

Our Daily Bread

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
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DECEMBER 2019

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Once again, we begin our Advent journey. Each year it is both different and essentially the same. Our situations change. The world changes. But the birth of the Christ child remains constant. The question each of us must answer as we walk with Mary and Joseph toward the stable in Bethlehem is, "How do I embrace the birth of Jesus in a world that seems to be headed toward one without basic humanity?"

Jesus came to offer salvation and eternal life to those who believe. Yet, increasingly, we are seeing people who claim to have no need of ancient deities. They are certain their lives are sufficient without the God born in human form. It is sometimes hard to stay focused on Jesus' birth when so many other things call to us.

But despite the difficulties surrounding us, Jesus Christ was born into this world to give us eternal life. That is the joy of the season. God's great love for us is why we celebrate the birth of his son each year. Together with Christians around the world and across the generations celebrate the day God did something new for our benefit.

To each of you, may you have a joyous Advent and a Merry Christmas!

Janet

LITURGIST SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

1. December 1 - Julie Ciuro
2. December 8 - Pat Nash
3. December 15 - Pat Nash
4. December 22 - Bill Gast
5. December 29 - Julie Ciuro

DECEMBER GOSPEL READINGS

- December 1 - Matthew 24:36-44
December 8 - Matthew 3:1-12
December 15 - Matthew 11:2-11
December 22 - Matthew 1:18-25
December 29 - Matthew 2:13-23

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I am acknowledging those of you who participate in the Worship Service each month. We would love to have everyone who worships here be a part of the Worship Service. Talk to Barry Krueger if you would like to volunteer for a specific task, or just sign up on the sheets across from the sanctuary kitchen.

Special thanks in November go to:

1. The liturgists – Pat Nash and Bill Gast
2. The greeters – Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
3. The acolytes – Michelle and Tiffany Kalu,
4. Those who brought snacks for after worship – Pat Nash, Elizabeth Price, and Irmagene Mitchell
5. Those who brought flowers – Joan Christy
6. Joan Christy for being the Gatekeeper
7. Lori Gast for filling the candles with oil
8. Pat Nash hosts the after worship refreshment time with help from Church Life
9. Bryan Booth Krueger for preparing the communion, and picking up the attendance sheets after the services.
10. Elders serving communion: Joe Alexander and Bryan Booth Krueger
11. Julie Ciuro for making the Communion Bread

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Church Life celebrates member's and friend's birthdays on the first Sunday of each month.

- December 8 Janet Boyanton
December 23 Julie Ciuro
December 30 Edwin Shafer

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- December 23 Cecil and Pat Nash
December 28 Okoro and Ogbeyalu Kalu
December 31 Chikezie and Nnennaya Kalu

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 2019:	
Income	\$6,314
Expenses	\$5,974
Year-to-Date:	
Income	\$56,876
Expenses	\$66,661

As of today we have 12 pledges for a total of \$40,640. This is far less than what we need for 2020. I do expect we might receive 1 or 2 more. Approximately 1/3 of our income historically comes from non-pledged sources. We still fall behind most months

Please continue to support the church with your giving of time, treasure, and talent, and your faithful attendance in church. Also continue to pray for the church.

If you have any questions or comments, just call me at 972-223-3631. Thank You, Joan Christy, treasurer.

THE ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree this year will be the same as last year: that is, envelopes will be put out for you to put your contribution in toward a gift from the Presbyterian gift catalog. You may put the envelope in the collection plate when it is passed. If you want credit on your statement for it, you should include your name on the envelope. Or you may simply write a check and note "Angel Tree" in the memo space.

POINSETTIAS SIGN-UP SHEET

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the kitchen for those wishing to purchase poinsettias for the sanctuary for the Christmas season. The price should be around \$9.00 each. Deadline for sign-up is December 8th. Your poinsettias may be taken home following the Christmas Eve service on December 24th; those not taken home by December 29th will be trashed. Thank you, Pat Nash, Worship Committee

COOKIE EXCHANGE

We will be having our Annual Cookie Exchange following the worship service on December 15th. Bring your favorite cookies and enjoy trying others favorites.

BRING IN BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION!

It's easy to find BOX TOPS, you may have some in your home right now. You can find them on hundreds of different products, from cereal as well as other kinds of food, to storage products, household products and school supplies. Look for a sample of one in the Opportunity Corner. Each BOX TOP is worth \$.10, so imagine how quickly they can add up! There is a write-up about this with a heartfelt thank you from the Goodland Academy on the bulletin board.

STATED SESSION MEETING

Our next Stated Session Meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at Barry and Bryan's house. If you are an elder and you cannot make it, please let Lori Gast know – (214) 218-7784.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our leaders, our Presbytery, our church, the Session, our troops, Lorrinda and Joe Alexander, Grace Presbytery, Margie Sonntag, Millie Allen, Tom Price, Bill and Nina Swaney, Sue Fitch, continued prayers for Cameroon, Makia and Mireille Epie, Irmagene Mitchell, Karla Krueger, Cora Marsaw, Sonia Wills, a relative of Janet's is suffering with depression, Sharon and Clyde Lockhart, Truman and Martha Brashear Jennifer Swan, Diane Sharp, Ransome Kanu was accepted into North Texas University and he needs our continued prayers, Cori Laws, Devynne Boyanton, LaNelle Pierce has lung cancer, Jim Palmer and his family, Irmagene's son Gary and her daughter Lisa, Dwayne, Zac Tucker, travel mercies for all our members traveling, Aurelia's son Joshua Coleman, Janet's friend Chris, Hailey Hicks, Phil Donaldson, Amanda is having surgery, Julie's daughter Jennifer, Duke Burgess and his family, Manfred Enoch twisted his ankle, LoAnne Humphries, Charlie Ciuro, Jewell's son-in-law passed away, prayers for those who are less fortunate, Aaron Hernandez passed away, Connie Brubaker,

CELEBRATIONS

Jennifer had successful wrist surgery, Jackie Holley was here and was happy to be with her former church family, Chikezie and Nnennaya thank God for answered prayers – they returned home safely from Nigeria and they thank God for another grandbaby and a their niece also just had a baby, we are thankful to all the veterans, Tiffany received a surprise scholarship from U.T., Duke's house is almost done.

DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

We will finish decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday December 7th at 10:00am. Please come spend a couple hours of that Saturday morning and help us finish making the church look beautiful to celebrate the Lord's birth.

CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY

Our weather is getting colder and our thoughts are with the homeless so we are collecting clothing for the needy. Especially needed are men's clothing, and socks in dark colors in all sizes. Please bring these items to the church and place them in the laundry basket located in the opportunity corner.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:15 AM Choir 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service with communion	2	3 10:30 AM FIA Meeting	4	5	6	7
8 9:15 AM Choir 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service	9 6:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Bears 7:00 PM Boy Scout 109	10 10:30 AM Write Christmas Cards to the shut-ins	11	12 10:00 AM Art Group	13	14 1:00 PM Stated Session Meeting at Barry and Bryans house
15 9:15 AM Choir 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Annual Cookie Exchange	16 6:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Bears 7:00 PM Boy Scout 109	17 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	18	19 10:00 AM Art Group	20	21
22 9:15 AM Choir 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service	23 6:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Bears 7:00 PM Boy Scout 109	24 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service	25 CHRISTMAS	26	27	28
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