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"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
Isaiah 9:6

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SESSION MINI-MINUTES

Submitted by Judy Lovejoy

In the midst of preparing for the Thanksgiving feast Session stopped to have a very busy meeting. Everyone showed up, including Gerry Sullivan-Clark who was elected as an Elder the previous Sunday. Treasurer Lauren Underwood reported we are ahead of schedule on income and behind on expenses – always good to hear. Peter reported he had a busy month including many calls to the sick and shut-in. He is also planning a Blue Christmas Service for December 19 for the benefit of those for whom Christmas this year will be less than joyful.

The Deacons are planning to recognize our new fifty year members and setting up the Chrismon Tree. The clerk reported that she has had several requests to bring up the sad condition of the pew cushions and Ebbie Crawford and Jan McFerran were assigned to look into the possibility of replacing them.

The Annual Meetings of the Congregation and Corporation were set for January 20, 2022. Annual reports are due in the office by January 16. Personnel has been meeting with staff for annual reviews and Finance presented the 2022 budget, which was approved. It will be published in the Annual Report.

Outreach reported that \$56.85 was received from the Harvest Table this summer and was sent to the Presbyterian Hunger Fund. They have agreed to be a sponsor for Kic-IT's Fall fundraiser, will provide cookies for the AA groups for Christmas, and are planning a Mardi-Gras Pancake Supper for Shrove Tuesday, which is March 1.

Building and Grounds stays busy keeping our building in good shape (the roof repairs are finally done!), and Nurture reported on plans for Hanging of the Greens and the Advent Bible Study beginning December 1.

They are also restarting Coffee Fellowship on December 5. Jan Mernone reported on the November meeting of presbytery and Scout Sunday was set for February 12 with a Pancake Lunch following.

Whew! Peter said in his report that we are “rallying well”. I think he’s right. Hope to see you in church on Sunday – in person or on Facebook.

NEWS FROM THE NURTURE COMMITTEE

Submitted by Jan Mernone

The choir has started to practice in the sanctuary so we are in a larger room. Feel free to come and sit in the sanctuary if you like, but please don’t talk. We will finish our practice by 10:15.

Nurture has removed the ropes and the x’s from the pews. Feel free to wear a mask and social distance, whatever makes you feel safe. The red friendship pads are also back in the pews to pass for attendance. We will be having an in person Christmas Eve Service at 7pm. We will also send the service out on Facebook as we have been doing.

If you are ordering Poinsettias (see the order form later in this Presby Press) you may take them home after the December 26 Sunday Service. We will not need any other flowers for the sanctuary from November 28 until January 2. We are starting coffee fellowship on December 5 with the Nurture Committee hosting. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for the open Sundays in December and a new calendar for 2022. Please sign up and remember it does not have to be an elaborate spread.

The Nurture Committee wishes all a happy and healthy holiday season.

NEWS FROM THE DEACONS

Submitted by Fred Johnson

The Chrismon Tree

It's the most wonderful time of the year! It's also time for the Deacons' Chrismon Tree. Every year, we invite our church families to share with those less fortunate by taking one or more Chrismons from the Chrismon Tree, which is up in the Narthex. What is a Chrismon? It is a Christ monogram. These are symbols that call attention to the life, ministry, and sacrifice of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Listed on the back of each Chrismon is a gift suggestion. We are collecting gifts for three families at Isom Elementary this year. Some Chrismons will list a monetary amount that will be used to purchase a food gift certificate for the family plus any additional gifts that were not selected.

Once the item is purchased, wrap it and **tape the entire Chrismon on the package.** *Please do not cut the Chrismon or remove the ribbon.* Monetary gifts may be via check or cash and may be placed in the collection plate or mailed to the church. Please put monetary gifts in an envelope marked "Deacons' Chrismons" and tape the *entire Chrismon* on the envelope. Please return all wrapped gifts, placing them under the Chrismon tree, by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021.**

Thank you so very much for helping make this year's Christmas shine more brightly with Christ's love for families in our community! If you have any questions, please contact Fred Johnson at (615) 423-7778.

I'VE BEEN THINKING...

Submitted by Pastor Peter Zinn

It's time for Christmas joy! And joy comes at Christmastime when you and I can embody our God's love, bringing it to bear on human need in this world.

The Presbyterian Church provides us the opportunity to do just this in the **Christmas Joy Offering**. This offering goes to retired church workers and their spouses to help with their growing costs of living in their later years. And it goes to support future leaders in Presbyterian schools and colleges, especially for our racial/ethnic schools and students.

As we have for the past three years, your GPC Outreach Committee is providing us extra giving opportunities to spread Christmas joy. These choices were found in the Presbyterian Giving Catalog for 2021. They are:

- **Beekeeping:** Bees help crops—and income—grow. In parts of the world where harvesting a seasonal crop might not provide enough money to live on all year, beekeeping can help farmers supplement their earnings.
- **Youth Agriculture Training,** to help an aspiring youth by providing the opportunity to receive training in sustainable agriculture and community building. Youth who've taken part in training have gone on to support their families and establish projects that benefit entire communities.
- **Sapling Sets:** globally, humans face deepening ecological crises, and ecosystems are under threat from widespread deforestation. A gift of 90 saplings helps restore God's earth by mitigating climate change, sheltering wildlife, reinforcing soil, and providing nutritious food for the surrounding communities.

Joy to the World!

