

Our Daily Bread

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
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JANUARY 2024

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

It is another new year. While many people make New Year's resolutions, I chose to stop making them many years ago. Resolutions are usually something that simply gets broken early in the new year. Rather than resolving to lose weight or exercise more, perhaps this new year you could find a new way to serve God.

Join our adult Sunday school class and learn more about the Scriptures. If you like to sing, join the choir, and make a joyful noise to the Lord. Volunteer to read scripture during the service. Bring food or warm clothes for those less fortunate. Volunteer to deliver the food to the local food bank.

These are just a few ways. You can serve God in the new year. In our private lives, we can serve God by praying, reading scripture, and learning about our faith. As we go into the new year, let each of us find a way to worship and glorify our God.

Janet

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January	1	Jackie Holley
January	1	Sonia Wills
January	3	Jim Enoch
January	9	Ivan Yuhanna
January	10	Michelle Kalu
January	18	Joe Alexander
January	22	Amanda Yuhanna
January	26	Lori Gast

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 and Bill Gast
2. The greeters – Elizabeth Price, Lori Gast Joan Christy and Pat Nash
3. Those who brought snacks for after worship –Pat Nash, Elizabeth Price, and Joan Christy
4. Joan Christy for being the Gatekeeper
5. Pat Nash for filling the candles with oil
6. Joan Christy and Elizabeth Price host the after worship refreshment time with help from Church Life and Steve Perry
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: Pat Nash and Ivan Yuhanna
10. The Ushers –Bill Gast, Ivan Yuhanna and Joe Alexander
11. Barry Krueger and the choir for our Anthems

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our leaders, our Presbytery, our church, the Session, our troops, Lorrinda and Joe Alexander, Sue Fitch, Makia and Mireille Epie, Martha Brashear, Thomas Alexander, continued prayers for Bryson, the church and nation of Ukraine, Makia's people in Cameroon, Gene Knox and Jewell Victorino, DeSoto Food Pantry, Joan's sisters Marj and Connie, Max Jewell is at home, but needs continued prayers, the tornados just keep coming – prayers for the people affected by them, Tracy Berkich, Alice Anne's best friend's mother has had shingles since last July, Joan Christy, immigrants at the borders, travel mercies for all our members traveling. Chikezie is very weak, Bryan's mom, Thomas' cousin Kenny's wife was brutally attacked, a former coworker of Thomas has a mass on their brain, Christians in Pakistan, teachers and students this school year, Josie's daughter Sienna's best friend's mother was diagnosed with cancer, Janet, Brice Sanders, the Hamas-Israel War, prayers for those who are hungry, Eric Bartels, Patricia Wade's granddaughter is having surgery, Elizabeth Price, Joan's sister Marj has been put into Hospice care, Martha's sister-in-law passed away – prayers for her husband John, Anne Bowman lost her son – prayers for the family, God be with Brayden as he decides which college to go to, prayers for the people who are suffering and need help.

CELEBRATIONS

The life of Joan's brother John McNeil, William is celebrating Janet's birthday, Elizabeth is back, Makia missed us, Makia's nephew Marvin is here visiting

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following is the new treasurer's report.

November 2023

Bank balance	\$50,420
Expenses	\$6,989
Dedicated Funds	\$10,692
Available Funds	\$49,728

Plus there are investments totaling \$67,055 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.

STATED SESSION MEETING

Our next Stated Session Meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2024 at 12:15 p.m. in the Rainbow Room. Pat Nash is going to lead the devotional and opening prayer. If you cannot make it, please let Lori Gast know – (214) 218-7784.

JANUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Epiphany of the Lord
7 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service w/ communion	8	9 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	10	11 10:00 AM Art Group	12	13 10:00 AM Un-Decorate the church
14 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service with Installation of new Ruling Elders	15	16 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	17	18 10:00 AM Art Group	19	20
21 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:15 PM Stated Session Meeting	22	23 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	24	25 10:00 AM Art Group	26	27
28 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service	29	30 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	31			