

The Bridge

First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

December, 2020

From the pastor

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December 2020. I'm glad to turn the page to the last month of this year, 2020. It's amazing to think of all that has occurred in the 11 months prior. We began this year on such a high. Brenda Church arrived in our midst, our first installed Associate Pastor, and we celebrated her installation in February. It was a glorious day filled with hopeful anticipation of where we were headed as a congregation. Our worship services were filled with visitors who added to our energy and served as a portent of good things to come. So many were attending fellowship events that the Long Range Planning Committee began to develop plans to expand the fellowship hall to accommodate more folk. First Presbyterian Church had good reason to be excited about the coming year!

Then an unwanted visitor arrived: COVID-19. Things had to change in response to this unknown virus in our midst. In March, we reluctantly shut things down – worship, meetings, fellowship gatherings, hospital visits. We began to use the phrase “out of an abundance of caution” over and over. And we began to make decisions “out of an abundance of caution” to ensure the safety of all who call this place home. We figured it would last a few weeks and we'd be back in worship about Easter or shortly thereafter. We stayed home and carefully wore our masks. Trips were cancelled and plans were rearranged. Even visits to the doctor were put on hold. We quit eating out and stopped gathering for parades and civic events. We changed the way we do business. Still, we figured it wouldn't last too long and we'd all be back in the game.

That was March as it was all beginning. By now, I would imagine that most all of us know someone who has been ill with COVID or who has died due to the virus. We know the stories of those who have been so personally affected. It hurts. This unwanted visitor has made its presence known.

It is now December and the bit of normalcy that had begun to inch its way back into our lives is once again put on hold as our numbers locally, nationwide,

and across the globe exceed our wildest expectations and push normalcy out the door once more. Thanksgiving and Christmas plans are being cancelled and families are creatively looking for alternative ways to celebrate this year that don't include all the traditions that make the holidays familiar to us. It seems we're being forced to take our place at the beginning. “Return to Go! Do not collect \$200” is the way Monopoly puts it. It's all enough to make us wish that 2020 was just a bad dream.

I'm sure you've probably seen many of the memes and expressions that creative folks have used to describe this past year. My favorite is one I saw on Facebook that reads simply, “If 2020 were a Slide.” The photo depicts a young child at the top of the slide, readying to descend with great glee and excitement. The bottom of the slide is a giant cheese grater. Seems fairly accurate to me!

It's easy to get caught up in the despair of so much of this. I find myself having to struggle daily to keep my head up and my emotions intact. I have a good friend who asks often, “How is your soul?” I've been having a hard time lately putting a good spin on my answer. Maybe you have, too.

Then I remember – it's December. Advent comes. And with Advent, the promise of the Savior, the Word in flesh, Immanuel. God is with us. Most assuredly. Without question. It's Christmas. That is good reason to maintain hope in the promises of our faith. It's reason enough to turn the page of the calendar with excited anticipation of the New Year. John puts it this way: “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.” (Jn. 1.5) Truth. That light remains. This year, more than I ever remember consciously doing before, I am going to focus on that star and follow it as if my life depends on it. I'm pretty sure it does. Let's journey there together.

Remember, we must prepare for the coming of the Christ child. Meet you in Bethlehem.

Drew

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Joys & Concerns

Our Church Family

- We mourn together the passing of Marcia Walker on November 3rd.
- Ann McLoughlin had a cardiac cath on November 4th. She is doing well.
- Peggy Losher was hospitalized with fluid on her lungs. She has returned home.
- Ruth Gump had hip replacement surgery on November 17. She is home recuperating.

Prayer of the Month

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As we turn to December and the Christmas of 2020, I asked myself what was most missing to make the holiday as wonderful as it needs to be — this year especially. With our routines turned topsy-turvy, and celebrations strange and strained (through a mask), what one thing can we achieve to bring goodness from evil? One answer is Joy. We want to feel it, show it on our faces, and share it with others in tangible ways. Usually, joy falls easily in the purview of the birth of an infant. What great promise and hope does any new life bring? The possibilities are endless. But Christ's birth ... that was a birth like no other. It was a promise fulfilled ... a Savior of mankind! The magnitude of that gift cannot be contained by or with words. Pondering that gift and the love of God that prompted it brings gratitude, amazement, humility, renewed commitment of service, and joy!

