

# 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:**

Don Niece  
Mari Johnson  
Harriet Altman  
Bernice Jacobs  
Mike Harney (Earl Knutson's Nephew)  
Gary Groen (Helen Groen's Son)  
Peter Nelson  
Jerry Tebben (Jeff Tebben's Father)  
Arlen Sjerven  
Merle Stiles (Sister of Connie Spartz)  
Mary Pelkey (Carol Tatge's Sister)  
Marilyn Goeddertz  
Norm Tempel  
JoAnne Shannon (Shara Goldenstein and Katie Gluth's Grandmother)  
Lori Peterson (Beci Eliason's Mother)  
John Carver  
Donna Anderson

## **Prayers for those Grieving:**

The Family of Reggie Schow (Son-in-law of Corinne Ferguson)  
The Family of David Harris (Father of Janae Bell)

## **Prayers for those Serving Elsewhere:**

Noah Prout, (Barb Little's Nephew) Air Force, Afghanistan  
Chandler D'Incau (Bob and Rita's Grandson) Air Force, Lackland, San Antonio, TX  
Rob Grunwald, Coast Guard, Saugerties, New York;  
Sam Husmann (Nephew of the Pastors) Navy, Everett, WA.  
Peter Rampaart, SAMS, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas  
Brandon Reshetar (nephew of Rob & Tammy Douglas) Air Force, Qatar  
Robert Walquist (uncle of Shara Goldenstein & Katie Gluth) National Guard, Kuwait

## **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 16, 2018**

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

<b>Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00AM 6:00PM	Men's Bible Study Budget and Stewardship
<b>Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup></b>	6:00PM	Christmas Caroling
<b>Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup></b>	5:30PM 6:30PM	Music Team Session @ Thompson's
<b>Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	8:45AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Adult Ed Worship Fellowship

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## **Operating Statement Report:**

Receipts through November \$ 214,924

Expenses through November \$ 211,920

Revenues in excess of expenses \$ 3,004

**Building Fund Cash on Hand \$54,260 towards Capital Heating Project of \$100,000**

**Per Capita is \$41, please pay as you are able.**

**Offering Envelopes:** 2019 envelopes are in the Narthex to be picked up.

**Presbytery Per Capita Adjusted:** Minnesota Valleys Presbytery has adjusted the per capita assessment downwards from \$47 to the new total of \$42. We received this change after the completion of our stewardship campaign and apologize for any inconvenience the change in total may cause.

**Earth Care Water Tip for the week:** The Nurture and Fellowship Committee has taken up spotlighting "Earth Care" and would like to share tips, information, news, and resources: Cancel unwanted subscriptions and opt out of junk-mail.

**New Members Class:** A new members class is available to those wanting to join the church starting on January 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-9:45am.



## Christmas Joy

Every generous act of giving.....is from above.  
-James 1:17

The perfect gift as we gather together in Advent expectation, we know that the only perfect gift we were given was the one we received in Jesus Christ — a

perfect gift, from a gracious God.

As we generously give to the Christmas Joy offering, 50% of your gifts will make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

50% of your gifts provide assistance for current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs.

Our gifts support leaders in our church and throughout the world — past, present, and future. The Christmas Joy Offering has been a Presbyterian tradition since the 1930's.

### Church Announcements:

**Christmas Caroling:** Christmas caroling time is upon us and the children and youth want to invite EVERYONE to join them THIS Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> when they visit a few of the Willmar area nursing/retirement homes, and some of our church shut-ins to deliver a night of Christmas music. You don't have to be a professional singer, or in tune for that matter, just come and help make others Christmas a bit brighter. We say it every year...we get so much out of caroling to the folks who greet us with smiles and hope in their hearts. You can ride the bus with the rest of us, or drive your own vehicle. We'll meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. and return by 8:00.

**If We All Give A Little, It Adds Up To A Lot:** Please take a look at the Presbyterian Giving Catalog in the Narthex. The purchase and distribution of animals, the building of wells, farming, and educating children, are ways to help families be self-sufficient. It provides HOPE in many areas in the United States and around the globe. Your gift is prayerfully carried out by ministries of the Presbyterian Mission. If you would like to designate what you want your gift to support, write it on the envelope. We are full of gratitude for all of you and all you do to support the missions in our church. Thank you.

**Meals on Wheels:** Thank you to everyone that helped deliver meals. People really appreciate you! We are scheduled for the week of February 19<sup>th</sup> (MOW's closed on the 18th in honor of Presidents' Day) and 25th. We really need your help.

**American Red Cross Blood Drive:** First Presbyterian church is hosting a blood drive on December 26th. I see that some of you have already scheduled a time! That is wonderful! If you are willing to give blood please go to the American Red Cross site and schedule your time. Call Doris at 320-979-4967 if you want help to schedule an appointment. Drink plenty of water and eat foods that are rich in iron. We will also need help in registration and at the snack table. There will be a sign-up sheet at church the next few Sundays. We will provide a meal to the Red Cross Workers and Sheila will be asking us for help.

**Mission Trip:** You are invited to lend a helping hand.....

**How?** The Louisiana United Methodist Conference (under the auspices of UMCOR) is desperately seeking volunteers to swing a hammer, a paintbrush or a broom to help rebuild homes that have been damaged by Hurricane Harvey, heavy rains and flooding. Many families have been waiting for two or more years (while new disasters hit the news). The Louisiana Disaster Response provides housing for volunteers in a local church, building materials, tools, and the opportunity to serve others.

**Where and When?** We will be heading to Baton Rouge, Louisiana on March 30, arriving March 31. We'll work Monday-Friday and return home April 7. We'll partner with volunteers from the Eden Prairie Methodist Church and plan to rent vans and drive. We'd love to build our team—please consider joining us.

**Why?** You'll have the opportunity to use your hands (and your hearts) to make a difference, connect with others, laugh a lot, learn new skills and so much more. Please give this invitation thoughtful prayer, and contact Tammy Douglas or Diann Anderson for more details.

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