



# WESTERN SPIRE

## January 2017

*“But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen.” ~2 Peter 3:18*

Happy Birthday!

Well, it is *almost* our birthday! Way back in 1817, a congregation of believers gathered together to build what would become Western Presbyterian Church on the four corners in Palmyra, New York. This year, we will celebrate those 200 years of ministry.

This time of year is always a refreshing time, of newness, of possibility, and of a recommitment- usually in the form of resolutions to better ourselves, our families, and our communities. New Year’s Day seems to bring with it an excitement as we look ahead at the year to come.

And New Year’s Day also brings with it the opportunity to reflect on the past year: where we have been and what we have done.

For our family, 2016 was a *very* full year! As we have been reflecting on the many changes we have gone through, we look ahead to how we will continue to stretch and grow in 2017.

This is my hope for our congregation in our 200th year: that we will reflect on our past, exploring and learning about who we have been over the past two centuries, but that we will also reflect on where we are going. Who do we want to be two hundred years from now? Or even, who do we want to become New Year’s Day, 2018?

In the coming year, there will be many opportunities to stretch and grow in the grace and knowledge that Peter talks about in his Epistle; there will also be plenty of challenges. There will be exciting new things taking place, as well as sorrowful moments.

But the one thing that is constant in all of this, is God. Our Lord has been faithful over the 200 years of ministry in this church, and God continues to be faithful as we look with hope and anticipation to the future. When we put our trust in our Savior, listening carefully with a discerning ear for where God is calling us, we rest assured that we are joined together in the Holy Spirit, working for God’s coming kingdom.

To Christ be the glory! Happy New Year, and Happy Birthday!

~Pastor Kyle

# **Preaching and Worship**

## **January 2017**

**January 1, 2017**

**First Sunday after Christmas  
New Year's Day**

**Reader: Eric Chapman  
Toddler Room: Jan Taylor  
No Coffee Hour**

**Ushers: Deb Trombino**

**January 8, 2017**

**Communion Sunday  
Baptism of the Lord**

**Reader: Sandy Kelly  
Toddler Room: Irene Fadden  
Communion Elders: Dave & Pat Pinkney and Norm Underwood**

**Ushers: Deb Trombino**

**January 15, 2017**

**Second Sunday after Epiphany  
Annual Reports Available**

**Reader: Sandy McMenamin  
Toddler Room: Ruth Dantz**

**Ushers: Deb Trombino**

**January 22, 2017**

**Third Sunday after Epiphany  
Annual Meeting after worship**

**Reader: Peter Fadden  
Toddler Room: Jody Pruitt**

**Ushers: Deb Trombino**

**January 29, 2017**

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
Casual Sunday**

**Reader: Lynn Malboeuf  
Toddler Room: Nancy Talma**

**Ushers: Deb Trombino**



**The deadline for the next SPIRE is Tuesday, January 17, 2017.**

**Thank you!**

**Thank you so much for the cards, calls, and especially for the prayers during our surgeries. We are both doing well and so appreciate our church family.**

**Andy & Carol Sloan**



**We are in need of people to sign up for Sunday Coffee Hour. If you can help out, please fill in the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or contact Sandy McMenamin (597-6181). Many thanks!**

**Calling all Western Presbyterians and Friends!**



**You are invited to a Pasta Dinner on Saturday February 4, 2017 from 4 to 7 p.m....when we raise funds and fun for our Canal Town Nursery School.**

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

Put this on your calendar NOW.....

Saturday, March 11th, 2017

St. Patrick's Dinner

serving from 4-7pm

@ WPC

All proceeds will go to Good Neighbor Fund

More information to follow. If you would like to help in this event, please contact Edie Chapman 597-6119  
edie56chap@aol.com

**“Outstanding!”**  
**“Full of life!”**

**“Joyful!”**  
**“Child focused!”**

**“Inspiring!”**  
**“Flawless!”**

These are some of the comments the children received after leading us in worship on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Our Sunday School children have been very busy this Advent season creating the worship service, making bulletin covers, writing a Litany, preparing music and reflecting on their **GIFT TO JESUS**. Our morning started with a skit, “A Christmas I Can Get Behind,” by the Jr./Sr. High kiddos, reminding us that there’s a lot of giving going on that we don’t always see. Each child created a **STAR**.



On their **STAR**, the children drew/wrote what gift (s) they’ll be sharing with Jesus.

**My Gift To Jesus:**

**Friendship, Toys, Kindness-Avery**  
**Love, Sharing, Mommy-Nella Jane**  
**Happy & Love-Jake**  
**Smiles, Funny, Band-Cholena**  
**Teddy Bears& Food-Maryn**  
**Joy-Sammy**  
**Friends, Music, Helpful-Erika**  
**Peace-Willow**

**Love-Zach**  
**Respect, Music, Caring-Emily**  
**Dedication, Music, Humor-Logan**  
**Kindness, Hope-Cherokee**  
**Helpful, Love, Music-Cheyenne**  
**Music, Food, Intelligence-Jacob**  
**Strength, Peace, Family-Maxine**

Our morning was FULL! Our youngest wise-children enjoyed ushering & handing out little gifts. JOY MAN made his return to refill our hearts with **JOY**, but also used his ‘super powers’ to announce all the hymns & lead



us in prayer. Our Multi-Age class loved reading scripture and the Litany they wrote. Our Jr/Sr. High kiddos shared their gift of music by playing duets & solos

on their instruments, by reading scripture and leading us in prayer. It was a morning of amazing **GIFTS**, beautiful **SMILES**, **JOYFUL** music & contagious **ENERGY**.



