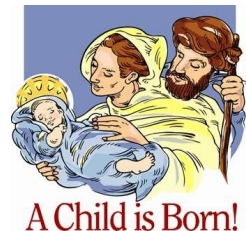




# The Loos Chimes

First United Presbyterian Church



A Child is Born!

December 2015

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

The other day I was having a conversation and in the middle of the conversation both of us started to remark at how quickly time had passed this year. It just seemed like yesterday the year was starting and, suddenly, we are getting to the end of the year. Time has passed quickly and, suddenly, from a Christian perspective we are in the midst of celebrating Our Lord and Savior's birth into our world. Over two thousand years many traditions have come into being surrounding the celebration of Jesus' birth into our world. It makes sense that so many traditions have sprung up concerning our Lord's birth as people have tried to express how much Jesus' birth means to them and to the world. As the promise was given so long ago," (Isa 9:2-7 NIV) The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. {3} You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder. {4} For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. {5} Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. {6} For to us a child is born, to us a son

is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. {7} Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this."

Our Advent and Christmas season is a busy season. At church we have the Christmas Cantata, the Children's Program, Christmas Eve and other activities to mark the season. In our lives we have dinners, parties, packages and bows, family gatherings, decorations and trees, etc. Jesus told us he came to give us life and abundantly. Jesus wants our Advent and Christmas season to be abundant and filled with joy. One interesting quirk about humans; we can be so busy celebrating something we completely miss enjoying or appreciating what we are working so hard to celebrate. In the busyness of this season let us not forget to heed the Psalmists advice, "(Psa 46:6-11 NIV) Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. {7} The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah {8} Come and see the works

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**The Purpose of the First United Presbyterian Church is to:**  
*Invite people to know and glorify God*  
*Grow together as followers of Christ*  
*Serve others through the power of the Holy Spirit*

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of the LORD, the desolations he has brought on the earth. {9} He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, he burns the shields with fire. {10} "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." {11} The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah"

In this season when we are so busy celebrating Our Lord's birth let us not forget to "Be Still" and enjoy the presence of God in our lives. Be still and feel God's presence. Be still and appreciate all God has brought us in Jesus Christ. Be still and enjoy God's Christmas present to us.

Peace in Christ,  
Mark

## Deacon



If you or someone you know are in the hospital and would like a visit from the Deacon's please contact the church office or one of the Deacons



Food Pantry  
Abby Gazvoda  
and  
Mary Moran



Year-to 11/15/15 offerings	\$145,332
Year to 11/15/15 expenses	\$147,884

Need a  
Ride to Church?



Connie Lawrence



**Freighter View Assisted Living**  
**605 West Portage Avenue**

Virginia Blair  
Audrey Bush  
Emily Hamilton  
Jane Kellan  
Margaret Olson  
Carmelita Schrupf  
Delores Swick

**Hearthside Assisted Living**  
**1501 W 6th Avenue**

David Shaw

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Bea Woodgate  
1008 Johnston Street  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

**Tendercare— Sault Ste Marie**

**1011 Meridian**

Jim Schmidt  
Jean Smith

**McKinley Manor**

**2023 West 4th Avenue**

Vera Steffens  
Jeanne Gantz

**WMH Long Term Care**  
**500 Osborn Boulevard**

Lois Myers

**Out of Town**

Della Porter  
2920 Crystal Lane Room 426  
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Dorthea Allen  
Michigan Masonic Home  
1200 Wright, Room 167  
Alma, MI 48801

June MacInnis  
900 Glen Haven Circle, Apt 2  
Petoskey, MI 49770



### Prayer Requests

Kevin Tastor, Jean Smith, Carl Smart, Kady Love, Jim Schmidt, Gina Gough, Shane Miller, Delphine Porter, Wendy (Menard) James, Ruth Thesing, Dorothy Smart, Ellen Meister, Jane Kellan, Margaret Olson, Robert Jewell, Judy Knutsen, Ellen Woodgate, Carolyn Vollick, William Kellan, Colleen Sibbald, Bea Woodgate, Margaret Vonderwerth & her family, and all members of missionaries and the U.S. Armed Forces.