A commitment to joy in these somber times might bring you to another type of commitment (with mental health professionals involved) so, although St. Francis would levitate in the throes of joy, we are not cloistered and you must keep your feet on the ground. Those who are

able-bodied can lend a hand at our church's mission projects or at any of the area's organizations that are also handing out food and Christmas gifts. Perhaps your skills are upper-management and although it takes many more Indians than Chiefs to get things done, don't be afraid to offer your particular service abilities somewhere in the world. What we can all do is be a joyful presence. If you are not "feeling it," we can quiet ourselves, connect with God's mysterious and mystical love for us, and get back out there.

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the birth of the Christ child — the eternal beginning of our road home. It is a blessing beyond measure in our lives. We would be and remain in the grip of death had your mercy not fallen on us. Instead of eternal death you have given us eternal life. As we contemplate the enormity of your love for us, we learn what love is. We pray that we can demonstrate love in service to others, especially those less fortunate than ourselves. Our commitment to you is reborn with the Christ child. Hallelujah!

While we find joy, others seem unable to. Ease their suffering, Father. Bring them awareness of your presence and let love fill their hearts. Let each cast their burdens on you and by doing so feel your peace. Heal those who are sick, Father, return them to their loved ones. Bear the grief of those who mourn. Heal our nation and bring us unity. Hearten and strengthen those who are weary of isolation. Many of your children face hunger and are unsheltered. Bring your people to their aid. Many of your children face oppressors and danger. Bring them safety and freedom. Our planet suffers because of the greed and ignorance of mankind. Bring a greater awareness of humanity and nature to those who take it lightly. Let agreement be reached on the efficacy of new vaccines and let there be no impediment to distribution. Keep the children safe, Father. Let education resume so that our future can be great in your eyes. Teach the adults, Father, to love and respect all and be indifferent to color.

Thank you, Father, for the undeserved love you shower on us. Thank you for our material blessings; let us share and use them wisely. Thank you for the abilities you have given each of us; let us offer them freely in your service. Thank you for our families, our friends, and our church. Let us recognize these blessings as the gifts they are.

We pray all things in the name of Christ.

Amen

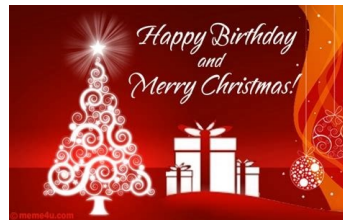
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December Birthdays

1	Greg Schneider
Susan Harding	Peggy Losher
2	16
Baylor Southern	Debbie Armstrong
David Johnson	18
Ed Hughes	Junie Herron
3	Sheila Wood
Brad Bell	19
Linda Powell	Saunya Bishop
4	20
David Hinterleiter	Karen Stahlman
6	22
Jan Massengale	Diana Burton
8	23
Ann Mitchell	Rita Hart
Eloise Pauli	26
10	Carl Dinkel
Renee Metcalf	Keith Nolan
11	29
C.H. Tubbs	Pam Gifford
Carolyn Rudsenske	31
Gary Towers	Dick Kleimann
13	Warren Rutz
Deece Robertson	



At care/retirement facilities

Courtyards at Lake Granbury

Mary Skinner
Jimmy & Donna Callahan

Waterview at Lake Granbury

Ted Dolan
Nita Collinsworth

The Cove at Lake Granbury

Eloise Pauli

Quail Park

Nancy Pauley
John Cheney
Charles Basket

The Oaks of Granbury

CH Tubbs

Autumn Hill Manor (Weatherford)

Dee Holt

Bridgewater Memory Care Granbury

Kathleen Moore

To celebrate your birthday (or that of a family member or friend), and in thanksgiving for God's gift of grace, please consider making a gift of your own, in the amount of \$1 for each year of your (or your honoree's) life, to sustain the permanent endowment funds of the church.

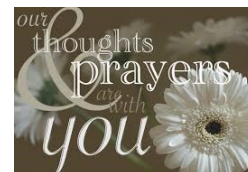
Please notify the church office when you make your gift that it is a birthday offering. If honoring someone else, please so note. If giving online, please provide this information in the "Notes."