## **A SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR ON JAN. 15TH**

Session will be hosting a special coffee hour in honor of Heather, Nancy and Jack on January 15th. Please join us, as we take time to thank them for their dedication and for all of the beautiful music that they have given to us.

## **WEATHER CANCELLATIONS**

It doesn't happen very often, but every now and then the weather is bad enough that we need to cancel our worship service. In the event that we have that situation this winter, we will send an email to all members by 7AM Sunday morning. Face Book will also be updated, and for those who don't use email, we will make phone calls. If for some reason, you would like to be added to the phone list, please contact the office.

The most important message is, please be safe. If worship hasn't been cancelled, but the weather isn't good where you are, please stay warm and safe where you are!

## **Good News from the Good Neighbor Fund**

The Good Neighbor Fund is pleased to announce that we have received \$15,000 from the Bullis Fund. This gift was made to honor the many years of service that Dick Kirchhoff gave as a member of the original Board of Advisors. We are grateful to Dick for choosing the Good Neighbor Fund to be the recipient of this gift.

In an effort to be good stewards of this money, we will be using it as a matching fund for future donations. In other words, your \$50 donation will now become \$100 thanks to this gift. We plan to continue in this manner until we have used the entire amount.

# Toddler Schedule

Below is the Schedule for staffing of the Toddler Room during the 10:00 AM Sunday morning service. Thank you in advance for your extremely important mission of providing infant and toddler care. Please arrive about 10-15 minutes early. If you find you are not available on your assigned date, please find a replacement. Many, Many thanks!



**FYI – Emily Mc Farlane** is available most Sundays to help the adult in the nursery. Snack and a Vacuum (if needed) are in the closet. Let Jody know when we need more snacks Thanks again for your help.

01/01/17	Jan Taylor	315-597-4293
01/08/17	Irene Fadden	585-802-7594
01/15/17	Ruth Dantz	315-597-2143
01/22/17	Jody Pruitt	315-331-3211
01/29/17	Nancy Talma	315-597-5003
02/05/17	Logan & Kelly Babcock	315-210-0368
02/12/17	Carol and Andy Sloan	315-597-5182
02/19/17	Katie Michell	315-597-5653
02/26/17	Jody Pruitt*	315-331-3211
03/05/17	Rena Haigh	315-597-5971
03/12/17	Maxine & Kelly Babcock	315-210-0368
03/19/17	Sue Pringle	315-597-9533
03/26/17	Jan Taylor	315-597-4293



\*If anyone or anyone you know is interested in joining the team in providing infant and toddler care during the 10:00am service please contact **Jody Pruitt**, we would love to have you! Also if you are no longer able to help please let Jody know as well. Thanks CE Team Jody Pruitt 315-331-3211 [jody.pruitt@gmail.com](mailto:jody.pruitt@gmail.com)



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 4	Marietta Koeberle
January 6	Sally Chase
January 12	David Taylor
January 16	Erika Mitchell
January 22	Lynn Malboeuf
January 24	Norman Underwood
January 28	Jonathan Moak
January 29	Roxanne Kachel
January 30	Raymond McKeown

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

January 4	David & Amie McMullin
January 8	Chris & Katie Mitchell
January 14	John & Kathryn Hutton

**If you are an active member and we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the office at 597-9171 so we can add it to our list next time. If your anniversary or birthday is missing, it means it was not in the Data Base, which is where we get the list.**





# JANUARY 2017

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
1 <b>New Year's Day</b> No Sunday School	2 7 pm Fellowship	3 2 pm Deacons	4 <b>Annual Reports Due</b> 1 pm Mission/Social Concerns	5	6 <b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>	7
8 <b>Communion Sunday</b> <b>Baptism of the Lord</b>	9 4:30 pm CTNS Board	10 6:30 pm Property 7 pm Worship	11 7 pm Christian Ed.	12	13	14 Noon Circle IV's XMAS Luncheon Warfield's
15 <b>Annual Reports Available</b>	16 <b>Martin Luther King's Birthday</b> Office Closed	17 <b>SPIRE DEADLINE</b>	18 7 pm Finance	19	20	21
22 <b>Annual Meeting</b>	23	24 7 pm Session	25	26	27 <b>5:30-9 pm Set Up</b> for Day of Classes	28 9 am to 10 pm Society for Creative Anachronism Day of Classes
29 <b>Casual Sunday</b>	30	31 6-9 pm King's Daughter's Mtg. Parlor				



## FEBRUARY 2017

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
			1 1 pm Mission/Social Concerns	2	3	4 4-7 pm CTNS Pasta Dinner
5 <b>Blanket Sunday</b> 1 pm American Legion Service	6 5 pm CTNS 7 pm Fellowship	7 2 pm Deacons	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 <b>SPIRE DEADLINE</b> 6:30 pm Property 7 pm Worship	15 7 pm Finance 7 pm Circle IV	16	17	18
19 No Sunday School	20 <b>President's Day</b> Office Closed	21	22	23	24	25
26 <b>Sweets &amp; Treats</b> Mardi Gras	27	28 7 pm Session				