**Please keep us up to date on your prayer requests.**



### Cookie Walk

#### Deacon's Cookie Walk

The Deacon's will hold a **COOKIE WALK**

on Sunday, December 13th.

We are asking our church family to consider bringing in cookie donations for this event.

All the proceeds raised will benefit the Deacon Food Pantry.



**SUNDAY**

**DECEMBER 20TH**

**2:00 PM**

Jeanne Shibley



Christmas and New Years

Thursday and Friday,  
December 24th. & 25th  
& Friday, January 1st



Deacon's  
Corner

The next Deacon's Meeting will be held on December 20th.

Soup n'  
Sandwich



**December 20th**

**Endowment**

**Committee**



Help keep kids' noses, heads and fingers warm! Our **mitten tree is up in the narthex**, ready to take your donations of mittens, hats and scarves. They will be distributed to our local elementary schools. We'd like to thank PW for their donations which already grace the tree.

Need to stock up on Christmas goodies? **Our Cookie Walk will be on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**. Select from dozens of cookies and fill a container for \$4 per 6, or \$8 per dozen. A few pieces of candy may slip in for \$3 per 6. Specialty cookie items will be up for raffle at 50¢ or 3 for \$1. Sales will run from 8:45 am-9:45 am, then after service. The public is invited to join in the foray after service. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of groceries for the Food Pantry.

The **winter clothing rack** in the Social Hall welcomes additions of warm winter clothing – jackets, snow suits, hats, gloves, scarves, etc. – that are in good, clean condition. Many have already found new homes! A big thank you to War Memorial Hospital for the donations currently filling the rack.

Remember, the Deacons are here **if you need a ride to church**. Just call the office by Friday morning at 632-7771 and someone will be alerted to pick you up. Please alert us if a hospital visit is desired. Many times word-of-mouth is the only way we find out about requests. Help us serve you by letting us know.

Have a blessed holiday season!

Jeanne Shibley, Deacon Chairperson



Robert and Susan Hovie 12/10  
 Bill and Sandra Robbins 12/27



Practice continues on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m., until December 16th. We encourage and welcome new and returning voices to come and join this musical celebration of Christ's birth.

This year's Cantata will be "Joy to the World" by John Peterson. The Cantata performance will be on Sunday, December 20th.

***Come join the choir  
 for this celebration!***



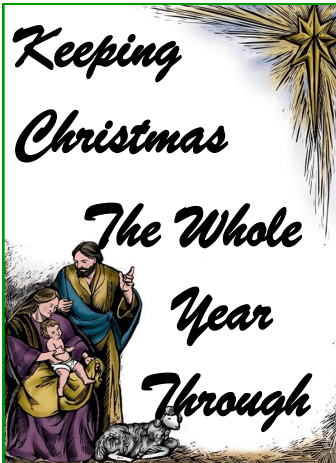
**Deacons**  
 December 13th  
 Children's Christmas Program



***Music of the Holidays***  
 Presented by:  
*Lock Cities Chorus of Sweet Adelines International  
 & Central United Methodist Church Handbell Choir*  
 Sunday, December 13th, 2015 at 7 pm  
 At the Central United Methodist Church  
 Admission by donation. All proceeds go to  
 United Way of SSM, MI



Jessica Kuenzer	12/01	Sydney Kuenzer	12/09	Emma Lussier	12/27
Gordon Rohweder	12/01	Audrey Bush	12/11	William Boyne	12/28
Leitha Vollick	12/01	Nancy Larson	12/11	Heidi Hanna (Michels)	12/28
Mark Gabbard	12/02	Anita Weinrick	12/11	Kyle Huskey	12/28
Connie Lawrence	12/02	Christina Bernier	12/13	Mark Michels	12/28
Delphine Porter	12/03	Sawyer Kuenzer	12/13	Henry Guzzo	12/29
Hailey Rath	12/08	Brenda Ransom	12/13	Jean Smith	12/29
		Alfred Dennis	12/18	Jo Anne Lussier	12/30
		Tyler Dunbar	12/18	Charlotte Hewitt	12/31
		Charmaine Styer	12/18	John Kaunisto	12/31
		Elva Hutzler	12/26	Robert Nicholls	12/31



