

First Press

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From the Pastor's Study

*Do not judge, and you will not be judged.
Do not condemn, and you will not be con-
demned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.*
--Luke 6: 37

A sweet relief comes when we lay aside the mantle of judgment and allow ourselves to forgive. St. Francis's prayer is an invitation to take hold of the peace that surpasses all understanding; we can know that peace when we free ourselves from the burden of resentment. Forgiveness is one of the most powerful tools we can use as we continue to follow our creative call.

The Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is discord, union;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to
eternal life.

Pastor Janice Palmer

HARVEST DINNER

A BIG thank you to everyone who helped & contributed their goodies and time. You are greatly appreciated.

God Bless You!

The Stewardship Committee



SESSION REPORT

Session held its regular meetings on October 13th and November 10th in the Campbell Library. Session also held a special meeting on November 2nd with Presbytery liaison, Pastor Kathy Saxbury

Communion

Served 57
on October 3rd

Weddings

Kylie Selting and Wyatt Johnson
October 16, 2021

Harvest Dinner was a huge success! A special thank you to all who helped and/or participated. A great time was had by all.



PW is going strong. We are serving funeral lunches again. If you get a call to help with one –either working at them or furnishing food, please do so if you are able. There will be Bible study Fellowship on December 15th and again in January on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Church basement. Please consider joining the group for learning more about the Bible and some great fellowship. If you have any suggestions as to what we can do to make our group stronger and more active, please let Charlene Beckett or Dawn Haar know. We are always looking for new activities and ideas.

- Charlene Beckett, PW Chairman

Wanted !!

Ushers and Greeters

We are in need of people to serve as ushers and greeters in the Church. Greeters are weekly and ushers are monthly jobs. (If you can't be here some Sunday(s), please let the office or someone know so we can find replacements easily. Please consider saying yes if you are asked to serve in these positions. These positions really contribute to our services. Thank you!

Remember –

These things are important to the life of our Church:

- Church attendance
- Involvement in Church activities and services
- Contributing time and talents
- Enjoying fellowship with each other
- Reaching out to others to come to Church.

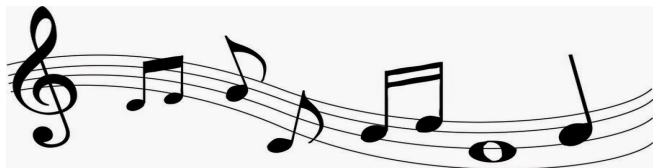
Without these -

our Church will not keep growing.





The bell choir has been practicing on Wednesday evenings at 5:45. We are preparing for the Christmas concert to be held on Sunday, December 12th, at 4:00. We also plan to play during worship on that Sunday. New members include Hannah Caffee, Dawn Haar, and Shelly Wieseler. We are still looking for a couple of players, so if you are interested, please speak to any member or the director. -- Ray Caffee, Director



Sanctuary Choir Report

We are happy to welcome Brian Winter to our choir. He is a welcome addition to our group. As always, we welcome anyone who is interested in singing with us.

All are welcome to enjoy the Christmas concert of the First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Choir and Bell Choir on Sunday afternoon, December 12, at 4:00 p.m. Relax as the slowly setting sun warms the sanctuary by the light through the beautiful west windows. - Janice Palmer

Christian Education



But the angel said to them "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord". Luke 2:10

We **thank** the Christian Education leaders and helpers for the great job they do in preparing and teaching their lessons. They take their ministries seriously and we are lucky to have them all as part of our church family.

Kevin Hofer, Sarah DeHaai, and the Junior Youth group helped the Sunday school students create ornaments and decorate the Christmas tree for the fellowship hall on November 21st.

The senior high youth group purchased a live tree from a tree farm and will be decorating the sanctuary for Christmas soon.

A big **THANK YOU** to Kelly Wagner and Laura Duxbury who have been working hard on the Sunday school Christmas program so far. More information on the program to come at a later date. The Christmas Program has been scheduled for Sunday, Dec 19th during worship.

Sunday School Schedule:

There WILL BE Sunday school on Dec. 19th after the program.

Wednesday, Dec. 22nd - NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS

Sunday, Dec. 26th - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Wednesday, Dec. 29th - NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS

Sunday, Jan. 2nd and Wed. Jan. 5th classes RESUME

Submitted by Stephanie Edwards

Birthdays in December

3 – John Niederauer
4 – Dylan Templeton
5 – Bonnie Heasley
6 -- Kelly Johnson
7 – James Waldrop
8 – Serenity Johnson
Eric Speck
10 – Raymond Caffee
14 – Hannah Caffee
15 – Grace Hofer
Bernie Rombough
16 – Lance DeHaai,
Brian Jones
Kynslee Mushitz
18 – Barb Lager
Mike Runge
21 – Kaihlyn Anderberg
23 – John E. Bertsch
24 – Glenda Hilmer
26 – Jim Jones
Carole Skinner
28 – Gayle Vrooman

December Anniversaries

4 – Lester & Rosemary
Moeller
23 – Bernie & Cindy
Rombough

Birthdays in January

2 – Rylie Moss
4 – Wilma Jones
Wanda Stevens
6 – Darin Nelson
Kelly Johnson
7 -- Sally Resel
8 – Cody Fanning
Jake Fanning
12 – Marcie Lander
Philip Testerman
Briggs Runge
13 - Rilea Mielke
14 – Jim Dyer
15 - Robin Sivertsen
18 – Eli Jones
Tyann Jones
Jeff Meyer
21 – Tom Miner
Sylvia Wieseler
Jennie Caffee
22 – Sheldon Waldrop
Hadley Weaver
Presley Weaver
24 – Carlie Selting
25 – Dawn Haar
26 – Peter DeGeest
24 – Garner Sivertsen
31 – Bennett DeHaai

January Anniversaries

1 – Pete & Dwan DeGeest
22 – Bob & Barb Lager
30 – David & Dee Sivertsen

OUR GREETERS AND USHERS



Greeters in December

5- Larry & Janice Arbogast
12- Cecilee, Ariel, & Quinnley Miner
19- Patty Crackel
26- Nancy Williams

Ushers in December

Larry & Janice Arbogast
Shaylee & Kaihlyn Anderberg

Deacons in December

Sue Jones
Nancy Williams

Greeters in January

2- Rusty & Jill VanDerWerff
9- Gayle & Robin Vrooman
16-Jeff & Peggy Meyer
23-Chris & Christina Kruml
30-Lance DeHaai family

Ushers in January

Lance & Tanner DeHaai
Gayle & Robin Vrooman

Deacons in January

Curt Johnson & Jim Jones