

Press Bytes



CHRISTMAS PARADE

On December 3rd approximately 12 people gathered at the church to get aboard the float of First Presbyterian to join the Christmas parade as we did last year. Buddy Ruskey volunteered the trailer and truck to pull it. He also got the hay for everyone to sit upon as we made our way through Alvin.

C.O. brought the guitar and songbooks were put together by Mandi to give to everyone aboard the float.

The participants sang Christmas carols and threw candy to those along the way. It was a lot of fun for all involved.

There were a lot of people lining the streets especially kids waiting for the candy. Some joined in singing the carols along with the folks on float.

Next year there is talk about trying to light up the float and not having to use flashlights. That would be nice. Everyone had a great time. A lot of people turned out to watch the parade. Saw a lot of friends. Looking forward to next year.



Pictured above: Herb Myers, Marilyn Thomas, Cindy Waggoner, Jo Myers, Barbara Bennett, Arian Hunt, Darlene Draeger, Brandi Bowers, Brenda Magee, & C.O. Magee

Not Pictured: Buddy Ruskey

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January 26th

The Christmas Story - Children's Pageant

On December 4, 2022 the children of First Presbyterian Church Alvin performed an original pageant about the Christmas Story created by C.O. Magee. Afterward we had a special visitor from the North Pole come visit us in the Fellowship Hall.

“For I know the plans I have for you”, declares the LORD, “plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope”.

Jeremiah 29:11





Pictured above: Arian Hunt, Evan Gondesens (Wisemen)
Keylan & Jeff Pearce (Puppeteers)
Gavin & Gabriel Pearce and Colton Rogers (Three Kings)
Alana Andreas (Angel)
Chloe Davis (Mary) Lucas Meystedt (Joseph)
Jason Elkins (Inn Keeper)
Randy Phipps (Angel)

Pictured below:
C.O. Magee
Santa Claus
Margie Hill

As they have in the past, the Clothing Outlet provided Christmas gifts to the children attending Headstart in Alvin.



“In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.”

Proverbs 16:9

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM— Prayer Concerns

Ongoing Prayers : *Kristy Myers, Patty Costanzo, Irene Peltier, Rosa Ashley, Aaron Lieber, Kristin Simmons, Barbara Bennett, John Landers, Becca & Brandon Blanchard, and Cindy Roberts*

Please call the church office with updates.

Elder of the Month - Cindy Waggoner

Christmas Cookie Tins/Fruit

We have received Thank Yous from members &/or friends of the church that received a Cookie tin and fruit. Marietta Benson, Jean & Wade Vance, Kaye McDonald, and Nan Self sent cards or called to say "Thank You". They truly appreciate being thought of during the holiday season.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Marcel Pannell	1
Dennis Ashley	3
Dick Tyson	3
Barbara Passmore	9
Dick Frerking	15
Stephanie Meystedt	20
Susanne Wilson	20
Darlene Draeger	20
Cheryl Case	21
Stephanie Elkins	24
John Melenric	30
Ron Mercer	30



Tai  Chi

We will have our first class of 2023 on January 21 at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Tai Chi is a very low impact exercise program that will exercise just about every muscle in your body. It isn't Yoga and much easier to do. It is the Yang style and has 24 moves if there are those who want to learn the form. We will focus on the 28-30 exercise moves. There is a 12 move exercise for arthritis we will learn. Wear comfortable clothes. We will distance ourselves at a safe distance. You will not sweat, or lose weight, or build body mass. It will stimulate pretty much all your muscles. It is very gentle and can be done in a wheel chair. It is effective however. C.O. will provide a copy of all the exercises so you can do them each day from your home. Come and check it out.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Class of 2023

Marisa Whitfield
Cindy Waggoner
Randy Phipps

Class of 2024

Buddy Ruskey
Janet DeLeon

Class of 2025

Audrie Gondesen
Jason Elkins

Trustees

Lucile Beasley Barbara Whitfield Ron Mercer

Church Personnel

- Moderator - Rev. Dr. C. O. Magee*** · ***Clerk of Session - Cindy Waggoner***
- Treasurer - Cindy Waggoner*** · ***Asst. Treasurer - Mary Aparicio***
- Giving Coordinator - Barbara Whitfield*** · ***Music Director - Scott Gondesen***
- Organist / Pianist - Nancy Melenric*** · ***Secretary - Mandi Odom***

Committee Leadership

- Meals On Wheels - Barbara Whitfield*** · ***Gathering Place - Janet DeLeon***
- Education - Barbara Bennett*** · ***School Supplies - Mandi Odom***
- Youth Sponsor - Brandi Bowers*** · ***Missions / Outreach - Janet DeLeon***
- Fairy God Mothers - Cindy Waggoner*** · ***Scrapbooking - Marisa Whitfield***
- Buildings & Grounds - Buddy Ruskey*** · ***Worship - Cindy Waggoner***
- Clothing Outlet Coordinator - Sheila Follmar***

Seafarer Boxes

The Youth, with the assistance from the congregation and the Mission & Outreach Committee, put together 48 boxes of necessities for Seafarers. Mandi Odom was able to deliver them to the Galveston Seafarers Center to be distributed to visiting ships to the port before Christmas. Thank you for your support!



Christmas Cantata - Breath of Heaven

The Chancel Choir had an amazing performance of the Christmas Cantata! Their heavenly voices definitely lifted some spirits!

Pictured:

(Front row) Marilyn Thomas, Brenda Magee, Helen Escobedo, & Barbara Whitfield.

(2nd Row) Adrienne Thomas, Rhonda Ashcraft, Audrie Gondesen, Jason Elkins, & Nancy Melenric.

(Back Row) Scott Gondesen, C.O. Magee, & Faye Steckert.



Gathering Place Christmas Party in Angleton

Volunteers from Gathering Place were invited to a Christmas party in Angleton. To liven up the scene, a few created a dance to perform while "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas" played.



Pictured: Janet Riddle, Janet DeLeon (Hippo), Barbara Bennett, & Mariann Robertson.



Volunteers from the Alvin locations.



Bible Pathway Adventures

WORD SEARCH

OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS

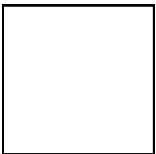
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