In the past I have written about Christmas tree selection in the woods, when we lived on Drummond Island, using old ornaments, shopping for the right gift, Peter Marshall's personal experience on Christmas Eve, and hope that can only be treasured at Christmas time.

Wonderful miracles seem to come about at Christmas time. Families reunite, love and forgiveness surrounds us, Christmas carols are sung by many groups, and shopping centers and radios play carols for all of us. The way we greet our neighbors and church friends are but a few examples of what takes place when we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Let's make sure we do not become so busy celebrating the season that we totally miss the reason of the season. We may become so centered on last minute shopping for the right gifts and forget to tell others of God's perfect gift, the Christ child.

However, Christmas isn't just about tree selection or decorations, but about hope and a fulfillment.

In Matthew 5:8 it says, "Blessed are the pure of heart for they will see God." When we prepare for Jesus' birthday celebration, there is a new arrangement of our priorities, and a decorating of our hearts, and its extension through our gifts.

This country is truly blessed, particularly when we invite someone into our hearts. No other nation is more giving or kind than the USA at a time when there is hunger, threats of war, rebellions, and bloodshed throughout the world. Living in a free society, worshiping as we wish, we have an opportunity to feel His presence at a time of giving, and receiving gifts with no greater gift than the gift of the Christ child who came into this world. What would our lives be like if it were not for the birth in a manger, of Jesus Christ some 2000 years ago?

Shopping may not be your favorite activity. However, one needs to spend time looking for that loved one in your life. There is a great joy in giving and hearing someone say, "That is just what I wanted." It might surprise many of us to know that this applies to Christ as well.

What does Christ seek from us? Proverbs 23:26 says, "My child, give me your heart and let your eyes keep to my ways."

The greatest gift you can give to Christ is yourself!

Yes, the wonder of Christmas can come alive for you in many different ways if you will open your heart and allow God to prepare you for Christmas.

Have the merriest Christmas ever!

Don Myers, CRE



As you begin to plan for any holiday shopping, please keep Care Net in mind. There are two quick ways you can help us meet our year-end financial obligations.

As you shop online, use [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). Select Care Net Pregnancy Center of the EUP as your charitable contribution recipient. Any item you purchase counts toward donations for Care Net.

Remember that Tuesday, December 1st, is designated as Giving Tuesday. Make a special contribution to Care Net online (under the Donation tab of our web site [www.eupforlife.org](http://www.eupforlife.org)) or by check.

Our new donor-focused website ([www.eupforlife.org](http://www.eupforlife.org)) also lists the items Care Net currently needs or would like. We also have a link to [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) for our "Wish Lists". Please note we have one for client and volunteer focused items and one for our medical center items. Some of the items listed are also items we need to purchase to be compliant with MiOSHA regulations.

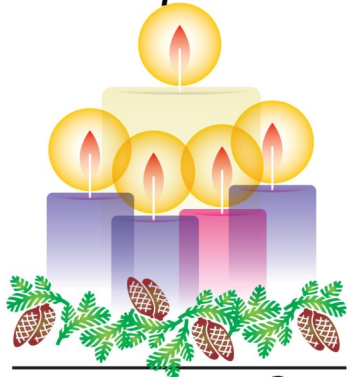
Thank you for your generous support of this ministry to the men, women and children of the Eastern Upper Peninsula.



Please remember our JOY offering taking place for the month of December.

We will collect the JOY offering on Sunday, December 13th during the Children's Christmas Program.

