

# Our Daily Bread

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
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## DECEMBER 2024

### A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

The Christmas season is upon us once again. Sometimes it is hard to get into the Christmas spirit when there seems to be chaos all around you. But, no matter what happens in the world, the Christ Child comes again each year.

During advent as we Prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child, we should reflect on who we are as Christians. As advent is a time for preparation, we should read scripture, pray, and embrace the life, death and resurrection of our Lord.

I treasure this time and the making of this journey each year with all of you. I hope we can join together during this advent to bring the true joy and hope that never ends to one another. Together with believers around the world we respond to joy and look forward in hope.

Please join us for our advent celebrations as we draw near to the birth of the Christ Child.

Janet

### STATED SESSION MEETING

Our next Stated Session Meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2024 at 12:15 p.m. in the Rainbow Room. Ivan Yuhanna is going to lead the devotional and opening prayer. If you cannot make it, please let Lori Gast know – (214) 218-7784.

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 8 Janet Boyanton  
December 30 Edwin Shafer

### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

December 23 Cecil and Pat Nash  
December 28 Okoro and Ogbeyalu Kalu  
December 31 Chikezie and Nena Kalu

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I am acknowledging those of you who participate in the Worship Service each month. We would love to have everyone who worships here be a part of the Worship Service. Talk to Barry Krueger if you would like to volunteer for a specific task, or just sign up on the sheets across from the sanctuary kitchen.

Special thanks in November go to:

1. The liturgist – Pat Nash
2. The greeters – Elizabeth Price, and Lori Gast
3. Those who brought snacks for after worship – Pat Nash, Steve and Alice Anne Perry, and everyone who brought something for our Thanksgiving Luncheon
4. Lori Gast for being the Gatekeeper
5. Lori Gast fills the candles with oil
6. Heidi Yuhanna and Steve Perry host the after worship refreshments
7. Pat Nash for preparing the communion
8. William Boyanton for helping clear off the communion table and taking the used dishes to the kitchen.
9. Elder serving communion: Pat Nash and Joe Alexander
10. The Ushers – Thomas Boyanton and Okoro Kalu
11. Heidi Yuhanna and the choir for our Anthems (and all the other music Heidi prepares.)
12. William Boyanton for being the acolyte

### THANK YOU FOR DECORATING THE CHURCH

I want to thank the following for helping me decorate the Church inside and outside for Advent/Christmas on November 30<sup>th</sup>: Lorrinda Alexander; Bill and Lori Gast; Gene and Jewell Knox; Jessica Zinn and Cindy Ballou, as well as

those who helped on November 26<sup>th</sup> during our Faith in Action meeting, including Elizabeth Price.

Pat Nash, Faith in Action Committee

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Our leaders, our Presbytery, our church, the Session, our troops, Lorrinda and Joe Alexander, Makia and Mireille Epie, Martha Brashear, Thomas Alexander, continued prayers for Bryson, the church and nation of Ukraine, Makia's people in Cameroon, DeSoto Food Pantry, Max Jewell is at home, but needs continued prayers, the natural disasters that just keep coming – prayers for the people affected by them, immigrants at the borders, travel mercies for all our members traveling. Chikezie is very weak, Christians in Pakistan, the Hamas-Israel War, prayers for those who are hungry and cold, Janet Boyanton, Joan Christy is still recovering in a nursing/rehabilitation facility, Alice Anne's friend Jeremy is in the hospital, Bill Gast is recovering from a massive heart attack, Cori's mom is looking for a new job, friends and family of Scott Salazar, prayers for all those affected by the fires, Nym had double pneumonia.

## CELEBRATIONS

I want to thank Pat, Lorrinda, Steve and Heidi for helping me with Gene and Jewell's wedding, we are thankful for all our Veteran's, Janet would like to thank Joe and Russell for all their hard work fixing our building after a tree landed on it.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### November 2024

Bank balance	\$25,555
Expenses	\$6,310
Dedicated Funds	\$10,551
Available Funds	\$12,004

Plus there are investments totaling \$77,587 not immediately available to us and are volatile. The figure to hang our hats on is the **available funds**.

The available income fell this month. The addition to the increase in the TPF fund, is a positive. However, we continue to lose giving units which is not good.

Please continue to support the church with the 3 T's – Time, Talent, and Treasure.

Thank you,

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Gast, Temporary Treasurer.

## POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY

We will once again be obtaining poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board located next to the Opportunity Corner. The price is \$10 each, and the last day to sign up is December 10<sup>th</sup>. You may take home your plant(s) following the Christmas Eve service that begins at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.

Pat Nash

Faith in Action Committee

## JOY GIFT AND ANGEL TREE

As we normally do, we will be collecting donations for our annual **Joy Offering** on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please note on your checks or giving envelopes the phrase "Joy Offering." These gifts that we send to Grace Presbytery are shared equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities 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.

Also on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be accepting donations for the **Angel Tree** (located on the tables in the Opportunity Corner). These donations will go toward purchasing items from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog (samples of which are also on the tables). We normally like to use the funds for buying chickens and water projects, as those seem to be the most useful. Again, please note on your check or giving envelope the phrase "Angel Tree."

Thank you in advance for your generosity in fulfilling God's direction to provide for the hungry and for those needing assistance.

Pat Nash

Faith in Action Committee

## PLEDGING NEEDS

We have received very few pledges to date. This makes preparing a budget to cover our church needs very problematic. Please consider making a pledge (letters, cards and envelopes are located on the Narthex table at the back of the sanctuary.)

Pat Nash

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>1</b> 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service w/ communion	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM Art Group	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:15 PM Stated Session Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10:00 AM Art Group	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 11:00 AM Tuesday Morning Christmas Lunch at Cotton Patch	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10:00 AM Art Group	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service	<b>25</b>  CHRISTMAS	<b>26</b> 10:00 AM Art Group	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				