December Anniversaries

4	Ben and Anne Mays
5	David and Julia Hinterleiter
10	Dana and Stephen Reinke
12	Joe and Lillian Ethridge
20	Robert and Carol Gadbois
22	Jim and Theda Deaver
28	Kelton and Virginia Conner
	Tim and Susan Kidd
29	Ron and Bernice Deeds
	Stan and Renee Metcalf



At home and/or receiving treatment



Ed Hughes
Martha Ferrill
Ed Smith
Stan Bowlin
Bill Lowe
Jeanie Smith
Jean Haight
Edith George
Warren Rutz



Did you notice our Chrismon Tree in the Sanctuary? What's a Chrismon?! Take a look at the windows at the top of each of the sanctuary windows and you will see some Chrismons.

Over the years, the Christmas tree has become a symbol of Christ as the "tree of life. The use of Chrismons to decorate Christmas trees is popular in many churches today. Chrismons were first developed in 1957 by Frances Kipps Spencer of Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, Va. In an effort to create appropriate decorations for her church Christmas tree, Spencer fashioned centuries-old symbols into white and gold tree decorations. Spencer's Chrismons and similar designs are now used on Chrismon trees in churches of different denominations throughout the country. The lighting of the Chrismon tree often is incorporated with the hanging of the greens in some churches. "Chrismon" is a combination of the words "Christ" and "monogram," and means "symbols of Christ." Chrismons are gold and white, representing majesty and purity. Early Christians often worshipped in secret to avoid possible persecution and death. They developed certain symbols that were used to communicate with fellow believers and direct Christians to secret places of worship. Symbols that signified the believers' faith often adorned doors and buildings, and were included on items such as jewelry and household utensils.

A collection of popular Chrismons and their meanings are included below.

- **Alpha and Omega:** The first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet are used to signify that Christ is the beginning and ending of all things. This is mentioned in the Bible in Revelation 1:8.
- **Anchor cross:** The anchor cross originated in ancient Egypt and was adapted by the early Christians in the catacombs.
- **Bell:** A bell is often used to call people to worship. This Chrismon symbolizes the sounding forth of God's word and serves as a reminder that God should have first priority in our lives.
- **Bible:** an open Bible, which represents the word of God.
- **Budded cross:** The Budded Cross is symbolic of the young Christian who has just begun serving Christ. Like a bud, young believers are considered "immature Christians."
- **Burning torch:** reminds Christians to be witnesses for Christ.
- **Butterfly:** The butterfly is a symbol of Christ's resurrection and eternal life. Just as the butterfly emerges from its cocoon and flies upward with a new body, the followers of Jesus Christ are reborn and given a new life.
- **Cup:** symbolizes of the blood Jesus shed on the cross for our sins. The cup also reminds us of the sacrament of Holy Communion.
- **Chi Rho:** is a monogram of the first two letters of the Greek word from Christ - Chi (X) and Rho (P).
- **Christmas rose:** a white, hardy rose that blooms at Christmastime. It is symbolic of the messianic prophecy and the nativity.
- **Circle and triangle:** symbolizes the eternity of the Trinity.
- **Cross and crown:** symbolizes a Christian's reward in heaven for being a faithful servant while living on earth. See Revelation 2:10.
- **Lion** is a symbol for Jesus who is sometimes called 'The Lion of Judah'. Jesus is also represented as Aslan the Lion in the Chronicle of Narnia books by C S Lewis.
- **Daisy:** a popular symbol for the innocence of the Holy Child.
- **Dove:** symbol of purity and innocence. The dove also stands for the Holy Spirit, and is a reminder of the presence of God during the baptism of Jesus and hovering over the waters at creation.
- **Epiphany star:** represents the star of Jacob and the star that led the wise men to Jerusalem. See Numbers 24:17.

