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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

4TH—SCRIP ORDERS DUE
18TH—CANTATA
20TH—BLUE CHRISTMAS
24TH—CHRISTMAS EVE
SERVICE AT 5:00P
25TH—CHRISTMAS DAY
SERVICE AT 10:15A

ADVENT FILM STUDY
WEDNESDAY 7TH, 14TH &
21ST. SEE ARTICLE FOR
MORE INFORMATION.

○ Israel, hope in the Lord from this time on and forevermore. — Psalm 131:3

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Friends,

It's very difficult to summarize a two-week pilgrimage into a one-page letter. But, I'm going to give it my best effort.

Despite getting COVID on the way back from Egypt, the trip proved to be a monumental life-event. Karen and I will not soon forget the places we saw and the experiences we shared. Our faith and appreciation of God's activity in our history grew significantly.

Here are just some highlights among many...

The Garden Tomb: there are two locations identified as possible tombs in which the body of Jesus was laid and from which he was resurrected. One of those is the Church of the

es as the official location. The other is a much quieter, low-key, humble location nearby called simply "The Garden Tomb." Protestants recognize this tomb as a more likely location.

The Garden of Gethsemane: Most of the trip was zooming from one location to another. But, at the garden where Jesus prayed to God before his arrest and crucifixion, our group was allowed 15 quiet, meditative minutes alone in the garden. It was a much needed moment of reflection.

Hummus, Olives and Shawarma!: I wasn't sure I'd love the food in the Middle East, but I was very pleasantly surprised. I had hummus and olives nearly every meal (even breakfast!). I also discovered the pleasure of "shawarma:" grilled chicken, sliced into a pita pocket with cabbage, cucumbers, onions and peppers. They also had pizza to my surprise. And, their most common topping just happened to be my favorite pizza topping: green olives!

Holy Sepulchre, which is more traditionally viewed by the Catholic and Orthodox church-

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Christmas Eve

The Christmas Eve service will again be held at 5pm this year. Attendance last year was strong. We hope it continues. The casual service will include drama, candle lighting, carols, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Bring your family and invite your friends and neighbors!



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And, of course, camel riding!: My camel was named Mo-hammod. Karen's was named Ali Baba. They were both super sweet, very calm and much taller than I expected! And, we never got spit on. Some of our favorite pics were of us riding camels to the pyramids.

I hope to share these experiences (and so many more) with you at an upcoming potluck dinner. Right now, we are targeting Tuesday, January 31st at 5:30pm. Karen and I will have a more thorough presentation for you then. We hope you'll come out and hear our stories and see our pictures.

This trip will also undoubtedly affect my preaching as well. Now, I can share some photos from sites mentioned in the Gospel accounts of Jesus' birth, ministry, death and resurrection.

I missed you all during my trip and I look forward to seeing you again and sharing some memories!

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Pat



December's Mission of the Month

We will be collecting for the Giving Tree until Sunday, December 4. The tree is up and the ornaments are available. The mission of this event is to provide Christmas presents for 2 local families in need of some assistance this year, through the Pregnancy Assistance Center.

To participate:

- select an ornament (or more if desired)
- record that gift and your name on the ledger next to the tree
- purchase that item
- attach the ornament to the unwrapped gift
- return the gift to the tree by Sunday, December 4

If you are unable to select an ornament and want to participate, you can send a monetary gift to church. Please designate that it is for "The Giving Tree". We will be purchasing additional items for the family if possible.

Thank you for your participation in this mission.

Questions?


Christy Eckert – 314-703-5984 or Kathy Rogers – 636-388-1065



Coat Drive round-up

ing any office hours. Thanks for sharing the warmth of a winter jacket or coat!

A stylized illustration of a Christmas tree covered in snow and decorated with red ornaments. The tree is green with white snow patches and red circular ornaments. It is positioned on the right side of the page.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAY

12/2	BILL STAHLHUTH
12/5	TOM SEENER
12/6	MARCY SU
12/6	MICHELE ZUMSTEG
12/14	KAREN GRUBER
12/15	JEAN WEEKLEY
12/19	BRAD PUTMAN
12/24	BARBARA SCHOFIELD
12/25	DAVID BRUNWORTH
12/26	DEAN BROWN
12/29	ANEETA BROWN
12/29	LAURA CARDER
12/29	KAY HAZEL
12/30	TOM KEMPF
12/30	MICHAEL MULLINS
12/31	TIMOTHY OBERMARK

Congregational Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Congregation of PCW after worship on Sunday, December 11th. The 2022 Nominating Committee will be presenting their report. The Congregation will elect the new class of ruling elders for Session and the 2023 Nominating Committee.

