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** SESSION NOTES **

Your Session met on Tuesday evening, December 17, 2019, and during the meeting the Elders:

- Authorized the Board of Trustees to continue with the West Door project
- Read a card of thanks from Cheryl Richard for the prayers and support for her family due to the loss of her mother, Fauniel Gard
- Read a card of thanks from Mary Margaret Mullins Sugar acknowledging sympathy expressed during the loss of her husband Jose Marcos Sugar
- Received a thank-you card from Kevin Joy and Mike Spines, visitors to our Smorgasbord, commenting on the good taste of everything, wishing for the dressing recipe, and calling it the “best meal away from home in a long time”
- Approved a request from Margaret Grimes to use our facility on Sunday, December 29, for the Grimes Family Christmas celebration
- Approved a Called Meeting of the Congregation after worship on Sunday, December 29, for the purpose of hearing a report of the Nominating and Membership Committee, and electing officers for the year 2020
- Elected Wes Shaw as Church Treasurer for 2020
- Elected Mike Grimes as Clerk of Session and Marilyn Yoder as Assistant Clerk of Session for 2020
- Elected Paul Houser as Commissioner to Presbytery for 2020
- Set the date for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation for Sunday, February 2, 2020, immediately following worship

Michael E. Grimes, Clerk of Session

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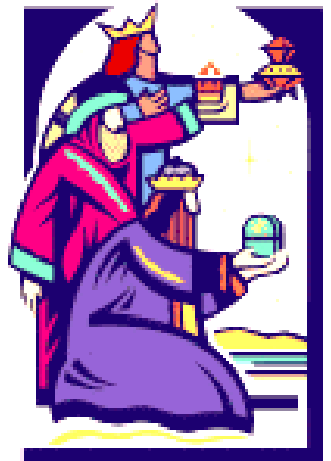


Thank you! to all those who stayed after worship last week to wish me a Happy Birthday!

Thank you! to all who sent cards (over 40!) with such wonderful personal notes!

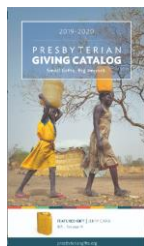
And a very **Special Thank You!** to Harriett Berry and all those who helped to put together the celebration at Church.

--Joy Schwartz



Change for Change Contributions & Making a Difference

The Mission Committee has decided to refocus C4C donations toward projects found in the Presbyterian Giving Catalog. Initially we'll look at contributions going toward livestock projects listed in the catalog with a tracking board in the parlor so that the kids can see how we are progressing.



The Presbyterian Giving Catalog has over 40 gifts that can be given, gifts that address some of the most important issues people face at home and around the world. Clean water, aid for refugees, widespread hunger and women's empowerment are just some of the causes that can be supported through the Giving Catalog.

How should we support the Giving Catalog as a congregation? Give us your thoughts. and, in the meantime, please visit presbyteriangifts.org if you feel moved to make a personal gift.

Since this will be an ongoing project we will still shift our contributions as needed to support PDA efforts when natural disasters, like hurricanes and wild fires, occur.



Taking Down the Greens is January 12

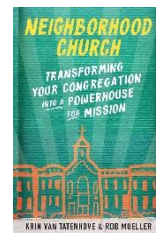
The annual Taking Down the Greens will take place on January 12 this year. All those lovely Christmas decorations that we enjoyed so much will be taken down and tucked away for next year.

FROM CE & SEED PLANTING COMMITTEES:

Adult Sunday school class for the New Year!

Beginning Sunday, January 19, Susan Clawson will lead the Adult Sunday School class in an eleven-week study of what it means to be a "Matthew 25 church," and how we can declare our church a Matthew 25 church. The 25th chapter of Matthew, a study topic recommended by the General Assembly (PCUSA), relates three parables: the Ten Virgins, the Talents, and the Sheep and Goats (Whenever you did it unto the least of these, you did it unto me).

