar.	1	Gay	4 Brignalls	Bryant, Wank
	8	Gauthier	Irey, Langshaw	Cazers, Webb
	15	D & M Fisher	Leiter, Mack, Slezak	C & J Gibson, Gray
	22	VanDyke	B & T Jones, Steely	Becker, Wieber
	29	Cramer	Butler, Sutherland	Alexander, Weigel
Apr.	5	Kreinbring	Field, Remley, V & T Osborne	Stafford, Wittwer
	12	Clawson	D & G Gross, Fiordalis	Greve, Sunden
	19	Zick	S & H Gobble, Meitz	R & A Gross, Williams
	26	Alspach	Hart, Hittle	E & M Davis, Dwoinen
May	3	McConnells	Rothenberg, Saddler	Coverly, J Croasdale
	10	Huskin	Schaadt, Cazers, Gray	Howard, Hubbard
	17	Youth	Youth	Youth
	24	Bryant	Lindenberg, Pollock	Dishon, Juodawlakis
	31	Alexander	Brundage/Barton, Mandrell, D Odar	Carpenter, Wright
June	7	Knibloe	D & M Fisher, Stasevich	Deater, Leiter
	14	Bakker	Bakker, Fonger	Alman, B & B Jones
	21	T & N Steele	Hutchinson, Martin, Kubiak, Yoder	Kleis, Lovequist
	28	Ruser	Luscombe, Nash, Ruser	R & J Steele & family
July	5	Lynch	Lynch, Noall, Stegink	Hills, Cramer
	12	Thorne	Spengler, Thorne, Alman	Hutchinson, Sorrell
	19	Brignall	Jill, Rick, Allie, Jeni Steele	Alspach, Mack
	26	B & B Jones	B & B Jones, J & G Gibson	Curtis, Bakker
Aug.	2	Alman	Rhodes, Wynsma	Kubiak, Yoder, Nash
	9	Butler	Lovequist, Dishon	Luscombe, Spengler
	16	Martin	Teall, 3 Carahaly's	Fonger, Thorne
	23	Calkins	Dwoinen, Howard, M Simon	Lynch, Ruser
	30	Carisalez	4 C & J Gibson's	Noall, Stegink

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*Please note that many of you are down for three things. Some of you are down for ushering twice, or coffee twice. Look over the names carefully to find yours! Thank you so much.*

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**and on the bulletin board above the water fountains.**



**Greeter****Usher****Coffee**

Sep.	6	Remley	Larson, Lebiecki, Stafford	Newell, Carlson
	13	Hodgson	Romyak, Sunden, K Inman	V Osborne, Lindenberg
	20	Nafziger	Youse, Polzin, Trautman	LaLonde, Pollock
	27	Hooks	Monk, C & P Gobble	Meitz, J Johnson
Oct.	4	Becker	Vantine, Wank, Clawson	Barts, Stasevich
	11	Field	Schaadt, Alexander, Bryant	Brignall, Zick
	18	Cazers	Webb, Weigel	Brundage/Barton, Wynsma
	25	Coverly	Willemstyn, Willimas	Bryer, MacRitchie
Nov.	1	Curtis	Carlson, Kendall, J Croasdale	Butler, Carrington
	8	Urban	Steely, Sutherland	Calkins, Carahaly
	15	E & M Davis	Wright, Young	D & M Fisher, Wieber
	22	Deater	Rhodes, Slezak	Irey, Knibloe
	29	Carpenter	Sunden, Webb	B & T Jones, Monk
Dec.	6	Dwoinen	K Inman, M Simon, Stafford	Keusch, LaLonde
	13	Fiordalis	Becker, Trautman, Vantine	Langshaw, D Odar
	20	Greve	Hart, Saddler	Urban, Youse
	27	Fonger	Willemstyn, Wittwer	Petersen, Kendall

