

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

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JANUARY 2022

Rooted in Love, Grounded in Grace, Growing for God

Dear Friends,

During the season of Advent, I have been highlighting the scripture messages as filtered through a classic Christmas movie. We have stood with Charlie Brown and asked what is the real meaning of Christmas. We have watched miracles unfold before our eyes both on 34th street in New York City and in the city of David, Bethlehem. We have experienced how God can use the outcast for His heavenly purposes. We have allowed the love of God to expand our heart to the place of compassion. As we have embraced the Christ child, we have realized that we do have a wonderful life in Christ.

One movie or story that we did not share in this year is probably one of the more renowned of Christmas stories. That would be A Christmas Carol written by Charles Dickens. Publishers of his day did not see value in the story so Dickens self published the book and began sales on December 19, 1843. It sold out in less than a week. He commissioned two more editions which also sold out by the end of the year 1843.

The first stage adaptation appeared less than two months after the book was released. This version opened in London in February of 1844. There were many versions and adaptations—so many that we cannot recount them here.

The story brought forth many phrases that we commonly use today such as “Bah Humbug” and “Merry Christmas.” And of course we were given a new villain—Ebenezer Scrooge. Scrooge was a miserly man who had been brutalized by life. As a result, he was a sad man. It wasn’t until he encountered the true meaning of Christmas by the visits of three ghosts that he embraced the Christmas spirit again.

The story relates the great Biblical thought that redemption is possible for every person, no matter how damaged they are by life or how sinful they had become. As a result of the love of Christ, the child of Bethlehem, and the courage and forgiveness of the Savior of Calvary, forgiveness is part of the Christmas saga.

This forgiveness allows us to live together as the people of God. We show that here at St. Andrew that we belong to Jesus (rooted in love) when we forgive others (grounded in grace) and thus we are growing for God.

Your faithful servant,

Pastor Mark



Youth Group

Happy New Year! December was so much fun, let's carry that into the new year. We will be meeting on Jan. 9, 16, 23, and 30 for regular Youth Group. We will not have Youth Group on Jan. 2. Let's enjoy being back together for games and more.

Youth Group is open to youth in grades 6-12, and their friends in the same age group. If you have any questions, send me an email at rcjyayamc@gmail.com or text me at 301-992-7426.

Young Adults

Hey young adults, we are still meeting on Wednesdays for Bible Study. Please join us for a time of exploring God's Word. Starting in January, we will be having monthly activities.

Young Adult Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., in person and on Zoom. Young Adults is open to those ages 18-30, and their friends in the same age group. If you would like to be part of this and need the Zoom link, or have any questions, send me an email at rcjyayamc@gmail.com or text me at 301-992-7426.

Presbyterian Women

Bible Study

We are continuing this year's Bible Study, "What My Grandmothers Taught Me, Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus". Matthew chose to mention a handful of women: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary. Matthew named these women for a reason. Come join in the study as we learn about these fascinating women and what their stories can teach us today.

Please join us Tuesday, January 11, as we continue this fascinating new Bible Study. Pastor Mark will lead both the morning and evening Bible Studies. The daytime study meets from 10:00—11:15 a.m., and is recorded on Facebook Live.

The evening group meets 7:00—8:15 p.m., with childcare provided as needed. Please let Shirley Fox (301-785-5010) know if you require childcare. We meet at St. Andrew the second Tuesday of every month, September through May.

Please join one of the groups to grow deeper in your faith through the spiritual discipline of scripture study with others.

Coordinating Team

The Coordinating Team will meet on Tuesday, January 11, 8:30 a.m., in the Friendship Hall.

Holly Place

Each month, the PW will collect a featured item needed at Holly Place. Place a bottle of laundry detergent in the tub marked Holly Place. The tub is in the parlor.



The PW will continue to collect any donations for Holly Place. Thank you for supporting this local mission.

Presbyterian Men

The Presbyterian Men will meet on January 18, at 6:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a great meal along with fantastic fellowship and a meaningful Bible Study.

