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PCW CONNECT

“Advent” means “coming” or “arrival.” During the season of Advent, we celebrate Christ’s coming into the world and watch with expectant hope for his coming again. In its historical origins, the season of Advent was patterned after the season of Lent, a six-week period of penitence and preparation for Easter. Similarly, the four weeks of Advent present an opportunity for communal discernment and personal examination, as the church prepares to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord and looks with hope for Christ’s return. (PCUSA Mission Agency)

Penitence and preparation, communal discernment and personal examination. Who does that as they prepare for Christmas and Jesus’ second coming? Who does that during the four weeks of Advent? There’s no time for that, right???

We prepare for sure. We decorate our homes inside and out. We make cookies and other homemade goodies. We go to parties and gatherings, plays and pag-

eants. We watch our favorite Christmas movies which rarely have anything to do with celebrating the birth of the Christ child. We shop ‘til we drop hoping to find the perfect gift for each person on our list.

Is Jesus on your shopping list? Have you discerned what to give him? Have you engaged in personal examination? This Advent time of preparation is really personal. It’s not about all the activities we think of as we prepare for Christmas. It’s about how to welcome Jesus once again, preparing our hearts as our gift for Jesus. it’s about thanksgiving and praise for what God has done for us.

To help us prepare, the hymn “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” (Number 11 in the Presbyterian Hymnal) can be used as a daily prayer. It can help us refocus on the season of Advent rather than jumping right into Christmas. On the next page are the lyrics of the hymn.

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1 O Lord, how shall I meet You,
How welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet You,
My Hope, my heart's Delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy,
A lamp within my breast,
To do in spirit lowly
All that may please You best.

2 Love caused Your incarnation,
Love brought You down to me;
Your thirst for my salvation
Procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling,
That led you to embrace
In love all loves excelling
Our lost and fallen race.

3 A glorious crown You give me,
A treasure safe on high,
That will not fail nor leave me
As earthly riches fly.
My heart shall bloom forever
For You with praises new,
And from Your Name shall never
Withhold the honor due.

May this Advent be a time of reflection and joy!

Stephanie Knopf

Moderator of Session for PCW

Pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

The Christmas Joy Offering supports church workers and their families in the PC(USA) who need critical financial assistance. Your congregation has the opportunity to make an impact. You can be the difference between financial hardship and a blessed breath of relief.

In addition, the Christmas Joy Offering is committed to helping promote educational opportunities and leadership development, in Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Your congregation can enable these institutions to provide students with a transformative education.

Give the gift of education and the gift of relief of financial burden this giving season by supporting the Christmas Joy Offering.

The offering will be taken up on December 17 and 24. If you give online, please make sure you designate the offering “Christmas Joy Offering.” Thank you for your generosity.



Liturgist :

David Brunworth

Greeters:

Pat and Julia Brown

Ushers:

12/3

Linda Booher and
Kathy Rogers

12/10

Steve and Nancy
Sebastian

12/17

Vivian Marshall and
Sarah Spear

12/24

Christy Eckert and
Michele Zumsteg

12/31

Gary and Phyllis
McElhinney

Sound

12/3

Scott Brauer

12/10

Kevin Carpenter

12/17

Tom Ellenberger

12/24

Pat Brown

12/31

Scott Marcus

Church Keys. If you have a key assigned to you and you no longer use it, please return it to the church office. Thank you.

*Christmas
Eve Service*

We will have only one worship service on Sunday, December 24. It will be at 10:15 a.m.



December Office Hours

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The church office will be CLOSED Friday, December 22, 2023, through January 1, 2024.



Alternative Gifts International is an organization whose projects help us to share our material blessings with people here and around the world.

In 2022-2023, our congregation gave to 17 Alternative Gifts International projects with a total of \$670 donated.

This year we will have a more informal Market. Christmas time has many opportunities for giving, so

the Mission Committee has decided to have the Market be done on a personal level. Contributions can be made anytime for the holidays and for any occasion throughout the year. It is easy to do online! When you check out your online order,

you can name Presbyterian Church of Washington as your sponsoring church.

AGI keeps track of donations and sends a local non-profit grant money. In the past, this grant has gone to Harvest Table. If you have any questions, contact Debbie Bandy and explore the Alternative Gifts Market online at alternativegifts.org.



TAKE ALL OF THE FUSS OUT OF
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING
AND SHOP WITH THE
PCW SCRIP ELVES.