General Assembly has identified three requirements for a Matthew 25 church: **fight poverty, promote congregational vitality, and promote racial equality.** We will begin our study with the book *Neighborhood Church*, a book recommended by the co-moderators of General Assembly. We will view short videos introducing each of the five chapters of this book. We will supplement this with readings from some other sources. We have several copies of *Neighborhood Church*. Copies of the other readings will be provided. All are welcome to gather in the Board Room for the class, Sundays at 9:15, coffee in hand.



Three Kings Day AKA Epiphany AKA Twelfth Night is January 6



The role of three kings is taken very seriously. Some men even grow their beards months before.
* says Florence Vargas, a ruling elder and women's leader at the Presbyterian Church in San Sebastian, Puerto Rico.

January 6 is Epiphany, a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ. It is traditionally the day the three kings arrived at the manger. The eve of the feast is traditionally celebrated as Twelfth Night, the twelfth night after Christmas. In Great Britain, it was celebrated with wassailing, similar to caroling, and a punch called wassail. In Spain and Latin America, children traditionally observe Three Kings Day on January 6. They put out fresh grass and water for the camels and sometimes cigars for the Magi. The

church has no gift exchange in December, but the children receive small gifts on Epiphany Sunday, and Los Reyes Magos (the Magi) visit instead of Santa Claus. Celebrations are often held in homes, culminating in a *rosca de reyes* (Three Kings Cake) with a plastic figure of Baby Jesus hidden in the cake. The baby is described as hiding in a safe place from Herod, who intended him harm. Sometimes the Three Kings Cake is served at a church coffee hour. This tradition was featured last year in the January issue of *Presbyterians Today*, available in the archives online at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org>. In France, people celebrate Epiphany by adding the three kings to the nativity scene and eating a *galette des rois* (Kings' cake) with a baby inside. The one who get the baby (or sometimes a pea or a bean) is king for the day and gets to wear a paper crown. (Photographs from *Presbyterians Today*, January 2019.)



Who refreshes others will be refreshed.

—Proverbs 11:25

New or gently-used donations of **cold-weather clothing** are needed for January and February. We accept girls' and boys' sizes, newborn through girls' junior and young men's and maternity wear.



KIDS' CLOSET

Kids' Closet distributions are being held the second Saturday of each month. Hours have also changed somewhat: Doors will be open for shoppers from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The time from 9 a.m. to 12 noon will be used for sorting and refilling racks. Other times for sorting have yet to be determined—keep watch!

If you would like to help, please contact Julie Boles or Muriel Grimes for more information.

NO KIDS' CLOSET IN DECEMBER

	Shoppers	Sorting/Refilling Racks
January 11, 2020	9 a.m.-11 a.m.	9 a.m.-12 p.m.
February 8, 2020	9 a.m.-11 a.m.	9 a.m.-12 p.m.



Change for Change! This offering is meant to support local, national, and international mission projects this year. Please, **SAVE** your loose coins (no bills – **we want to make the offering buckets ring again this year!**). The second Sunday of each month - bring your change to help with Change in our community and throughout the world!

Thank you for your generous giving to Change for Change in December, which went to the Christmas Joy Offering. We collected **\$147.16!!!**

Change for Change will be collected on January 12 . Monies collected in January will go to livestock purchase through Presbyterian Giving Catalog.



Start the New Year off right, Zumba at
6:15 on Wednesdays.
\$4 per class with a certified Zumba instructor.

Thank
you,
Susan
Clawson,



for writing this! (see below)
Huge thank you to all who helped make Jubilee Christmas a great success this year. Not only did each child receive several toys, our congregation donated funds for us to provide each family with gas cards and grocery gift cards, in addition to the LUM issued ham and grocery gift cards. Teenagers each received a gift card for Platos Closet (teen clothing store)

On behalf of all our participants and their families, Merry Christmas and God bless you!

--Cindy Suter & Molly Bull

Written by Susan Y. Clawson

Fifteen families with over 30 children gathered for Jubilee Christmas at the Dayton Memorial Presbyterian Church on Saturday, December 14, offered in partnership with Lafayette Urban Ministry (LUM). The committee has been working behind the scenes since November to get everything ready. Individuals took tags off the giving tree and returned gifts for specific children, identified by age and gender but not by name. The day before, volunteers staged the gifts, door prizes, and other items to be offered for the guests to choose from. On the appointed day, hosts and other volunteers gathered between 8:30 and 10:00 to prepare to receive our guests.