January 2

On January 2, there will only be one service at 10:00 a.m. There will not be Sunday School. Children's activity packs will be available in the back of the sanctuary.

Bible Study

Pastor Mark will begin his winter/spring Bible Study by discussing the End of Time. Come and hear the different views about End Time literature as well as the Book of Revelation. The Study will begin on January 20 at 7:00 p.m. There is no need to register. All you need to do is attend.



Pray for our Christian Family

Recuperating at Home

Carol'Ann Alphin
Linda Attavian
Jean Harr
Chuck Mongan
Bob Morgan
Barbara Nally
Nevin Nally



In the Nursing Home

Brookdale Senior Living

Audrey Enders

Cadia

Larry Roth

Glade Valley

Donna Guessford

Greenfield

Helen Gerberich

Homewood

Mary Mosley

Martinsburg VA

Bob Knepper

Williamsport

John Thomson

Yvonne Thomson

Military

Michael Biza

Great Nephew of Janet Bulow

Bradley Harris

Son of Mike & Leigh Ann Stotelmeyer

Andrew Layton

Son of David & Norma Layton

Grant Long

Son of Dave & Karen Sue Long

Jay Pike

Son of Mary Pike

Justin Ramsburg

Grandson of John & Barbara Cassell

Matt Stemper

Son of Doug & June Stemper

Gage Thompson

Grandson of Ken & Bonnie Eckstine

Missionaries

Rev. Jed & Jenny Koball

Pakistani Church

Scriptures

Each year, we have sought to give you a means by which you can go deeper in your faith. This year, again, we will be reading the Bible in a year. Ponder on it. Meditate on it. Allow it to speak to you. Here are the Scriptures for January:

1. Genesis 1, 2:1-17, Matthew 1:1-25, Psalm 1:1-6
2. Genesis 2:18-25, 3, 4:1-16, Matthew 2:1-18, Psalm 2:1-12
3. Genesis 4:17-26, 5, 6, Matthew 2:19-23, 3, Psalm 3:1-18
4. Genesis 7, 8, 9:1-17, Matthew 4:1-22, Proverbs 1:1-7
5. Genesis 9:18-29, 10, 11:1-9, Matthew 4:23-24, 5:1-20, Psalm 4:1-8
6. Genesis 11:10-32, 12, 13, Matthew 5:21-42, Psalm 5:1-12
7. Genesis 14, 15, 16, Matthew 5:43-48, 6:1-24, Psalm 6
8. Genesis 17, 18, Matthew 6:25-34, 7:1-23, Proverbs 1:8-19
9. Genesis 19, 20:1-18, Matthew 7:24-29, 8:1-22, Psalm 7:1-9
10. Genesis 21, 22, 23, Matthew 8:23-34, 9:1-13, Psalm 7:10-17
11. Genesis 24:1-67, Matthew 9:14-38, Psalm 8:1-9
12. Genesis 25, 26, Matthew 10:1-31, Proverbs 1:20-33
13. Genesis 27, 28:1-22, Matthew 10:32-42, 11:1-15, Psalm 9:1-6
14. Genesis 29, 30, Matthew 11:16-30, Psalm 9:7-12
15. Genesis 31:1-55, Matthew 12:1-21, Psalm 9:13-20
16. Genesis 32, 33, Matthew 12:22-45, Proverbs 2:1-11
17. Genesis 34, 35, Matthew 46-50, 13:1-17, Psalm 10:1-11
18. Genesis 36, 37, Matthew 13:18-35, Psalm 10:12-18
19. Genesis 38, 39, Matthew 13:36-58, Psalm 11:1-7
20. Genesis 40, 41:1-40, Matthew 14:1-21, Proverbs 2:12-22
21. Genesis 41:41-57, 42, Matthew 14:22-36, 15:1-9, Psalm 12:1-8
22. Genesis 43, 44, Matthew 15:10-39, Psalm 13:1-6
23. Genesis 45, 46, 47:1-12, Matthew 16:1-20, Psalm 14:1-7
24. Genesis 47:13-31, 48, Matthew 16:21-28, 17:1-13, Proverbs 3:1-10
25. Genesis 49, 50, Matthew 17:14-27, 18:1-9, Psalm 15:1-5
26. Job 1, 2, 3, Matthew 18:10-35, Psalm 16:1-11
27. Job 4, 5, 6, 7, Matthew 19:1-15, Psalm 17:1-5
28. Job 8, 9, 10, Matthew 19:16-30, Proverbs 3:11-20
29. Job 11, 12, 13, 14, Matthew 20:1-19, Psalm 17:6-12
30. Job 15, 16, 17, 18, Matthew 20:20-34, Psalm 17:13-15
31. Job 19, 20, 21, Matthew 21:1-17, Psalm 18:1-6

