

Our Daily Bread

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
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FEBRUARY 2020

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

As I pulled up to the church this morning, I was greeted by a choir of birds singing. The sound of hundreds of birds singing their morning greeting at once. Perched in the leafless trees and standing in stark contrast to the rapidly greying sky was a brilliant cardinal. Its bright red plumage cheerfully greeted those lucky enough to see it.

And I was reminded again that God's creation embraces great diversity, from the big black crow cawing to meet the morning to the tiny finches that twittered and hopped from branch to branch. All part of God's wonderful creation.

As we face each day, we should remember that we are also part of God's creation. God loves us and will never desert us. Sometimes bad things happen, and we feel as if we are alone, but God is with us. He is with us in the good times and the bad times.

"I can do all things through Christ, which strengthens me." No matter what you face, know that God is with you and that He will never desert you. That is the good news of the Gospel.

Janet

LITURGIST SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

1. February 2 - Pat Nash
2. February 9 - Pat Nash
3. February 16 - Bill Gast
4. February 23 - Julie Ciuro

FEBRUARY GOSPEL READINGS

- February 2 - Matthew 5:1-12
February 9 - Matthew 5:13-20
February 16 - Matthew 5:21-37
February 23 - Matthew 17:1-9

STATED SESSION MEETING

Our next Stated Session Meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2020 at 12:15 p.m. If you cannot make it, please let Lori Gast know – (214) 218-7784

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Church Life celebrates members and friends birthdays on the first Sunday of each month.

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| February 12 | Michelle Kalu |
| February 13 | Sarah Brack |
| February 15 | Sue Fitch |
| February 18 | Betty Epie |
| February 21 | Elizabeth Price |
| February 27 | Heidi Yuhanna |

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 January go to:

1. The liturgists –Pat Nash, Bill Gast, and Julie Ciuro
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, Julie Ciuro, and Joan Christy
5. Those who brought flowers –Barry Krueger, Joan Christy, Lorrinda Alexander and Bill Gast
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: Joan Christy and Lori Gast
11. Julie Ciuro for making the Communion Bread
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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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 2019:

Income	\$10,521
Expenses	\$13,122

Year-to-Date:

Income	\$72,688
Expenses	\$85,154

From January til December we are down approximately 13K in usable income. Let us pray that 2020 is better financially for we cannot run the church without the money needed to keep it open, maintained, and staffed. God has been good to us; let us be grateful with our thanks and support.

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.

A THANK YOU FROM PC(USA)

I wanted to reach out, first and foremost, to thank the members of DeSoto Presbyterian Church for their recent contributions to the Presbyterian Giving Catalog through your Angel Tree. Your gifts of livestock and water will make a long-lasting impact in the lives of our siblings around the world.

Also, is there any way we can encourage and support future engagement with the Catalog? We love when congregations engage with Presbyterian mission in this way and are always eager to provide support.

Again, we are so appreciative of your generosity.

Blessings,

Lauren

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our leaders, our Presbytery, our church, the Session, our troops, Lorrinda and Joe Alexander, Margie Sonntag, Millie Allen, Tom Price, Bill and Nina Swaney, Sue Fitch, continued prayers for Cameroon, Makia and Mireille Epie, Irmagene Mitchell, Karla Krueger, Sonia Wills, Truman and Martha Brashear, Diane Sharp, Ransome Kanu was accepted into North Texas University and he needs our continued prayers, Cori Laws, travel mercies for all our members traveling, Aurelia's son Joshua Coleman, Janet's friend Chris, Julie's daughter's parents-in-law, Nina and Julie are both suffering with sciatica, Barry Krueger, family and friends of Matt McKowen especially his mother Susie, Craig and Nora McNeil, Manfred Enoch has a very sore heel, the people and animals in Australia, Debra Reel passed away, Julie is having back surgery, everyone impacted by the weather, Manfred's mother-in-law is in Africa prayers for her safe return.

CELEBRATIONS

Jeff and April Alexander adopted Bryson and Emily, Alyson Keffer went to be with the Lord 44 years ago, Joan Christy celebrated the lives of her mother Irene McNeil and Jary Christy, Mike Keffer's birthday, Joe Alexander turned 70, Craig McNeil came through his surgery well, Irmagene Mitchell is moving to the Village.

SAVE THE DATE

Joan Christy is turning 90 and her kids are giving her a party following the Worship Service on March 15th. Please RSVP ASAP with Lori so we can get a head count and order a caterer. Text or call 214-218-7784, or email me at lk1623@gmail.com or desotopresbyterian@gmail.com

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

The Worship Committee is meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

FEBRUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:15 AM Choir 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service with communion	3 6:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Bears 7:00 PM Boy Scout 109	4 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	5	6 10:00 AM Art Group	7	8
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