Harvest Table 2023 dates!

Our 2023 dates are as follows: (all Saturday evenings) **March 4, May 20, August 5** and **November 11** and we usually are volunteering from about 4pm – 6:30pm. We are always looking for about 12 volunteers for the entire meal event. Thank you for all of your help and energy in volunteering at these wonderful community meal events! Any questions? Just ask Gretchen Farrell or Jolene Patterson, Mission Chairperson.



Worship Leader:

John Bugele

Ushers

12/4 Linda Booher &

Kathy Rogers

12/11 The Sebastians

12/18 Vivian Marshall
& Sarah Spear

12/25 Michele
Zumsteg & Christy

Eckert

Sound

12/4

Scott Brauer

12/11

Kevin Carpenter

12/18

Tom Ellenberger

12/25

TBD

Advent Candle Lighters

12/4 The Carpenters

12/11 The Mullins

12/18 Brown/Matzes

12/24 The Farrells

12/25 The Thaters

Advent Film Study

Who doesn't love a good Christmas movie?! This Advent, Pastor Pat wants to invite you to a special Advent Study. Each Wednesday, during Advent, Pastor Pat will host a discussion group based around the themes of Advent, scripture and beloved Christmas movies.

There will be a different movie focus each Wednesday night. If you have not seen the movie, Pastor Pat will be showing the movie in our new Zoom room at 5:30pm.

We will break for a few minutes following the movie. Then, after choir rehearsal is done, discussion will begin at 7:30pm.

Nov. 30th.....A Christmas Carol

Dec. 7th.....Meet me in St Louis

Dec. 14th.....How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Dec. 21st.....It's a Wonderful Life



CHRISTMAS JOY

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communi-

ties of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years. The offering will be taken up on December 18th. If you give online, please make sure you designate the offering "Christmas Joy Offering." Thank you for your generosity.

PRESBY SCRIP PROGRAM INFO

SCRIP GIFT CARD PURCHASES are EASY fundraisers that help our church immensely and immediately!

The Presby Scrip Program sells gift cards to you, and OUR church gets an immediate cash percentage just for selling those cards to you!

1. You purchase a gift card through the Scrip Program. (You buy a \$25 gift card and you GET a \$25 gift card.)
2. All the merchants pay the National Scrip Program an incentive for each gift card purchased.
3. The National Scrip Program passes that incentive to our Church's Scrip Program.
4. YOU get a church contribution credit for the funds that your card purchase gives to OUR church as a rebate percent! (One \$25 card may have a 10% rebate, so that adds \$2.50 for that one gift card purchase to your church contribution statement. Does any other store purchase do THAT?!)
5. At the end of the year our Scrip Program donates this money to our Church Fundraiser Account.
6. Our Presby Scrip Program donates on average \$2000 each year!
7. We place a Scrip order on the first Sunday of each month (unless that Sunday falls on a holiday, then it will be the second Sunday).

PRESBY SCRIP PROGRAM

Our next monthly church Scrip order is scheduled for

Sunday, December 4th.

- You can bring your order form and payment to worship that Sunday and give to any of the Scrip Representatives.
- Orders, along with your check, can be placed in the Scrip box located in the church office at any time of the month for the next order date.
- Or you can place your order all ONLINE at www.raiseright.com (please note, new website address) or through the RaiseRight app.

It is all quite easy, quick, and contactless and your order will be personally delivered to your doorstep at your convenience, if you would like.

Please check out all the merchants on our order form plus there are 800+ more merchants online!! These can be ordered on **December 4th.**

**THIS IS THE LAST SUNDAY TO ORDER
BEFORE CHRISTMAS!**



All the great rebates go directly and immediately to our church. Any questions? Please contact this month's Presby Scrip coordinator Becky Vogt.

The holidays are all about giving – and the best gift you can give local businesses is your support. Each month we will be featuring two of our local merchants. This month's featured merchants are:

Marquart's Landing – Marquart's Landing features a full menu and daily specials. The pizzas are legendary and The Landing burgers are a must try! The beef for The Landing burgers are ground fresh from Williams Brothers Meat Market (another Scrip local merchant!)