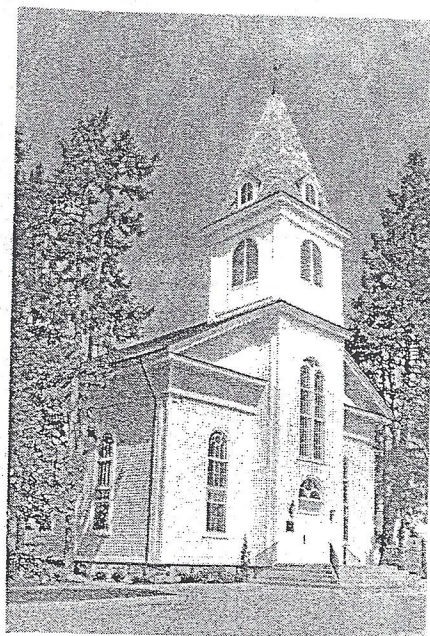
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VOLUNTEER

5-6 VOLUNTEERS

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# 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.

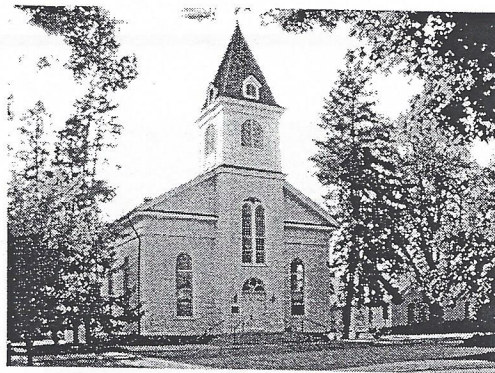
At Christmas we celebrate God's gift of Christ to us, his confirmation that he will indeed take care of us. In Christ we are one family. And, as in any family, we sometimes receive comfort and at other times have the opportunity to offer comfort to others.

This year, December 21st 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 21st. Thank you!

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## *Carillon Hymns and Honoree's for December*

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</i>	<i>Ellie Lynch</i>
12/29	<i>Wedding March</i>	<i>John Polzin</i>



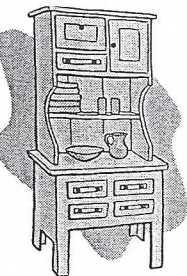
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## DAILY FOOD PANTRY

TUNA, PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY  
ANY AND ALL PERSONAL ITEMS

Please save your paper bags too! We use a lot of them! Thanks.

FOOD  
PANTRY  
CORNER







# Presbyterian Women

*PW meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the church,  
The next meeting is December 3rd. EVERY WOMAN is welcome.*



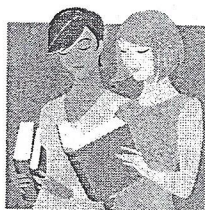
Mitten Tree

Our **MITTEN TREE** will be sitting in the Fireplace Room, just waiting to completely fill up with new or handmade hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves. It's sad to think, but the items from our Mitten Tree may be the only Christmas gifts some children will receive. We're working with the Gospel Mission and Family & Children's Services. FCS needs the items early, so please have your gifts here by December 8th. Items received after that will head to the Mission. Thank you so much!

## WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Our next book discussion will be at Diane Meitz home, 155 S. Lake Doster. "Flight Behavior" by Barbara Kingsolver is the book, and it's pretty big, so you better get reading!!

Wednesday, December 10th at 1:00. Any new comers are very welcome to join!  
Please call Diane at 685-6272

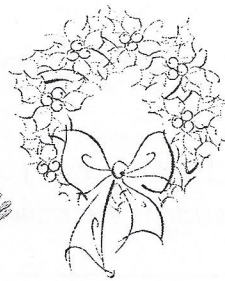


## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

This year there will be independent lessons taught on various subjects throughout the year. We will not be meeting every month. We hope you will join us for a different approach to Bible Study this coming year!

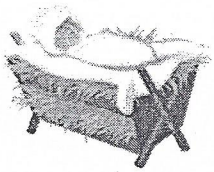
**PW PURPOSE:** Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible Study, to support the mission of the church worldwide, to work for justice and peace and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's Kingdom.

