

PRAYER REQUEST

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office or complete a request card and place in the offering plate. Requests are printed for one month unless otherwise requested.

Prayers for Healing & Comfort:

Ray Feldman (Jeff Tebben's Grandfather)
Carlla Skaggs (Mother of Karen)
Sean Carrigan (Great-Nephew of Barb Little)
Shirlet Moll (Becky Armstrong's Sister)
John Carver
Donna Anderson
Doug Rolland
Dave (Jeff and Sarah Sieck's friend)
Daisy Juven (Granddaughter of Rob and Tammy Douglas)
Dorothy Caine
Lori Green (Wife of Keith Green, Mother of Joanna Zuidema)
Richard Carver (John Carver's Brother)

Prayers for those Grieving:

The Family of Laura Feldman (Jeff Tebben's Cousin)
The Family of Bud Altman
The Family of Walda Anderson (Ashley Boeyink's Grandmother)
The Family of Dale Hagen (Julie and George Ruter's Nephew)

Prayers for those Serving Elsewhere:

Rob Grunwald, Coast Guard, Duluth, MN;
Sam Husmann (Nephew of the Pastors) Navy, Everett, WA.
Peter Rampaart, Army National Guard

Prayers for the Church Here and Abroad:

The People of Occidente Presbytery, Guatemala;
Minnesota Valleys Presbytery- Union Presbyterian Church, St. Peter, MN;
Bdecan Presbyterian Church, Spirit Lake Reservation, ND.



Announcements

Sunday, December 17th, 2017

8:45 AM	Adult Ed
9:00 AM	Sunday School/Christmas Program Practice
10:00 AM	Worship/Christmas Program
11:00 AM	Fellowship

Tuesday, December 19th 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
6:30 PM Budget and Stewardship

Wednesday, December 20th 7:00 AM Women's Bible Study
6:00PM Christmas Caroling

Thursday, December 21st 5:30PM Music Team
6:30PM Session at Jan's Home

Sunday, December 24th 10:00 AM Worship
5:00PM Carols, Candle & Communion
10:00PM Carols, Candle & Communion

Operating Statement Report:

Receipts through October \$ 192,619
Expenses through October \$ 192,309
Receipts in excess of Expenses \$ 310

Envelopes are ready for pick-up in the Narthex

To all of the children, youth and adults who had a part in bringing "A Red-Letter Christmas" to life today, thank you from the bottom of my heart. The amount of time and energy that goes into putting on a production like this is enormous, and everyone did an amazing job! I am so grateful to Cory Christensen for being the best Co-Director I could ever ask for, and to Tammy Douglas and Erica Boeyink for their faithful service at practices. Please see the complete list of all of the cast and crew on the insert provided in your bulletin. These individuals are awesome, and we could not have done it without you! Merry Christmas to you all, and I pray that you have "A Red Letter Christmas".

Jill Boeyink



Christmas Joy

DID YOU KNOW? The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s.

The Christmas Joy offering is taken during Advent as a celebration of God's presence

among us as witnessed in our church leaders- past, present, and future.

The offering supports past and present church leaders via the Board of Pensions. Modes of financial assistance include Income supplements, Housing supplements, and Shared and Emergency Grants. Future church leaders are fostered by supporting Presbyterian-related racial and ethnic schools and colleges and through the Racial Ethnic Leadership Development Program.

In gratitude to God for the gift of Jesus you are invited to join this celebration of God's work here on Earth. You may join this offering by watching for the offering envelopes in church, including a check designated "Christmas Joy" in your regular offering envelope, or by going to presbyterianmission.org/give/christmasjoy.

Red Cross Drive. First Presbyterian will be hosting a Red Cross Blood drive on Tuesday, December 26, 1-7 P.M. We will be starting a list for volunteers and donors soon.

Nurture and Fellowship: After the Service TODAY come on down for Fellowship in John Knox Hall. Nurture and Fellowship will have Christmas cookies, coffee and punch provided!

Meals on Wheels. We are scheduled for two-four day weeks. Week of December 25 and the week of January 1, 2018. Besides nutrition, we can also bring warm greetings and cheer during these special weeks. We will have a sign up list.

Christmas Gifts: The season of giving is here, don't forget to get your Christmas gifts from the coffee/cocoa bar located in the Narthex!!!

Church Repairs/Changes: The Session has set up a taskforce at our church to dream about what we could do to our building, or what we need to do to improve things. If you have an idea about what needs attention, or what you would like to see changed, please jot down your thoughts and turn it into the church office, or feel free to contact Gary Manzer at 320-491-7366 or gmanzer@willmarmn.gov. No idea is too big or too small!

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Presbyterian Mission:

Grace and Gratitude: Small Gifts Big Impact

The mission committee wants to buy a cow, some chickens, or some goats to help people. Can you buy a share?? Cows are \$450.00, a pair of Goats are \$178.00, and a community garden is \$200.00. Envelopes are located in the Narthex. Any contribution is welcome. LETS BUY A COW!!!

Mitten and Hat Tree: There is mitten and hat garland around the little kitchen in the Narthex area. ALL donations are welcome!

Let's Go Caroling! Everyone of ALL ages is invited to join the children and youth of our church as we go Christmas caroling to several of the local nursing homes in Willmar on Wednesday, December 20 from 6-8 p.m. We will be taking a school bus to the various locations, or you may follow behind in your own vehicle as we set out to spread Christmas cheer to the elderly folks living in those homes. Parents are strongly encouraged to join your children for this special, and very rewarding experience!

Butter Braids: If you didn't have a chance to purchase Butter Braid pastries from our youth, or you would simply like to have more, talk with Jill today following worship. We have a few extras on hand. Cost is \$12 per Braid...first come, first served basis. Thank you!

Explorer's Class: You're invited to join this small group bible study and fellowship group which meets Thursday nights at 6:30 in the Friendship Room. New members are welcome, and you can bring a friend! The class will be using the "Nooma" video series featuring Pastor Rob Bell as their curriculum this year. Please call or talk to Pastor Scott with questions.