



Belton Presbyterian Church

Happenings

January 2025

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Weekly Sunday Worship Service at 10 AM

Our Supply Pastors for January will be:

January 5: Rev. Carla Gentry

January 12: Rev. Kirk Perucca

January 19: Rev. Rachel Greiner

January 26: Rev. Joe Carle (Annual Congregational meeting following worship)

From Heart-N-Hand:

Over the past year at Heart-N-Hand Food Pantry we have seen an increasing need in our community for food assistance. Many families are facing food insecurity. In 2023, we were able to help over 19,880 individuals with our Mobile Food Pantry, 4984 through our Food Pantry, and served 9,039 lunches at our Program Center.

We are currently seeing a need to enlarge our Food Pantry services by adding food delivery for the elderly, disabled and those without transportation. For us to meet these needs, we need your help.

We need more volunteers, regular food donations and Food Drives to supply these families with essential food, and a prayer team that would pray with our pantry clients on Tuesdays and Fridays.

If you would like to learn more about how you can help, please contact Pamela Buttrum, Food Pantry Coordinator, at 816-322-1133 or Email at foodpantry@heartnhand.org.

It is Better to Give than Receive! ~Pam Powell, Missions

How many of us grew up hearing this adage from our parents? Well, this week Rob and I found the truth in this remark. We were blessed with the task of delivering the gifts our congregation purchased, gift-wrapped and delivered to the church to the family we adopted this year. We loaded up the car with two large boxes of gifts for the family. When we arrived, the family was outside (possibly awaiting our visit?). The youngest child called out "Are you the people with the presents?" Such innocence from the 8-year-old boy. The two boys, Dohnovan and Landyn came out to the car and helped carry the boxes inside and gleefully pulled the gifts from the boxes and read the name on the gift card, "This one is for both of us!", "Look Jarden, this one is for you!". We have delivered these gifts to other families over the years, and we agree this was the most gracious family of all. The mother explained their situation, and after the gifts were under the tree, she asked us to pray. It was not a foreign concept to stand together, hold hands, bow heads and pray. Rob led the prayer, bringing tears to my eyes, ending with a chorus of "Amen's" from each person in the circle. Let me assure you that the love given that night went both ways. Rob and I departed, truly filled with the love of Christ!

January 2025 Calendar:

January 5, 2nd Sunday after Christmas: Worship – Communion

January 11, Saturday: Men's Breakfast

January 12, Baptism of the Lord: Worship-- Refreshments and Fellowship after Service

January 15, Thursday: 11:00 Women's Luncheon

January 19, 2nd Sunday after Epiphany: Worship--Communion

January 26, 3rd Sunday after Epiphany: Worship followed by Annual Congregational Meeting

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday – Edna Vinzant, January 10

Happy Birthday – Matt Husman, January 21

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Prayer Requests: Rich Gill, Opal Heaton, Larry Koder, Loretta Koder, Mary Yeary; our President & elected officials; our service men & women and veterans; peace with liberty & justice in our country and throughout the world

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We are still collecting the "Christmas Joy!" offering for the greater Presbyterian Church. These gifts enable us to join with other Presbyterians, learn what it means to be a connectional church and take faith-based action on shared concerns. If we all chip in a little, a lot can be accomplished! At least \$200. was raised by our congregation. This offering will help other Presbyterian church workers and students in time of need. Thank YOU!

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The monthly MEN'S breakfast will be on Saturday, January 11, at 8:00 at Tara's on Main Street, Belton.

The monthly LADIES' luncheon will be on THURSDAY, January 16 at 11:00 at Big Biscuit in Raymore.

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Belton Presbyterian Church's website is now: beltonmopresby.com. Please contact Rich Gill with any questions or comments.

February *Happenings* church newsletter deadline: Wednesday, January 22. Please send your items to Winnie Gill at belongills@gmail.com.



HEART-N-HAND
SERVING FOR 25
YEARS

2023 IMPACT REPORT

40	RENT PAYMENTS MADE TO STOP EVICTIONS
106	HELPED WITH STATE ID AND BIRTH CERTIFICATES
267	SENIORS ADOPTED THROUGH SANTA FOR SENIORS
380	FAMILIES PROVIDED A FULL THANKSGIVING MEAL
473	CHILDREN GIVEN ALL THEIR SCHOOL SUPPLIES
687	UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS SERVED THROUGH THE DAY CENTER
750	EMERGENCY FOOD BOXES DISTRIBUTED
1,135	SHOWERS TAKEN
1,174	LOADS OF LAUNDRY WASHED
4,984	FOOD PANTRY RECIPIENTS
7,497	FREE ITEMS DISTRIBUTED FROM THE HNH THRIFT STORE
9,039	LUNCHESES SERVED TO THE HOUSELESS AND FOOD INSECURE
14,791	VOLUNTEER HOURS SERVED
19,880	PEOPLE SERVED THROUGH MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS
\$32,619	FUNDS SPENT HELPING WITH RENT AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE

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