

MEMORIAL PRESS

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GOD'S GIFTS TO US

The weeks before Christmas typically are busy, hectic—even a bit crazy—with holiday events and all of our “to do’s” in preparation for the holidays. This year, as you listen to almost any news broadcast, you’re also being cautioned that gifts that you order online may not arrive in time and that stores may not have the items you want on their shelves—especially for any of us who are December 24 shoppers!

Perhaps all this concern over Christmas gifts offers us the perfect opportunity to place our focus on the greatest gift we all have ever received—the birth of Jesus Christ. *“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”* **John 3:16**

Through His birth, His death, and His resurrection, we have received the forgiveness of all our sins and the gift of a promise of eternal life. In His life, Jesus graced us with the fruit of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. And each day—each moment—that we are here is God’s gift to us. Let us share that gift of the time He has given us with family, with friends, and with those whom we do not know through acts of kindness and generosity.



*The Gift that
Changed the World*

Merry Christmas, All!

“Church isn’t just a place we go.



The Church is who we are.”

—anonymous

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CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Called Congregational Meeting

Immediately after service in the sanctuary, for election of officers for 2022.

Hanging of the Greens

The annual Hanging of the Greens will be done on Sunday, November 28, immediately after service. Please stay to help out and to enjoy the excitement of beginning the Christmas season!



MERRY
CHRISTMAS
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR

**** SESSION NOTES ****

Your Session met on Tuesday evening, November 16, 2021, and during the meeting the Elders:

- Reinstated and approved a letter of transfer for Linda Miller (Chron. #966) to Powder Springs First United Methodist Church, 4329 Marietta St., Powder Springs, Georgia.
- Reported (with gladness) that Yajaira (Heidy) Haynes (Chron. # 1036) was received into membership by Re-Affirmation of Faith during worship on November 7.
- Learned that our Youth Christmas Program will be during worship on Sunday, December 19.
- Set the date of November 28, following worship, for a Called Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation for the purpose of nominating and electing officers of our church for the year 2022
- Decided that, as our Moderator will not be present during much of December, we will not have our scheduled December Stated Meeting of Session.
- Elected Wes Shaw as Church Treasurer for 2022.
- Elected Mike Grimes as Clerk of Session and Marilyn Yoder as Assistant Clerk of Session for 2022.
- Elected Paul Houser as Commissioner to Presbytery for 2022.
- Elected Elder Marilyn Yoder to serve a three-year term on the Church Audit Committee.
- Elected Elder Tammy Lineback to serve as the Alternate member on the Church Audit Committee.

Michael E. Grimes, Clerk of Session

2021
End-of-Year
To Do List



December
Rejoice!!

**Complete Church
★ Annual Report**

Elders & others: Please begin getting together information you want to include in this year's Church Annual Report. An email with specific dates and list of what is needed will be sent out in late November.

January
Celebrate!



New
Beginnings
-Thank you!!

Each year members of the congregation provide Christmas Poinsettias to help decorate the church. While decorating the Church will not be in the mix this year, the Flower Committee has made arrangements for these plants to be taken by the Deacons to shut-ins and others in the congregation during Christmas week. Dedications will also be recognized in the January newsletter.

If you would like to help, fill out the coupon below and send it to the Church Office (P.O. Box 70, Dayton, IN 47941-0070). The cost of a Poinsettia this year is \$10.00. Please make checks payable to MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (place "poinsettia" in the memo).

IN MEMORY OF (deceased): _____

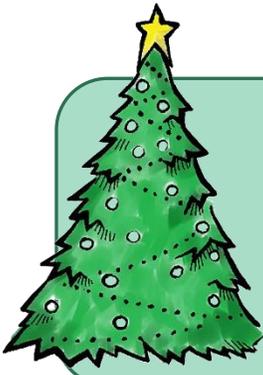
IN HONOR OF (living): _____

GIVEN BY: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____ (\$10.00 per Poinsettia)

DEADLINE FOR FORMS: DECEMBER 20th





Community Christmas Tree lightening 6 p.m. on December 5th.

Join us for an old-fashioned Christmas Sing-along as we light the tree near the gazebo and celebrate the start of the Christmas season!