For more information see:

Cocoa (Gretchen Farrell)

Tinsel (Becky Vogt) or

Twinkle (Kathy Froning)

Thank you to everyone who placed orders this past Sunday, December 3, for Scrip cards! We had a great big group order of 18 orders for a total sales amount of almost \$6400, and, best of all, we raised \$320 immediately for our church!! This makes a grand total this year of just over **\$3,100** profit for our church from our PCW Scrip Program! Way to go, everyone!

You can still order any DIGITAL or electronic Scrip cards (literally in just minutes!) and send them via email or text, you can even do this through **Christmas Eve December 24**, no shipping involved and it only takes a few minutes. Please ask Gretchen how to do this as everyone knows she loves to talk about Scrip!

Coat Drive WRAP -UP!

Thank you to ALL who donated gently used or new coats to our Warner's Winter Warm-Up Coat Drive here in Franklin County! We collected a total of 72 items just from our church!! (27

adult coats, 26 children's coats and 19 winter accessories such as hats, scarves, mittens and gloves) That was enough to fill our big box TWICE! Please remember that we collect all year round here at our church so if you happen to have a few extra coats lying around from cleaning out some closets or boxes at home, please feel free to drop off in our church coat closet box. ALL coats that are collected here in the Washington area are DONATED to the Washington area. This time we took our collection to Loving Hearts Outreach and they really were very much in need of them and were very thankful for them! Great job, everyone!

Gretchen Farrell



December Birthdays

2 Bill Stahlhuth

5 Tom Seener

6 Michele Zumsteg

6 Marcy Su

15 Jean Weekley

22 Alicia Thater

24 Barbara Schofield

25 David Brunworth

26 Dean Brown

29 Kay Hazel

29 Aneeta Brown

29 Laura Carder

30 Tom Kempf

Harvest Table

Thank YOU

Thank you to the 11 church members and friends that greatly helped at the November 11th Harvest Table dinner where we served 142 meals!! It was a busy yet fun evening and so well organized by the Harvest Table members. Please mark your calendars for our four Harvest Table dinner events for 2024: March 9, May 18, August 24, and November 9. Look for our next volunteer sign-up in February 2024. Thanks, again!

Gretchen Farrell, Mission Committee liaison for Harvest Table

Giving Tree Deadline Is Sunday, December 10

The final date for collection of gift items for the Giving Tree will be Sunday, December 10. The Pregnancy Assistance Center will be collecting the gifts on Monday, December 11.

Remember to attach the ornament to the unwrapped gift and place it under the tree.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support for this annual Mission project.



Christy Eckert

Kathy Rogers

Thank you for your participation. If you have any questions, please contact Christy Eckert 314-703-5984 or Kathy Rogers 636-388-1065.

The deadline for ordering poinsettias for our sanctuary is Wednesday, December 13. See page 7 of this newsletter for the order form.

Our Advent Candle Lighters

December 3

Bounds and Bugeles

December 10

Brehes

December 17

Beckers

December 24

Farrells

Join Us at
Advent Worship



PCW WISHLIST

WORSHIP & MUSIC

	Price Each	Total Cost
Organ Improvements		\$13,800.00
2 Monitors (Speakers) for Choir Feedback	\$500-\$800	\$1,600.00
Guest Musicians		\$500.00

YOUTH & CHILDREN

Camp Scholarships	\$500.00	Open
VBS Donations		\$100.00
9 Square in the Air Game		\$800.00

CHURCH LIFE

Embroidered Aprons		\$420.00
Name Tags		\$875.00
Coffee Mugs for Visitors		\$415.00

OFFICE OPERATIONS

Copy Paper (Ongoing need)	\$6.00-50.00	Open
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PROPERTY

New Outdoor Bell Chime		\$7,175.00
American, MO, & Presbyterian Flags	\$250.00	Open

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS



We will be decorating the church with Poinsettias for Christmas or you may choose to give to the Matthew 25 Hunger Fund. If more money is received than is needed to decorate the sanctuary, excess funds will be sent to the Matthew 25 Hunger Fund through the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy.

One poinsettia will cost \$15.00, or you can choose to give to the Matthew 25 Hunger Fund.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

_____ donates

_____ poinsettia(s)
 _____ in loving memory of - OR -
 _____ in honor of (please check one)

Name _____

\$ _____ to the Matthew 25 Hunger Fund
 _____ in loving memory of - OR -
 _____ in honor of (please check one)

Name _____

Following worship service on Christmas Eve:

_____ Have the poinsettia delivered to a shut-in.

_____ I will be taking the poinsettia home.

Please return this form with your check, made payable to the church, to the church office by Wednesday December 13th.

MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS

Scott McCracken, Heather Miller, Jan Eade, Sid Thayer, Bill Kellermann, Jocelyn VanBuskirk, Barbara Hagan, Brian & Kate Hall, Tom Seener, Jamie Tucker, Liz Barnhart & Family, Katy & Brad Putnam, Judy Bierbaum, Becky Vogt, Becca (w/ Juliana and Gracelynn) Brehe, Ken Roetheli, The Family of Laura Fenner, Annette Bogdanor, Shirley Coulter.

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

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH REQUESTING PRAYERS:

Eddie & Sarah McGurthy & Family
(daughter and son-in-law of Ollie & Virginia Whyte)
Patricia Hucke (daughter of Kay Hucke)
Pam Evangelist (sister of Sharon Fenner)
Grady Thayer (grandson of Mark & Robbin Thayer)
Phyllis Rocco (sister-in-law of Lois Kempf)
Loyd & Louise Gordy (parents of Beth Brehe)
Betsy Hazel (daughter-in-law of Kay Hazel)
Betty Buerk (cousin of Becky Vogt)
Howard Thiesmann (friend of Tom Kempf)
Lauren Kellermann (daughter of Bill and Pamela)
Dora Ficklin and Parents (great-granddaughter of Gary and Beth Brehe)
George Brehe (brother of Gary)
The Family of Peyton Valiquette (step-nephew of Pat Gruber)
John Howe (family Member of the Eade's)
Sherry Shehan (cousin of Kathy Rogers)
Kelly Sewell (son-in-law of Virginia Boren)
Bob Rafferty (friend of John and Jane Bugele)
Anna Niessen (friend of the Grubers)
Debbie Vergis (friend of the Beckers)
Katherine (friend of Lois Kempf)
Bob Duemler (brother of Richard Duemler)
Ed Bushmiller (friend of Tom Kempf)
Jackie Butz (niece of David Brunworth)
Ben Roy (friend of Lois Kempf)
Quinn Burton (daughter of Kelly Burton)
Sarah Rogers (family of Lya and Randall Avery)
Leila Dively (granddaughter of Tom and Lois Kempf)
Ann Barrientos (cousin of Steve Sebastian)
Lori Neighbors (friend of the Sebastians)
Rev. Ricky Tyler (friend of Tom and Lois Kempf)
Russ & Marian Schelich (friends of Kathy Froning and Mauri Truesdell)

Gertrude Treutel (friend of Kathy Rogers)
The Family of Donna Hunter (aunt of Kathy Rogers)
Mary Whisonant (sister of Barbara Duemler)
Family of Pastor Dan Smith (the late pastor in New Haven)
Bryan Shulz (cousin of Karen Gruber)
Lainie (friend of Vivian Marshall)
John Holbert (brother of Vivian Marshall)
Bob Turnure (husband of Francie)
The Family of Jane Lohmyer (sister of Barbara Hagan)
Carl and Ketha Bounds (parents of Aaron Bounds)



John Kennedy (nephew-in-law of Kathy Froning)

SESSION MEMBERS

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Tom Kempf	Worship (Chair)	tkempf12@mail.com

CHRISTIAN ED

3rd Tuesday at 6pm

Ian McCracken

Craig Matzes

Jocelyn VanBuskirk

Gerry Urban* **Co-Chair**

Gary Brehe

Heather Miller

Jolene Patterson*

Kathy Rogers* **Co-Chair**

CHURCH LIFE

2nd Tuesday at 9:30am

Sarah Spear* Co-Chair

Karen Ladd

Jean Weekley

Shirley Coulter

Jan Hardin

Sharon Wiese

Jan Eade

Linda Booher* **Co-Chair**

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*

Nancy Sebastian*

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*

Christy Eckert

Gretchen Farrell

Lois Kempf

Debbie Bandy

Sarah Spear*

Barbara Mullins

WORSHIP

Meets the 4th Thursday

at 7pm

Tom Kempf* Chair

Vivian Marshall

John Bugele

Tom Ellenberger

Katie Collins

Mike Becker

Andrew Brehe

OUTREACH

Meets the 2nd Thursday at 6:30pm

Tom Farrell* Chair

Ian McCracken

Denise Brauer

Katie Farrell

Nancy Sebastian*

Heather Miller

Lois Kempf

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

Jim Glamann

2023 Committee
Members

PRESBY SCRIP PROGRAM ORDER FORM

Customer NAME: _____ **Email (if new customer only):** _____ **Date:** _____

Customer PHONE: _____ *****All Sales are Final ** No Returns ** No Refunds**

Merchant terms and conditions as well as additional forms are available at The Presbyterian Church of Washington.

