



# The Soo Chimes

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Can you believe it? December is here!!!! The Holiday Season is when we make special plans with friends and family. It is also a time we as a church family make special plans. The Advent and Christmas season is the time we celebrate the entrance of our Lord in flesh. Isaiah gives us a prophecy about this blessed event in Isaiah chapter 7:14. The historical situation takes place in 743 BC. Ahaz the king of Judah hears that Syria and the northern kingdom Israel are joining forces against him and his kingdom. He believes Judah is doomed and can't stand against this alliance. God sends word by Isaiah to have faith. Due to Ahaz's lack of faith he does not ask a sign of God even though God implores him to ask. In his consternation over Ahaz's lack of faith, Isaiah delivers the prophecy about God's entrance in the flesh.

(Isa 7:1-14 NIV) "When Ahaz son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, was king of Judah, King Rezin of Aram and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel marched up to fight against Jerusalem, but they could not overpower it. {2} Now the house of David was told, "Aram has allied itself with Ephraim"; so the hearts of Ahaz and his people were shaken, as the trees of the forest are shaken by the wind. {3} Then the LORD

said to Isaiah, "Go out, you and your son Shear-Jashub, to meet Ahaz at the end of the aqueduct of the Upper Pool, on the road to the Washerman's Field. {4} Say to him, 'Be careful, keep calm and don't be afraid. Do not lose heart because of these two smoldering stubs of firewood--because of the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram and of the son of Remaliah. {5} Aram, Ephraim and Remaliah's son have plotted your ruin, saying, {6} "Let us invade Judah; let us tear it apart and divide it among ourselves, and make the son of Tabeel king over it." {7} Yet this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "It will not take place, it will not happen, {8} for the head of Aram is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is only Rezin. Within sixty-five years Ephraim will be too shattered to be a people. {9} The head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is only Remaliah's son. If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all." {10} Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, {11} "Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights." {12} But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test." {13} Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of men? Will you try the patience of

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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*

*Receive your newsletter by email and in color, too. Call the office to find out how!*

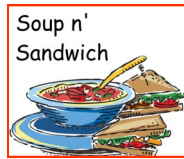
my God also? {14} Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. ”

Just as families make special plans for celebrations during the Holiday Season, we the church family, make plans to celebrate this most blessed event. Our Children’s program will be Sunday Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. The Cantata will be Sunday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. Our Christmas Eve service is Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. We have an opportunity this year to have a special celebration of Christmas, one that comes only once every seven years. The first Sunday after Christmas Eve is Sunday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>. On the 25<sup>th</sup> we will meet downstairs in the fellowship hall. We will have some coffee, cookies and doughnuts. In a casual service we will celebrate Christmas on Christmas day itself! We will share stories about Christmas. If there is a Christmas story you would like to share, join us and tell us your story. Or just join us as hear others share theirs. Please take time to share with us in our special plans for this season.

Peace in Christ, Mark



**SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 18TH  
200 PM  
CATHY AKRE**




**December 18th  
Endowment  
Committee**



**December 11th  
Deacon's**

**Deacon**



Please Call

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



**Cathy Akre**



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

- Virginia Blair
- Audrey Bush
- Emily Hamilton
- Delores Swick

**WMH Long Term Care  
500 Osborn Boulevard**

Lois Myers

**Tendercare— Sault Ste Marie**

**1011 Meridian**

- Jim Schmidt
- Jean Smith

**McKinley Manor**

**2023 West 4th Avenue**

- Jeanne Gantz
- Jane Kellan
- Dorothy Smart
- Vera Steffens

**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



Deacon's  
Corner

The next Deacon's  
Meeting will be held on  
December 18, 2016



Prayer  
Requests

John White, Shane Miller, Dorothy Smart,  
Tom and Ellen Woodgate, Pat White, Kevin Tastor,  
Gina Gough, Jim Schmidt, Jean Smith, Jane Kellan,  
Ruth Thesing, Judy Knutsen, Joyce Cross,  
Wendy (Menard) James, William Kellan, Lilly Donaldson,  
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.**



## The Elf Breakfast

Saturday, December 3, 2016

Doors open at 9:00 AM

Breakfast will be served at 9:30 AM

Activities will begin at 10:00 AM

Story & Music Time will begin at 10:40 AM

Tickets are \$5.00 each

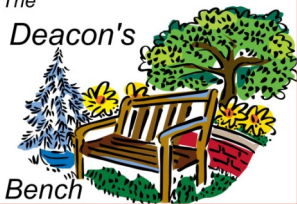
Questions? Contact us at 632-7771 or  
office@soopresbyterian.org



Bob Greenman, store manager of the Sault Ste. Marie Family Fare presents a check for \$1000 to Connie Lawrence, coordinator of the Food Pantry. The funds were raised from the September scan event sponsored by Spartan Stores.