GUIDED PRAYER LABYRINTH

Last October, our youth group put together a labyrinth on our church parking lot for all to enjoy! This is open to our church members and the public, to be used as a way to pray or meditate . . . to make a closer connection with God and to find peace and purpose.



While there is no one right way of praying that is fruitful for everybody all the time, stepping into the labyrinth can physically be an intentional way of stepping out of the chaos in our lives and focusing on turning that chaos over to God, receiving the Holy Spirit, and listening to God.

An optional guide is offered below:

- 1) Walking in . . . pray for a release of your fears and distractions, "Let Go and Let God."
- 2) At CENTER . . . pray for illumination, pray for the Holy Spirit to fill you with life anew.
- 3) Walking out . . . pray for intention. Let the Holy Spirit guide you in living out God's will. Love one another.

We pray this reflection brings calmness to your hearts and minds and renewed energy to go into the world as the gifts God intends you to be. We encourage you to visit it as often as you'd like!

Information about the prayer labyrinth and a suggestion for its use are available at the site.



♥ *Peace be with you!!!* ♥

Jubilee Christmas Saturday, December 11



We are once again hosting 15 families with 39 children. Check your email for all the details and links—that information is also available on the Church's Facebook page. If you're unable to access the online links, Molly Bull Childers will be available to help you out at Sunday service.

There are also ways you can help that don't require going online, including buying gift wrapping supplies, hats and gloves of all sizes, blankets, books, stocking stuffers, and board games. We can also always use monetary donations. Any of these items can be brought to the Church during Sunday services or during office hours. Please bring in all donations **by December 5**.

If you would like to be reimbursed for any purchases, save your receipts, and reimbursement forms can be found in the secretary's office.

REGARDING VOLUNTEERS! Volunteer positions for Saturday are filled. *Volunteers are still needed for the evening of December 10* to preparing gifts and other items for families to be ready for Saturday morning. If you would like to learn how to volunteer to help prep for Jubilee on the 10th, please see submit a volunteer form or contact the office.

Church Office Hours & Contact Info:

Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Phone: 765.296.3199

Email: secretary@daytonpres.org

Website: www.daytonpres.org

Facebook: Dayton Memorial Presbyterian Church Group (private page)

and Dayton Memorial Presbyterian Church /Religious Organization (public page)

Food Pantry



Please encourage anyone in need in our area to visit our Food Pantry, using either the traditional walk-in option from 9 to 11 a.m. on Thursday mornings OR the pre-order & pick up option on Thursday afternoons, 3 to 5 p.m. The new option operates in a way similar to the current Kids' Closet process. We are asking individuals to submit their names, phone numbers, addresses, and number of people in their families to let us know they would like to use our pick-up option. We will do our best to fill orders received by Friday to be ready for pick up on Thursday of the following week. However, we will also contact individuals by phone to confirm when their orders will be ready. *NOTE: All restrictions on geographic area served and number of times individuals can come in will continue to apply. Order forms are available through the Church's Facebook pages and website, as well as on the Dayton and Mulberry town Facebook pages.*

Donations that have been made of food items and grocery bags continue to be most greatly appreciated! Just drop off donations at the office any Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. **Bring your receipt to the office, and you'll be reimbursed.**

If you have ideas of how we can better reach families in need about our Thursday morning and afternoon programs at the Dayton Food Pantry, please contact the office (see pages 1 & 2 for contact information).

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. Each family/individual may come to the Food Pantry once every 30 days.



If you'd like to volunteer, please contact:
Paul Houser, (765) 404-3317

- Food Pantry Items Needed:**
- pork & beans (16 oz can)*
 - pineapple (20 oz can)*
 - applesauce
 - tuna (5 oz can)*
 - peanut butter (18 oz jar)*
- *approximate sizes*



CHRISTMAS JOY

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHURCH LEADERS—PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

The Christmas Joy Offering opens doors of opportunity for the leaders who are shaped and supported through our gifts — doors that lead to hopeful futures for young people at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Our gifts open doors that lead to relief for church workers and their families when emergency needs arise.

The story of God, as we tell it, is not about a barrier, but about a gift. It's not about the separation, but about the gift of "being with." Please give generously to the Christmas Joy Offering, in celebration of God's perfect gift to us. Give because it brings us together, to open doors of relief and opportunity and to relationships that are part of God's story, a part of God's perfect gift to us.