Sunday Evening Classes

We will be starting our Sunday evening classes in the near future. Watch your bulletins for sign up and start date.

Living Nativity

We will be taking down the Living Nativity scenery on Saturday, January 8, at 8:00 a.m. Please sign up if you will be able to help. Thank you.



Biblical Word Search

Congratulations to those who completed the December word search. Have fun with this month's Biblical word search, "Jesus is (the)...". Make Sunday a top priority in the new year. You can learn more about Jesus when you attend Sunday School each week. Please turn your paper in to the office, with your name on it, by January 15. A large print copy of the word search is available in the parlor.

**Carol'Ann Alphin
*Reed Belasco
Mike Dorwart
Shirley Fox
Jean Harr
Joey Hemphill
Janet Hiatt
*Debbie Kinzer
*Jill Lampton

Chris Lunsford
Debbie McCauley
*Jennifer Metz
David & Nonie Miller
Elaine Myers
Margie Reed
Gerry Salter
Tom Young

*Figured out the hidden message "The Birthday of Christ".

**completed the November word search

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MIGHTY
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PRINCE
PROPITIATION
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RISEN
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SINLESS
TRUTH
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WONDERFUL
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Membership Support

Here are some quotes to ponder as we begin a new year:

“Going to church adds years to your life and more life to your years.” (James W. Moore in Noah Built His Ark in the Sunshine.)

“This is the friendliest church I’ve ever been in.” Everyone is warmly greeted with smiles and words of welcome. Visitors come for Sunday worship, stay for Sunday School, attend Bible Studies, enjoy our music, and find supportive, caring friends. All of these can add years to one’s life.

“There is something to do here almost every day!” We offer so many activities with a wide variety of talents, skills, and interests. Look through this newsletter for opportunities to serve. You’ll find you are drawn closer to God and are given compassion for others. Add more life to your years by becoming involved.

“We look forward to coming to St. Andrew.” No wonder in 2021 we were blessed to receive 17 new members. They will be honored at the annual New Member Reception, held during the coffee hour this month on January 16, between the services. Come and enjoy the food, and meet our new members. If interested in membership, let Pastor Mark know.

Stewardship

Thanks to those who have returned their Time and Talent forms and pledge cards. We appreciate your support for our ministry. Volunteers use their skills to support our many programs and activities. Your financial resources pay for our staff, supplies, building and grounds maintenance, and utilities. Thanks to your generosity, we are able to meet our budgeted needs and also address unplanned concerns. We are a blessing to each other as we bring glory and honor to God through our ministry.

As we look back at the trials we faced in 2021, we realize that they were blessings in disguise. Your continued generous financial support allowed us to pay for unexpected expenses. Many hands used their time and talents as they provided meals for those in need, and supported all through prayers. We are thankful for those who learned new skills to provide much needed comfort through worship and Bible Studies. Let the blessings of last year’s ministry propel us into a happy new year!

