

# Our Daily Bread

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
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## JANUARY 2023

### A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

#### A NOTE FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I hope your Christmas was joyous and that you and your family are well. The holidays are a time for family and friends to spend time together and enjoy each other's company. It is always a chance to reassess our lives and begin planning for the future.

As we start the New Year it is a time to not only reassess our lives, but also our faith. What will you do differently this year? How will you engage with our Lord? Will you read the Bible regularly? Will you work at praying more often? Or perhaps you will find a new way to serve the church.

Any of those would be wonderful changes. I would encourage each of you to consider if any of your friends might be interested in coming with you to worship. Invite a friend or acquaintance to join us on Sunday morning. Give friends the gift of a church family in this 2023.

Happy New Year.

Janet

#### STATED SESSION MEETING

Our next Stated Session Meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2023 at 12:15 p.m. in the Rainbow Room. If you cannot make it, please let Lori Gast know – (214) 218-7784.

#### CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY

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.

#### 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 December go to:

1. The liturgists –Pat Nash
2. The greeters – Elizabeth Price, Lori Gast and Joan Christy
3. Those who brought snacks for after worship –Pat Nash, Elizabeth Price, and Joan Christy
4. Joan Christy for being the Gatekeeper
5. Lori Gast for filling the candles with oil
6. Joan Christy and Elizabeth Price host the after worship refreshment time with help from Church Life.
7. Bryan Booth Krueger for preparing the communion
8. William Boyanton for helping clear off the communion table and taking the dirty dishes to the kitchen.
9. Elders serving communion: Bill and Lori Gast
10. The Ushers – Okoro Kalu, Ivan Yuhanna and Joe Alexander

#### GOSPEL READINGS for JANUARY

- January 1 - Matthew 2:13-20  
January 8 - Matthew 3:13-17  
January 15 - John 1:29-42  
January 22 - Matthew 4:12-23  
January 29 - Matthew 5:1-12

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Our leaders, our Presbytery, our church, the Session, our troops, Lorrinda and Joe Alexander, Grace Presbytery, Sue Fitch, Makia and Mireille Epie, Irmagene Mitchell, Martha Brashear, Nancy Hollingsworth, Thomas Alexander, DeSoto Food Pantry, Lonnie and Linda Brown, continued prayers for Bryson, Millie Allen, prayers for everyone who has contracted the new virus, travel mercies for all our members traveling, the people of Ukraine, Nene needs to have some testing done, Bryan's mom, Joan's niece – Buffy Zimmerman, the church and nation of Ukraine, Makia's people in Cameroon, Cori's mom, Helen Brown, Bill's mom, Missy Otto.

## CELEBRATIONS

Nene celebrated all her family birthdays in December, the Presbyterian Church in Hugo, Oklahoma is going to stay open, Angel Tree, we have a new Advent Candelabra thanks to Bryan Booth-Krueger, Spencer got all A's in mechanical and electrical engineering, Tiffany is back for her Christmas break and next semester she'll be studying in England, Jesus' birthday

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The following is the new treasurer's report.

### November 2022

Bank balance	\$46,144
Expenses	\$5,758
Dedicated Funds	\$10,731
Available Funds	\$35,413

Plus there are investments totaling \$82,771 not immediately available to us and are volatile. The figure to hang our hats on is the **available funds**.

Please continue to support the church with the 3 T's – Time, Talent, and Treasure.

Thank you,

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Christy, Treasurer.

## FACE MASKS

The Session has decided to make face masks optional for now. If the pandemic gets worse, we will revisit the discussion. For your convenience we will continue to have some in the Narthex for anyone who would like to wear one.

## TAKE DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We need your help to take down the Christmas decorations on January 7, 2023 at 10:30am. If enough people come to help it shouldn't take very long to get it done. So please put aside an hour or two Saturday morning and come help. Thanks in advance.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jan	1	Sonia Wills
Jan	3	Jim Enoch
Jan	9	Ivan Yuhanna
Jan	18	Joe Alexander
Jan	22	Amanda Yuhanna
Jan	26	Lori Gast

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The seasons come, the seasons go  
As time is moving on  
And so we greet another year  
As we move into the dawn.

For steady mind and loving heart  
The future hold no fear  
Whoever believes is now prepared  
To face the coming year.

Lord, grant us courage that we may  
Stand brave and strong and true  
As we await the coming days  
To live each one for You.

By Wally Kennicutt

# JANUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:30 AM Choir 10:30 AM Worship Service with Communion New Year's Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM Art Group	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:30 AM Take down Christmas decorations
<b>8</b> 9:30 AM Choir 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10:00 AM Art Group	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:30 AM Choir 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:15 PM Stated Session Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10:00 AM Art Group	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:30 AM Choir 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10:00 AM Art Group	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:30 AM Choir 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group				