

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:

Abigail Engle
Gwen May (Tammy Douglas' Mother)
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
Lori Peterson (Beci Eliason's Mother)
John Carver
Donna Anderson

Prayers for those Grieving:

The Family of JoAnne Shannon (Shara Goldenstein and Katie Gluth's Grandmother)
The Family of Mari Johnson
The Family of Don Niece
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 30, 2018

10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Fellowship

Monday, December 31st

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, January 1st

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Wednesday, January 2nd

6:00PM Gospel Rock/Confirmation
6:00PM Explozers
7:30PM Youth Group

Thursday, January 3rd

6:30PM Music Team

Sunday, January 6th

8:45AM Adult Ed
9:00AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Fellowship

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.

Fair Trade: Winter is here and the temps are cool, what better time than now to warm up with a cup of hot coffee or hot chocolate . Check out the selection we have in the Narthex, as well as the special prices too!!



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:

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: Keep the fireplace clean by hiring a chimney sweep to inspect your chimney each year. And keep ash and soot from collecting in the fireplace to improve efficiency.

New Members Class: A new members class is available to those wanting to join the church starting next Sunday, January 6th from 9:00-9:45am.

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 19th (MOW's closed on the 18th in honor of Presidents' Day) and 25th. We really need your 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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