- **Fish:** The fish is a popular symbol of Christianity today. It was a secret symbol used by the early persecuted Christians to signify their belief in Jesus.
 - **Fleur de lis:** symbolic of Virgin Mary.
 - **Harp:** symbolic of music that praises God.
 - **Lamb:** In the New Testament, Jesus is often referred to as "the sacrificial lamb."
 - **Lamp:** The lamp stands for the word of God. See Psalm 119:105.
 - **Manger:** reminds us to be humble, and represents the simplicity of the birth and life of Jesus.
 - **Shamrock:** three leaves of the shamrock, or clover, stands for the Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
 - **Shell with drops of water:** symbolic of Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist.
 - **Trumpet:** The trumpet signifies a call to worship, the day of resurrection and the Day of Judgment.
- An excerpt from an internet article by T&D Staff



Bible Study – “Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament”, by P. Lynn Miller

Rev. Brenda church is offering several classes for our Bible study with options for In-Person meetings and Zoom meetings. If you missed last month, come join us at one of the meetings listed below.

- Dec. 8 2nd Tues. of the month, 11:00 AM,** In-Person Bible Study, in Fellowship Hall. Contact Sheila Higgins for reservations at 817-579-5722 or smhig35@gmail.com
- Dec. 8 2nd Tues. of the month, 1:30 PM,** In-Person Bible Study (closed small group at Pat Collins' home)
- Dec. 8 2nd Tues. of the month, 6:30 PM,** via Zoom, Virtual Bible Study. Contact Rev. Brenda Church for reservations at 817-476-7827 or rev.brenda.church@gmail.com
- Dec. 10 2nd Thurs. of the month, 11:00 AM,** In-Person Bible Study, at Ruth Gump's home. Contact Sheila Higgins for reservations at 817-579-5722 or smhig35@gmail.com

Book Circle and Bridge Circle will not be meeting this month.

Outreach and Mission

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Christmas Joy

Watch for more news how you can contribute to the
Joy Offering on Christmas Eve!

By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

To learn more about it visit <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy/>

Thank you to everyone who donated so much ribbon and such beautiful ornaments!! And Thank you to all those who gave of their time and artistic skill.

We had a great crew of wreath making elves and we made 75 gorgeous ones!!

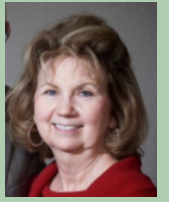
We will deliver them along with our Christmas gifts in early December. If you would still like to contribute blankets, hot chocolate, popcorn or mixed nuts, you can drop your donations off at the church office before December 4th.



Membership

Brenda Staples, elder

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We Welcomed Six New Church Members

On Sunday evening, Nov. 1st we welcomed six new church members during the “Car-munion”. Here is a little information to help you get to know them. Please say hello and make them feel welcome at your first opportunity.



Craig and Elizabeth Lacy moved to Granbury from near Moline, Illinois where Craig retired from John Deere and Liz was a medical technician in a hospital lab. They are a blended family with five grown children and eleven grandchildren (with another due in December). They commuted back and forth to Illinois while building a new home here. Craig’s hobby is working on vintage cars and trucks. Liz enjoys cooking, reading, and gardening.



Helen Furr moved to Granbury from Dallas. She and her husband Frank, who passed away in 2016, had owned lake property here for many years. Helen has a son and one step daughter with four sons. Helen has two pet dogs. She and Frank enjoyed racing sailboats together. Helen has a degree in biochemistry and met Frank when she was working at EDS in Dallas. Her hobbies include gardening, painting, and music.



Becky Kubiak and her daughter have a home together since Becky’s husband passed away after a long illness. They had two children each when they married and adopted two more. She has 16 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Becky had worked in multifamily and senior living management, including Town Village in Ridgmar in Fort Worth. She enjoyed helping seniors and their families with downsizing decisions, which could be a difficult time for many. Helen has two dogs of her own and has also worked with training service dogs as well. Her hobbies include religious icon painting.



Greg and Pam Gifford moved to Granbury from Southern Ohio. They retired ten years ago, but eventually found that their 48 acre property in Ohio had become more than they wanted to have to maintain. They are a blended family with her son, daughter, and two grandchildren and Greg’s daughter. Greg was an insurance underwriter and Pam was a benefit consultant. They were “adopted” by their pet cat, George. They both enjoy playing bridge, hunting, traveling, and they belong to the Dallas Safari Club.

