



Holly Presbyterian Church Newsletter December 2024



We regularly like to give our very busy Stated Clerk a small break and have a member of Presbytery Council write an article for the Bi-Weekly Brief. For this edition we are grateful

to the Rev. Linda Graham for the contribution. Linda is the Temporary Supply of Davison-St. Andrews and the Moderator of the Nominating Team.

When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming towards him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. ~ John 6:5-6

Thanksgiving is in a week, and everyone is busy. Family gatherings mean we need to clean the house, go to the grocery store, prepare the Thanksgiving feast and still do all the normal things necessary in life.

In the gospel of John Jesus and the disciples had a crowd of people coming towards them. The question "where shall we buy bread for these people" was met with Philip pointing out how much the bread would cost. After finding 5 loaves of bread and two fish, Andrew asked how many people could be fed with so little.

Jesus had a plan, he told the disciples to have the people sit down, then he took the bread and the fish and gave thanks to God. The food was distributed, and everyone was satisfied, and twelve baskets of leftovers were collected.

Do you have a plan for Thanksgiving? What about your life? Is gratitude to God part of your plan? At St. Andrew's in Davison we made gratitude squares! Everyone was told to take a paper square and write 3 specific blessings from God they are most thankful for; 2 things they would like to thank the church for; 1 person whom they would like to show gratitude today.

November 17th, we celebrated Thanksgiving as a church family with a humble meal of delicious soup, salad, and dessert. After lunch we took our gratitude squares and hung them on our seasonal tree in the fellowship hall as part of the Thanksgiving decorations.

Thanksgiving Day is not just a national holiday, it's a reminder of God's goodness. Most importantly it challenges us to practice gratitude. Jesus had a plan and gave thanks to God. Something for us to remember during these hectic days. May your Thanksgiving Day be filled with laughter, good food, and gratitude. Happy Thanksgiving!

With Christ's love,

The Rev. Linda Graham

Decorate the church



Please join us Friday December 6th at 10am to help decorate the church for Christmas. The Ambassadors Concert is the 8th!



Ambassadors Concert

It's that time of year again. The Fenton Ambassadors are coming Sunday, December 8th at 7pm. Come, invite your friends and relax to the music and hear the Christmas spirit. You will want to bake cookies, shop, wrap and decorate

your home after seeing them. Refreshments will be served after.



Special Congregational Meeting is planned for Sunday December 15th after worship for the purpose of electing new elders and 2025 nominating committee members.

Adopt-a-Family

Adopt-a-Family is under way. More information will follow.



Fellowship & Coffee Start your Sunday off by coming for Coffee and Fellowship at 10:30am.



Also, remember to sign up to make the coffee and bring a snack if you are able. The signup sheet is in the back of the Sanctuary.

Finance Team

Income Oct	...	\$6,995.48	YTD...	\$79,986.71
Expenses Oct		\$4,756.95	YTD...	\$62,678.44

Building Fund
October \$330.00 YTD \$2,810.00



We have received our per capita notice from Presbytery. In 2025, the amount owed is \$30.69 per member. If you can help cover this cost, it is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support of our church!

Bob Killewald & Vicki Lyles

Baby Pantry dates are:

Dec 6th Fran Pelton & Cathie Killewald
Dec 20th Jan Bradshaw & _____



Thank you in advance to our volunteers.

December Anniversaries-God bless you as you celebrate.

Dec 4th Gerry & Debbie Jackson 42 years
Dec 30th Larry & Pam Remillard 57 years



Advent season starts Dec 1st.

Take time each week to reflect Peace, Joy, Love, and Hope and our Savior being born. Sometimes we get into the commercialized instead of the real Reason for the Season. Being an Advent reader you get to light the candle after a short reading. Please think about getting into the worship.



Poinsettias in the Sanctuary are in Remembrance of



~Jean Goss ~ Jene & Betty Striggow~

~Jack & Jean Fundis ~ Gordon & Gladys Bradshaw~

~Rudy & Bernice Schettling ~ Ron Howe~

~John Miller ~ Mary Kay Lyles~

~Aaron & Margaret Ganshaw ~ Donna DeNise

Recycle



We are looking for your used ink cartridges. Bring in your ink cartridges and any batteries you have. Thank you.



The office will be closed from Tues Dec 24th – Thurs Jan 2nd.

December Birthdays-God bless you!



Walt Brown Dec 3rd
Gordie Bradshaw Dec 11th
Anastasia Thomas Dec 28th
Vicki Lyles Dec 28th

