



# THE FIRST WORD

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### PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

As we prepare our hearts for the arrival of the Christ Child, here is a list of church activities in which you are encouraged to participate:

#### **Sunday, December 8, 3:00 pm—Choir Christmas Concert and Reception—**

An afternoon of Advent and Christmas music, this annual concert will feature a wide variety of musical styles, instrumentalists and choirs as well as singing of familiar carols. Free and open to the public.



**Sunday, December 15, Time TBA—**Join us in learning through various hands-on activities as we move further into the season of Advent. This is an intergenerational activity, and all ages are invited to participate.

#### **Saturday, December 21, 8:00 am—Christmas Food Basket Preparation & Distribution—**

We have traditionally given 50 to our community. In order to continue this, we need your help. We will continue taking \$25 donations per basket even though prices have increased. For our 50 baskets, we need **\$1950**. We are also collecting additional food to supplement the baskets since we no longer have a Boy Scout Troop which always collected food for us. You will find that basket in the Mulberry Room. You may make a monetary donation by writing a check and designating it to Christmas Baskets. Each time we accumulate \$100, we will add a gingerbread man to our poster, that way you can keep up with how much we have and how much we need. Thank you for helping with this mission.



Christmas Food Box



**Saturday, December 21, 8:00 am—Give A Kid A Brighter Day Pajamas & Books for Christmas Project—**Cadence Collins is again collecting PJs and Books for children in the families receiving our Christmas Food Baskets. If you would like to adopt a child, contact either Cadence Collins 321-2788 or Lynn Whittaker 321-7116 to get sizes, ages and gender.

#### **Tuesday, December 24, 9:00 am—4:00 pm - Ringing the Salvation Army Bell—**

Always a family favorite, sign up in the Fellowship Hall for an hour of ringing the bell at Kroger on Christmas Eve. We will be at both Kroger entrances, so that means there is twice the opportunity to



participate! Funds donated in the infamous red kettle stay in Shelby County to help those in need.



**Tuesday, December 24, 5:30 pm—Family Friendly Christmas Eve Service**

**Tuesday, December 24, 11:00 pm—Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**

**THE MITTEN TREE IS UP AND READY TO RECEIVE YOUR DONATIONS OF MITTENS, GLOVES, HATS, SCARVES AND SOCKS THAT WILL GO TO THOSE IN NEED.**



# **REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FESTIVALS**

**We are invited to read and reflect on these scripture passages  
as a part of our preparation for worship.**

## **First Sunday of Advent—December 1**

**Isaiah 2:1–5**

**Psalm 122**

**Romans 13:11–14**

**Matthew 24:36–44**

## **Second Sunday of Advent—December 8**

**Isaiah 11:1–10**

**Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19**

**Romans 15:4–13**

**Matthew 3:1–12**

## **Third Sunday of Advent—December 15**

**Isaiah 35:1–10**

**Psalm 146:5–10 or Luke 1:46–55**

**James 5:7–10**

**Matthew 11:2–11**

## **Fourth Sunday of Advent—December 22**

**Isaiah 7:10–16**

**Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19**

**Romans 1:1–7**

**Matthew 1:18–25**

## **Nativity of the Lord / Christmas Eve—December 24**

**Isaiah 9:2–7**

**Psalm 96**

**Titus 2:11–14**

**Luke 2:1–14 [15–20]**

## **Nativity of the Lord / Christmas Day—December 25**

**Christmas Dawn**

**Isaiah 62:6–12**

**Psalm 97**

**Titus 3:4–7**

**Luke 2:[1–7] 8–20**

**Christmas Day**

**Isaiah 52:7–10**

**Psalm 98**

**Hebrews 1:1–4 [5–12]**

**John 1:1–14**

## **First Sunday of Christmas—December 29**

**Isaiah 63:7–9**

**Psalm 148**

**Hebrews 2:10–18**

**Matthew 2:13–23**



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**Pledge**

Up to Date?

## DONATIONS - WRAPPING UP 2019

To be recorded for 2019, contributions must be in the church office by NOON, Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> **OR** have a postmark of December 31<sup>st</sup> or before. **Any contribution received after that time will be recorded as a 2020 contribution regardless of the date of your check.** This is in accordance with IRS regulations.

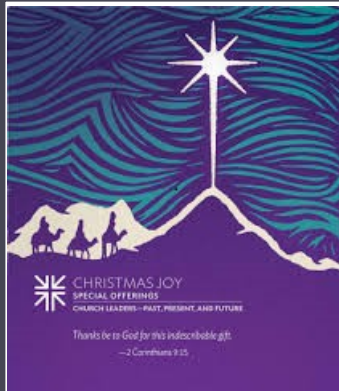
**PER CAPITA  
GIVING**



There's still time to include your per capita donation in your 2019 giving. Per capita is a per member assessment that we pay to the Presbyterian Church (USA) each year to help fund the ministries of our presbytery, synod and general assembly. For 2019, the per capita amount is \$25.00 per member. If you have already made a donation for 2019, please know that your Session greatly appreciates your support.



