

Memorial Messenger

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Latest News

The **Urban Mission** could not be reached to determine the item of the month for January. It will be announced at a later date. If you wish to continue bringing the December item of the month, powdered milk, please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Bell ringers for the Salvation Army on December 3 at Hobby Lobby were Norma and Bill Taylor, Doris Hinson, Eileen Burke, Holly Van Auken, Carolyn Montgomery, Harold Conner, Linda Eckel and her family, Carl Forthman, Paul Phelps, Doug Forsyth, and Ann Forsyth with her class at Norman High School. Our thanks and appreciation go to all those who participated.

Our thanks to all who participated in the **Angel Tree** project. Your gifts brightened the lives of numerous children this Christmas.

New ruling elders and deacons will be ordained and/or installed on Sunday, January 12. Mike Cole, Julie Forthman, and Michael Yeager will serve on Session, class of 2016, and Doug Forsyth will fill a vacancy in the class of 2014. The new deacons, class of 2016, will be John Beck and Jona Thiessen. Congratulations to our incoming officers and our thanks to those who have served in the class of 2013: Ann Forsyth, Tim Thiessen, and Lisa Upton (Session); Angie Martin and Holly Van Auken (Deacons).

The Christian Education and Fellowship & Hospitality committees will co-host a **spaghetti dinner fundraiser** after worship on January 12 to raise money to help our youth attend the confirmation retreat at Dwight Mission and other camps and events, such as Youth Quake in April.

The **annual congregational meeting** will be held Sunday, January 26, following worship, along with a potluck lunch. Reminder to committee chairs and other report writers: submissions for the Annual Report are due Tuesday, January 7.

Hymnal dedication: The Worship & Music committee is looking forward to presenting a celebration and dedication of our new hymnal during worship on Sunday, January 26.

The recent **cold weather** and our latest gas bill serve as reminders to turn down the thermostat to 60 degrees when leaving a room unoccupied. Please note that the timers that control the sanctuary HVAC units (except on Sunday morning) do not all wind down properly on their own. Please check these timers when vacating the sanctuary, and wind them down manually when necessary.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year!

January will kick off a great year for Memorial. Join the confirmation youth at a **Spaghetti lunch on Sunday, January 12** as we raise money to attend Dwight Mission's Confirmation retreat. This will follow worship where we will **ordain and install** our newest officers.

On **Sunday, January 26th**, we will have a **Hymn Fest** during worship as we celebrate our new hymnals. There will be a **potluck** and **Annual Congregational Meeting** following worship that day.

Would you like to know more about being a Presbyterian? I'll be offering a **Presbyterians 101** class on Thursday, January 23 at 7:00 P.M. For members and friends alike, get an overview of what we believe and how we function.

For the new year, I share with you an adaptation of a poem I received a number of years ago. Enjoy!

For Love of the World

*For the love of a tree...go out on a limb.
For the love of the sea...rock the boat.
For the love of the earth...dig deeper.
For the love of community...mend fences.
For the love of the stars...let your light shine.
For the love of spirit...nurture your soul.
For the love of a good time...sow seeds of happiness.
For the love of nature...make compost.
For the love of a good meal...give thanks.
For the love of family...reconcile differences.
For the love of creativity...entertain new possibilities.
For the love of enemies...suspend judgment.
For the love of yourself...acknowledge your worth.*

--adapted from a poem by Charlotte Tall Mountain

May you see the blessings that are yours in 2014!

Tracy

Clerk's Corner

The Session met on Tuesday, December 3 at 7:00 P.M. The date of the ordination/installation of church officers will be Sunday, January 12. Session also set the date for the annual congregational meeting for Sunday, January 26. Session approved a request to hold a fundraiser luncheon following worship on January 12. Funds raised will go toward youth camps and conferences. Session approved a request for our church to continue to be a polling site in 2014. Session again approved the serving of communion on the first Sunday of every month for 2014. The session wishes to thank the following officers for their hard work and dedication: Ann Forsyth, Tim Thiessen and Lisa Upton (elders) and Angie Martin and Holly Van Auken (deacons).

A special meeting of session was held Sunday, December 29, immediately following worship where they approved the 2014 budget. The next meeting of session will be January 7 at 7:00 P.M. where the new officers will be examined. The regular meeting of session will be held on January 21.

Joan Cole,
Clerk of Session

Stewardship Update January 1 to December 31, 2013*			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2013 Budget
Pledges	\$141,896.03	\$145,664.00	\$145,664.00
Other Income	\$30,877.90	\$59,999.00	\$59,999.00
Total Income	\$172,773.93	\$205,663.00	\$205,663.00
Total Expenses	\$184,489.56	\$205,663.00	\$205,663.00

*Final figures for 2013 will be published in the Annual Report.

Worship News

The Worship and Music Committee would like to thank all of those who helped in worship leadership through reading, singing, and lighting candles in our Advent worship services and the Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols. It is amazing to see the number of people willing to say “yes” when asked to help. Thank you!

As a reminder, copies of the “old” blue hymnals are available for a small donation of your choosing if you would like to have a copy at home. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of new pew bibles.

