



Peace Presbyterian Church - Elkhorn, Nebraska

January 2020



Seeing and Hearing God's Adventurous Future

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." ♦ Jeremiah 11:29



I am giving thanks for another celebration of Epiphany in our life to get here! Our future is bright together with Christ's light shining in it.

During Advent we wait for "THE LIGHT"—Christ's love—to wash down on our hearts again and again. The Light comes, again and again, and Christ gives meaning and direction to our life together as Peace Church.

God's faithfulness forms our identity and purpose as God's people. Our faithfulness to Jesus leads us to love and serve others according to God's will and ways in ways we can't believe is possible at times. Yet, it happens!

I believe that committing our lives to Christ means committing ourselves to take God's Word in every day. Reading, studying and praying the scriptures is absolutely necessary to see and hear our Lord. We need to do it with other followers and on our own.

When was the last time you were at a bible study or in a class at church? Our attendance numbers for both our adults and kids are low in this area. This is not healthy for us. We need you to commit to be there.

Making commitments to listen and look for and talk about what you see God doing; about your hopes and dreams for your life and the life of Peace Church matter to the health and vision of our church. We do that in times and places like this.

Being at the beginning of a new year is a good time to make a new start of things. Maybe you have already made a new resolution or two. Let's all make one together:

***"We commit to following Christ in our lives like we never have before,
believing God has a new adventurous future ahead for Peace Church."***

When you believe that God is always doing a new thing and that you are part of that promise, you won't be the same person next year that you are today and your relationship with Jesus won't be the same! Neither will Peace Church be the same. And that's a good thing. We want to always be reforming by God's will and way working through us for the sake of others.

"God's Adventurous Future" is the vision I want us to dream about, discern about, and live out as Peace Church in this coming year.

How are we following the ways of love and peace and justice in being for this community and for one another? God's Word and the work of the Holy Spirit reveals this to us. Nothing is impossible with God!

Are you committed to Christ's hope for the future—for you and for Peace Church?

God's future is ready for us. Let's go for it!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Bonnie



The **2020 Confirmation Class** will hold their first class in the Library on Sunday, January 12 at 11:30am. All those planning to be confirmed this year please plan to attend. See Pastor Bonnie with questions and for more details. Confirmation packets can be found in the foyer or from Pastor's office.

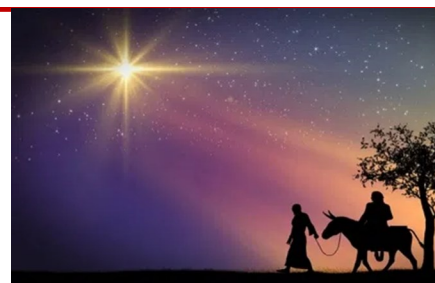


PEACE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND MUSIC DEPARTMENTS PRESENT CHRISTMAS CANTATA

On Sunday, December 15, the Sunday School Department and the Adult and Youth Choirs and Orchestra presented *The Gifts of Christmas*. The music and drama were enhanced by the unveiling of an original art piece by Sara Wamsat entitled *More Than Words*. You can see Sara's beautiful work on display in the Narthex. We are grateful for the talents and work of our Sunday School students, teachers, parents, choirs and musicians that went into the day. Special thanks to Scot Thompson for his work!



On Friday, **December 13**, Peace Church hosted "***Dinner with Mary and Joseph On The Way to Bethlehem***". The whole church was invited for supper, story, a craft and pictures. All ages enjoyed the journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in this very special event celebrating Advent and the Christmas season. Thanks to all who attended and to Pastor Bonnie and Matt Marshall for organizing this gathering.



The **Presbyterian Women** sponsored a **Christmas Mitten Tree** again this year! We are grateful to so many who donated socks, hats, gloves, mittens and scarves to be given to those in need in the Omaha/Elkhorn area. Thank you for helping to make this a blessed and warm holiday for our community!

- Nancy Haack, Project Chairperson

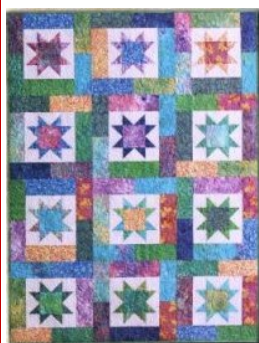
BEST WISHES ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY!

