

1st Presbyterian Church Newsletter

December 2024 - January 2025

**Fun at the
Perrysburg
Home for the
Holidays
Parade!**



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Celebrating Christ's love for all people

Pastor's Page:



“Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, ²just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, ³I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.” —Luke 1:1-4

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I find myself wondering how Christmas functions in your lives. How does this holy day (or 12 holy days) of celebration, and the story that we share about the birth of Jesus, generation to generation, support your faith, give you comfort and hope, challenge you, and give direction to your actions? What does it mean to you that God came among us to save the world in the form of a baby who grew into a man? What does it mean to be part of a people who receive this salvation and have committed ourselves to it, 2000+ years on?

How does the story of a regular man and young woman consenting to shelter and nurture the Holy One, the Christ, even at great danger to themselves, impact and inform your lived faith?

What does this story teach you about fear and courage?

Why did the shepherds come out of the hills to see this baby? Why did the army of angels make itself known to the shepherds? What were the wizards from the foreign lands even looking for? Novelty? Entertainment? Enlightenment? And what about a rather humble Jewish baby born in the Roman Empire made them believe they had found what the star was indicating?

Ponderous . . . Ponderous . . .

If you were to tell the story of the good news of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth in your own words, how would it go, and what is the good news? “The good news for you and for me is that _____.” Who would you likely be telling it to? How does that impact the way you would tell it?

And how do you tell this story to yourself? What are the parts that snag your attention and feel important?

No matter what, I hope that Christmas provides you some measure of joy and hope and festivity this year. What I take from the story of God’s people in the world, as shown in the scriptures, is that one of the precious aspects of Jesus connecting us into closer relationship with God is that in Jesus and his instruction we are empowered to live undiminished life, in all times, in all circumstances. And we have been entrusted to share that Good News far and wide. May it be so! Blessings, Pastor Katie

YOU ARE INVITED!

What: Church Solstice Party

Dinner provided, BYOB

When: Saturday, Dec. 21, at 4:00pm

Where: The Hollar Chavez Home

16420 W. River Rd., Bowling Green, OH

The Hollar Chavez family has very kindly invited us to gather at their home on the longest night of the year to enjoy time together.

*Please accept their invitation to gather, and RSVP to the church, so they can have enough food for everyone. **Let us know if you want a ride there!***

RSVP by
Dec. 15



FROM
GENERATION
TO GENERATION...
We tell this story

JOIN US CHRISTMAS EVE AT 7:00 PM



December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15 10am worship Christmas Pageant Cookie Gala	16	17 10am Bible Study 6pm Blue Advent	18 5:30pm The Table 6pm AlAnon	19	20 5:45 pm Toastmasters	21 4pm Church Party at Hollar/Chavez House
22 10am Worship	23	24 6pm Blue Advent 7pm Worship	25 	26	27	28
29 10am Worship	30	31 10am Bible Study				

UPCOMING WORSHIP LEADERS:

December 15: Stephen Potts, Cecilia Richardson & Delbert Duckins/Marty Sloan, Jo Salvage, Gretchen Downs

December 22: Don Youel, Sarah & Lizzie Crawford/Allison Mackin, Rusty Phlegar, Stephen Potts

December 29: Stephen Potts, Allison Mackin & Carol Sprague, Allison Mackin, Marty Sloan

January 5: Don Youel, Rick & Mary Beth Gilts, Fay Mitchell, Nancy Gates

Communion: Kathy East & Kathy Jarosz | David & Susan Rowland Miller

January 12: Stephen Potts, Jay & Jo Salvage, Michelle Chavez, Kathy Jarosz

January 19: Don Youel, Rauscher Family, Rick Gilts, Gretchen Downs

January 26: Don Youel, Tom & Karen Lingeman, Megan Merrell, Stephen Potts

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 10am Worship Epiphany Communion	6	7 10am Bible Study	8 5pm Worship & Music meet 6pm CO team meeting 6pm AlAnon	9	10	11
12 10am Worship	13	14 10am Bible Study 10am MVP Vision Team 6:30pm Session	15 5:30pm The Table 6pm AlAnon	16	17 5:45 pm Toastmasters	18
19 10am Worship	20 5pm S/F/M meeting 5pm Mission Vision team meeting	21 10am Bible Study	22 6pm AlAnon	23 1pm Cong Care team meeting	24	25
26 10am Worship	27 5pm Cong Life team meeting	28 10am Bible Study 6pm Joy Belles	29 6pm AlAnon	30	31 5:45 pm Toastmasters	

CONGREGATIONAL CARE - DECEMBER/JANUARY

Our Congregational Care Team has been delivering Christmas gift bags to our special friends and shut-ins.

Below is a picture of Judy Schooner receiving her Christmas surprises from our church! Judy has been living at Wood Haven Nursing Home for a few years and is doing wonderful. Judy was honored this year as a special guest on an Honor Flight for being a faithful military member of the U.S. Women's Army Corp.



Remember to keep Judy and all of our homebound members in our prayers always and especially during this Advent and Christmas season!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.
~Isaiah 9:6~

PCU

Please note ~ the blood drive date has been
changed to Jan 9, 2025
Zoar Church from 10am to 4pm

There are three ways to donate money to the PCU:

- ~ Write a check to the church, memo PCU
- ~ Go to their website www.peufoodpantry.com
- ~ Drop it off during their working hours
Mon 1-2:30pm ~ Fri 9-10:30am ~ 2nd Sat/month 9-10am

Soup(er) Bowl Sunday is December 29th
Donate a can or two!

NOSA cards ~ November total = \$2,735.00

Wishing you a joyous holiday season!
~Mary Beth Gilts



Sign up for Fellowship Hour!



An important part of our religious experience every Sunday is the fellowship of the coffee hour after the 10am service. The coffee hosts volunteer to bring any type of snack & juice that can be enjoyed by our church family while having conversation in the Fellowship Hall. The coffee will already be made for you. Any supplies needed, will be found in the kitchen. Please remember to clean up at the conclusion of fellowship. Expenses incurred are reimbursed from the donation basket at the end of the serving table. Please indicate below which Sunday you would like to share your time & talent with your church family. Thank you for your time & service for your church family!

Christmas Cookie Gala - Sunday, December 15

Bring 2 dozen cookies to help celebrate the Children's Christmas Pageant during fellowship hour!

