

First Presbyterian Church

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Minister's Message

Where did the year 2021 go? It seems like Easter was only a couple of months ago. But as fast as the year has gone by, there have been some exciting things that have happened in the 2021 whirlwind.

The main thing that we are called to do as a Church of Jesus Christ and as individual followers of our savior is to trust that no matter what activities of worship, fellowship and servanthood we get involved in, the Lord is right by our sides in all of those activities. And I believe that we can see that the Lord is holding our hand in so many ways if we are mindful of his presence. There are so many blessings for us to count if we only will take the time to count them. If we are not careful though, it is easy for us to miss the simple truth of our faith. The Lord is always holding our hand. The Lord is always by our side. And when we forget that truth, that is when our life goes off the tracks, because then, we assume control for ourselves rather than fully trusting in the Lord's plan for our lives.

So, as we begin this new year, let's start by asking the question, what can I offer to the Lord as a thankful response for the truth that he is always there to love me and care for me and protect me. The Lord does not want our stuff. The Lord wants our hearts. The Lord wants our hearts so that he can use our hearts to show his love to the world around us. And when we give our hearts to the Lord, that is when the Lord's light shines brightest. Our heart in the Lord's hand shines brighter than we could ever hope to shine that light on our own.

I believe that the Lord's hand is stretched out to us today. The question is, will we reach out and hold onto that outstretched hand and then, walk in the light of the Lord, or will we convince ourselves that we know better, and decide to strike out on our own? As we seek to walk with that Lord in the opening months of 2022, maybe a simple prayer from psalm 19 would help to light our path and continue to hold onto the hand of Jesus. Let us pray together this simple prayer: Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

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Holy Communion

Our Holy Communion will be served on January 2nd and on February 6th.

Monthly Missions

January: Christian Family Care

February: Missionaries

Circles



Afternoon Circle will be held on January 11th at the Church. Connie Moore will be the hostess and Carol Stogsdill will lead the lesson.

On January 18th, Hope circle will meet for breakfast at the Welcome Inn Restaurant, Milan, at 9:30 am and Hilde Wray will lead the lesson.



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday this year will be March 2nd. This is the first day of Lent and is 40 days before Easter, which will be April 17th this year. Easter always occurs on the first Sunday after the Paschal full moon according to the old farmer's almanac... It is the first full moon that occurs after the vernal equinox, which signifies the beginning of spring in the northern hemisphere.

FLOWERS



The new 2022 Flower Calendar is on the bulletin board in the back of the church. If you would like flowers at the pulpit on any given Sunday, just sign your name on the calendar, note the person or occasion being honored, and the flowers will be ordered for you from our florist, Parkside Treasure House of Orion. The cost is \$38 and a check can be written to *First Presbyterian Church*.

Per Capita Due

Just a reminder that your 2022 Per Capita is due. This year the Per Capita amount is **\$35.25** per church member and is due in the church office by February 20th. This money goes to the Presbytery and helps fund their operating expenses. Checks can be made out to the church. Thank you so much.

Shoeboxes

Thanks to the many generous people in our congregation, our grand total was **329 boxes** for Operation Christmas Child, and they are being sent to needy children all over the world. These children will know that we care about them and that God cares about them. Please keep the boxes and the children who receive them in your prayers. What a wonderful blessing to share God's love with a child!