Thanksgiving items were packed along with turkey and pumpkin pie and distributed to 13 area families.

The  
Deacon's



Bench

The holiday season is under way and your generosity is making a difference. The winter clothing rack in the social hall has already provided warm coats for visitors, and mittens on the tree in the narthex are collecting for local school children. We really appreciate the gifts of mittens, scarves and hats from Presbyterian Women. The food pantry used funds from your gifts as well as a donation from Spartan Foods-Family Fare of \$1000 to provide food baskets to 13 families in need. We are holding our annual Cookie Walk on Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. Boxes and baggies will be available to take home your Christmas goodies. All proceeds will go towards the continuing work of the food pantry.

Are you interested in helping the Deacons further their work? Consider being a member-at-large. There are specific areas that need assistance. Perhaps your forte is visiting people at home or the hospital, sending cards, gathering food basket items and deliveries, the list goes on. Please contact Jeanne at 630-1707 or leave a note in the Deacons' mailbox if you are interested or would like more information.

Peace. Thank you for all that you do!

Jeanne Shibley, chair



Christmas and New Years  
Friday, December 23rd  
& Friday, December 30th



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



### Food Safety: The use of gloves for ready to eat foods

Many ready to eat foods are served in our church kitchen. Ready to eat foods are defined as foods that will require no cooking or no further cooking prior to being served to the consumer (sandwiches, cookies, cake, crackers, etc).

The Michigan Food Code requires that after thorough hand washing at the kitchen hand washing station, food handler gloves must be worn whenever handling ready to eat foods.

The main reason for not touching ready to eat foods with bare hands is to prevent viruses and bacteria, which can be present on a food worker's hands, from contaminating food.

Contamination of food by unclean hands has been shown to be one of the leading causes of food borne illness.

Ready to eat foods can also be handled with forks, tongs, spatulas etc.

Some important things to remember about the use of food handler gloves:

1. Gloves are not a substitute for thorough hand washing. Hands must always be washed prior to wearing gloves or changing gloves.
2. Gloves need to be changed frequently especially after any interruption of the work routine or the touching of any item that could possibly contaminate the gloves.

Properly using food handler gloves as required, is one way we can all ensure food safety when we work in the kitchen.

Lee Mason, Serve Safe Church Member (906) 635-0226



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



Many years ago when our 4 children were born we celebrated Christmas like most people with gifts hidden away until they were asleep on Christmas Eve and we hurried to place an equal amount of

toys and gifts under the Christmas tree. Then when Christmas day arrived the kids still dressed in their pajamas opened their presents and as parents we let them believe that Santa provided each and every gift

Between our dog and our kids we enjoyed the day with turkey and dressing, cranberries, apple cider, and all that went with the meal. The meal was even enjoyed for several days later. This is what we thought Christmas was all about.

Actually Christmas can arrive when we least expect it, sometimes in the most unexpected manner. Dr. James Dobson relates a story of an elderly lady who was struggling with her first Christmas alone. Her husband had died just a few months before due to a slow developing cancer. Now, several days before Christmas a brutal snow storm hit the area and she felt very much alone-that she wasn't going to decorate for Christmas.

Late that afternoon the door bell rang, and there stood a delivery boy with a box. He asked the lady to sign for the box. It was so cold the lady asked the delivery boy to step inside as she signed for the box. She then asked the boy, "What's in the box," and he opened the flap and inside was a puppy, a Golden Labrador Retriever. The delivery boy picked up the squirming puppy and explained, "This is for you, Ma'am, he is 6 weeks old, completely housebroken." The

young puppy began to wiggle in happiness for being released from captivity.

"Who sent this the lady asked?"