Library

If your New Year’s resolutions include “being drawn closer to God”, these books may guide you:

- One Year Through the Bible Devotional helps you apply the Bible to your daily life.
- 365 Things GOD Wants You to Know, by Christine Dallman, offers short devotionals to enlighten and strengthen your faith.
- All Things New, by Lynn Austin is a historical fiction novel about the difficult years of Reconstruction following the Civil War through the stories of three women, daughter, mother, and freed slave, who realized the need to embrace changes.
- 90 Minutes in Heaven, by Don Piper, is a true story of death and life. After years of recovery and adapting to changes, he finally realized why he survived.
- Noah Built His Ark in the Sunshine, by James W. Moore. By practicing and deepening our faith, we can be prepared for the storms of life that come our way.

Visit our library in Friendship Hall to check out these or other books. That’s one resolution that’s easy to achieve!



Sunday School Corner

Here's what is happening in Sunday School

Toddler Class: The Toddler Class is learning about the great things Jesus has done.

Pre-K: Congratulations to **Addi Majeski** for memorizing their Bible verse, "Christ is the head of the church" Ephesians 5:23. The students are learning how God gives us the church. Each week we learn about Jesus from the Bible. Together we pray and thank God. Together we can share about Jesus.

Kindergarten/1st Grade: Congratulations to **Kohen Dayhoff** and **Elsie Majeski** for memorizing their Bible verse. Thank you to **Elsie Majeski**, who sang during our Sunday School Opening. We were so blessed by your singing. The students have been studying the Christmas Story.

2nd-3rd Grade: The students have been on a journey through scriptures in the Old Testament, Isaiah and Micah, that put us on alert for a promised Savior. Those we have met so far are Mary and Joseph. We are about to hear some very good news regarding that promise. According to scripture in the New Testament, Luke and Matthew, in a city of Bethlehem we hear the good news from angels telling shepherds of the birth of a baby named Jesus, born in a stable. Baby Jesus will grow to be a great ruler for all people.

4th/5th Grade: The class has been studying the following themes: The birth of Christ was promised long before Christ was born, We can follow God's plan, We celebrate Jesus' birth, We can accept God's amazing gift, Jesus' growth in wisdom is an example for us, and We can identify with God's people (Ephesians 4:25—We are all members of one body).

6th-8th Grade: We had great attendance for November Sunday School with eight students consistently in attendance. This month we explored several concepts and introduced some new activities called instant challenges. We looked at the concept of pride and as it relates to the tower of Babel. We did an instant challenge where the students were separated into two teams. They had five minutes to construct the tallest structure they could using only tape and five sheets of paper. They were not allowed to talk while doing this. This illustrated the difficulty the constructors of the tower might have had completing it after GOD introduced the different languages. We talked about Abraham's almost sacrifice of Isaac and obedience to GOD. We talked about wealth and riches in the story of Abraham's rescue of the inhabitants of Sodom and refusal to accept the reward from the king. We did an instant challenge where the students were separated into two teams and had five minutes to write a story about what might have happened to Abraham if he accepted the reward. They then had to act it out. Best performance and story won prizes. Lastly, we talked about how to show love for GOD. What if we treated Him like someone we love and were truly with all the time.

9th-12th Grade: If you are a teen but have not joined the Teen Class, come and join us on Sunday mornings. The teens talk about relevant issues and apply biblical truths to their everyday situations. The class has a challenge. Memorize these scriptures and you will receive a \$5 gift card of your choice: I John 4:4, Philippians 4:13, John 3:16, Matthew 5:7, Isaiah 26:3, Romans 8:6, Joshua 1:9, Psalm 4:8, Matthew 5:8. Hope you can join us on Sunday morning!

With the beginning of a new year, we often make resolutions for the new year. How about making attending Sunday School a top priority. We have classes for all ages, from a Toddler Class to two Adult Classes. Sunday School starts at 9:45 every Sunday morning. The younger children start in the sanctuary for a brief Opening. All other classes start at 9:45 in their classrooms. At the Opening, the children recite the Pledge to the



Christian flag and the Pledge to the Bible. They have a devotion each week, followed by taking an offering. The offering is used to support local missions, the organization of Samaritan's Purse, and also sponsoring two children from Compassion International. The Opening closes with prayer requests and prayer. At 10:00, all children are dismissed to their classes. Sunday School is over at 10:45. If your child is in 3rd grade or below, please pick them up from their class at 9:45.

