

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)
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

Prayers for those Serving Elsewhere:

Chase Pickard (Son of Heidi Kohls, Family Promise Director)
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;
Bdecán Presbyterian Church, Spirit Lake Reservation, ND.



Announcements

Sunday, December 10th, 2017

8:30 AM	Nurture and Fellowship
8:45 AM	Adult Ed
9:00 AM	Sunday School/Christmas Program Practice
10:00 AM	Worship
11:00 AM	Fellowship

Tuesday, December 12th	7:00 AM 6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study Mission and CEYM Committees
Wednesday, December 13th	7:00 AM 6:00PM 6:30 PM 7:15PM	Women's Bible Study Gospel Rock/ Confirmation /Christmas Program Practice Building and Grounds Youth Group
Thursday, December 14th	10:00 AM 6:30PM	Women's Fellowship- Christmas Traditions Music Team
Saturday, December 16th	10:30AM- 12:00pm	Christmas Program Practice
Sunday, December 17th	8:45AM 9:00AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Adult Ed Sunday School/Program Practice Worship/Christmas Program Fellowship

Operating Statement Report:

Receipts through November	\$ 210,286
Expenses through November	\$ 210,253
Receipts in excess of Expenses	\$ 33

Envelopes are ready for pick-up in the Narthex

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, December 17th there will be a congregational meeting held for the purpose of electing the 2018 officers.



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.

Nurture and Fellowship: After the Christmas Program on December 17th come on down for Fellowship in John Knox Hall. Nurture and Fellowship will have Christmas cookies, coffee and punch provided!

Red Cross Drive. First Presbyterian will be hosting a Red Cross Blood drive on Tuesday, December 26, 1-7 P.M. There is a list for volunteers and donors located in the Narthex.

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.

Salvation Army: Sign up to Ring the Bell at Cash Wise for the Salvation Army on Saturday, December 16th. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex by the Christmas tree.

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!!!

Christmas Musical Practice Schedule: Practices are for all children who attend Sunday school and Gospel Rock. Even if your child is not signed up for Gospel Rock, they are still invited to come for practices on Wednesday evenings. Thank you!

Wednesday, December 13
6 – 7:15 p.m.
(Sanctuary)

Saturday, December 16
10:30-NOON
(Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 17
9 – 9:50 a.m.
(Sanctuary)

YOUTH Christmas Party Details Unveiled!

All Jr. and Sr. High youth, grades 6-12 are invited to an amazing afternoon of Christmas fun TODAY following the morning worship service. We will begin the festivities with our annual trip to Walmart to purchase Christmas gifts for five children whose names are on the Salvation Army Angel tree. Upon our return to the church we will enjoy Dominos Pizza, followed by a game of "Telestrations," a Christmas poem prize game and a White Elephant gift exchange. Each person should bring a wrapped gift (\$10 limit) of their choice...anything GOES! Youth will be ready for pick up at 4 p.m. at the church.

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.

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!

Campus Ministry: The college meal will be served October 10th. If you would be willing to cook, serve lunch, or bake bars, cakes, or cookies, please contact Diann at 218-820-0346. Thank you!

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