

What do you hope to accomplish in the new year?

What sparks joy in yourself?

WESTERN SPIRE

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Happy New Year to you all, again!! I said it in December for the new liturgical year, but this is for the calendar year 2025.

I don't know since when, but I stopped making new year's resolutions because I concluded it was not a happy and healthy way for someone like me to start a new year. Sometimes, my resolutions were overambitious so that I couldn't keep them out and I ended up giving myself credit to fail. Sometimes, I followed the advice of the professionals to make them smaller and more achievable so that I could enjoy the feeling of success. But it made me lose the purpose of doing them because I couldn't find any impact in my life with my baby steps. But more often than not, I gave myself permission to change those resolutions so I could still feel a strong sense of accomplishment, but the voice in my mind stated that it was only a half success. I stopped making new year's resolutions after I realized it was nothing more than a symbolic gesture to start a new year without making real changes in my life.

Marie Kondo, who is a specialist in teaching people about a simple but effective organizing system and who became a global sensation after her book "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up" was published, introduced some basic rules of tidying up. Among those rules, one important key is to ask yourself, "Does this item spark joy to you?" She points out that the things that inspire joy to you are the ones you can identify to keep. What about other things that don't give you special meanings and you haven't used them in five years? She said, "Get rid of them."

Since I learned from her how to focus on what excited me and bought me joy rather than the resolutions that eventually led me down, I have tried to do new things that I had never done before. For example, I did bungee jumping one year and took a trip to follow Apostle Paul's journey in Turkey and Greece in another year. I hope to visit the famous architecture of Antoni Gaudi, Sagrada Familia, in Spain and I plan to do either a tandem skydiving or parachuting, or both.

What do you hope to accomplish in the new year? What sparks joy in yourself? Specialists say that a healthy way of making good resolutions is when we enjoy the process itself more than the results. It sparks joy when we have a clear reason why we want to do it. For me, other than those resolutions above, which are mostly one-time things, the most important thing that sparks joy in my life is the church ministry. It is a strong motivation for me, which is strong enough to answer to the question of "why," because my fifty some years of faith journey makes a conclusion that building God's alternative community against the worldly order is the ultimate purpose of the Christian life. I truly believe that the kingdom of God has the power to embrace and change people's lives. There is nothing more exciting to me than seeing the people of God more engaging with our missions, responding to my sermons and Bible studies, and making suggestions to improve our ministries and relationships. There is nothing more exciting to me to see us demonstrating God's love for all people. Oh, I forgot to mention that good jokes are equally exciting to me.

I hope and pray that we all love this faith community enough to spark joy in our gatherings and missions together. I hope and pray that our church family enthusiastically invite their neighbors and friends to this community of faith, especially those who struggle in life and feel isolated so that they may find their spiritual home at WPC. After all, church is where the story of God is manifest and the joy of the Lord is found, as our brothers and sisters grow in their love for Jesus. Let us all have the same mind in Christ Jesus as we welcome the new year 2025.

Peace of Christ,
Rev. Hodong Hwang



From the Desk of Herman Sagastume, Executive Director

As we get closer to the end of the year and I'm able to see the statistics from the impact made this year, I am excited for the lives touched. Every time I go to Honduras, I see the need of the families in the communities we visit, and I am thankful for donors like you, who help us to provide the much-needed help.

There is still much to do, as we continue to work towards eradicating malnutrition in the communities we visit. We continue to provide educational sessions, teaching families about the importance of clean water, how to grow a garden for healthy food, or the importance of washing hands and brushing teeth. Many children who are unable to come to the Nutrition Center, receive assistance in their homes through our mobile clinic.

Thank you for being a part of the work that we do in Honduras. Your generosity and your time are greatly appreciated by us, as well as the families who are directly impacted by the work of Healthy Niños.

Herman



In 2024...

- 17 Mission Teams served in Honduras
- 5,238 Hondurans received a medical consultation
- 118 Children received care in the Nutrition Center
- 172 families received a concrete floor
- 234 Children helped by the Mobile Nutrition Center
- 966 Water Filtration systems received by communities



Making An Impact on Lives in Honduras

It was 23 years ago that I decided to move to Honduras to teach at a bilingual school, with no idea what it would be like. What started as a one-year commitment turned into an impact on my life in ways I never imagined. I lived there for four years before moving back to the USA with my husband and infant. Over the last 19 years I have had the privilege to continue to work in organizations (MAMA Project & then Healthy Niños Honduras) that provide assistance to families in need in Honduras.