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Jubilee Christmas 2019

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Refreshments were prepared for guests and hosts to enjoy as they waited their turn to shop. As 10:30 approached, guests began to arrive. They were welcomed by greeter Candy Fitzgerald and matched with their host or hostess, who guided them to the registration table where Harriett Berry gave each guest a number to be used to call him or her to shop or to choose a door prize. Then the numbers were mixed together and called in groups of 3 to 5 for a turn to shop at the tables in the basement. A host or hostess helped each guest do the shopping. The tables were laden with gifts to choose from, divided by gender and age group. Door prizes, several drawings, and blankets were distributed as the guests waited a second turn at the tables. After the tables were refreshed, shopping began again, in reverse order to the first round. The last stop was the food room, where each family received a bag of food and gift cards along with a special book titled "Jesus Calms a Storm," by Kristin Lehr and illustrated by Alicia Berry, the granddaughter of some of our church members. The youth of the church and other volunteers manned the gift wrap tables. Donors besides our congregation and other individuals included Meijers and LUM. Thanks to Molly Bull and Cindy Suter, Muriel Grimes, Malinda Hannah, and Patty Hicks and others too numerous to list for all the time and effort put into the program this year.



Food Pantry

Your help continues to be needed as we serve our community and the surrounding area in our Food Pantry mission.

The DMPC Food Pantry serves the geographical areas of Sheffield Township (which includes the town of Dayton, IN), Lauramie Township (which includes the towns of Clarks Hill and Stockwell, IN), and Clinton County. Families whose children attend Dayton Elementary may also be served by the DMPC Food.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the parlor. Please consider donating two hours of your time to help us out!

Thank you to all who are helping now.

Paul Houser, (765) 404-3317



Scout Sunday 2020!



Typically held on a Sunday around February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day), Scout Sunday gives church-chartered packs a chance to say thank you and to demonstrate that the pack and the church have similar goals. This year we will be celebrating our 6th annual Scout Sunday on February 9, 2020!

By participating in worship with the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, you offer a subtle reminder that these groups aren't just our charters, but they are a part of the ministry of the congregation, not just an outside group that meets in our building.

Once again the Boy Scouts will be providing a pancake breakfast from 9 to 9:45 am prior to worship. Please mark your calendars and plan on both enjoying a wonderful breakfast and an inspiring worship service with the scouts and their families!

Given by:	In Memory of:	In Honor of:
Don & Joy Schwartz	Nancy King, Harold McGill, Paul Kunde, Dorothy Schwartz	
Ray & Patty Hicks		Betty & Terry Pfeiffer
Kelly, Kim, Kaylee, & Kameron Little	Dick & Irene Little; Barb & Gene Smith	
Mary Margaret Mullins Sugar	Virgil & Margaret Mullins, William & Robeson Bull, Lewis Beeler, Jose Marcos Sugar	
Paul & Mary Houser & family	Ken & Norma Houser; Frank & Virginia Makovitch	
Carol Frantz	David & Greg Frantz	My Family
Susan Clawson & family	Kenneth & Julia (Widmer) Yost	
John Brand	Nancy Brand, Joanne House	
Marilyn Yoder	Marvin, Lucy, Morris, & Marlene Yoder	
Rev. Dan & Kelly Berger		Our children & grandchildren
Jon & Michael Grimes	Bob & Janet Walters, Rob Walters, Donald Grimes, Louise Zahn	Margaret Grimes
Nancy & Bill Edwards	Maurice Metten; Linda & Harvey Edwards; Violet & Charles Teed	
Ron Berry family	Wilson & Oreal Bull	
Elizabeth Barger	Keith & Helen Barger, Richard Barger	
Malinda Hannah	Mike Hannah, Lois Miller, Nina Wagoner	
James Fidler	Sandra K. Fidler	
Sharon Wills, Sally Maroska, Deb Watkins, & Susan Gibson	Floyd (Frog) & Lola May Dixon	
Their Grandchildren & Greatgrandchildren	Jim & Mae Whitlock	
Stan Bull	Carol Bull	
Jane Phillips & Maddox Bramer	Our Church Family	
M Nickolas Smith Family, M/M Gary Vyse Family, M/M Roger Gregory Family, M/M Steve Massey Family, M/M Randy Smith Family	Eugene B. & Barbara L. Smith	
Margaret Grimes	Donald Grimes, Mary Ann Grimes	
Their Children: Ron, Cheryl, and Jill	Fauniel S. & Robert D. Gard	
Esther Miller	Ron Miller	