Miller's Grill – Miller's Grill offers an unpretentious atmosphere with daily food specials. Miller's Grill is known for great USDA choice steaks, fresh salads, delicious burgers, sandwiches, and fall off the bone, baby back ribs.

Merry Christmas from you Scrip Coordinators, Becky Vogt, Gretchen Farrell and Kathy Froning.





"The first fall of snow is not only an event, it is a magical event. You go to bed in one kind of a world and wake up in another quite different."

Picture Captured By Pamela Kellerman

Blue Christmas Service

Tuesday, December 20 at 7pm in the Zoom Room. Blue Christmas, or Longest Night, is a service of worship designed for people suffering with pain, loss, isolation and grief in the Advent season. If you have experienced some form of loss in the 2022, the first holiday season post-loss can be very challenging. We invite all those grieving this holiday season to this special worship service of healing.

During this past month we served 325 meals. Our menu items included:

- spaghetti and meatballs
- stuffed meatballs with noodles and gravy
- steak and potato soup
- Thanksgiving turkey dinner
- vegetable soup
- pumpkin cake



MEALS ON WHEELS

	12/3	12/10	12/17	12/24	12/31
Cooks	Lifestream	Jolene Patterson & Barbara Mullins	Sarah Spear, Jean Weekley, Jane Bugele, & Linda Booher	Beth Bonney & Francie Turnure	FUMC
Packers	Lifestream	Angela & Ian McCracken	Barbara Mullins & Mauri Truesdell	The Gruber's	Debbie Bandy & Mauri Truesdell
Drivers	Lifestream	Angela McCracken, The Carpenter's & The Kempf's	The Brehe's, Val Madison & Vivian Marshall	Kathy Rogers, Gruber's, & The Anglin's	Peace Lutheran

MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS

Scott McCracken, Heather Miller, Joy Kopp, Jan Eade, Mike Becker, Jamie Tucker, Sid Thayer, Bill Kellermann, Jocelyn VanBuskirk, Rev. Brian Hall, Denise Brauer, Aneeta Brown, Dan Greer, Family of Wayne McCollom, Barbara Hagan, Tom Seener, Nancy Thater

UNION CARE CENTER: *George Peters* **GROUP HOMES:** Lisa Conrad, Laura Fenner

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH REQUESTING PRAYERS:

Eddie & Sarah McGurthy & family
(daughter and son-in-law of Ollie & Virginia)
Patricia Huckle (daughter of Kay Huckle)
Pam Evangelist (sister of Sharon Fenner)
Grady Thayer (Grandson of Mark & Robbin)
Phyllis Rocco (Lois Kempf's Sister-in-Law)
Loyd & Louise Gordy (Parents of Beth Brehe)
Jan (Sister-in-Law of Lois Kempf)
Samantha (Friend of Lois Kempf)
Betsy Hazel (Daughter in Law of Kay Hazel)
Jane Lohmyer (Sister of Barbara Hagan)
Michele (Virginia Boren's Great Niece)
Cherie Stormer (Friend of Lois Kempf)
Betty Buerk (Becky Vogt's Cousin)
Kason White (Kathy Roger's Grandson)
Wendy Dennison (friend of Rebecca Brehe)
Ida Greer (Dan's Mother)
Marjorie Hines (Ian and Miles Grandmother)
Howard Thiesmann (friend of Tom Kempf)
Dennis Whitworth (friend of Anna Mae)
Lauren Kellermann (daughter of Bill and Pamela)
Dora Ficklin and Parents (Great Granddaughter of Gary and Beth Brehe)
Ken Jones (friend of Steve and Nancy)
Bob Turnure (husband of Francie Turnure)
Andrea Brown (D-in-law of Dean and Aneeta)
Ric Guthrie (Son in Law of Vivian Marshall)
Debbie Miller (Mike Becker's Sister)
Jerry Boren (Virginia Boren's Brother)
Rick Tyler (Friend of Lois & Tom Kempf)
Marsha Roy (Friend of Lois & Tom Kempf)
Sarah Price (Friend of Lois & Tom Kempf)
Denise Turnure (DIL of Francie & Bob)
Michael Fortner (friend of Marcy and Jeffrey)
Joe Schneider (Friend of Vivian Marshall)
Michael Lacy (Friend of Francie & Bob)
Carol Perkins (Friend of Karen Ladd)
Josh Kresse (Mauri's Son in Law)