*Thursday, December 24th  
7 p.m.*



**The Elf  
Breakfast**

Presented by  
**First United Presbyterian Church**  
*Saturday, December 5th, 2015*  
**9am to 11am**

*We will be serving a breakfast fit for an Elf!*

Children can get their picture taken at "The North Pole"!

Games, activities, and stories.

Tickets - \$5.00 each  
All children should be accompanied by an adult.

**First United Presbyterian Church**  
555 Bingham Ave.  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

**December 13, 2015**

Our Program this year is called  
**"CHRISTMAS PRESENCE"**

You are cordially invited to come to the Sunday School Christmas program, December 13, 2015.

In "Christmas Presence" our Sunday School and Youth will build a tower of Christmas presents to honor the presence of Christ on earth. Each group of children will add wrapped presents to the "Christmas Presence" Tower while talking about the presents we offer Christ on His birthday this year.

Stay after church for a grand party celebrating Jesus' Birthday!

Guests are invited to enjoy Birthday cake, coffee, tea and cold beverages in Fellowship Hall.

Mark your calendars today!!





**Endowment  
DINNER**  
December 20, 2015

Everyone is invited for a delicious turkey dinner with all the fixings on Sunday, December 20th after the Cantata and Worship Service

**This is annual event is sponsored by the FUPC Endowment Committee.**

Come join us in the Social Hall for a good meal and fellowship!



**Christmas Cantata**

## SUNDAY DECEMBER 20TH

This year's Cantata will be  
"Joy to the World"  
by John Peterson



The Deacon's Mitten Tree will be going up on November 15th. Hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens will be collected and distributed to the elementary schools in town. They are much appreciated by both the teachers and students. Help keep the children warm, during the long winter months.



There will be no regular Sunday School classes on December 20 or 27.

On December 20 the church choir will be presenting its annual Christmas Cantata and the children and youth are invited and encouraged to attend this joyful celebration.

On December 27 our worship service will consist of Christmas scripture reading and carol singing. This is a fun service the entire family will enjoy attending together.

Regular Sunday School will resume January 2, 2016.



**Our Christmas Offering will be collected during the 7 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**



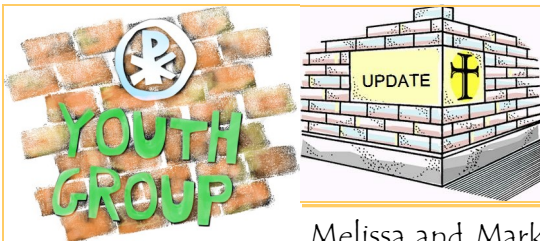
### DEACONS' WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

The Deacons will be collecting winter clothing throughout the months of December and January to distribute to those in need. If you have new or gently-used winter coats, hats, gloves/mittens, boots, or sweaters that you are willing to donate, please bring them to the church office. Clothing collected will be offered to those attending Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry.



**Sault High Christmas**  
Thursday  
December 10th  
Concert 7 pm





Melissa and Mark Gabbard, Chad and Denise Folkersma would like to thank everyone for the continued prayers as we begin our Youth Group. We had 5 students at our Nov 8 meeting and look forward to seeing them continue to attend and grow in the love of Christ.

Our next meeting is Nov 22 6:30 followed by Dec 13 6:30. If you have any questions please contact Denise Folkersma 231-233-6717 or Melissa Gabbard 712-330-3429.



Thanks to everyone who donated to the Samaritan's Purse "Operation Child". A total of 72 boxes were donated to spread smiles to children in countries worldwide. The filled boxes of gifts will be distributed to children along with the message of Jesus Christ and his love for each and everyone of these children.

**Thank you!**



**ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS'**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

It's Annual Report time again. Your reports are important. Deadline for submission of your FUPC Annual Reports is January 2, 2015. Submit to the church office or email ([office@soopresbyterian.org](mailto:office@soopresbyterian.org)) your reports to the attention of Audrey Zane.