We have two adult classes:

The Voyager Class meets in the Friendship Hall. This is a discussion oriented class based on the book the class has chosen to study. All books are supplied by the Sunday School class. They are currently reading and discussing Desired By God, by Van Moody.

The Seeker Class meets in the Conference Room. This class is an in depth Bible Study. They are currently studying I Corinthians. The class is taught by Pastor Mark and Hank Hemphill.

32 Reasons Why Sunday School Is Important...

1. Its primary purpose is to teach all persons of all ages about God, the Bible, and God's will for our lives.
2. It fills the spiritual need that all people have.
3. It helps people develop Christian and moral character.
4. It helps all people grow closer to Jesus Christ.
5. It shows us examples and models for a Christian life.
6. It shows us God's will for each of our lives.
7. God's Word is being studied and taught.
8. It helps people find answers to specific problems, needs, and concerns.
9. It helps people find strength to meet temptation.
10. It challenges people to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.
11. It encourages people to share God's love.
12. It calls people to service to God and others.
13. It helps people develop closer personal Christian relationships with others.
14. People are taught according to their age, education, and interests.
15. It helps lay a spiritual foundation in the lives of children and youth by helping them learn important Bible lessons for their lives.
16. It has the goal of developing true disciples for Jesus Christ.
17. It gets people thinking.
18. It helps people find a true friend, Jesus Christ.
19. It helps develop Christian leadership skills.
20. Each person's life, family, marriage, etc. needs to be based on Jesus Christ and the Bible.
21. It is the teaching arm of the church, where students can really "dig in" to God's Word as they ask questions, discuss and share personal insights, and experiences.
22. It is held on the Lord's Day, a Holy Day we should all strive to keep holy.
23. All persons need to know what the Bible—our "handbook for life" - says for them.
24. Through it, God's work is being done.
25. It calls people to put the lessons of the classroom into action in their day-to-day lives.
26. It encourages people to witness and reach out to others.
27. It helps people of all ages put biblical teaching into their hearts.
28. It challenges all persons of all ages to accept Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior.
29. It brings entire families together in a learning environment that can be carried on through the week in their homes.
30. It calls people to Christian accountability.
31. Through it, God's will is being done.
32. It is enjoyable and fun!



Supper Club

Come and join your church family for our monthly meal together at the Western Sizzlin' on Monday, January 24, at 5:30 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the parlor. Please sign up if you plan on coming. It is a great evening of food and fellowship with our church family.

Friday Club

We will meet on Friday, January 21. Our program will be an organization called Sleep In Heavenly Peace. Their motto is "No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town". Come join us for a very interesting program and a delicious meal. Please bring a covered dish to serve 12-15 people, and join us for this good time.

Facebook Live Wednesday

Each Wednesday, during Pastor Mark's Facebook Live Wednesday Talks, he has been discussing how a Christian grows in their faith. Pastor Mark will begin a new series on the Sermon on the Mount, and how it can help you to grow spiritually, and how to effectively live in the times that we face.

Helping Hands

Helping Hands will be meeting on Thursday, January 20, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Lunch will be provided for everyone for our first time back in the new year.

Hospitalized?

Visitors are now permitted at the hospital. Please let Pastor Mark know if your loved one is in the hospital, and how to contact the loved one.

Book Club

The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, January 4, at 7:00 p.m. We are reading and will be discussing Seven Women, by Eric Metaxes.

The daytime book club will meet on Monday, January 17, at 1:00 p.m. We will be discussing The Christmas Candle, by Max Lucado.

Game Night

We will be starting our Game Nights again, and hope you can join us. We will have our Family Game Night on Saturday, January 8, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Bring a finger food and a favorite game to share. Perhaps you received a new game at Christmas and would like to try it out. Please sign up on the sheet in the parlor if you plan on attending.

2022 Directory

The Membership Support Committee and the Deacons announce the arrival of a new Church Directory. This directory lists all contact information for each family in one location. Many thanks to all who helped make these available to you. Directories will be distributed in January, one per family.