The young man set the animal down and handed her an envelope and said "It is all explained in this envelope, Ma'am. The dog was bought last July while its Mother was pregnant. It was meant to be a Christmas gift to you. The young man handed her a book on how to care for her Labrador Retriever.

She opened up the letter from her husband. He had written it 3 weeks before he died and left it with the kennel owners to be delivered with the puppy as his last Christmas gift to her. The letter was full of love and encouragement and admonishments to be strong. He vowed that he was waiting for the day when she would join him. He had sent this young dog to be with her as his last Christmas gift to her. She wiped away the tears, put the paper down remembering the puppy at her feet, she picked up that golden furry ball and held it to her neck. Then she looked out the window at the lights that outlined the neighbor's house, and she heard from the radio strains of "Joy to the world". The lady for the first time felt an amazing sensation of peace washing over her. Her heart felt a joy and a wonder greater than her grief and loneliness.

"Little fella," she said to the dog. "It's just you and me now, but you know what, there is a box in the basement that has a Christmas tree in it and some decorations and lights, and a manger scene that will impress you, so let's go and get it and surround ourselves and keep Christmas in our lives and hearts forever."

Don Myers, CRE

JESUS  
CHRIST  
Is Born



# SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

## December 11, 2016 at 10:00 am



Our Program this year is called

**“A Traditional Christmas Pageant”**

You are cordially invited to come to the Sunday School Christmas program, December 11, 2016.

Stay after church for a grand party celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ!

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

Mark your calendars today!!

### Other Important News



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

November 27: All Sunday School Advent Activity

December 17: No Sunday School

All students encouraged to attend church and enjoy the Christmas Cantata presented by the Chancel Choir

December 25: No Sunday School

January 1, 2017: All Sunday School New Year's Activity

January 8, 2017: Regular Sunday School Resumes

Contact Melissa Gabbard at melgabbard@charter.net, 712-330-3429 or 906-259-1331 with any questions concerning the Christmas Pageant or the upcoming Sunday School schedule.



### Schedule

**December 4**

During Sunday School

**December 10**

**SATURDAY—9:00 am**



### Christmas Joy Offering

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

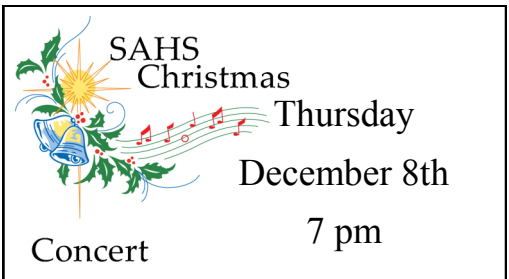
We will collect the JOY offering on Sunday, December 11th during the Children's Christmas Program.



### December 21st First Day of Winter



### Christmas Offering



SAHS  
Christmas

Thursday

December 8th

Concert

7 pm

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



*Endowment*

**DINNER**

*December 18, 2016*

Everyone is invited for a delicious turkey dinner with all the fixings on Sunday, December 18th 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  
REHEARSAL**

Practice continues every Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m. We encourage and welcome new and returning voices to come and join this musical celebration of Christ's birth.

The Cantata performance will be on Sunday, December 18th.

*Come join the choir  
for this celebration!*



**Christmas Cantata**

**SUNDAY**

**DECEMBER 18TH**

This year's Cantata will be  
"Born a King"  
by John Peterson



**Communion  
Candlelight Service**

Please join us for our Christmas Eve service on Saturday, December 24th at 7:00 pm

This will be our candlelight communion service. All are welcome to join us!



**We will have an informal worship service on Christmas morning at 10 am in the social hall**

Please think about sharing a Christmas story from your life. This will be a nice time to share with our church family and celebrate the birth of Lord and savior

We will have coffee, tea, and donuts.





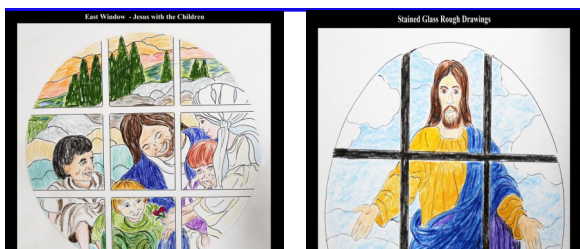
### DEACONS' WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

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.



Our new youth room is under construction

Join us on  
January 8th  
for an open house to see!



