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Message from our Pastor

Babies take a lot of work. They can be exhausting. They require a lot of attention and nurturing.

Having just come through the Christmas season where we celebrated the birth of the baby Jesus—God’s sign of love—perhaps we might regard the gift of God’s love as the “baby” we are given to nurture with care and attention. We have received the gift, but now the work begins.

Loving others can be exhausting. For love to grow, we must put in effort, and nurture it with our time, attention, and patience. Loving others can be rewarding but is often not at all easy.

Into our arms has been placed this precious gift of love. But now, what do we do with it? Do we neglect it? Do we ignore it? Do we take it for granted? Or will we give love our full attention, make it our life’s commitment to nurture it and care for it and “raise” it to a greater maturity?

Jesus did not remain a baby. He grew into maturity. So when we keep the love he embodied locked in infancy, we have missed out on the fullness of the gift.

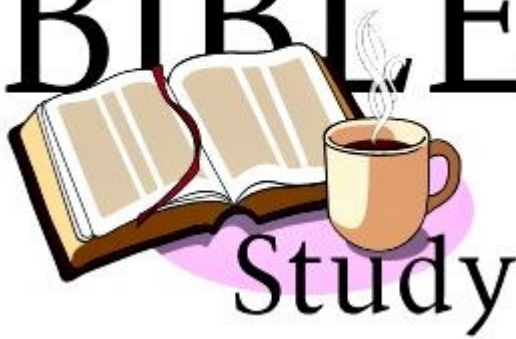
Shalom,

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COME JOIN OUR

BIBLE



Adult Zoom Class

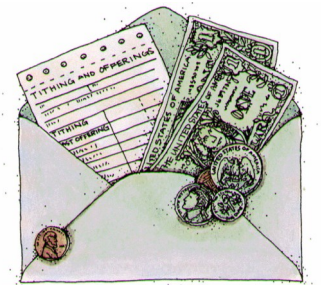
After the stress of the Blizzard of '22, we need to gather around Scripture and practice God's gift of Sabbath-- and accept this practice as a blessing, a model for our faith journey. Perhaps it is time to receive God's gift-- God's gift of Sabbath.

The Bible study for 2022/23 offered by Presbyterian Women leads us through nine sessions, each of which focuses on a Bible passage that deals with Sabbath. Each session offers an invitation to practice Sabbath in real and practical ways.

Gladys Gifford and Kathy Hallborg will lead the study. Six sessions will be held on Zoom at 9:30 am on the following Mondays: January 9, 16, 23, 30; February 13, 20.

Please plan to be with us, for these refreshing studies during Epiphany!

Remember to take your church envelopes home. They are on the card table in the back of the sanctuary.



Annual Reports Are Due

February's Annual Meeting is rapidly approaching. Have you turned in your committee's annual report yet? The deadline for reports is Sunday, **January 8th.**

Worship Column

Sunday, January 1

1st Sunday of Christmas

Isaiah 63:7-9, Psalm 148

Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

Friday, January 6

Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;

Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, January 8

Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 29;

Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday, January 15

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-11;

1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

Sunday, January 22

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalm 27:1, 4-9;

1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Sunday, January 29

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15;

1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12



January birthday wishes go out to...



- 2 Jude Hammer
- 5 Christopher Safulko
- 8 Virginia Coon
- 8 Erika Ray
- 10 John Lopinski, Sr.
- 11 Janet Mazzaroppi
- 12 Sandra Boag
- 14 Bilquis Dass
- 17 Carolyn Harbison
- 19 David Patel
- 19 Keylee Casseri
- 22 Grace Yockey
- 26 Mason Appleton
- 29 Hans Spielberger
- 29 Eric Dass

Thought for the Day.....

There is never a time you are not in His heart,
Never a time without love.
There is never a time when you are not blessed,
With good things from above!
There is never a time you are not in His thoughts.
Never a time without grace.
There is never a time when He turns away,
From any need you face.

What's Happening in January



Sunday, Jan. 1	10:30 am	Worship Service
Tuesday, Jan. 3	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, Jan. 5	7:30 pm	Choir
Saturday, Jan. 7	10:00 am	Boag Memorial Service
Sunday, Jan. 8	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am TBD	Choir Worship Service Fellowship Hour Youth Group
Monday, Jan. 9	9:30 am	Zoom Adult Class
Tuesday, Jan. 10	10:30 am 12:00 pm	Youth Support Team Meeting Food Pantry Open
Thursday, Jan. 12	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Open Choir
Sunday, Jan. 15	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Choir Worship Service Fellowship Hour
Monday, Jan. 16	<i>Martin Luther King, Jr Day</i> 9:30 am	<i>Church Office Closed</i> Zoom Adult Class
Tuesday, Jan. 17	12:00 pm 2:30 pm	Food Pantry Open Zoom Ministry to Community Mtg.
Wednesday, Jan. 18	7:00 pm	Session
Thursday, Jan. 19	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Open Choir
Sunday, Jan. 22	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Choir Worship Service Fellowship Hour
Monday, Jan. 23	9:30 am	Zoom Adult Class
Tuesday, Jan. 24	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, Jan. 26	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Open Choir



What's Happening in January cont.

Sunday, Jan. 29	9:30 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour
Monday, Jan. 30	9:30 am	Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday, Jan. 31	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open



Look at your hand, 5 prayers, it is a constant reminder as we pray

(Thumb)

We should pray for those who are closest to us.

(Pointer Finger)

We should pray for those who teach, instruct, and heal (Includes teachers, doctors, and ministers.)

(Middle Finger, Tallest)

We should pray for our leaders who shape our nation and guide our public opinion (President, Leaders in business and industry and administrators.)

(Ring Finger the weakest)

We should pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain.

(Pinky Finger the smallest)

By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective, and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.