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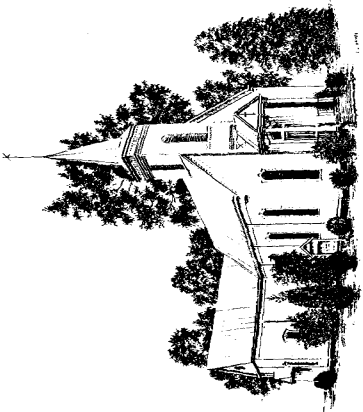
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Upcoming Events

- Dec. 3— 10 AM
Decorating the sanctuary
- Dec. 11—Session meets 12:15 PM
- Dec. 13—PW Circle meets 11 AM
- Dec. 18—Choral Christmas Celebration/Reception; Joy Offering
- Dec. 24—5 PM
Christmas Eve Service
- Dec. 25/Jan. 1—11 AM Worship.
Come as you are!

Glory to God
in the Highest,
& on Earth
Peace, Good
Will Toward Men.



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Hope smells of incense.
Hope is surrounded by prayer.
Hope is in the silence.
Hope turns the hearts of parents to their children.
Hope turns the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous.
Hope readies us to meet the Lord.

Peace is finding favor with God.
Peace is the hungry filled with good things.
Peace is the powerful not having too much;
and the powerless not having too little.
Peace is forgiveness.
Peace is mercy.

Joy is the beloved, wanted child.
Joy is the child announced by angels.
Joy is the child discovered by shepherds.
Joy is the child named "God with us," the child named "He saves us."
Joy grows up to be love.

Love is the devout old man dying in peace.
Love is the prophetic old woman praising God.
Love is wisdom.
Love is sacrifice.

Love is a child destined to be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed.

Love will pierce your soul.
--An Advent Reflection based on Luke 1-2

May hope, peace, joy and love fill your hearts and minds in this season of expectation, Pastor Kerra



Adult Sunday School

On **November 27**, the class will began a four week Advent study called *Walking the Road to Bethlehem*. A new study called *Windwork: the Active Work of the Holy Spirit in Our Lives* will begin in January and run through the end of February. Watch for more details! The class meets Sunday mornings at **9:30 a.m.** in Lancaster Hall. You don't have to read the chapters to come. Please join us!

NOTE: There will be **NO** Sunday School December 25 and January 1.

Join us on Saturday, **December 3 at 10:00 a.m.** as we gather to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season. The fellowship is great AND we have fun, too! Plus, many hands make light work!



Deck the Halls



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

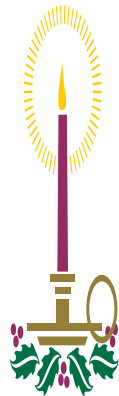
Presbyterian Women's Annual Christmas Gathering and Cookie Exchange: Something Different!

This year, the Presbyterian Women's Annual Christmas Gathering and Cookie Exchange will be held **Tuesday, December 13 at 11:00 a.m.** in Lancaster Hall. This will be a regular Circle meeting and in preparation for this month's study, you are asked to please read the entire Gospel of John. Also, remember to bring a batch of cookies to be shared and prepared for delivery to shut-ins as well as a sandwich for lunch. Drinks will be provided.



Choral Christmas Celebration
Sunday,
December 18

Reception in Lancaster Hall following morning worship. You are asked to bring your favorite holiday snack!



Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
December 24
at
5:00 p.m.

Christmas Day And New Year's Day
11:00 a.m. Services

Casual, come as you are!
Bring the entire family!



Usher and Greeter Schedule

	GREETERS	USHERS	COMMUNION ELDERS	COMMUNION PREP & CLEANUP	LITURGIST	FLOWERS
12/04/16	B. Mathes	K. Basilio	K. Basilio, K. Dorgan, R. DuPriest, K. Hasbrouch	J. Glazebrook, S. Huff	K. English	Neeley
12/11/16	S. & D. Moncol	L. & R. Herring	<i>REMEMBER, If you cannot serve, please find a replacement and leave a message on the office phone, 798-5543.</i>		A. Hill	Poinsettia
12/18/16	V. Neeley	E. Simpson			A. Hill	Poinsettia
12/25/16		R. English, J. Glazebrook, C. Phillips, J. Tate			K. English	Poinsettia
01/01/17	At the time of printing, schedules for 2017 had not been made. Please watch your bulletins for scheduling.					



The staff and employees of Ashland Presbyterian Church wish all a safe and joyous holiday season!

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Happy Birthday to:

December		January	
1	Stephanie Neeley Erin Phillips Max Shea	6	Karen Dorgan
2	Kathy Basilio	14	Mike Carneal
13	Beverly Shea	24	Chuck English
22	Beth Mathes	27	Brian Phillips
27	Kerra English Elijah Hubbard	30	Marsha Summerson



Christmas Joy Offering

Sunday, December 18



Provides assistance to church workers in times of need and supports racial ethnic education and leadership development.