If you haven't noticed yet, please take a minute to check out our new stained glass window above the balcony! It is so beautiful! Thank you to all who donated for the window to enhance our church! We are currently in the process of raising funds for the second stained glass window that will go over the choir in the front of the sanctuary. We currently have \$5000 raised towards it and will need another \$20,000 to complete it. We are very excited for these new additions to our sanctuary!



### ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS'

It's Annual Report time again. Your reports are important. Deadline for submission of your FUPC Annual Reports is January 9, 2017. Submit to the church office or email ([office@soopresbyterian.org](mailto:office@soopresbyterian.org)) your reports to the attention of Audrey Zane.

Reminder - FUPC Annual Congregational Meeting will be January 29, 2017



The Almighty appeared on earth as a helpless human baby, needing to be fed and changed and taught to talk like any other child. The more you think about it, the more staggering it gets. Nothing in fiction is so fantastic as this truth of the Incarnation





## 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 14th.*

*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: \_\_\_\_\_

Plant #1 Message:

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Plant #2 Message:

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OUR GIVING	
Year-to 11/06/16 offerings	\$149,125
Year to 11/06/16 expenses	\$147,214

The New Offering Envelopes are here!

**Envelopes will be available in the Narthex .**

**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.**



Thanks to everyone who donated to the Samaritan's Purse "Operation Child". A total of 62 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!**



## Scrip Card Fundraiser

'Tis the season....Christmas is coming....why not make your shopping easier! Scrip cards make a great gift and they are easy to wrap! Our scrip program is still going strong and we want to encourage you to remember it when doing your holiday shopping. The purchase of a scrip card is no different in price than a gift card at the store you are purchasing it from, the only difference is that the church receives a percentage that helps with our fundraising goals. We so have so many to choose from! Need gas for your vehicle? We have Shell, Holiday, Marathon, and more. Stocking up on baking supplies at Gordon's? We have those cards to help you bake. Need a gift for the newspaper carrier? We have many \$10 cards, Taco Bell, Subway, Bath and Body Works, Burger King and more. Getting ready to do a bunch of sewing projects for your holiday gifts? Check out the cards for JoAnn's fabrics! Or maybe you need to hit TJ Maxx or Kohl's. Hungry from all that shopping? Why not grab a card for Applebee's, Buffalo Wild Wings or Wendy's! Or maybe you have the sniffles and need to stock up on cold medicine and tissue . . .Rite Aid and Walgreens are handy cards to have. See how easy it is to support our scrip program! It may take a smidge of planning, but you can do your shopping and support our program all at the same time without spending any extra money. There is always an order form in the hall across from the office, or you may see Brenda for help. Thank you for considering us for your shopping this holiday, and thank you to those who have been using the program!

Did you know that you can sign up to shop with scrip online? It is super duper easy. Go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) and click on register, then click on join a scrip program. Enter our enrollment code of 2B57346344367 and that will get you to our account! Fill in the required information and click "I accept". You will need to choose a security challenge question from the list and provide answers! It is that easy! You can then do your shopping online. Want to make it so you don't have to bring your money to the church? Or maybe you purchased a refillable card? Sign up for Presto Pay and it will take the money out of your bank account. Super easy and a super way to support our church!



### THANK YOU

I would like to thank all you wonderful friends for cards, prayers, telephone calls, and food. I am also thankful for all the help with my trees and board for the bazaar, while I was on my way recovering..May God bless you all

Love, Leitha



CHRISTMAS SEASON



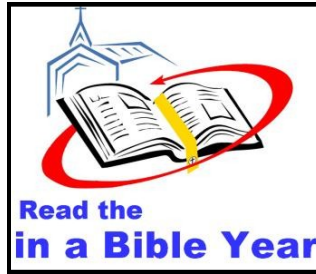
The Textile Social Group meets every Thursday in the Social Hall

Anyone is welcome to stop in from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch, your projects (sewing, knitting, crocheting, puzzles, or a good book) or just the desire to socialize with others. Coffee, tea, and dessert are provided. Stop in for a hour or four!



Taken by Jackie Tastor on the morning of October 30, 2016.