Throughout these years, I've developed an inexplicable love for Honduras, for the language, the culture, the people that I have met. Each time I return to Honduras, I am reminded of the privileges I have, and I question how I can continue to make a real difference for those who face so many challenges. Most of all, I'm always impacted by the universal bond between mothers and their children. Whether in Honduras or the USA, mothers share the same dreams for their children – a desire to see their **children grow healthy** and be successful citizens in their communities. Mothers would sacrifice whatever needed to make sure their children have the basics in life: shelter, food, water, education, and good health.

I recently read "The Other Wes Moore" by Wes Moore, a book about two boys with the same name, born within a year of each other in the same Baltimore neighborhood. Despite their similar beginnings, their lives took drastically different paths—one became a Rhodes Scholar and business leader, while the other is serving a lifetime prison sentence for murder. Their stories illustrate the impact that **support and encouragement** can have on a person's life. For those of us who have had mentors, teachers, or family members to guide us through difficult times, we are fortunate. For many, however, that support is scarce.

Healthy Niños Director, Herman Sagastume, is an example of a man who overcame adversities with the help of others. When he could not afford his college education but knew that was a pathway to the future he desired, he had the support of an uncle that saw his grit and determination. Leaders in his church family were then impactful in helping him through the loss of his mother. Today, Herman is known for his willingness to help others. His work with Healthy Niños Honduras continues to **provide hope to families** who are struggling, just as he once struggled.

Children that come through the Nutrition Center create bonds with the Staff and I have no doubt that some of the children are **encouraged through their difficulties in life** by the love and care shown to them. Volunteers that come to Honduras on mission teams are able to provide important medical and dental care, provide school supplies or small gifts, and **provide a little hope** to children who may feel at a loss for the world they live in.

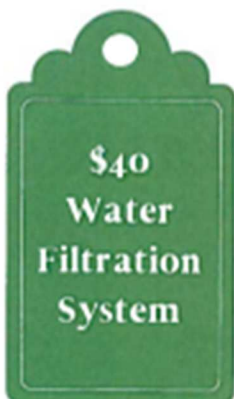
Like the two Wes Moores, born just blocks apart but with vastly different outcomes, I believe that **Healthy Niños is a beacon of hope** for children in Honduras—a place where they can find the support they need to overcome life's challenges. Our goal is simple: to provide families with the basic necessities—food, water, shelter, education, and healthcare—so that children can grow up to become successful, contributing citizens in their communities.

This holiday season, we ask for your support. Will you consider coming alongside Healthy Niños Honduras to **help make dreams come true for the children and families we serve**? Your generosity can make a lasting impact, offering hope and opportunity to those who need it most. Thank you for your continued support and compassion.

-Amanda Sagastume, Business Manager



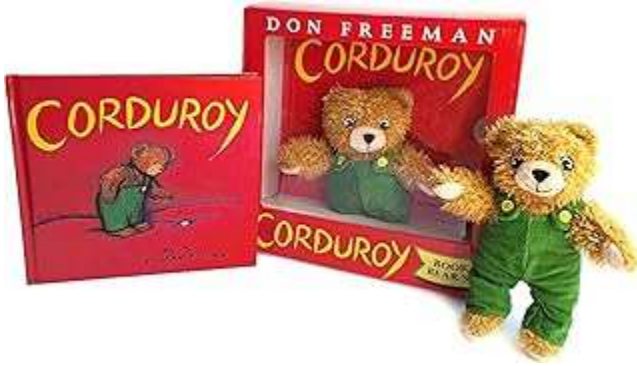
Ways to Gift to Honduran Families





Thank you to the congregation for the generosity shown using the Reverse Advent Calendar. Many, many items were brought in for the families who use the Food Pantry. These items cannot be purchased with SNAP Benefits. Ruth reports that the items given will be taken before the end of January. These items are needed all year long. The Mission and Social Concerns Team will be purchasing these items throughout the year with our mission money. And you are welcome to bring in laundry detergent, dish detergent, or any of the other items we collected. Like the cereal we bring in on Cereal Sunday, items may be put in the baskets near the coat rack across from the kitchen.