Yours in God's love,

Pastor Peter Zinn

A REQUEST

From Charlotte Deeter

Charlotte is now working Monday through Thursday and the church office is closed on Friday. This means she must complete the bulletin on Thursday. As a result the copy machine is very busy on Thursday mornings. Please try to avoid coming in to do copying on Thursday mornings so she can get her work done. Also, if you have a big mailing coming up or another job that will take up a lot of her time, please try to give her some advance notice so she can adjust her schedule as needed. Thanks for your cooperation!



FEATHER IN YOUR CAP



I nominate Judy Lovejoy to receive a feather in her cap because she wears so many hats around church: Clerk of Session, P.W. Board member, Happy Stitcher, puzzle overseer, mid-week memo reporter, etc. etc. When no one else steps up, she always says "I'll do it". — *Bev Flandt*



The Presbyterian Women and Community Outreach Committee are asking for cookie bakers to each bring 4 dozen cookies to church on December 12 so that we can package them for our shut-in members and for our AA groups that meet in the church to let them know we are thinking of them this holiday season.

THANK YOU
From Ebbie Crawford

To all my church friends at Greenwood Presbyterian Church:



Words cannot fully express the gratitude I feel when I remember the love and support my family and I felt from all of you at Darrell's passing and his Celebration of Life service. All those written and spoken expressions of endearment definitely helped us through the sadness of our family's loss and toward the acceptance and anticipation of our "new normal".

Friends and family outside the church have repeatedly remarked to me how welcome they felt both at the service itself and the reception after. I am not surprised. GPC has always held, and will continue to hold, a major place in my heart. God Bless You All.

Ebbie Crawford
Judd, Jessica + our whole crew



Recipe of the Month

APPLE / PEANUT SALAD

Submitted by Fran Mitchell



Mix & chill overnight:

2 Cups mini marshmallows
1 lg can pineapple tidbits,
drained

Mix & cook 'til thick:

Drained juice from pineapple
1 Tbsp flour
1 Tbsp butter
1 beaten egg
1 ½ Tbsp white vinegar

In the morning, add:

2 cups chopped apples
1 ½ cups Spanish peanuts
12oz Cool Whip

JUST FOR FUN

Submitted by Fran Mitchell

Kids are FUNNY!

When I was watching my 6-year-old grandson, Wyatt, while his parents were away, he asked if they had sent an e-mail (that's how they'd been checking in). "Not yet," I said. He replied, "Maybe we should say the 'Our Father.'" When I asked how that would help, he said, "You know, 'And lead us not into temptation but deliver us some e-mail....'"



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

BOY SCOUT NEWS

*Submitted by Dave Baker
Liaison for BSA Troop #266*

BSA Troop #266 Troop Meetings are
Thursdays from 7:00pm to 8:30 pm
Meeting in the Fellowship Hall



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

- ❖ December Meetings are 12/2, 12/9 and 12/16
- ❖ 12/3 (Friday) - OA LLD and Winter Banquet at Camp Belzer at 6:30 pm
- ❖ 12/10 (Friday) – 12/12 (Sunday) Campout and Rocket's @ HCCO Paster's Property. Leave Church at 5:30 pm Friday and Return Sunday between 10:00 am - Noon
- ❖ 12/16 (Thursday) - Christmas Party at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
- ❖ 12/19 (Sunday) – Adult Committee Meeting at 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Board Room
- ❖ **12/22/21 – 1/4/22 Greenwood Community Schools on Winter Break and NO SCOUT MEETINGS until the first of the NEW YEAR**

CUB SCOUTS—Meetings are every Thursday at 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm except the 4th Thursday go till 8:30

- ❖ December Meetings are 12/2, 12/9 and 12/16
- ❖ 12/16 (Thursday) - Patrol Leaders Committee at 6:00 - 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall at GPC
- ❖ 12/22/21 – 1/4/22 Greenwood Schools on Winter Break and no Cub Meetings until 2022

BROWNIES / GIRL SCOUTS – See Leaders for information. Meetings are every 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall - Time 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

- ❖ December Meetings are 12/7, 12/14 and 12/21
- ❖ 12/22/21 – 1/4/22 Greenwood Schools on Winter Break and no Brownie Meetings until 2022

Anybody interested in Scouting please contact the Church Office.

POETRY

Submitted by Fran Mitchell

JUST A THOUGHT!

'Tis the season--
and we all are blest.
Most of us are warm and fed--
but what about the rest?
There's hunger, homelessness, hopelessness,
more than we care to say.
But, does it really have to be this way?
If we all will share our blessings,
and treat each other nice--
Spend some of our bounty,
regardless of the price--
We all will feel such peace
and unadulterated joy
As we celebrate together
the birth of that Holy Baby Boy.
Merry Christmas
Fran M.



DECEMBER

3 Kay Talley
7 Olivia Wages
8 Ralph Dunlevy
Alyssa Jewell
10 Eleanor Mitchell
11 Rev. Peter Zinn
16 Janett Lowes
Mike Wood
20 Steve Baker
24 Betty Kinnear

JANUARY

2 Debby Meek
8 Clarence Grelle
12 Emilyann Grelle
15 Joyce Todrank
17 Debbie Deck
20 Julie Hayes
22 Morris Conley
27 Lauren Underwood
31 Tracy Nelson

Christmas Poinsettias

The Worship Committee will offer red poinsettias for you to purchase to enhance our Sanctuary during Christmas. If you wish to place an order, please complete the order form below and place it in the Offering Plate or return to the Church Office by **Sunday, December 12**. The cost is \$10.00 per plant. Plants will be placed in the Sanctuary through Sunday, December 26. Please pick up your poinsettia/s following worship on December 26 or Janett Lowes will deliver it to you after December 26.

Number of plants ordered at \$10.00 each: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

In celebration of: _____

Will Pick Up _____ Please Deliver_____