Reminder - FUPC 2015 Annual Meeting will be January 31,



**Poinsettia Order Form**

*The Christmas season is here again, time to decorate the Sanctuary with the Poinsettia Tree. You may honor a loved one with one of these beautiful plants, at a cost of \$8.00 each. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office with your payment by December 16th.*

*During the Christmas Eve Service, a booklet will be available, with all donors and their messages. Please list the message exactly as you want it printed. If you would like to take your plants home, you may do so after the Christmas Eve Service. Please contact the church office, if you have questions or to drop off the form.*

Your name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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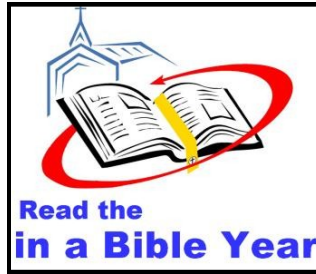
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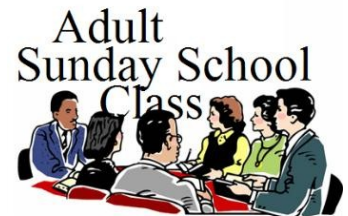


*Diane McMeeken*  
and  
*Mary Stanaway*

1	Galatians 5:1-15	Lamentations 5	Psalm 147
2	Galatians 5:16-26	Ezekiel 1	Psalm 148
3	Galatians 6	Ezekiel 2-3	Psalm 149
4	Ephesians 1	Ezekiel 4-5	Psalm 150
5	Ephesians 2	Ezekiel 6-7	Isaiah 40
6	Ephesians 3	Ezekiel 8-9	Isaiah 41
7	Ephesians 4:1-16	Ezekiel 10-11	Isaiah 42
8	Ephesians 4:17-32	Ezekiel 12-13	Isaiah 43
9	Ephesians 5:1-20	Ezekiel 14-15	Isaiah 44
10	Ephesians 5:21-33	Ezekiel 16	Isaiah 45
11	Ephesians 6	Ezekiel 17	Isaiah 46
12	Philippians 1:1-11	Ezekiel 18	Isaiah 47
13	Philippians 1:12-30	Ezekiel 19	Isaiah 48
14	Philippians 2:1-11	Ezekiel 20	Isaiah 49
15	Philippians 2:12-30	Ezekiel 21-22	Isaiah 50
16	Philippians 3	Ezekiel 23	Isaiah 51
17	Philippians 4	Ezekiel 24	Isaiah 52
18	Colossians 1:1-23	Ezekiel 25-26	Isaiah 53
19	Colossians 1:24-2:19	Ezekiel 27-28	Isaiah 54
20	Colossians 2:20-3:17	Ezekiel 29-30	Isaiah 55
21	Colossians 3:18-4:18	Ezekiel 31-32	Isaiah 56
22	Luke 1:1-25	Ezekiel 33	Isaiah 57
23	Luke 1:26-56	Ezekiel 34	Isaiah 58
24	Luke 1:57-80	Ezekiel 35-36	Isaiah 59
25	Luke 2:1-20	Ezekiel 37	Isaiah 60
26	Luke 2:21-52	Ezekiel 38-39	Isaiah 61
27	Luke 3:1-20	Ezekiel 40-41	Isaiah 62
28	Luke 3:21-38	Ezekiel 42-43	Isaiah 63
29	Luke 4:1-30	Ezekiel 44-45	Isaiah 64
30	Luke 4:31-44	Ezekiel 46-47	Isaiah 65
31	Luke 5:1-26	Ezekiel 48	Isaiah 66



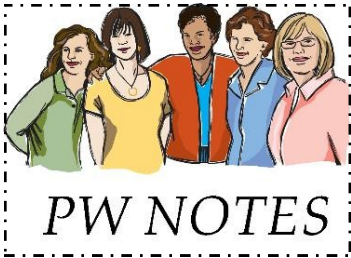
Men's Bible Study every Friday morning at 9:00 am.  
Studies cancelled on December 25th & January 1st  
All men are welcome to join us!