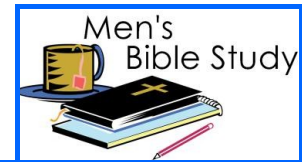
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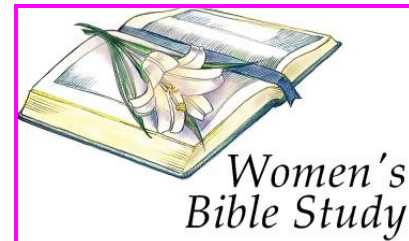
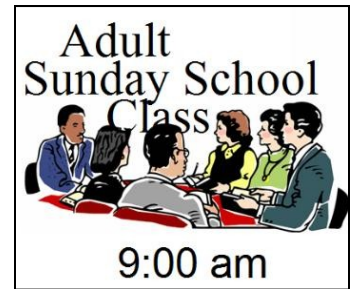
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3	Galatians 6	Ezekiel 2-3	Psalms 149
4	Ephesians 1	Ezekiel 4-5	Psalms 150
5	Ephesians 2	Ezekiel 6-7	Isaiah 40
6	Ephesians 3	Ezekiel 8-9	Isaiah 41
7	Ephesians 4:1-16	Ezekiel 10-11	Isaiah 42
8	Ephesians 4:17-32	Ezekiel 12-13	Isaiah 43
9	Ephesians 5:1-20	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
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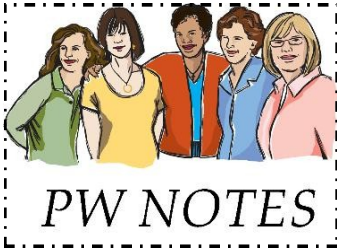
*Diane McMeeken*  
and  
*Michelle Markstrom*



Men's Bible Study every Friday morning at 9:00 am.  
All men are welcome to join us!



Woman's Bible Study  
Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am  
All ladies welcome to join!



## PW NOTES



Hour

### WOMEN'S COFFEE

Tuesday , December 20th at  
9:30 AM

Please join us for fellowship  
and treats.

**All Ladies welcome!**



Circle 3 Meeting

Thursday,

December 8th



PW has received permission from the Trustees and Session to sell the gold rimmed china that was use in our old Church. These dishes survived the fire however some have chip and burn marks. We have dinner plates, bread plates, serving bowls, small platters, saucers, and cups. We also have for sale white serving bowls that were purchased after the fire. These will be priced at \$1.00 per piece. All proceeds from this sale will go to the Church's General Fund. We would like to make theses available to our Church members before offering these to the public. If you are interested in any of these, please contact Diane McMeeken or Doreen Gordon.



How many wise men followed a star to Bethlehem to worship Jesus?

- A. two
- B. three
- C. Four
- D. We don't know because the Bible doesn't say.



### Quilt Winner

Congratulations to Sara Jones  
of Sault Ste Marie.

Sara 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 Sandy Shaw making and  
quilting this beautiful quilt.

Answer: D (See Matthew 2:1-12.)

### THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

To all the wonderful women, young ladies, and men who helped in the dining room and in the kitchen for the Bazaar and Tea. We really appreciate all that you did from ironing table cloths, serving tea, passing sandwiches & cookies, bussing tables, dishwashing, etc. etc. to cleaning up. Thanks to all those who helped with all the beautiful decorations. We couldn't have done it without everyone pitching in to help. Blessings to all of you.

From the Presbyterian Women's Group

### Great Stocking Stuffers!

*The Ultimate Cloth* \$6.00 each/5 for \$25.00

*Sunflower Dish Cloths* \$1.00 each

Available in the Church Office



### BAZAAR 2017

This is good time to start thinking about the bazaar for next

November. We're looking for a theme and ask that you be watching for items on sale as you make plans. We need a chairperson and decoration person or persons.