December



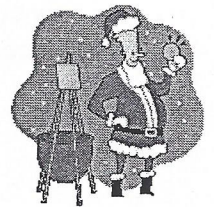
Tribe

6th-8th Junior High  
9th-12th Senior High



UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, TRIBE BEGINS AT 12:30  
WITH LUNCH AT THE CHURCH, AND ENDS AT 2:30.

Saturday the 6th Ringing the  
Salvation Army bell at Hardings

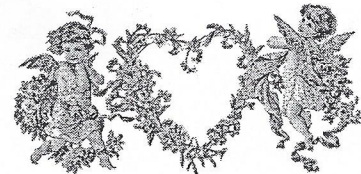


14 Christmas Musical - put your  
voice on!!



21 Enjoy your holiday!

28 Merry Christmas!!



*Parents and friends, please remember to sign up for Tribe lunches!!  
We need to feed these wonderful kids before they go out and have FUN!!*



## Angel Song

When was it? This past summer, of all times?  
Summer?

Anyway, one night I was sitting home alone in utter silence when suddenly and quite out of nowhere I was struck by the thought of what that Christmas chorus of angels actually sounded like there on the hills outside of Bethlehem on that night of nights.

"Glory to God in the highest ... "

What struck me was that all of us are so accustomed to humanspeak, and most of us know at least a little something about good choralspeak (group song), that just maybe it wasn't like any of that at all. Just maybe, it was Heavenspeak—you know, God's own language, one that no one really knows, but everyone immediately comprehends when they hear it.

And what about the angels' music? Was it pentatonic—five-tone Chinese music? Or, was it the 12-tone chromatic music of the Western World? Or was it music from elsewhere; otherworldly?

My bet is that it was music that the shepherds understood, but blew right past anything they had ever heard. I think this in part because the angels sang a truly new song, a song never heard before, one that carried a new and totally astonishing message; a message so shocking, so disturbing and so miraculous that they could easily have been struck dead by it. (How would you feel if a heavenly chorus appeared to you?) And, indeed, the sheep tenders might have died if there wasn't a disclaimer: "Fear not; don't be afraid." Why else would the Voice have declared that? "Fear not." If there is an important and recurring theme in the message of Jesus that we don't hear often enough, that certainly is it.

HeavenMusic is for now too far out for us to perceive. I think it's like nothing we have ever heard, but when at last we do hear it, we will recognize it immediately; intuitively.

Yet, on this earthly plane, I sense that that man after God's own heart, J.S. Bach, might well have brushed the hem of heaven with his offering of the Song of Mary, many settings of which can be heard especially as Christmas comes near once again. It is known as the *Magnificat*: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my savior." Its angelic power is supercharged, enough so that each time I hear a choir burst forth with its opening flights of sound I feel airborne, like my head is leaving my body. You can YouTube it to hear for yourself.

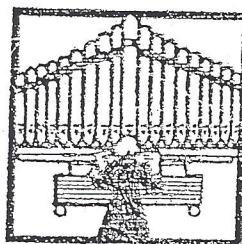
Then there's the live Christmas Eve worldwide broadcast by the King's College Choir, in Cambridge, England. I guess all I can say, by way of analogy, is that it's like dining at the Ritz.

It comes on locally at 10 a.m. on Christmas Eve, though it's 3 p.m. in Cambridge. Fortunately for us, our local university typically carries this broadcast: WMUK, 102.1 FM. If for some reason they don't, you can always hear it on MSU's FM station, WKAR, 90.5 FM.

It's about as close to the music of heaven as you'll get here and now.

Merry Christmas!

P.S. Oh, and don't forget, for those of us who rely on the church calendar, Christmas doesn't end on Christmas night; it's just beginning. And we are entitled and invited to celebrate it in the great tradition of the church for 12 full days. Go for it.



# This and that...



Thank you !



## TO ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPEOPLE

Just a friendly reminder :) that **ANNUAL REPORTS** are due in Julie's office by December 31st. Please call 629-4944 with any questions!