Lay Leader Training

Ever wonder why Pastor Mark needs a Lay Leader? Ever wonder how these people are chosen? Ever wonder how much training is required? Well, wonder no more. The Worship Committee assigns Pastor Mark a Lay Leader about once a month to assist in worship. Training is very easy. Do you feel called to help Pastor Mark? We will be offering training after the first of the year, with a time and date being provided in the near future. There will be a sign-up sheet in the parlor.



Thank You

THANK YOU! We want to express our deep appreciation for the generous gift you gave us at Christmas. We are so blessed by your love, support, and generosity. Thank you so much for making this Christmas so very special for us.

Love,
Mark & Annette

Thank you so much to the Helping Hands who gave me such a generous gift at my favorite store! How did you know? I am so appreciative of all you do for the ministry of our church, and for all the love and support you give me. Thank you so much.

Love,
Annette

Thank you to the Sunday School teachers, students, parents, and grandparents, who brought an offering to Sunday School. We were able to send \$200.00 to Samaritan's Purse to help with two different programs: Rescue Children in Crisis, and provide filters for families to obtain clean water. Thank you so much to all who gave generously this Christmas season.

Thank you to the church for the gift cards to Chili's. Mike and I will enjoy them during one of our Sunday dinners out.

Love,
Kathy

Many thanks to the congregation for being such a light during this Christmas season. You bought presents for the elderly at Holly Place, for the children in the public schools, Toys for Tots, and for the children and families in our community who are in need. You are a most generous congregation!

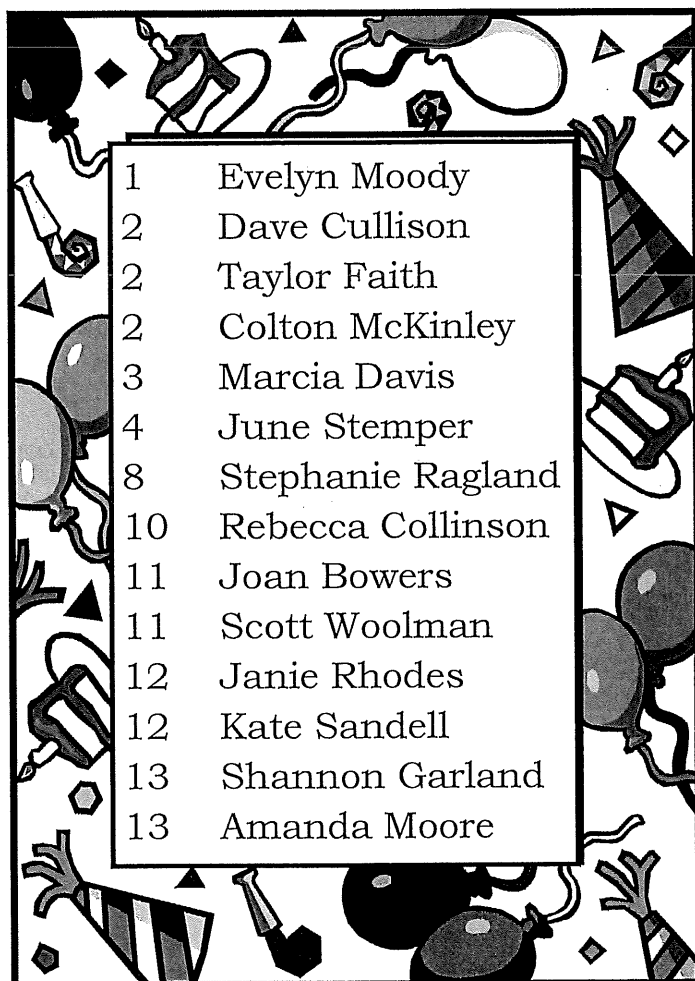


<u>General Fund</u>	
Nov. Income	29,737.00
Nov. Expenses	26,331.07
Operating Income	3,405.93