Thank you to the Women's Association for filling the shelf with all the cleaning products, personal health items, and the paper products. The items will be taken to the food pantry with the other gifts given during Advent. The funds used by the Women's Association were acquired from the Fall Rummage Sale, so thank you to everyone who worked at the Rummage Sale, women and men.



Imagine that you are a child, and you are living in a bad situation: alcoholic parent, violent abuse to parent or yourself, no food, left alone at a young age, etc. It feels like the end of the world.

What can we do for these children? We can't be there to give physical comfort, but giving a stuffed animal and a book could help a child have a friend (stuffed animal) to comfort them and a book about the stuffed animal to escape from their situation at least for a few minutes.

The Mission and Social Concerns Team is starting to collect books and stuffed animals for children and youth who might be in a dangerous situation. As we begin this ministry, we may not know everything we need to about the collection and matching of books and stuffed animals, but we will begin knowing this is a needed ministry that will let us help the children in Wayne County.

So here is what we are planning to do... The Mission Team is going to collect stuffed animals and storybooks where the character in the book is an animal. They are sold together or can be purchased separately. The team will buy books or stuffed animals to complete a set. Then we'll give them to a social service agency or police department that will have them to give to children when the agency is called to the home to help the children.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

There are no anniversaries this month.

January 4	Marietta Koeberle
January 6	Sally Chase
January 6	Molly Budziszewski
January 12	Dave Taylor
January 15	Andrew Budziszewski
January 16	Erika Mitchell
January 24	Norm Underwood
January 25	Rev. Hodong Hwang
January 28	Jack Moak
January 29	Roxanne Dobson

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the office at 597-9171 so we can add it to our list next time!

The team minutes received for December include:

WPC Christian Education Team

Minutes December 10, 2024

Building Faith, Family, and Fellowship. WPC nurtures spiritual growth, joyful fellowship, meaningful community and global involvement: worshiping and serving God with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

Present: Jody Pruitt, Emily Hunt, Cim McFarlane

In Spirit: Ellen Avery, Pastor Hodong

Upcoming Events:

December 21- Festival of Lights

December 29- No Sunday School (Christmas weekend)

January 5- Children's Service Epiphany

January 12- Valentine Card Making

February 9-Camp and Retreat Sunday

March 9-Girl Scout Sunday

March 16- Easter Card Making

March 23- Palm Sunday Bulletin Making

April 12-Easter Bunny Breakfast

April 13- Palm Sunday Parade

April 20- No Sunday School (Easter weekend)

May 18- Spring Children's Service

July 28- August 1- VBS

Continuing and New Business

Epiphany Service- More Than a Wish- combines the wish portion of the Old Testament and promise in the New Testament. Musical rehearsals were held during Thanksgiving break. Prop masters went through the green room to find all the props needed for the skit. Emily M is working on the skit portion of the service.

Easter Bunny Breakfast- April 12- Saturday before Palm Sunday. Proceeds to Bob Gunkler Campership. We will ask for donations. Emily will look to find notes from 2024 breakfast. Emily to fill out the building usage form.

Toddler Time- Cim shared that while Rachel is on maternity leave, WPC will hold Toddler Time on the first and third Tuesday for the months of January, February, and March. There will not be an official Toddler Time at the PCC while she is on leave. Santa will come on Tuesday and each toddler will receive a book (a big thank you to the WPC Women's Association for purchasing them).

Youth Group- Holiday Festival of Lights- We coordinated schedules and decided on December 21 for our date. Jody will call to reserve a wagon or two. We discussed the possibility of pizza at Fellowship Hall or desserts by the fire at the event depending on the time of the wagon.

Little Froggies Daycare Update- Property reported that the hope is to be opened by September of 2025. There are still inspections to be completed.

Property team moved more of the nursery items downstairs and plan to build a closet/storage space in the upstairs nursery.

Spring Service- Emily reached out to Courtney and the worship team to move the spring service to June 1 due to Jacob's graduation. Courtney didn't think it would be a problem but would discuss it at her upcoming worship team meeting.

December Youth Events during Worship- Avery H will read a poem at the 12/22 service, Emily M will lead the children's sermon on 12/22, Cim will lead the children's sermon on 12/24.