Annual Meeting

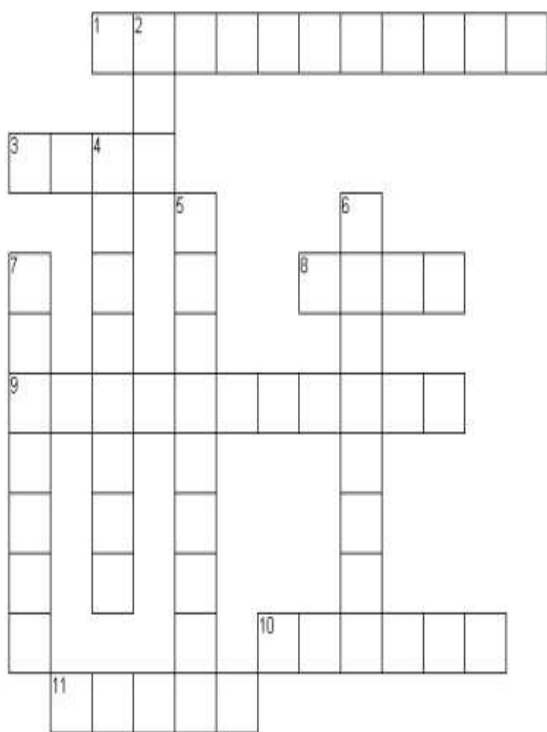
The Annual congregational meeting will be January 23rd following the worship service. In preparation for that meeting all of those responsible for reports such as secretaries and treasurers from our different organizations should have those reports turned into the church office as soon as possible.

You will receive a letter including the proposed budget for 2022. Please look over the budget and if you have any questions please call Pastor Tim.



Happy New Year

Crossword



Across

1. We bring in the new year with a _____.
3. A symbol of the old year is father _____.
8. The New Year symbol is a _____.
9. We use _____ to make lots of noise on New Year's Eve.
10. We often see a _____ with floats and marching bands on New Year's.
11. The day the new month starts is the _____.

Down

2. December 31 is also known as New Year's _____.
4. At the stroke of _____ it is New Year's Day.
5. We watch _____ that display bright lights and loud sounds.
6. We record dates and months on this _____.
7. The month of the new year is _____.

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Easy Lasagna in a slow cooker

Easy Weeknight Lasagna in a Slow Cooker Only 3 ingredients and a few hours and this hot Easy Weeknight Lasagna in the Slow Cooker will be your new favorite go-to meal on busy nights!

Ingredients

1-2 pkgs ravioli (depends on size of raviolis)

16 oz jar spaghetti sauce

2-3 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

Instructions

1. Spray a 5-6 qt slow cooker with non-stick cooking spray.
2. Spoon a little sauce to cover the bottom lightly. Add layers of ravioli, sauce, and cheese. Repeat layers until slow cooker is about 3/4 of the way full.
3. Turn on low and cook for 3-4 hours.

Notes 1. I freeze the ravioli when I bring it home from the store, so the cooking time listed is for frozen ravioli. You can pick whatever flavor ravioli your family likes (cheese, mushroom, meat, lobster, etc.). And the same for your spaghetti sauce. I make my own sauce, but you can certainly use any store bought sauce that you like (garlic, meat, marinara, etc).

Prep Time 5 minutes

Active Time 3 hours

Total Time 3 hours 5 minutes

*Happy New Year Everyone!
May God Bless Us All!*



January 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Sharon Evans David Kuhn Cynthia Laxton
2 Harry Fink Becky Morley Jordan Rollins	3	4 Miranda Ruby	5	6	7	8
9 Lisa DeBaillie Steve Palmer ANDY & LISA DEBAILLIE	10	11	12	13	14 Doris Coffey	15 Allen Deyoe Heather Harris Marlene Keleher Kay Manecke Aiden Oldfather
16	17	18	19 Kerry Carls	20 Mike O'Neil Tim Snart Bruce Wilmerton	21	22
23 Dale Harmon	24	25 Mary Steiger	26	27 Ken Bridgford	28	29
30 Chris Tittle	31 Donna James Doug Martin Joey Mock Brian Morley Leah Rae Merkel					



February 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Art Gilmore Colin Oldfather	2	3 Barb Wier Vonnie Wolking	4	5.0
6	7 Lauren Kahley Zachary Kahley	8	9	10	11 DICK & BETTY WELSH	12 Ben Carls
13 PHIL & CINDY LAXTON	14	15 TODD & MICHELLE KAHLEY	16 Dave Belville	17 Kairi Ruby	18 Carla Belgarde Alexis Blankenship	19
20 David Miller	21	22	23 Darlene Sanchez	24 Kathy Miller	25 Josephine Mock	26
27 Scott McWhinney Olivia Moore	28 Bob Evans Ernest Evans					