**OLDER BUNCH FOR LUNCH!** December 11th at 11:30, The Gull Lake Middle School will be hosting. Please call the church office, 629-4944, by Dec. 7th, to reserve your seat. The band will provide music and the choir will sing! There's valet parking too!

*As we count our blessings at this very special time of year, our church family is at the top of the list. Thank you all so much for your concern, your cards, and your prayers. We seem to be on a good path and definitely feel "watched over" and very blessed. We have much to be thankful for and we keep you all in our hearts! Kristi and Tom Ryan*

## Session Highlights - November

The November meeting of Session was held on November 12 at FPR. The meeting was opened with prayer at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of the October regular meeting and November 2 Special meeting were approved as corrected. The Treasurer's report was reviewed and filed for auditing.

Pastor Jennings reported on the wedding of Jessica Eberhard and Kurt Sarlls on October 11, 2014 and the funeral of Nancy Johnson on November 8, 2014.

Scripture Reading: Luke 15

### Committee Reports

**Finance** Sixty-five pledges for 2015 have been received to date. Session will approve the 2015 budget at the December meeting. By consensus, Session will authorize disbursements from the Memorial Garden Fund to cover the cost of the Legacy Walk up to \$2500.

**Personnel** A part-time position for church historian is being considered. Gretchen Ferris will begin as Treasurer on November 15, 2014.

**Membership and Fellowship** Wassailing is December 4. The church Christmas Party will be held in the Gull Prairie Room the evening of December 13.

**Christian Education** Adult Sunday School classes are scheduled for January. Youth - Rake and Run was a success, as always. Activities with youth groups from area churches are being organized to encourage community and participation in the youth program.

**Mission** The committee will have tables set up in the Gull Prairie Room during the holidays offering items for sale to benefit local missions. Session approved a motion to allow \$900 from the Youth Mission Fund for a deposit on the proposed mission trip to Camp Westminster in July 2015.

**Property** Estimates have been received for cleaning the sanctuary carpets and pews and the Gull Prairie Room carpet, but the work will have to be put off until 2015 due to budget concerns.

**Nominating Committee** Session appointed Sandy Carahaly and Don Kreinbring to the 2015 Nominating Committee.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 9:00. The next meeting of Session is December



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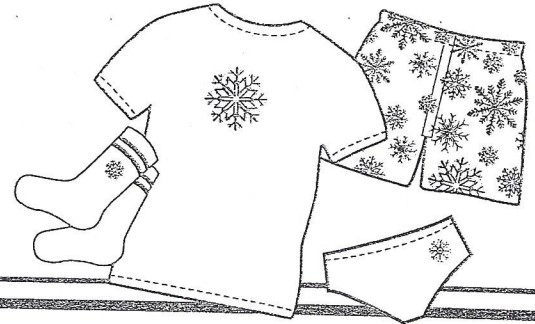
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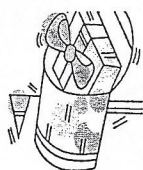
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☐ Sorry I/we can't make it this time.

# December Birthdays



1 Andrew Fiordalis  
 1 Joseph Juodawlkis  
 1 Jana Turpin  
 2 Brian Schaadt  
 2 Casey Sunden  
 3 Brandon Delf  
 3 Katie Venner  
 4 Grant Slezak  
 7 Josh Weigel  
 8 Kevin King  
 8 Jean Kubiak  
 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 Ron Martens  
 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



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1 Ed and Marilyn Davis ~ 25 years  
 6 Holly and Brian Scribner ~ 23  
 12 Jim Collier and Stuart Verseman ~ 1  
 16 Larry and Kay Irey ~ 47  
 18 Lib and Jerry Wittwer ~ 49

21 Liz and Allen Matthews ~ 12  
 27 Kay Gross and Gary Mittelbach ~ 39  
 27 Julie and Matt Pausch ~ 28  
 29 John and Kay Polzin ~ 58  
 29 Chuck and Joyce Farho ~ 10