Next meeting: January 14, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Emily Hunt

Deacons Team Meeting Minutes

November 5th, 2024

Present: Sandy McMenamin, Randy Kennard, Nancy Talma, Patti Dlugosh, Muffie Beato, Linda Pulcini, Sandy Betts & Hodong Hwang

In Support: Sara Bush

Meeting opening with lighting of the Christ Candle *This month's scripture and prayer*

• **Old Business:**

1. **Approval of last month's minutes & corrections** *Motion: Muffie Second: Sandy M.*
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Current balance & expense/donation Status– Sandy M. –

Nov-24	Deacons Checking Account
Initial balance	\$ 954.17
Additions	\$ 29.00
Deductions	
Ending balance	\$ 983.17

Description of Additions: + offerings \$29

Description of Subtractions: - none

- a. Balances
3. Sharing Correspondence: letters/emails/cards - none received
4. Next Communion – on November 10th ~ Usually on 2nd Sunday of the month
 5. Enough Pita, loaf and juice for this month- *Thank you Patty*
 - a. Who can assist in set-up on the – no commitment till next month....10th ? Nancy, Sandy M, Linda, Muffie & Randy [two folks to collect cups after service & light has left sanctuary.]
6. Visits/ Calls/ cards counts - visits with special meaningful moments of faith

2024					
Month	Visits	Phone Calls	Cards sent and Email outreach	Communion Served	Communion Date
January	7	13	63	41	1/14/24
February	17	16	60	43	2/18/24
March	22	16	76	79	3/31/24
April	14	16	55	45	4/21/24
May	9	19	72	53	5/12/24
June	12	10	86	51	6/16/24
July	10	18	67	48	7/14/24
August	13	14	63	45	8/11/24
September	6	15	62	43	9/8/24
October	16	20	49	47	10/6/24
Year to Date	126	157	653	495	

S.S. created cards
28 S.S. created cards
21 Easter Lily Deliveries
3 bouquets from TD funeral
23 bouquets from JB funeral
World communion Sunday

7. Special Needs cards –
8. Special Care Mailings – Current List: managed by Sandy B,
9. Bible Verse: **Colossians 3:15-16** *“The peace of Christ must control your hearts”*

• **New Business:**

- Shifting of responsibilities for monthly cards for Birthdays and Anniversaries from Linda to Muffie.

The meeting **closed with prayer** offered by Sandy B.

Next meeting Tuesday 12/3/2024 @ 10am

TIME CHANGE back to 10AM

Respectfully - Randy Kennard, Chairperson

PRESENT: Bill Hassler, Val Gendron and Alicia Lynch

BUDGET: We discussed many loose ends concerning the budget. Some of the items that are still lacking are budget requests from Worship and Property. We also need some idea of what to expect in terms of costs for the office - Kathy and HoDong. We need verification of total members and the cost per capita. (Current membership was 85 and per capita was \$57.77) It would be nice to verify salaries/personnel with Session. HoDong has finished his letter regarding pledges and Kathy has mailed them out. Worship committee is willing to share Nov. 17 to share with Pie Sunday as the "soft deadline" return date for pledges. Last year it was called Pledge Pudding Sunday, this year Pie and Pledge Sunday.

SALARIES DISCUSSION: Session needs to put together salaries and salary packages as soon as can be done as it is needed for the budget. Absolutely appropriate to be done without our illustrious pastor in attendance.

AUDIT: A. Lynch has started pulling together all our Trust Account Data sheets and policies to share with A. Rich for our "audit review". We all concurred that we will schedule our review after tax season as most accountants are busy doing client taxes. Also A. Lynch is rather busy with Angel Tree right now and won't be able to work on this till after Christmas. A. Lynch will ask E. Chapman to create a trust account data sheet to the more recent bequests.

CONTRACTS: A. Lynch will report to Session about the contract with Emily Demeurisse for cleaning services. The contract states the invoice be sent at the start of the month requesting payment for that month, due within 15 days. For Finance, that's the issue that seems wrong; it means payment will be made before the service is rendered. We all concurred that this is just not standard operating procedure in business- invoice first and work after you're paid. There are other questions as well.

1. As a vendor she needs to provide proof of insurance, naming the WPC as additionally insured. (We have not received this.)
2. The above notation would not be required of an employee, should she be added as such which would ensure she was paid every other week.
3. K. Barr has reported that EJCS is not signing in and out of the log as all other contractors are required to do.
4. EJCS has not been emptying the trash in Kathy's office nor has Val's office been cleaned yet. (Really doesn't need more than 4 or 5 times per year.)
5. Shouldn't the Finance Committee review any vendor contracts before signing?
6. And finally- what does WPC do from here?