*Poinsettia
Dedications
2019*



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Our military, our nation & its leaders; persecuted Christians; people locally & nationally in need; victims of domestic violence; Carolyn Finkenbinder; Russell Lucas; Jackie Ginther (Niece/J.Schwartz); Kevin Konrad; Margaret Stonecipher (friend of C. Stanford); Terry Lynn Pfeiffer; Bob Yost; Kennedy Alkire; David Betty Pfeiffer; Cindy DeGolyer; Tracey Harris; Mary Ellen Bowers; Sandi Stingley; Ward Suter (father-in-law of Cindy Bull Suter); Dougie Harden; Jason Trail, Sr., and his family; Zachary King; Terry McKillip; Fred Reichart; Sally Smith; Jeff Smith (son of Marge Smith); Gerald Young (cousin of Cindy Stanford); Jon Grimes; Laszlo & Joanne Kovacs; Joan Shoemaker (mother of Nancy Grimes); Don Schwartz; Betty Barnett; Ron Berry; Dan Berger; Carol Kemmer; the family of Terry Garrett; the family of Jack Carson; the family of Marcos Sugar; Charlene Lee (cousin of Cindy Stanford); Thomas Snyder (uncle of Teresa



Our Church Family



JANUARY ELDERS: Nancy Edwards, Communion and Devotions

JANUARY DEACONS: Beth Barger, Captain; Esther Miller

2 Russell Grimes
6 David Grimes
8 Rachel Gard
9 Susan Parmely
9 David McQueen
9 Rebecca Edwards
10 Steve Norris
10 Jill Edwards
10 Robert Jay Reichart
12 Gideon Basden
13 Susan Clawson
13 Becki Sprague
16 Melody Valenta
19 Harriett Berry



20 Cindy Bull
20 Jonah Grimes
22 Michael Edwards
23 Dennis Fields
23 Nolan Mitchell Yoder
23 Tom Yost
25 James Murray
28 Tim Fogarty
28 Linda Miller
28 Deb Vyse
29 Brianna Snyder
31 Danielle Parmely
31 Eli Boles
31 Roland Jacob Neito



1 Bernard & Susan Parmely
3 Gary & Deb Vyse
14 Jack & Sarah Norris
22 Don & Joy Schwartz

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Food Pantry, 9-11 am Choir practice, 7 pm	3	4
5 8:45 am Carry-in Continental Breakfast 9:15 am Sunday School 10 am Carry-in Continental Brkfst 10:30 am Worship/Rev. Chuck Compton	6 Epiphany of the Lord Boy Scout Troop #316, 6:30 pm	7 C.E. Mtg, 6 pm Cub Scout Pack #3316, 6:30 pm Trustees' Mtg., 7:15 pm	8 Zumba, 6:15 pm	9 Food Pantry 9-11 am Choir practice, 7 pm	10	11 Kids' Closet, 9-11 am, Shoppers 9 am-12 pm, Sort & Refill
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NOTICE!
The Annual Congregational Meeting of Memorial Presbyterian will be held on **Sunday, February 2,** after worship

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Sunday Schedule:

8:45 am Carry-in Continental Brkfst

9:15 am Sunday School

10 am Carry-in Continental Brkfst

10:30 am Worship