Worship

Julie Dean, elder

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December is upon us, the halls are beautifully decked and as you are receiving this newsletter we've already celebrated the first Sunday in Advent. The worship committee has been busy in preparation for the Christmas Season. Thank you to Hannah Briebe for organizing the Advent readers for each Sunday and to Karen Stahlman and Judy Butler for their green thumbs! They are lovingly caring for the poinsettias a couple of times each week making sure they are watered and healthy. I would also like to thank my predecessor, Kathy Long, for guiding me through this year and always being there as an advisor and to lend a helping hand.



If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of loved ones please complete an order form and return it to the office or drop it in the offering plate by December 15th. Order forms may be found in The Bridge, on the church website, via email and in Sunday bulletins.

May the joy of Christmas be with you and may your hearts be filled with love in the knowledge of this miraculous gift we have been given.

Christ the Savior is born!



CHRISTMAS
POINSETTIAS

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to be placed in our church sanctuary in honor of or in memory of loved ones during the Christmas season, please fill out the form below. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate it for "Poinsettias." Please order by December 15th.

Number of Poinsettias ordered:	_____
Cost Each:	_____ X \$12.50
Total Enclosed:	_____
Given by:	_____
In Honor of:	_____
In Memory of:	_____

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I love the season of Advent! Advent is a time when we are invited to prayerfully and intentionally seek to rediscover the Christ! The season is an opportunity to take a step back from the busyness of our daily lives and from the commercialism of the season to remember God's most wonderful gift...the gift of his Son, Jesus, who lived and died and lives again.

We who have been Christians for a long time...some of us all of our lives...can get a little too familiar with the idea of Jesus being made flesh for the eventual purpose of sacrificing his life for us. We can get a little too familiar with God who would send God's only Son to endure such a sacrifice. We can get a little too familiar with the truth that God Incarnate was laid in a manger in a stinky barn surrounded by barn animals and the things barn animals leave behind. We can even, if we can admit it, get a little too familiar with our brother Jesus sweating blood, dragging the weight of a cross on his violently abused body, and then hanging on that cross until he breathed his last breath. We can get a little too familiar with the miraculous events that happened three days later, as well.

So, Advent is a time to look at the past, to rediscover the wonder of God's plan, and to humbly and soberly approach our Father anew in gratitude for all God has done for us. When we do so, we are in awe at the price God would pay in order to maintain relationship with us! How greatly we are loved!

But Advent isn't just a time of reflection and rediscovery of Jesus' arrival on the scene over 2,000 years ago. Advent is a time of looking forward to Christ's coming again. It is a time to consider the continuing love of Triune God. It is a time to remember that Christ is preparing a place for us in God's perfect Kingdom. It is a time for us, again, to be amazed at the unexplainable, indescribable majesty of our God! It is a time to re-examine our lives to make sure that we have oil in our lamps...to make sure that we are making a Kingdom difference in our world...to make sure that we are doing that which the prophet Micah says is required of us: to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God!

Advent! Whether we look backward or forward, when we look with great expectation for our King, the Christ, we will find peace, hope, love, and joy! Consider joining me in rediscovering the Christ this Advent season!



Watch for news about
Christmas Eve Services
coming soon!



In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter's season and to pray for the return of the light. The church has Christianized that practice in the lighting of the Advent wreath. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that Great Day, we watch and wait in Holy Spirit for Christ's coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love; and remembering the promises of God with prayer.

Our church tradition is to have an advent wreath in our sanctuary. But since many of us are participating in online worship, you can find simple instructions for making your own Advent Wreaths online or you can purchase one. Traditionally, there are 5 candles. Hope (purple), Peace (purple), Joy (pink), Love (purple) and the Christ candle in the middle (white). But of course, you may use whatever you may have hand – real candles or battery-operated ones!

Presbyterians Today is offering an online devotional that continues through Christmastide (ending with Epiphany on January 6th). It can be found at: pcusa.org/2020advent. Feel free to use as much or as little of the devotional. The theme of this devotional is based on the following poem by Howard Thurman. Rev. Thurman was a Baptist pastor, theologian, and civil rights activist, was born in 1899. The grandson of a former slave, Thurman was named by Life magazine in 1953 as one of the 12 greatest preachers in the country. The pastor not only co-founded San Francisco's Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples in 1944 — the first interfaith and intercultural congregation in the United States — but he also mentored a young Martin Luther King Jr., who received his Ph.D. in 1955 at Boston University, where Thurman was serving as the first Black dean of Marsh Chapel.