Finance will be meeting again in November to put together the budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Lynch

1. PRESENT: Phil Opdycke, James McFarlane, Gary LaBerge and Don Dantz
2. Opening prayer by Phil
3. Received a notice of investigation of the incoming water and gas pipes composition.
4. Ironwood Heavy Machinery sent a notice of power line clearing. Showed up on 11/20/24.
5. The committee proposes to clean the nursery room upstairs and build lots of shelves.
6. The nursery room will then be moved to the muscle room.
7. It is planned to extend a tv cable line downstairs and set up a new TV.
8. There is still a question as to how many new sinks will be required upstairs.
9. Inspection is in 90 days and in that time the sinks and changing stations have to be in.
10. The changing station for the downstairs will be ordered by Phil.
11. Auxiliary lighting and 3 exit lights have been replaced. Two more to do.
12. The village zoning officer said to replace all the exit signs and detectors.
13. Will call Alliance Door for work on bringing a couple of doors up to code.
14. We have received the bill showing costs for plowing and salting for the 24-25 season.
15. Phil will be at the church for the Finger Lakes Camerata concert on Monday Dec. 7, at 7 pm.
16. The committee moved the Christmas trees from storage to the front.
17. We removed the AC unit from the pastor's office window.
18. Questioning: what is the strategy for storage of the Hymnals, Ox Roast stuff, and Christmas and floral arrangements?
19. Finally received a potential cost of reroofing the whole church between 110,000 and 150,000 dollars depending on the type of shingle and gutters.

Respectfully submitted by Phil Opdycke

The stated meeting of the session of Western Presbyterian Church & Society, Palmyra, New York was called to order by the moderator, Reverend HoDong Hwang in Fellowship Hall at 7:00PM with the lighting of The Christ Candle and prayer.

8 Present: Philip Opdycke, Alicia Lynch, Irene Fadden, Courtney Marr, Randy Kennard, Emily Hunt, Janet Manktelow, Norman Underwood (via Zoom)

0 Absent

0 Excused

A quorum was present.

- Motion made by Philip Opdycke seconded and carried to approve the agenda.

Phil shared devotions with us.

Clerk's Report

- Motion made by Phil Opdycke seconded and carried to approve the Oct. session minutes.

The clerk reported on the session 2024 minute review held by Presbytery on Sept. 28, 2024.

E-Mail Votes:

- Motion made by Randy Kennard seconded and carried to approve Lily Cooley holding a stuffed toy drive in church until Nov. 1st. Lily will make a presentation at the Oct. session meeting.
- Motion made by Property Ministry Team and approved to have Parsons Organs Company replace the choir shade for \$1649.00. The money will come from the Organ Fund.

The following baptism is recorded: Bentley David Matz (DOB 5/4/2024-FF Thompson Hospital) son of Cheyenne (m) and Alec Matz. Baptized on October 27, 2024, at the 11:00AM worship service, officiated by Reverend HoDong Hwang.

The following death is recorded: Gene R. Bassage (DOD 11/4/2024) at the age of 97.

The following graveside service is recorded: Betsy Goodwin and her son Eric Goodwin. The service was held at the Palmyra Cemetery officiated by Reverend HoDong Hwang on October 17, 2024,

Financial Secretary's Report

	<u>September 2024</u>		
YTD%Of	Current	2024	2024
	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>Budget</u>			
Receipts	\$5,593	\$131,863	\$173,285
76.10%			
Expenditures	\$14,445	\$119,203	\$185,198
64.37%			
Total Receipts/Expenditures	\$(8,492)	\$12,660	\$(11,913)

- Motion made by Finance Ministry Team and approved to accept the report.

Business of the Church

Courtney of the worship team made a poster and an announcement for Pledge and Pie Sunday on November 17, 2024.

- Motion made by Randy Kennard seconded and carried to hold the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 26, 2025 immediately following the 11:00AM worship service.

Annual reports are due in the church office on January 7th.