**2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES** - If you would like to have offering envelopes for the New Year, please pick-up a box of envelopes from the Information Center in the Mulberry Room. To ensure proper credit to your donations statement, please print your name on the envelope log sheet. You may also call the office at 633-2693 to request envelopes.



**CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERING** – The Christmas Joy Offering reflects that God is with us through the generous gifts that support church leaders among us, retired, present and future, who have pointed us to God. Even as we support our current and former church leaders through Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, God is calling new leaders for our Church and world through the ministry of Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color - offering students the means for a brighter future and enhanced opportunities to use their talents and skills to serve God, the Church, and the world for years to come. 50% of your gifts to Christmas Joy assist current and retired church workers and their families who are in financial need. 50% of your gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at

Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. **Please make your checks payable to First Presbyterian Church. Be sure to mark all contributions for “Joy Offering.”**



Do you have a key to the church building that you no longer need? If so, please return those keys to the office so that they may be available for other needs. Thank you.



## FINANCE REPORT OCTOBER 2019

In October, we collected \$16,043.13. On the expense side, we spent \$17,383.94. We spent a total of \$1,340.81 more than we collected. Questions? Please call Fred Waits (502) 321-5128.

	Last Month	Year to Date
Pledges Received	\$13,705.00	\$107,096.72
Kroger Gift Card	\$297.22	\$916.46
From Savings	\$0.00	\$14,000.00
Other Income	\$2,040.91	\$50,148.27
Designated Funds	\$0.00	\$130.00
Total Income	\$16,043.13	\$172,291.45
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$16,043.13</b>	<b>\$172,161.45</b>

Personnel Expense	\$13,709.89	\$133,525.91
Utilities	\$1,986.22	\$16,969.63
Building Maintenance	\$610.22	\$13,029.14
Youth & Education	\$481.78	\$1,614.67
Music	\$0.00	\$150.00
Office	\$492.31	\$3,675.89
Shared Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00
Per Capita	\$0.00	\$3,875.00
Other	\$103.52	\$2,661.27
Designated Expenses	\$51.33	\$1,508.23
Total Expenses	\$17,435.27	\$177,009.74
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$17,383.94</b>	<b>\$175,501.51</b>

Summary 2019	Income	Expense	Difference
December			
November			
October	\$16,043.13	\$17,383.94	-\$1,340.81
September	\$25,806.00	\$16,416.10	\$9,389.90
August	\$14,672.69	\$19,682.10	-\$5,009.41
July	\$17,253.95	\$14,712.00	\$2,541.95
June	\$14,473.45	\$14,858.41	-\$384.96
May	\$12,397.00	\$18,973.00	-\$6,576.00
April	\$19,513.35	\$18,330.56	\$1,182.79
March	\$19,094.38	\$19,673.23	-\$578.85
February	\$20,846.00	\$18,836.19	\$2,009.81
January	\$11,061.50	\$16,635.30	-\$5,573.80



*God's Kitchen is closed until further notice. There remains a possibility that it may not reopen. Pray for God's guidance and what the future holds for our downtown soup kitchen and for the folks who count on this one hot meal in their day.*



## **DECEMBER 8 Remember Love Sunday**

Funds collected on Love Sunday are used to help many individuals in the community needing assistance with utilities, prescriptions, school supplies, and more. Payments are made directly to the vendors, and cash is never given to an individual. Individuals may request assistance once in a 12-month period with a \$ limit per request. Make your checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and mark it for LOVE SUNDAY.

**JOIN US ON  
Wednesday, DECEMBER 4,  
Anytime between  
12:00 noon & 4:00 p.m.  
At the Serenity Center,  
98 7th Street**



**Help distribute food to 400+ Shelby County families.**

**We especially need folks to push grocery carts.**

Bring plastic bags (Kroger, Walmart, etc.)



## **OUTREACH COMMITTEE WANTS YOU**

Are you interested in helping with the Outreach Committee and all their wonderful "hands on" work in the community? We would love to have your help and welcome your attendance at our monthly meetings, 2nd Sunday of each month, 9:00 a.m. in the Sharing & Caring Sunday School Room upstairs. We are done in plenty of time for Sunday School, and no need to get out another evening during the week! Can't climb the stairs? Let us know, and we will meet downstairs.



## THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

November 2019



Due to low funds, no families were helped this month.

### A Place to Sleep

235 children have received beds in 2019 making a total of 1,961 children having received beds with 54+ on the waiting list.

Wright Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> graders will come to tour and learn more about A Place to Sleep on November 4.

The Halloween Party at Talon's on October 28 was successful. A good time plus \$1000 was raised plus \$2000 from Dr. Carlen Pippin's AARP Award.

Christ Community Church continues to deliver beds on their "Love Shelbyville" Sunday.

A Place to Sleep has joined Unite Us, an electronic clearinghouse which can help find other services for families in need.

### Give a Kid a Brighter Day

Cadence donated Halloween costumes to a family for a Halloween themed birthday party.

### Serenity Center

This church continues to have volunteers at the Serenity Center on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Carlen Pippin still shares extra food with Colonial Hall and the Women's Renaissance Center.

### Musical Instrument Ministry

115 instruments have been placed in the schools. Gary Steinhilber has placed a notice on the Community page of the Sentinel News which he plans to update.

### Other Business

God's Kitchen is closed until at least January.

The Parks Department is collecting plastic bottle caps for benches for the new Greenway Trail. Please take the caps to the FAC.

The Christmas Food Boxes will be assembled and distributed on December 21 starting at 8:00 a.m.

We will collect canned goods during the month of November and December to add to the Christmas boxes.

The number of Christmas boxes may have to be reduced due to finances.

This church will ring the Salvation Army bells on December 24 at Kroger, 9 – 4.

The Alternative Gift Market will be held on November 10. Norma Beasey will staff the Outreach Table.

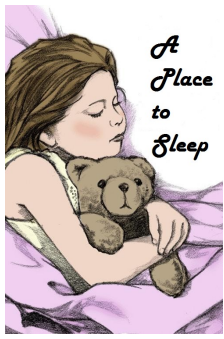
The Mitten Tree will be offered again this year.

The next meeting will be December 8 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sharing & Caring Sunday School room upstairs. All are invited



## CHRISTMAS COUNTRY MOUSE

**As you do your holiday baking of cookies, cakes, and candy, please make a little extra to share at the Country Mouse. All proceeds will go toward our Christmas Food Baskets.**



*A  
Place  
to  
Sleep*

## ***A Place to Sleep***

Since the last newsletter, we have provided beds to 262 children during 2019 for a grand total of 1,988. There are currently 13+ on the waiting list.

**THANKS BE TO GOD FOR:** *Jerry & Jennifer Karem, owners of Village Plaza Shopping Center, for inviting us to share and serve out of the back of their shopping center. Also to all the men currently at Open Door of Hope who worked hard and tirelessly moving us into our new space and to the ladies at Open Door of Hope for cleaning up the space we left at Awake Ministries.*

### **AWAY IN A MANGER**

**\$10 per CD**

A Collection of Carols for

### **A PLACE TO SLEEP**

*By Allie Blair*

*With Bob Caruthers and  
Bethany Blair*

Allie Blair, Freshman at Martha Layne Collins High School, has a heart of gold and a voice to back it up. She also had a dream and saw that dream come to fruition by producing a CD of Christmas music for A Place To Sleep. At a cost of only \$10, you can have a copy by contacting

either Lynn Whittaker 321-7116, or Libby Nethery 270-304-7423. These make great stocking stuffers!



#### **#1 holiday hack:**

When you buy your gifts at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), Amazon donates.

**amazon**smile

## **Here are some ways you can help A Place to Sleep without spending anything extra:**

### **Quotes for Good**

Chase Young State Farm Insurance continues their Quotes for Good Program. Call or stop by their office, 201 Alpine Drive, Suite A, Shelbyville (502-513-5139) for a free auto or home insurance quote. Whether you decide to purchase insurance or not, they will donate \$10 to A Place to Sleep when you select us as your charity to support. They will continue doing this through 2019.

### **AmazonSmile.com**

Support A Place to Sleep by shopping at AmazonSmile. When you shop, especially during the holiday season, AmazonSmile donates to A Place to Sleep!

Simply go to: [smile.amazon.com/ch/83-2952455](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/83-2952455)

### **Flipgive.com**

Download the Flipgive app, select A Place to Sleep to support, and shop at family favorites like Walmart, Starbucks, Sam's Club, Lowe's, Nike and more. You can also buy gift cards for restaurants, airlines, movies and many more. All you have to do is continue to buy the things you need. A percentage of your purchase will be donated to our nonprofit. (FYI—Once you join, eating at Cattleman's and Milano's automatically makes a donation!)



