

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 Carrignan (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 24th, 2017

10:00 AM	Worship
11:00 AM	Fellowship
5:00 PM	Carols, Candle, & Communion
10:00 PM	Carols, Candle, & Communion

Monday, December 25th

Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26th

1:00-7:00PM

Blood Drive

Sunday, December 31st

10:00 AM

Worship

11:00AM

Fellowship

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

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

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!!!

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 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.



The Pastors will be on vacation December 25-January 1. If you have a pastoral care emergency, please contact the elder-on-call for December: Scott Boeyink, 320-295-9562.

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.

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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