- Motion made by Philip Opdycke seconded and carried to elect Eric Chapman as treasurer, Alicia Lynch as Head of Corporation and Janet Manktelow as Clerk of Session for 2025
- Property gave a quick update on the Day Care project. Gary LaBerge has replaced or moved all the exit signs as required by the state after their inspection. Gary will keep us up to date on this project as it moves forward,

Ministry Team Reports

Worship Ministry Team – Nov. 17 is Pie and Pledge Sunday during coffee hour. Jacob McFarlane will be our choir director for the Advent Season. They are trying to get special music for the month of December. They are also checking on CCLI, our copyright company, for more info on the copyright process so they can compare it with another company.

Fellowship Ministry Team – they had 24 people enjoy the Progressive Dinner; the Hanging of the Greens will be held during coffee hour on November 24th.

Deacons Ministry Team – they are working to make sure all our shut-ins have contact with a member of Deacons or another congregation member to have them still feel a part of our church family.

Finance Ministry Team – We discussed the new cleaning company. Currently, they are invoicing us and expect payment before all the work is done. We decided we need to review this policy with the company and make a change in this process by the start of the new year.

CE Ministry Team -the Palmyra Reformed church is making some changes. We are unsure if they will participate with us in 2025 Vacation Bible School. If this changes, it will leave us to handle the whole financial burden. We will need to think of ways to handle this. The toddler Time program lead

by Cim McFarlane has been exploding with many families enjoying the program. As a result, there will be more expenses. The Women's Association has stepped up and will support this great program.

Property Ministry Team -

- Motion made by the Property Ministry Team and carried to repair the chair lift by replacing the battery and power supply for the cost of \$395.00 and charger for the cost of \$300.00
- Motion made by Property Ministry Team and carried to allow the Pal-Mac Senior Choir to hold

a

concert in the sanctuary on May 7th with rehearsal on May 6th.

- Motion made by Property Ministry Team and carried to allow the Finger Lakes Camarata to hold a concert in the sanctuary on Dec. 9th at 7:00PM. A reception will follow hosted by the Women's Association.

Presbytery – Camp Whitman will have a fund raiser dinner on April 26, 2025. More info will follow.

Next meeting: Dec.3, 2024

Devotions: Emily Hunt

- Motion made by Phil Opdycke seconded and carried to adjourn with prayer at 9:00PM.

Janet Manktelow

Clerk

Worship Meeting Minutes November 12, 2024

Present: Linda, Sue, Joan, Sharon, Alicia, Hodong, and Courtney
Excused: Mary Beth and Carol

Open with Prayer

Pie Sunday: Nov. 17

*Review what everyone is donating

December Advent and Christmas Eve

Date to decorate the sanctuary-

*We decided that Nov. 24 after church worked for everyone. We need all hands on deck to make this easy and fast.

Change up how we decorate and how-

We decided that we would keep the 3 trees in the corner with the small manger set in front.

*Problem-We feel the corner looks crowded when people bring in their donations for the reverse Advent.

We would like to create a space that showcases the generosity of our congregation. Linda W. donated a new tree to be placed by the grand piano. This is where we can showcase the reverse advent donations.

Thank you Linda!

Advent Readers-

We will make the call to the congregation again to see who would like to be an Advent reader. We will need readers Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, and Christmas Eve.

***as of 12/1 all dates have been filled.**

Christmas Eve Readers- HoDong only needs 1 reader for Christmas Eve so far. Will keep us updated if more are needed.

Special Music- We decided to use the rest of the Worship budget to pay for special music for the Advent season.

December 8- Sue Moak & Heather Trapiss

December 15 and 22- Elijah will play/sing extra

Christmas Eve- Jacob will lead our choir.

Christmas Eve Candles:

*Candles look good from last year.

*We did discuss reviewing how the candles are lit and being very clear on when the lights go off and people sing.

Possible solution- Choir sings the first verse when the congregation is lighting their candles.

We sing the rest of the verses in candlelight.

Christmas Parade Dec. 22: We will start promotion now so people can prepare their festive gear.

- Categories- Yes! We will create the categories at our next meeting.
- Prizes- Courtney bought one prize- we will ask for donations at the next meeting.
- Music-We would like to play the song, "Rockin Around the Christmas Tree" again this year.

Christmas Eve time

We wanted to open this discussion with the congregation since it will impact them.

We will set up a poster board with stickers for people to vote on the time.

*As of Dec. 2- We decided to keep the 9 pm time. We will bring this up in the early fall since many people plan their Christmas Eve plans around our church service.