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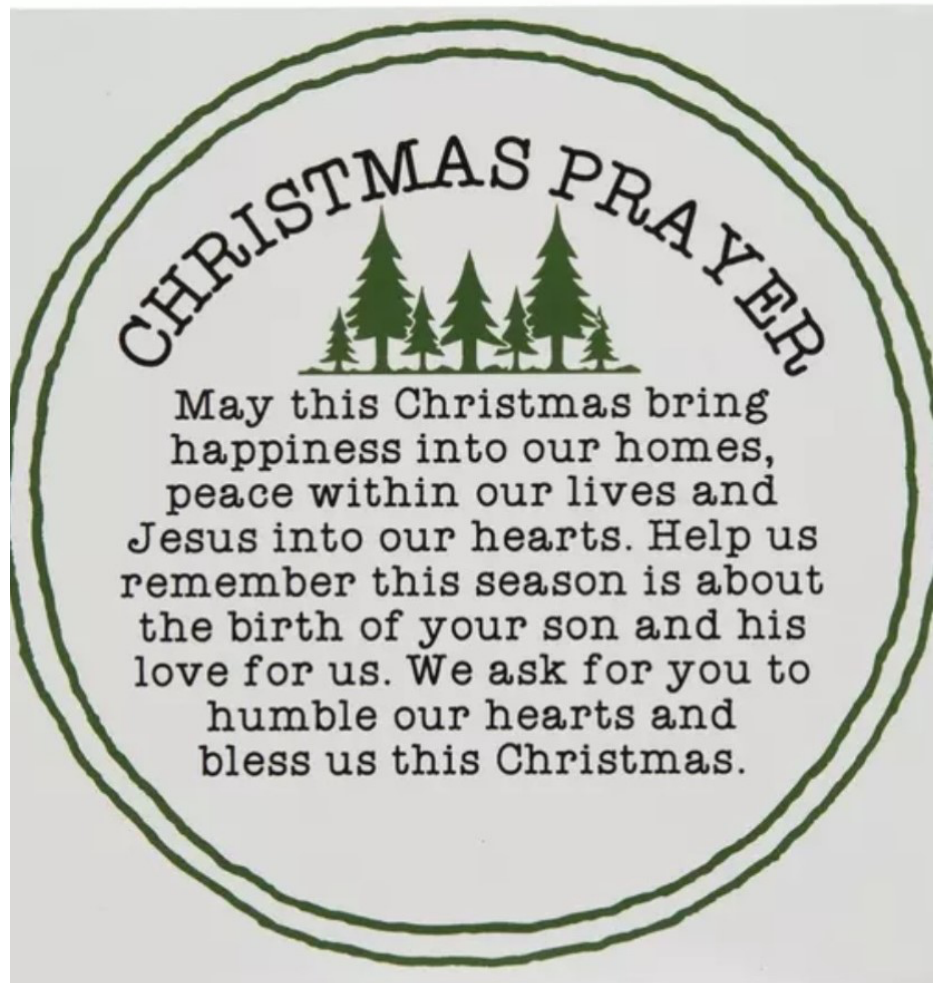


DECEMBER

Sun	Dec 1st	10:30am Coffee & Fellowship
		11:15am Worship
		Outreach Team after worship
Tues	Dec 3rd	7:00pm Information Technology Team
Fri	Dec 6th	10:00am Baby Pantry
		10:00am Hanging of the Greens
Sun	Dec 8th	10:00am Bible Study
		10:30am Coffee & Fellowship
		11:15am Worship
		7:00pm Ambassadors Concert
Tues	Dec 10th	7:30pm Property Team
Wed	Dec 11th	1:00pm Worship Team
Fri	Dec 13th	Poinsettia Pickup
Fri	Dec 15th	10:30am Coffee & Fellowship
		11:15am Worship
Thurs	Dec 19th	7:00pm Session
Fri	Dec 20th	10:00am Baby Pantry
Sun	Dec 22nd	10:00am Bible Study
		10:30am Coffee & Fellowship
		11:15am Worship
Tues	Dec 24th	Christmas Eve
Wed	Dec 25th	Christmas Day
		Office Closed from Dec 24th - Jan 2nd
Sun	Dec 29th	10:30am Coffee & Fellowship
		11:15am Worship

From the Congregational Care Team

If you have prayer requests, please submit them to Karen Haneline (email address- haneline526@gmail.com , phone 248-894-3489) of the Congregational Care Team.



December Quote

Prayer Concerns

Pray for Pastor Chris, his family, and our church daily.

For healing: Hurricane Helene & Milton victims; Alex Searfoss (great grandson of Donna Miller) Third degree burns over 40% of his body. He is home with family and doing therapy.;

Tom Schettling; Mike Schettling (Tom Schettling's cousin) cancer, same age as Tom; **Won Chea** (Tom Schettling's brother-in-law) treatment stomach cancer; **Gordie Bradshaw** treatment; **Penny Schettling; Jerry Watkins** (Laura Parker's dad).



Ongoing prayers: Jessica Duis (Jim & Vicki Lyles' niece), **Mike Pelton, Don Neuville, Steve in FL, and Jim Killewald.**

Prayers for those suffering: for all those affected by war, severe weather, hunger, gun violence, abuse, and/or addiction.

We lift up those in prayer from the Presbytery:

Elsie Krane, adopted mother of Elder Kathleen Rowe, who was severely injured in an auto accident in November. She has made a lot of progress but still has a long way to go. **Our churches** currently in pastoral transition.

Our Mission Co-Workers:

Cathy Chang and family serving in the Philippines.



Jobst Family



Keefer Family

2024 Session Members

Clerk.....	Jan Bradshaw.....	2024
Christian Education.....	Dessalee Cook ...	2025
Congregational Care.....	Margaret Perry ...	2026
Finance.....	Bob Killewald.....	2025
Information Technology..	Brian Parker.....	2024
Outreach.....	Jennifer Chanter.	2025
Property.....	Jim Lyles.....	2026
Worship.....	Tom Schettling...	2024
Moderator Pastor Chris Thomas		



Please remember to check your mailbox for any mail, etc.