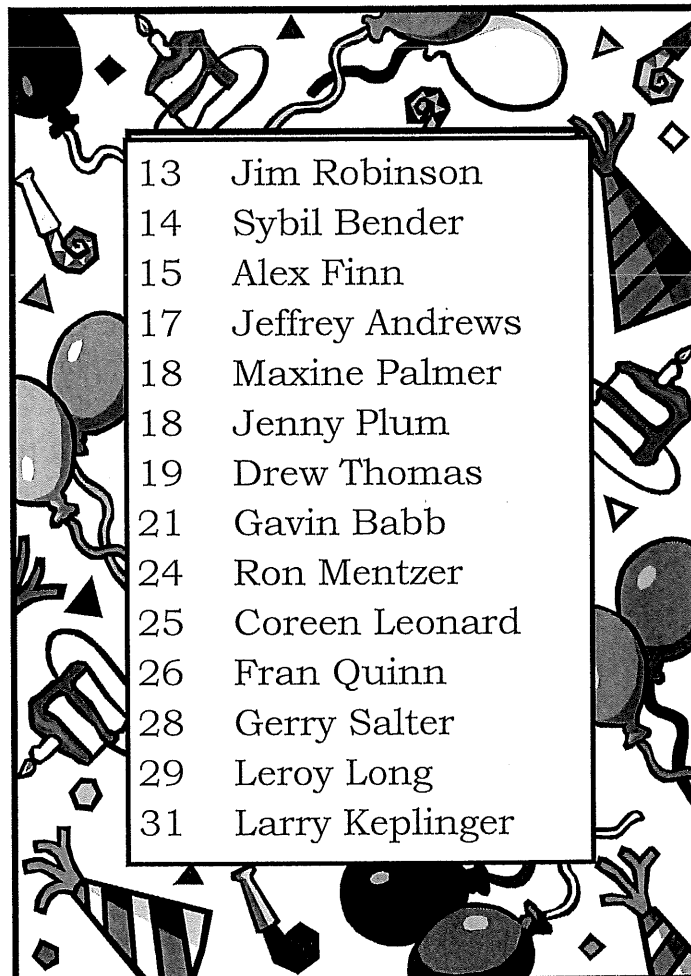
<u>Capital Improvements</u>	
Received Nov.	800.00
Received YTD	17,843.50
<u>Restricted Funds</u>	
Received Nov.	4,773.43



BIRTHDAYS



1	Evelyn Moody
2	Dave Cullison
2	Taylor Faith
2	Colton McKinley
3	Marcia Davis
4	June Stemper
8	Stephanie Ragland
10	Rebecca Collinson
11	Joan Bowers
11	Scott Woolman
12	Janie Rhodes
12	Kate Sandell
13	Shannon Garland
13	Amanda Moore



13	Jim Robinson
14	Sybil Bender
15	Alex Finn
17	Jeffrey Andrews
18	Maxine Palmer
18	Jenny Plum
19	Drew Thomas
21	Gavin Babb
24	Ron Mentzer
25	Coreen Leonard
26	Fran Quinn
28	Gerry Salter
29	Leroy Long
31	Larry Keplinger

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10:00am Worship	3	4 7:00pm Book Club	5 6:30pm Handbells 7:00pm Young Adults Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	6	7	1 8 8:00am Living Nativity take down 6:30pm Game Night
9 6:00pm Youth Group	10 9:30am Ministerium 6:30pm Witness & Mission Committee 7:00 p.m. Committees	11 8:30am Coordinating Team 10:00am & 7:00pm PW Bible Study 11:30am PW Luncheon	12 6:30pm Handbells 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	13	14	15
16 9:45am Coffee Hour/ New Member Reception 6:00pm Youth Group	17 1:00pm Book Club 6:00pm Building & Grounds 7:00pm Admin. Committee 7:00pm Deacons	18 6:00pm Presbyterian Men	19 6:30pm Handbells 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	20 10:00am Helping Hands 7:00pm Bible Study	21 12:00pm Friday Club	22
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