# Three Lakes Lay Academy

## Fall 2017 Class Offerings

### Schedule:

Thursdays from January 12 – March 16, 2017

4:00 pm – **Esther – Song of Solomon – 1<sup>st</sup> 6 wks**

**How we organize church – last 4 wks**

5:30 pm – Shared meal 6:00 pm – Shared Devotions

6:30 pm – **Gospel and Acts 10 wks**

8:00 pm – Depart

### Classes:

**Esther – Song of Solomon** - *People of God live their faith and give expression to that faith*

Rev. Donald Kinloch – Retired Presbyterian Pastor

**How we Organize Church** - *Explores the governing structure for worship and mission of the Presbyterian and Lutheran churches.*

Rev. Ewen Holmes – General Presbyter for Presbytery of Mackinac

**Gospel and Acts** - *The stories of Jesus and how these affected the first years of the Church*

Rev. David Van Dam – Retired Presbyterian Pastor

All classes held at:

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

950 Huron St, St. Ignace, MI 49781

906-643-7870

Each class is \$10 for the semester. Students may be required to purchase books. Scholarships are available. Classes are team taught by Presbyterian and Lutheran teachers.

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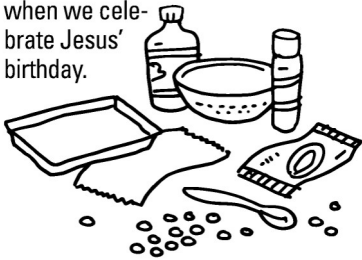
# BOOKS of the BIBLE





# birthday bark

Make this yummy treat to give to family and friends at Christmas, when we celebrate Jesus' birthday.



### What you need:

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 3 cups chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Spoon or spatula
- 2 Tbsp. shortening
- Baking tray lined with wax paper
- Red and green M&M's (or sprinkles)

### What you do:

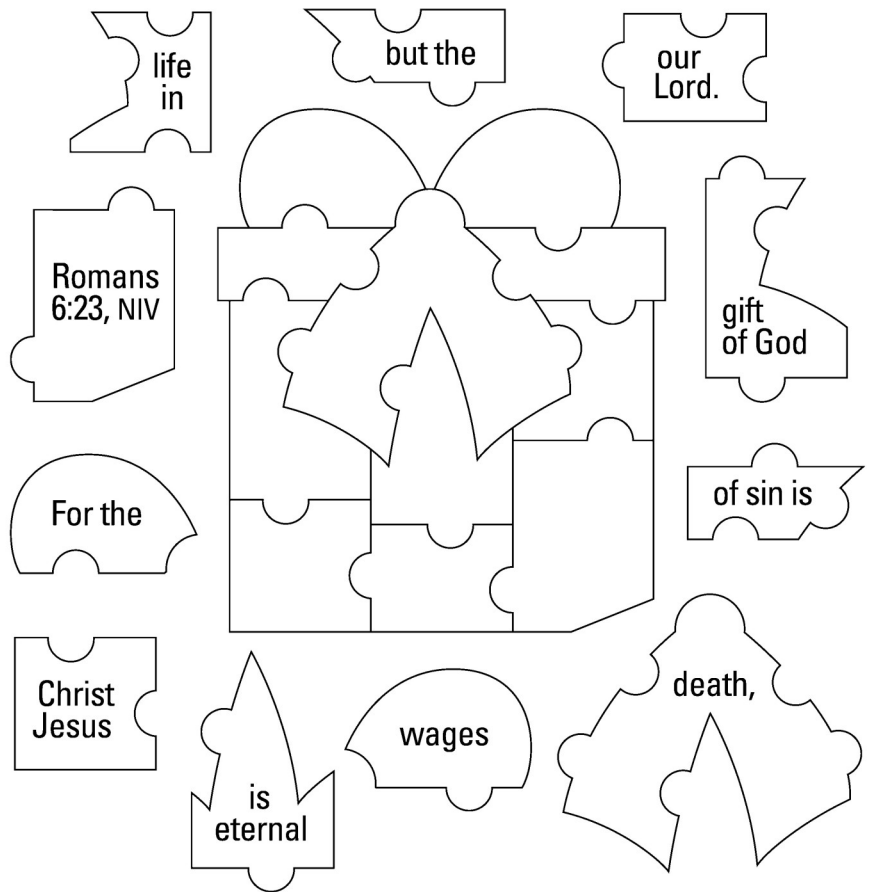
1. Lightly spray bowl and wax paper.
2. Microwave chocolate chips in bowl for one-minute intervals until chocolate is melted. (Stir after each minute.)
3. Stir in shortening. Heat in 10-second intervals, stirring until smooth.
4. Pour chocolate onto tray and firmly press in M&M's or sprinkles.
5. Refrigerate until firm. Remove bark and break into pieces.