Wendy Dennison (Friend of Becca Brehe)
Family of Rev. Dr. Howard Whitebred
(Gretchen's Father)
Union Care Center Staff & Residents
George (Nancy Thater's Father)
Ralph (Nancy Thater's Father-in-Law)
Ralph (Nancy Thater's Father in Law)
Georgia Gealson (Linda Booher's G. Niece)
Family of Jerry Boren (Virginia's Brother)
Anna Roetheli (Wife of Ken Roetheli)



December 2022

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				1 9a PFL 10a Book Club	2	3
4 9a Choir Practice 6p Youth Group	5 11a Mission Meeting Volleyball	6 Circle of Unity Volleyball 6p Personnel	7 Volleyball Al-Anon 5:30p "Meet Me in St. Louis" 5:30p Bell Choir 6p Al-Anon 6:30p Choir	8 9a PFL 10a Book Club Volleyball 6:30p Outreach	9	10 Zoom Room & Sm. Kitchen Rental
11 9a Choir Practice 11:30a Property Meeting 11:30a Congregational Meeting	12 12p Finance Meeting Volleyball	13 Circle of Unity 9:30a Church Life Volleyball	14 Volleyball 5:30p "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" 5:30p Bell Choir 6p Al-Anon 6:30p Choir	15 9a PFL 10a Book Club 7p Worship Volleyball	16	17 
18 9a Choir Practice Cantata 6p Youth Group	19 Volleyball 7p Session	20 Circle of Unity 7p Christian Ed Meeting 7p Blue Christmas Volleyball	21 Volleyball 5:30p "It's a Wonderful Life" 5:30p Bell Choir 6p Al-Anon 6:30p Choir	22 Office Closed	23	24 5:00p Christmas Eve Service
25 	26 Volleyball Jaime out of the Office	27 Circle of Unity Volleyball Jaime out of the Office	28 Volleyball 5:30p Bell Choir 6p Al-Anon 6:30p Choir Jaime out of the Office	29 9a PFL 10a Book Club Volleyball Office Closed	30	31 New Years Eve 

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CHRISTIAN ED

3rd Tuesday at 7pm

Ian McCracken* **Chair**

Craig Matzes

Jocelyn VanBuskirk

Gerry Urban

Gary Brehe

Heather Miller

Jolene Patterson*

Kathy Rogers*

CHURCH LIFE

2nd Tuesday at 9:30am

Barbara Hagan **Chair**

Karen Ladd

Jean Weekley

Shirley Coulter

Jan Hardin

Sharon Wiese

Jan Eade

Linda Booher*

Sarah Spear*

Beth Bonney

Jane Bugele

Barbara Mullins

Francie Turnure

PERSONNEL

Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 6pm

Mauri Truesdell* **Chair**

Joe Hagan*

Mary Ellenberger

Gretchen Farrell

Tim Urban

Elda Seener*

FINANCE

Meets the 2nd Monday at 12pm

Tom Farrell* **Chair**

Karen Ladd

Bruce Wiese

Linda Booher*

Ed Bonney

Phyllis McElhinney

Elda Seener*

MISSION

Meets the 1st Monday at 11am

Jolene Patterson* **Chair**

David Brunworth

Jean Weekley

Christy Eckert

Gretchen Farrell

Lois Kempf

Debbie Bandy

Kathy Rogers*

Sarah Spear*

Barbara Mullins

WORSHIP

*Meets the 3rd Thursday
at 7pm*

John Anglin* **Chair**

Vivian Marshall

Tom Kempf*

John Bugele

Tom Ellenberger

Kate Hall

Vivian Marshall

OUTREACH

*Meets the 2nd Thursday at
6:30pm*

Tom Farrell * **Chair**

Ian McCracken*

Denise Brauer

Katie Farrell

Aneeta Brown

Andrew Brehe

Michelle Matzes

Nancy Sebastian*

Heather Miller

PROPERTY

Meets the 2nd Sunday at 11:30am

Joe Hagan* **Chair**

John Bugele

Bob Eade

David Brunworth

Roland Schwarzen

Steve Sebastian

Mary Ellenberger

Tom Kempf*

Barbara Schofield

Mike Mullins

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