**These are photos taken at the Soil Collection Ceremony  
that First Presbyterian Church is participating in  
as a part of the Equal Justice Initiative.**

**Thank you to everyone who has been involved in First Presbyterian Church's joint effort to bring to light and remember the people who were lynched in Shelbyville in the past. Special thanks to Ruth Welch, Stephanie Schmidt and Diane Palmer for setting up and operating the reception following the ceremony.**



**Ruth and Evan Welch placing soil in commemorative jars .**

Lynchings in America were not isolated hate crimes committed by rogue vigilantes. Lynchings were targeted racial violence perpetrated to uphold an unjust social order. Lynchings were terrorism.

This era left thousands dead; significantly marginalized black people politically, financially, and socially; and inflicted deep trauma on the entire African American community. White people who witnessed, participated in, and socialized their children in a culture that tolerated gruesome lynchings also were psychologically damaged. State officials' tolerance of lynching created enduring national and institutional wounds that have not yet healed. Lynchings occurred in communities where African Americans today remain marginalized, disproportionately poor, overrepresented in prisons and jails, and underrepresented in decision-making roles in the criminal justice system.

**Information on display at the National Memorial for Peace and Justice located in Memorial Park in Montgomery, Alabama.**



**Soil Collections on display at the National Memorial for Peace and Justice.**



**Joyce Dotson placing soil in a jar.**





**Southern and Ohio Bridge  
off the 7th Street walking  
trail in Shelbyville where  
some lynchings took  
place.**

**Doug Welch speaking  
at the Soil Collection Ceremony.**



**Paul Schmidt speaking.**



**Jay Hodge, Paul Schmidt and  
Doug Welch collecting soil.**



**Callaway Zaring,  
Stephanie Schmidt, and  
Sally Zaring collecting soil.**



**The deadline for ordering poinsettias is December 8<sup>th</sup> . You may tear off and use this form to place your order and have that task out of the way! Order forms will also be in the worship bulletins on November 24<sup>th</sup>, and December 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.**

----- CLIP -----

Ordered by: \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by (this will be the listing for the bulletin): \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$9.00 each. Please make check payable to the church and marked for "poinsettias".

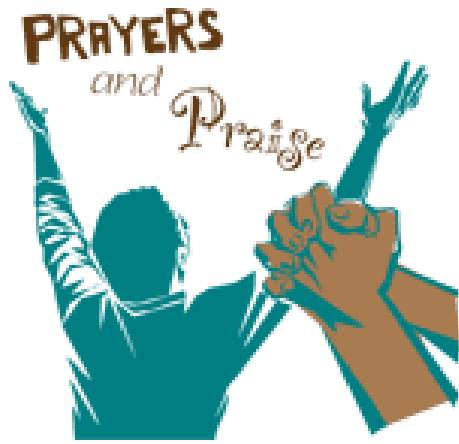
# HELP STOCK THE KITCHENS AT THE VETERANS VILLAGE

Looking for something a little different that makes a difference this Christmas? How about helping equip the kitchens for the tiny homes being built for Veterans here in Shelbyville. Pick up a few or a lot of these items, and drop them off at Crescent Place Assisted Living. These homes will be temporary housing for homeless Veterans while they receive counseling and guidance through the bureaucratic red tape, and will more than likely save their lives as we lose on average one Veteran to suicide every hour. The sewer and water lines have been laid, the plans are in their final stages, and footers are ready to be poured. Once that happens, the walls will go up and things should progress quickly, pending Mother Nature's cooperation. To learn more about Veterans Village, talk to Carlen Pippin 321-0221 or call Awake Ministries 647-5566.



knives, forks, spoons  
spatulas  
large cooking spoons  
cutlery  
vegetable peeler  
vegetable brush  
pizza cutter  
whisk  
skillet  
pots/pans  
plates  
coffee cups  
drinkware  
can opener  
measuring cups  
measuring spoons  
mixing bowls  
hand mixer  
coffee pot  
kitchen towels & dish cloths  
oven mitts  
pot holders  
dish drain  
mop  
broom

Go out and preach the Gospel, using words if you have to.



***We give thanks to God for:***

All those celebrating birthdays, including: Todd Hall,  
Susie Phillips and Brooke Caudill  
All those who led and participated in the Alternative  
Gift Market  
The Alternative Gift Market Breakfast Crew  
The birth of Gwendolyn Cossuto Green to Austin &  
Jennie Green  
Veterans

\$151 was received from Peace and Global  
Offering. 25% (\$37.75) remains at FPC for  
Outreach Ministries. Thank you for  
supporting these Special Offerings.