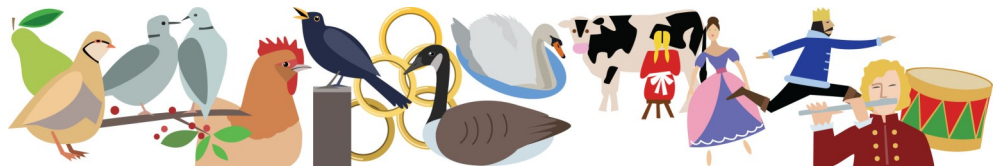
# The greatest gift








Gift-giving is a fun Christmas tradition. What very special gift has God given to you?

**Directions:** Write the words from each puzzle piece on the matching blank piece of the gift-shaped puzzle.



Answer: For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23, NIV



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday</b> 	<b>Monday</b> 	<b>Tuesday</b> 	<b>Wednesday</b> 	<b>Thursday</b> 	<b>Friday</b> 	<b>Saturday</b> 
<b>4 2nd Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 9:00a Adult Bible Study (SH) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 12:00p Soup Kitchen	<b>5</b> 7:00p ACT Study Grp 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	<b>6</b> 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)	<b>7</b> 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 8:00p Cantata Rehearsal 	<b>8 SAHS Concert</b> 9:30a Circle 3 Meeting (WR) 10:00a Textile Social (SH) 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib) 7:00p SAHS Concert	<b>9</b> 9:00a Men's Study Grp	<b>10</b> 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.
<b>11 3rd Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Christmas Program</b> <b>Christmas Joy Offering</b> 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:00a Adult Bible Study (SH) 10:00a Worship Service 11:30a Coffee & Cookies (SH) 12:00p Soup Kitchen	<b>12</b> 7:00p ACT Study Grp 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	<b>13</b> 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)	<b>14</b> 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 8:00p Cantata Rehearsal	<b>15</b> 10:00a Textile Social (SH) 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)	<b>16</b> 9:00a Men's Study Grp	<b>17</b> 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.
<b>18 4th Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Cantata &amp; Endowment Dinner</b> 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:00a Adult Bible Study (SH) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:15a Deacon's Meeting (Lib) 11:30a Coffee & Cookies (SH) 12:00p Soup Kitchen 2:00p Freighter View Worship	<b>19</b> 5:30p Session Mtg (WR) 5:30p Trustee's Mtg (Lib) 7:00p ACT Study Grp 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	<b>20</b> 9:30a Ladies Coffee (WR) 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)	<b>21</b> 9:30a Women's Bible Study 7:00p Choir Rehearsal 	<b>22</b> 10:00a Textile Social (SH) 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib) 6:00p Boy Scout Leader Mtg	<b>23 Office Closed</b> 9:00a Men's Study Grp	<b>24 Christmas Eve</b> <b>Christmas Offering</b> 9:00a N.A. 7:00p Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 
<b>25 Christmas Day</b> 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:00a Adult Bible Study (SH) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 12:00p Soup Kitchen 	<b>26</b> 7:00p ACT Study Grp 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	<b>27</b> 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)	<b>28</b> 9:30a Women's Bible Study 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>29</b> 10:00a Textile Social (SH) 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)	<b>30 Office Closed</b> 9:00a Men's Study Grp	<b>31 New Year's Eve</b> 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.

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

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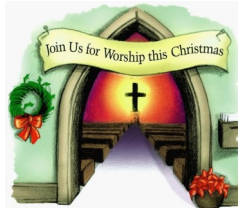
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**December 3rd**  
**Elf Breakfast**



December 4th



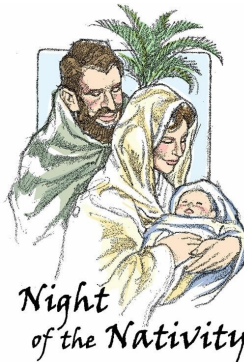
December 11th



December 18th



**December 11th**  
**Sunday School Christmas Program**  
**Christmas Joy Offering**



*Night  
of the Nativity*



**December 24th**  
**7 pm Candlelight Service**  
**Communion**  
**Christmas Offering**



**December 18th**  
**Cantata**  
**Endowment Dinner**



**December 25th**  
*10:00 am Service*  
*Merry Christmas*