December Communion

Christmas Eve

Poinsettias-

*Sue will call our florist to confirm the order deadline date and cost per plant.

* Carol will collect the forms and money again this year.

Other Christmas things needing discussion-

Ray and Sharon Marr will set up the luminaries on Christmas Eve.

Other:

Childcare during worship

Explained the issue and the need. Told people who are interested in volunteering to contact Emily.

Respectfully submitted by Courtney Marr

Our Prayer Concerns (updated December 18, 2024)

Grieving:

Family & Friends of Jim Robbins (requested by the Deacons)

Family & Friends of Mary Burnett (requested by Ray & Sharon Marr)

Family & Friends of Derrick Lich (requested by Pat Dlugosh)

Family & Friends of Jocelyn Kratzert (requested by the Deacons)

Serving in the Armed Forces:

AJ Bliss, Josh Polle

Please pray for those of our congregation with immediate concerns:

Ellen Avery, Joan Barnard, Don Dantz, Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Farrell, Jonnie Fontaine, Pam Gnagy, Gary Hughes, Frank Lawrence, Tricia Owen, Nancy Roests, Harry/Laurie Schraffenberger, Jan Semans

Congregation members needing continued prayers:

Wes Barager, Scott Bush, Irene Fadden, Cim McFarlane, Wilma Redman, Scott Semans, David Squier, Fran Strom

Congregation members in nursing homes or shut-in:

Beverly Koeberle, Rochelle Morse, Bev Mouton

Others for whom prayers have been requested:

Alex, Doreen Alvito, Sarah Carone, Charlotte, Melissa Dantz, Joey DelPapa, Philip Fadden, Mark Fiegl, Annie Fields, Janet Haigh, Paul Hargrave, Russell Harris, Bobby & Eileen Haurand, Jessica Locey, Deb/Bruce Merla, Kate Pfaff, Marcia Robbins, Jack Sweeney, Connie West, Vicki Wilkins, Marie Winker

May your prayers go out to:

All caregivers; All those affected by natural disasters; All those who have no one to pray for them; All victims of violence, hatred and hunger; Please pray for those that wish to remain anonymous

Prayers and Congratulations:

Congratulations to Kari and Cameron Sweeney on the baptism of their son Jack Arthur Sweeney on Sunday December 1.

Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days unless renewal has been requested.

Prayers of Intercession are offered each day by our Deacons. To request prayer for yourself or another, please contact Randy Kennard, chair of Deacons, Sandy McMenamin, or Kathy in the Church office.



JANUARY 2025

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
			1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 Office Open 8:30 am to 2 pm 9:30 am Mission/ Social Concerns	3 Office Closed	4
5 2 nd Sunday of Christmas 9 am Sunday School 10 am youth led Epiphany service	6 2 pm Fellowship	7 9 am Annual Reports due to Kathy 9:30 to 11 am Toddler Time 10 am Deacons 1 pm Men's Group 3 pm Finance 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room 7 pm No Strings Attached Concert	8 7 pm Boy Scouts FH	9 7 pm Session	10	11
12 Communion & Cereal Sunday 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship service	13	14 7 pm Christian Ed. 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	15 1 pm FH Women's Circle Bible Study 6:30 pm Property	16 11 am Bible Study	17	18
19 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship service	20 Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday	21 SPIRE DEADLINE 9:30 to 11 am Toddler Time 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	22	23 11 am Bible Study	24	25 Game Night
26 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship service Congregational Meeting	27	28 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	29	30 11 am Bible Study	31	



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2 4th Sunday after Epiphany 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship service	3 2 pm Fellowship	4 9:30 to 11 am Toddler Time 10 am Deacons 1 pm Men's Group 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room 7 pm Session	5	6 9:30 am Mission/Social Concerns 11 am Bible Study	7	8
9 Camp & Retreat Sunday 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship service	10	11 3:15 pm Worship 7 pm Christian Ed. 7 pm Boy Scouts FH Awards Ceremony	12 7 pm Boy Scouts FH	13 11 am Bible Study	14	15
16 Communion & Cereal Sunday No Sunday School 10 am worship service	17 President's Day	18 Spire Deadline 9:30 to 11 am Toddler Time 7 pm Boys Scouts Muscle Room	19 1 pm FH Women's Circle Bible Study 6:30 pm Property	20 11 am Bible Study	21	22
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