I Will Light Candles This Christmas

By Howard Thurman

I will light candles this Christmas,
Candles of joy despite all the sadness,
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch,
Candles of courage for fears ever present,
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,
Candles of love to inspire all my living,
Candles that will burn all year long.



A Pastoral Letter from the Session of First Presbyterian Church

Dear Members and Friends of First Presbyterian:

At its November 17 meeting, the Session voted to suspend in-person worship beginning Sunday, November 29, until *at least* Sunday, January 17. We will hold in-person worship this Sunday, November 22, as planned. We regret the necessity of making this decision but after reviewing trends in cases, hospitalizations and deaths, especially in neighboring counties, we determined that this was the correct course to take. You will note that the suspension begins immediately after Thanksgiving and is planned to end two weeks into the new year. Predictions are that holiday related travel and gatherings may pose significant additional risk.

Our concern has always been the health and safety of each person in our worshipping community. We did not make this decision without thoughtful and prayerful consideration. We had no idea when 2020 began how COVID-19 would impact each of our lives and how our community of faith would be challenged. During the past 8 months, your pastors and elders have dealt with matters we never dreamt would be on our agenda. Your gracious and faithful support has meant much to us during this time. We thank you.

We will continue to provide our online worship services in the weeks to come as we have since the beginning of this pandemic. You are encouraged to continue to worship with us via Facebook or YouTube. Our small groups and committees may continue to meet under the protocols Session adopted and approved earlier.

We will remain diligent in monitoring the situation and reviewing the advice of health professionals. Our hopeful prayer is that vaccines will become available to many of us by January 17 and the holiday surge will be behind us. May that be the prayer we each pray.

God is with us and the Christ Child makes his way as Advent approaches. That is always our hope and assurance.

Care well for yourselves and for one another,

The Session
First Presbyterian Church

Join Us Online Only

SUNDAYS AT 8:45 AM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GRANBURY, TX

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP IS SUSPENDED,
BEGINNING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29.**

**Please worship with us online each
Sunday at 8:45 on Facebook and YouTube.**

“Please watch for news regarding which events will occur when we have less restrictions.”

DECEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 First Sunday of Advent 8:45 AM Online Worship via Facebook & YouTube	30 Brenda's Day Off	1 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Clergy Group 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Elder Training	2 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Men's Study 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM Bell Choir Practice	3 12:00 PM Invitation to Sacred Space	4 Drew's Day Off	5
6 8:45 AM Online Worship via Facebook & YouTube	7 Brenda's Day Off	8 11:00 AM PW Bible Study 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Elder Training 6:30 PM PW Bible Study	9 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Men's Study 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM Bell Choir Practice	10 11:00 AM PW Bible Study @ Ruth's 12:00 PM Invitation to Sacred Space	11 Drew's Day Off	12
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20 8:45 AM Online Worship via Facebook & YouTube	21 Brenda's Day Off Bridge Articles Due	22	23	24 Office Closed - Holiday	25 Drew's Day Off Office Closed - Holiday	26
27 8:45 AM Online Worship via Facebook & YouTube	28 Brenda's Day Off	29 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Clergy Group	30 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Men's Study 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM Bell Choir Practice	31	1 Drew's Day Off Office Closed - Holiday	2

Christmas Gift Bags

Our congregation will be providing gift bags for our neighbors at the Housing Authority again this Christmas! It is such a blessing to be Christ's hands and feet to these families and individuals particularly as we celebrate His birth. Our theme this year will be "A Christmas Movie Night". Our own Nancy Worcester is producing her 30-minute show "A Christmas Caper" on DVD. We will include the DVD (and an online link) for each household, along with some movie snacks and a warm fluffy blanket.

How can you help?



We also want to make Christmas wreaths for each adult household to spread some Christmas cheer! It will take many cheerful hands to decorate the wreaths and we look forward to working together to make them. We will include a hanger so that the wreath will be easy for elderly or disabled residents to hang on the door and enjoy.

If you would like to contribute to the gift bags, you will have the choice to order items from an online registry OR purchase items to donate.

Look for emails with dates and details of how you can be involved or you can contact Bianca Brownfield at 817.751.2319.

To:

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