ANNIVERSARY: Jan 15 Rich & Diane Novak

BIRTHDAYS: Jan 1 Tom Whisinnand; 4 Thaddeus Wilkins; 8 James Koel; 12 Mary McArdle; 14 Elisa Bowcott; 21 June Karr, Adalee Wellendorf; 22 Allison Hall; 23 Donna Dermeyer; 25 Barbra Fitzwater; 26 Susan Domnanish, Scot Koel; 28 Ann Settles, Anthony Zaner; 29 Judy Miller



The next **Man Cave** will be Thursday January 16, 6:30pm, in Fellowship Hall. We are in need of someone to provide the Main Course for our meal. If you are able to do so please contact Dave Fulton ASAP. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish and your own beverage. RSVP for dinner by January 13 to david.fulton@FDIConsulting.inc by January 13. All men invited — see you there!



QUILT IN A DAY!

Come join Peaceful Quilters for their Quilt in a Day event January 18th starting at 9:00am.

Come for an hour or all day. Nancy will show you how to make a simple quilt block. Then all of

the quilt blocks we make will be put together to make a quilt to be given to the Next PW Lifetime Award winner. A soup lunch will be served. Please sign up in the foyer or e-mail nshaack@gmail.com to register or for more information.

PEACEFUL QUILTERS DONATE QUILTS TO AREA CHARITIES

The Peaceful Quilters recently blessed many by donating 31 quilts to local groups. Included were:

- 2 - Peace Nursery
- 6 - Project Harmony
- 10 - Lydia House
- 8 - Catholic Charities Domestic Abuse Center
- 4 - Heartland Family Services
- 1 - Saved for church member

Thanks to Nancy Haack and all the Peaceful Quilters for their hours of work and dedication as they shared the Love of God with others.



Sunday School
Dec 22-Jan 12

Choir
Dec 22-Feb 12

Church Office
Dec 23-Jan 1



SUNDAY
JANUARY 26
11:15am

Annual Meeting
Election of
Officers
Presentation
Of Annual Reports

If you have a report to be printed for the meeting please email or bring it in to the office by **Friday January 17**. Call the office with questions 402-289-1104



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JANUARY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT/LOCATION	CONTACT
Jan 5	9:30am	1st Sunday Choir Practice. Sanctuary; Everyone	Scot Thompson
Jan 5	10:15am	Worship, Communion	Rev. Wilkins
Jan 6	6:30pm	Cub Scouts	Bernie Baker
Jan 8	9:30am	PW Meeting; All Women of Peace, FH	M Schreiner, L Hurt
	12:00pm	Retiree Potluck Lunch; All Retirees; Library	Church Office
Jan 12	8:40am	Youth Praise Team; All Youth; Sanctuary	Scot Thompson
	9:00am	Sunday School; Everyone	Matt Marshall
	10:15am	Worship, Sanctuary; Everyone	Rev. Wilkins
	11:15am	Cookie Fellowship; Fellowship Hall; Everyone	Deacons
	11:30am	Confirmation Class; Library; All Candidates Gr 6-12	Rev. Wilkins
Jan 13	6:30pm	Cub Scouts; Basement/Fellowship Hall	Bernie Baker
Jan 14	10:45am	Service at Grand Reserve; Everyone Invited	Rev. Wilkins
Jan 16	6:30pm	Man Cave; FH; Library; All Men	Dave Fulton
Jan 18	9:00am	Quilt-In-A-Day; FH; Everyone	Nancy Haack
Jan 19	8:30am	Youth Praise Team; All Youth; Sanctuary	Scot Thompson
	9:00am	Sunday School; Everyone	Matt Marshall
	9:30am	Chancel Choir Practice; Sanctuary; Everyone	Scot Thompson
	10:15am	Worship, Everyone; Sanctuary	Rev. Wilkins
Jan 20	6:30pm	Session Meeting; Library	Rev. Wilkins
	6:30pm	Cub Scouts; FH, Basement	Bernie Baker
Jan 26	8:40am	Youth Praise Team, Sanctuary; All Youth	Scot Thompson
	9:00am	Sunday School; Everyone	Matt Marshall
	10:15am	Worship, Sanctuary; Everyone	Rev. Wilkins
	11:15am	Annual Meeting; Sanctuary; Everyone	Rev. Wilkins
Jan 27	6:30pm	Cub Scouts	Bernie Baker
Jan 31	All day	Scout Pinewood Derby set up, FH	Bernie Baker



Coming in 2020!

February 26	Ash Wednesday
March 22	Crossroads Connection
April 5	Palm Sunday
April 9	Maundy Thursday
April 12	Easter Sunday
June 11,12,13	Church Garage Sale
June 21-27	Youth Mission Trip



Peace Mission Statement

We seek to deepen our commitment to God through Jesus Christ with meaningful Worship experiences, education, mission, and to welcome all who want to know and learn about God and the Church.