New schedules of worship duties have been put together for 2014. The usher schedule for the first 6 months of the year was sent out via email last week. If you did not receive a schedule and feel you should have, please let me (Lucy) know. Also, if you were not included and would like to help let me know. We occasionally need emergency substitutes. There are also plenty of other duties that make worship happen and we are always looking for volunteers.

For your calendars: on January 26th, we will be dedicating the *Glory to God* hymnals within our Sunday morning worship. Please join us for this special service.

Worship the Lord with Gladness!

Lucy Lanning, Chair
Worship and Music Committee

January Worship Duty Schedule

January 5	Communion Servers: Ann Fayles, Doug and Ann Forsyth, Lucy Lanning Ushers: Carl and Julie Forthman Sound booth: Tim Thiessen Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel Lock-up: Trudy Beard
January 12	Ushers: Will and Jessica Farris Sound booth: Dave Iske Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner Nursery Assistant: Karen Upton Lock-up: Joan Cole
January 19	Ushers: Jim and Linda Rodriguez Sound booth: Larry Upton Acolyte Assistant: Jona Thiessen Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole Lock-up: Mike Cole
January 26	Ushers: Carolyn Montgomery and Harold Conner Sound booth: Will Farris Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck Lock-up: Doug Forsyth

MEMORIAL YOUTH GROUP NEWS



M.Y. Group will be meeting on the following Sunday evenings from 5-6:30PM. Dinner will be served. Mark your calendars and feel free to bring a friend (or two). Your leader is Joan Cole. You can contact her at 830-8389 or e-mail: jlcmac20@cox.net

January 12
January 26
February 23
March 9
March 23

April 13
April 27
May 11

Christmas Pageant

We held our annual children's Christmas pageant on Wednesday, December 11, along with a church-wide potluck dinner. Our thanks to Melinda Clements and Kirk Forthman for their leadership in organizing the pageant. We also thank Holly Van Auken, Kay Anderson and Samuel McCann for volunteering their time and energy this semester in Kids' Club. Terry Cast served as accompanist for the pageant. The Fellowship & Hospitality committee, chaired by Lisa Upton, sponsored the potluck. A good time was had by all.



Known Joys and Concerns

Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll
Bob Clarke
Sandy Clarke
Melinda Clements
Mike Cole
Joe Garlett
Dave Iske
Vince Leseney
Kenny Comer (Karen Girdner's niece's husband)
Cody Derryberry (son of Carl Forthman's co-worker Renee)
Judy Haworth (Jayelle Martin's sister)
Dottie Hinson (Karen Upton's mother)
Norvin Hinson (Karen Upton's grandfather)
Connie Hogan (Karen Upton's sister)
Dan Loomis (friend of Bill & Betty Silman)
George Sites (Georjana Mauldin's father)
Peggy Strunk
Dan Van Auken (Holly Van Auken's nephew)

Those who grieve

Family of Hank Baltine (Susan Beck's step-father)
Family of Bud Cory (John Beck's uncle)

Give thanks for new life

James Samuel Beard, born Dec. 10 (son of James and Rhonda Beard, grandson of Trudy and Mike Beard)

To receive prayer requests by email,
please contact Janice Crump at:
janicec11@cox.net



January Birthdays

1 Kerri Autry
4 Cassie Eckel
6 Audrey Stensrud
9 Karen Girdner
10 Judy Burns
14 Warren Beck
Devyn Upton
19 Charles Johnson
24 Kelsey Hudson
Melinda Clements
26 Nancy Silman
27 Rachel Klenda
Ross Forsyth
28 Jim Annoh
29 Julie Forthman
Jessica Farris
30 Jeff Roesel
31 Ashu Abunaw

January Anniversaries

1 John & Susan Beck
Joe & Jan Garlett
Rob & Traci Cunningham
2 Will & Jessica Farris
22 Jim & Linda Eckel

Wise men came from the East and brought gifts of gold,
frankincense, and myrrh to the Christ child.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office Closed for New Year's Day	2 10:00 A.M. Serve at Food for Friends	3	4
5 10:55 A.M. Celebration of the Lord's Supper	6 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	7 Submissions for Annual Report Due 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting	8 3:15 P.M. Kid's Club 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir	9	10	11
12 10:55 A.M. Ordination & Installation of new officers 12:00 P.M. Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 5:00 P.M. M.Y. Group	13 7:00 P.M. Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	14 6:00 P.M. Mission & Evangelism Meeting 7:00 P.M. Christian Education Meeting	15 3:15 P.M. Kid's Club 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir	16 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library 7:00 P.M. Building & Grounds Meeting	17	18
19 4:30 P.M. Deacons Meeting 5:30 P.M. Steward- ship Meeting	20 Office closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	21 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting	22 3:15 P.M. Kid's Club 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir	23 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library 7:00 P.M. Presbyterians 101	24 Articles for February Messenger Due	25
26 12:00 P.M. Annual Congregational Meeting 5:00 P.M. M.Y. Group	27 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	28	29 3:15 P.M. Kid's Club 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir	30 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library	31	

SUNDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sunday School	9:30 A.M.
Fellowship and Refreshments	10:30 A.M.
Worship Service	10:55 A.M.

WEDNESDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

Kids' Club	3:15 P.M.
Children's Choir	5:00 P.M.
Chancel Choir	7:00 P.M.