9:00 am



Woman's Bible Study every Wednesday morning at 9:30 am  
Our lesson is on "Twelve Women of the Bible".  
All women of the church are invited to join us.



## PW NOTES



### Stocking Stuffers!

The Ultimate Cloth

\$6.00 each/5 for \$25.00

Sunflower Dish Cloths

\$1.00 each

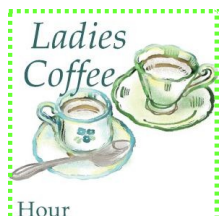


## Circle 3 Meeting

Circle 3 will have their Annual Christmas Party at the home of Sandy Borg (213 Hursley) on

December 10th at 9:30 am. Please bring a dish to pass and a present for a gift exchange (Approximate \$10 value).

All ladies welcome to join us.



Hour

**Tuesday at 9:30 am  
December 15th  
(the 3rd Tuesday),**

All ladies are welcome to join us for an informal gathering.



## PW Meeting

PW Luncheon on Sunday, December 6th at Applebee's.

Please RSVP to the church office if you are planning to attend.

All ladies are welcome to join us!

## Quilt Winner

Congratulations to Phyllis McKechnie of Sault Ste Marie.

Phyllis is a member of the First United Presbyterian Church and is this year's winner of the Quilt Raffle.

Thanks to all who bought and sold tickets. Many thanks to Carolyn Shaw making and quilting this beautiful quilt.

## PW Bazaar Wrap-Up

If we're to have a tea & bazaar in November 2016, we need to have a Chairperson and a Decorating Person in place as soon as possible. Please consider volunteering for this annual event.

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

To all the wonderful women, young ladies and men, who helped in the dining room and kitchen for the Bazaar and Tea. We really appreciate all that you did from ironing table cloths, serving tea, passing sandwiches, cookies, bussing tables, etc. etc. to cleaning up. Thanks to everyone who donated items and helped in the booths. We couldn't have done it without each and everyone of you.

Blessings to all of you.





## **New Food Safety Manual now available in the kitchen.**

Cooking for Crowds A Volunteer Guide to Safe Food Handling contains a wealth of information concerning food safety. The manual is designed for use by nonprofit groups preparing food for the public such as we do in the church kitchen. Items covered include preventing conditions that can lead to food borne illness, personal hygiene, purchase and storage of food, time temperature requirements for safe food handling, conducting bake sales and more. Anyone preparing food in the kitchen should find the manual useful.

Lee Mason , Serve Safe Certified  
(906) 635-0226

Dear friends and participants of Three Lakes Lay Academy,

As most of you know we have taken a semester off, but with great excitement and anticipation we will begin another round of classes starting in January 2016. Below you will find the classes that will be taught in the winter term. We are still looking for one person to complete the roster of teachers for the winter term. There are some things you can do for us for this term.

### **Spread the word**

### **Register yourself**

**3LLA academy exists to be a ministry of the Northern Great Lakes Synod** of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Presbytery of Mackinac. People are invited to participate for whatever reason works for them.

**We have two classes each Thursday.** They are held at Zion Lutheran Church, St. Ignace and begin at 4 pm. We take a break at 5:30 for a shared meal and worship. This winter, Leslie Henderson has volunteered to prepare meals for the last 5 weeks, but we need volunteers to fill in the first 5 weeks. So if you can provide a meal for one of the weeks we will appreciate that. Please get hold of Dave Van Dam if you would like to volunteer.

You can register anytime. Call or send a message to either pastor Dave Tielbar ( [david.tielbar6@gmail.com](mailto:david.tielbar6@gmail.com) 906-643-7870 ), or pastor Dave Van Dam ( [davidvandam68@gmail.com](mailto:davidvandam68@gmail.com) 231-439-5069 )

**Winter** – January 14 – March 17, 2016

1. **Genesis – Nehemiah** - 10 weeks from 6:30 – 8
2. **Credal Formulations** – 5 weeks 4 – 5:30 pm, Jan. 14 – Feb. 11
3. **Ministry at the End of Life** – 5 weeks 4 – 5:30 pm, Feb. 18 – Mar. 17



Scrip cards helps to make your gift giving easy! We have over 600 places we can order from. Scrip purchasing is easy and does not cost you any extra money. The more we start to utilize this program, the more we can help out our church organizations such as the food pantry, youth activities, and so much more! We do have many cards available for immediate purchase in the office and orders are always going in! If you have questions, please see Brenda .