Vendor	%	QTY	\$ Total		Vendor	%	QTY	\$ Total
AUTOMOTIVE					RESTAURANTS			
• BP \$50, \$100, (\$250, 2.5%)	1.5				Aldo's \$10, \$20		5	
Fischer's Phillips66 \$25, \$50, \$100	2				• Applebee's \$25		8	
• Casey's General Store and Gas \$25	3				• Arby's \$10		8	
CLOTHING/DEPT.STORES					Big Boy's Subs & Wings \$10		5	
• JCPenny \$25, \$100	5				• Bob Evans \$10, \$25		10	
• Kohl's \$25, \$100	4				• Burger King \$10, \$25		6	
• Marshall's \$25, \$100	7				Café Mosaic \$10		10	
• Macy's \$25, \$100	10				Colton's \$25		5	
• Maurice's \$20	7				Cowan's \$25		5	
• Ross Dress for Less \$25	8				Dairy Delight \$10, \$20		5	
• Sam's Club \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250	2.5				• Dairy Queen \$10		3	
• Shoe Carnival \$25	5				• Domino's \$10, \$25		8	
• Target \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250	2.5				• Fazoli's \$25		9	
• Walmart \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250	2.5				• Hardees \$10		5	
DRUG STORES					Hawthorne Restaurant \$25		5	
Schroeder Drug \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50	5				Imo's Pizza \$20		10	
• Walgreens \$25, \$100	5				• Jack in the Box \$10		4	
GROCERY STORES					Joe's Bakery & Deli \$10		5	
Williams Bros.Meat Mkt. \$25	5				Johnny's-Union \$10		15	
• Honey-Baked Ham \$25	12				Lion's Choice \$10		10	
HOME IMPROVEMENTS					Los Cabos \$20		10	
• Ace Hardware \$25, \$100	4				Marquart's Landing \$10		10	
• Lowe's \$20, \$25, \$100, \$500, \$1000	4				• McDonald's \$10, \$25		2	
MAIL ORDER-ONLINE					Millers Grill \$10		10	
• Amazon \$25, \$100	1.7				Orange Leaf \$5, \$10		10	
• Apple/iTunes \$15, \$25, \$100,\$500	5				• Panda Express \$25		8	
• Barnes & Noble \$10, \$25, \$100	8				• Panera Bread \$10, \$25, \$50		8	
• Lands End \$25, \$100	15				• Papa John's \$10		8	
• Overstock.com \$25	8				• Papa Murphy's \$10		8	
• LLBean \$25, \$100	16				Pasta House \$25		10	
SPECIALTY STORES					• Pizza Hut \$10		8	
• Bass Pro Shop \$25, \$100	10				Saucy's Pizzeria \$10, \$20		10	
• Bath & Body Works \$10, \$25	12				• Starbucks \$10, \$25, \$50		4.5	
• Big Lots \$25, \$100	4				• Steak'n Shake \$10		8	
• Cabela's \$25, \$100	10				• Subway \$10, \$50		4.5	
Cinema One Plus \$20	5				Sugarfire BBQ \$25		10	
Designer Threads \$25	15				• Taco Bell \$10, \$25		5	
• Dicks Sporting Goods \$25, \$,100	8				The Creek Grill & Bar \$25		10	
• Five Below \$25	2.5							
Fricke Photography \$20	5							
Great 8 Cine \$10	10				ADD-ON ORDERS			
Hillermann Nursery \$25, \$50	5							
I.B.Nuts & Fruit Too \$20	10							
• Jo-Ann Fabric \$25	6							
• Michael's \$25, \$100	4							
• Ulta Beauty \$25	7							
Wolf Hollow \$20	5							

PAYMENT METHOD

If Cash, Amount _____
 If Check, Amount _____
 If Check, check number _____

Make checks payable to *The Presbyterian Church*

TOTAL ORDER AMOUNT = \$ _____

• (This DOT indicates a National Brand, no DOT indicates a Local Mer

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