***Since our last issue, we lift up the following  
in our prayers:***

Ann & Pete Gullett and Ann's mother  
Callaway Zaring  
Claire Reidy  
Gillian Shepard  
Joyce Dotson  
Logan, Roe and Ryan traveling to Uzbekistan  
LouAnn and Amy  
Roger & Ylan Tate  
The Krady Family  
Todd Phillips traveling to Hong Kong

***We continue to lift up:***

Creque Family  
Jason, Jessica & Hudson Won  
Joyce Dotson  
Lisa Beasey  
Lucy & Charles Long  
Marcia & Gary Mitchum  
Nancy Pearce  
Sam Hall  
The Garbat-Welch Family

***We pray for our military family & friends:***


Alaine Shepard, medic US Army, wife of Steve Shepard, daughter-in-law of Linda Shepard  
Brandon Pettyjohn  
Brandon Brouillet, father of Tyler Brouillet  
Carmen Aragon Corum, sister of our childcare workers  
Daniel Ehrichs, nephew of Joanne Burke  
David Luebke  
Frank Renner, US Navy, Leslee Bottorff's son  
Gabriel Romeo, US Army, brother of our childcare workers  
Hannah Riddle, US Air Force, granddaughter of Carlen & Jenny Pippin  
Hunter Moore, US Marine Corps, Tom & Brenda Seacat's nephew  
Jack Walters  
Jared Bentley, US Marine Corps, Tom & Brenda Seacat's nephew  
Jonathan Bowman  
Matthew Harper, Alaine Shepard's son, US Army  
Ryan Donaldson, grandson of Joanne Burke  
Seth LeMaster, US Marines, family of Lynn & Mark Whittaker  
Spencer Goetzinger, US Army, husband of Bobbie Renner Goetzinger, son-in-law of Leslee Bottorff  
Todd Dillon, US Army, friend of the Whittakers



*(If you have additional information regarding any of the folks listed above or have someone else to add to the list, please contact the church office.)*





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School for All Ages <b>10:15 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>4</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Food Distribution at Serenity Center <b>6:00 PM</b> Advent Series "Why Am I Having to Wait" <b>6:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>7</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Concert Rehearsal <b>12:00 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting
<b>8</b> <b>LOVE SUNDAY</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Outreach Ministry Meeting <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School for All Ages <b>10:15 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship <b>3:00 PM</b> CHRISTMAS CONCERT <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists <b>6:00 PM</b> Session Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>11</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> PW Morning Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Advent Series "Why Am I Having to Wait" <b>6:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>14</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting
<b>15</b> <b>ADVENT WORKSHOP</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School for All Ages <b>10:15 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship <b>12:00 PM</b> Newsletter articles due <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>18</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Advent Series "Why Am I Having to Wait" <b>6:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>21</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Christmas Food Basket Prep and Distribution <b>12:00 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting
<b>22</b> <b>Christmas Joy Offering</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School for All Ages <b>10:15 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bell Ringing for Salvation Army at Kroger's <b>5:30 PM</b> Family Friendly Worship Service <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting <b>11:00 PM</b> Candlelight Worship / Communion	<b>25</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>26</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>27</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>28</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting
<b>29</b> <b>Uspiritus Fifth Sunday Offering</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School for All Ages <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>1</b> <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Food Distribution at Serenity Center	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>4</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting



12/01 Todd Dodd  
12/06 Gregg Neal  
12/14 T. J. Harris  
12/14 Andy Shepard  
12/15 Jim O'Malley  
12/16 Mike Smith  
12/19 Ann Greenwell  
12/19 Philip Wakeman  
12/24 Gary Steinhilber  
12/26 Carolyn Clayton  
12/30 Aiden Carriss  
12/31 Frances Hall  
12/31 Fred Waits

**If you know of  
someone whose  
birthday or  
anniversary  
aren't included,  
please contact  
the church office so  
we can add  
their information to  
our records.**



12/16 Bill & Sondra Powers  
12/17 Paul & Stephanie Schmidt  
12/31 John & Lynne Chenault



Painted Stone Elementary is looking for adults to play chess with students any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, 7:15-7:35 am. Commit to what your schedule allows. Playing chess, checkers, and other mind challenging games early in the morning is like a jog for the brain. It gets the "thinking juices" flowing for the rest of the day. For more information, talk to Amy Dickenson or call Painted Stone Elementary if you need more information.



**Alternative Gift Market  
Another Success!**

**Thank you to everyone who  
donated \$4,358  
to 19 different  
causes!**

**And special thanks  
to our amazing  
breakfast team!**



All women are invited to participate in our Evening Women's Bible Study Group held one Wednesday a month. The group determines which Wednesday based on schedules. Check with Ruth Welch for December's date.