Brenda Ransom, elder  
[tallulah@lighthouse.net](mailto:tallulah@lighthouse.net)



*The New Offering Envelopes are here!*

**Envelopes will be available in the Narthex starting on December 6th.**

**If you or you know a youth or an adult who would like to have offering envelopes please contact the office at 632-7771 or email us at [office@soopresbyterian.org](mailto:office@soopresbyterian.org).**

**We would gladly provide you with envelopes for your convenience.**

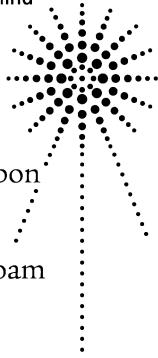


# STAR OF BETHLEHEM

Make a mobile to remind you of Jesus' birth.

### What you need:

- Paper plate
- Hole punch
- Thin blue ribbon
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Yellow craft foam
- Marker



### What you do:

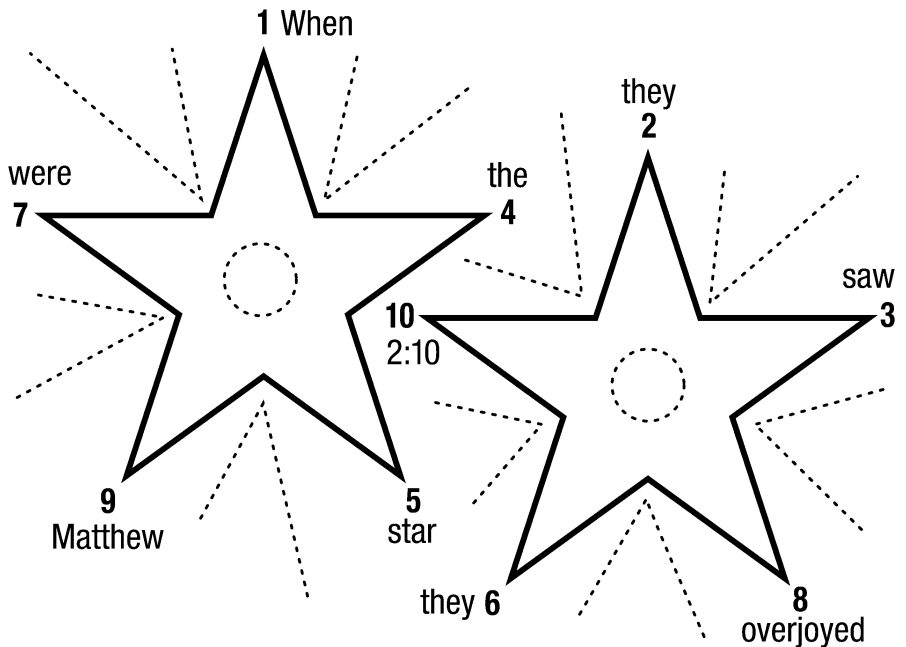
1. With the paper plate upside down, punch evenly spaced holes along the rim. Gently fold the plate and punch a hole in the center.
2. Cut pieces of ribbon, thread them through the holes as desired and tie the ribbons securely.
3. Trace several small stars and one larger star on the foam and cut them out. Punch a hole atop a point of each star.
4. Tie one small star to each outer-rim ribbon.
5. Thread a longer ribbon through the center hole and tie the large star to the other end.
6. Write a verse on the plate or large star. Hang the mobile from the ceiling with another piece of blue ribbon.



# The star of Christmas

When Jesus was born, a star led the wise men to him.










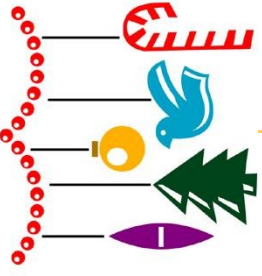
*Directions: Place the words in order, by their numbers, on the blanks below to complete Matthew 2:10, NIV.*



“ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ”  
 \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ , NIV

Answer: "When they saw the star, they were overjoyed." Matthew 2:10, NIV



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday</b>  <b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:30a Christian Ed Mtg 12:00p Soup Kitchen 6:30p Youth Group	<b>Monday</b> 7:00p Boy Scout Mtg (SH) 7:00p ACT Study Grp 	<b>Tuesday</b> 1 9:00a-12:00p Food Pantry	<b>Wednesday</b> 2 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Cantata Rehearsal 7:45p Choir Rehearsal	<b>Thursday</b> 3 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Cantata Rehearsal 7:45p Choir Rehearsal	<b>Friday</b> 4 9:00a Men's Study Grp	<b>Saturday</b> 5 9:00a Elf Breakfast 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A. 
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<b>13 Children's Christmas Program</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Christmas Joy Offering</b> 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:15a Deacons Meeting (Lib) 11:30a Coffee & Cookies (SH) 12:00p Soup Kitchen 2:00p Freighter View Worship	<b>14</b> 7:00p Boy Scout Mtg (SH) 7:00p ACT Study Grp	<b>15</b> 9:00a-12:00p Food Pantry 9:30a Ladies Coffee Hour	<b>16</b> 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Cantata Rehearsal 7:45p Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:00a Men's Study Grp	<b>19</b> 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.
<b>20 Cantata/Endowment Dinner</b> <b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Worship/Communion 10:00a Sunday School 11:30a Endowment Dinner 12:00p Soup Kitchen 6:30p Youth Group	<b>21</b> 5:30p Trustee's Meeting 5:30p Session Mtg (WR) 7:00p Boy Scout Mtg (SH) 7:00p ACT Study Grp 	<b>22</b> 9:00a-12:00p Food Pantry	<b>23</b> 9:30a Women's Bible Study 7:45p Choir Rehearsal	<b>24 Christmas Eve</b> <b>25 Christmas Offering</b> 7:00p Christmas Eve Service Communion/Candlelight 	<b>25 Christmas Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 	<b>26</b> 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.
<b>27</b> 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:15a Hanging of the Greens 12:00p Soup Kitchen	<b>28</b> 7:00p Boy Scout Mtg (SH) 7:00p ACT Study Grp	<b>29</b> 9:00a-12:00p Food Pantry	<b>30</b> 9:30a Women's Bible Study 7:45p Choir Rehearsal	<b>31</b> 		

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Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School (all grades) 10:00 a.m.

**Church Staff**

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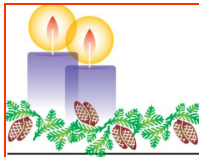


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FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

November 29th

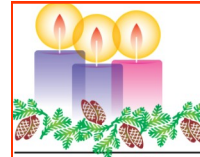


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December 6th

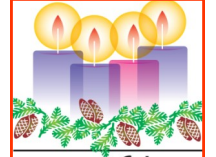


**Advent**



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 13th



FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 20th

**December 5th**

**Elf Breakfast**

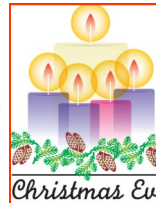
**December 20th**

**Cantata  
Endowment Dinner**



*He will be great  
and will be called the  
Son of the Most High.*

*Luke 1:32*

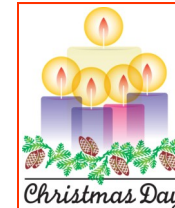


*Christmas Eve*

**December 24th**

**7 pm Candlelight Service  
Communion  
Christmas Offering**

**December 13th  
Sunday School Christmas Program  
Christmas Joy Offering**



*Christmas Day*

**December 25th**

*Merry Christmas*