The Christmas Joy Offering collection will be at the Sunday, December 19, service.

CHRISTMAS

Offering

Please join us for a very special morning on **Sunday, December 19, at 10:30am**, when the youth of our church will be presenting

"Once Upon A Manger"

for this year's Christmas Program. Come enjoy the story of the birth of Jesus brought to life!

*We always thank
God for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers*

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Our military, our nation & its leaders, persecuted Christians; people locally & nationally in need; victims of domestic violence;

Russell Lucas	Terry McKillip	Rick Stark
Jackie Ginther	Jeff Smith	Jerry Arvin
Kevin Konrad	Joan Shoemaker	Bob Parker
Terry Lynn Pfeiffer	Ron Berry	the family of Sarah Norris
Bob Yost	LuAlice Huston	Becca Schultz
Kennedy Alkire	Don & Joy Schwartz	Janet Arvin
Betty Pfeiffer	Jack Norris	Ron & Harriett Berry
Cindy DeGolyer	Jean McGill	Peggy Fields
Tracey Harris	Fred Reichart	Rhonda Stangle
Jon Grimes	James Franks	Bonnie Robinson
Sandi Stingley	Mary Dillman	Nancy Hammond
Zachary King	Levi Chisholm	

... and all who are dealing with the effects of COVID—health-related, financial challenges, separation from family and friends.



Who refreshes others will be refreshed.

—Proverbs 11:25

KIDS' CLOSET—

NEW "SYSTEM" CATCHING ON!!!

Our usual monthly Kids' Closet continues to be closed due to the COVID19 pandemic, but we are operating in a new way to address the needs of families in our community.

Our new system seems to be working; we are generally helping 2 to 4 families each month.

We are currently taking clothing orders from families in need and using curbside pickup to get those orders delivered to our shoppers in the safest manner we can. KC shoppers complete order forms that are available through Facebook, our website (once the site has been updated), and in the Church office during Thursday office hours—9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

We are also accepting new or gently used donations and are asking that the donations are clean, placed in clean containers, and the containers/bags dated. Donations are accepted during office hours—Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Please keep a watch in our newsletters, Facebook page, and Church website for any further updates or changes.

For questions, please contact Julie Boles or Muriel Grimes.



JOYS AND CONCERNS

¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

—Romans 12:12

JOYS

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

—Romans 15:13

- ✦ So glad to see Harriett & Ron Berry at service after a bout with COVID!
- ✦ Gratitude for all the “little things” God provides for us each and every day.

CONCERNS

⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

—1 Peter 5:7

- ✦ Prayers for Peggy Fields as she recovers from heart surgery
- ✦ Prayers for Bonnie Robinson & Rhonda Stangle, both of whom are undergoing experimental treatment for cancer
- ✦ Prayers for strength and comfort of those in our Church and their friends who are dealing with and recuperating from COVID and for those who have lost family and friends.

*Please send your
Joys and
Concerns to:*



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Email: secretary@daytonpres.org



Our Church Family



ELDERS: ???, COMMUNION
 MICHAEL GRIMES, DEVOTIONS

DEACONS: CHARLOTTE AVERY, CAPTAIN; MOLLY CHILDERS

- 2 Roy Reid
- 3 Wes Shaw
- 4 Nathan Franklin
- 6 Nick Bush
- 7 Hannah Boles
- 12 Joy Schwartz
- 15 David Stene



Birthdays

- 16 Wyatt Goff
- 17 Aiden Grimes
- 17 Kristen Webber
- 22 Lois Campbell
- 22 Caitlin Lineback
- 26 Bobby Deckard
- 30 Lerry Holladay



Anniversaries

- 12 David & Heather Stene
- 17 Michael & Tracey Harris
- 23 Tim & Suzanne Fogarty
- 28 Cindy & Robert Suter
- 30 Rob & Nancy Grimes
- 31 Matthew & Marisa (Hill) Dupre

Omissions and/or Errors
 If you notice any omissions or incorrect entries in the birthdates and anniversaries each month, please contact Mary Houser at secretary@daytonpres.org or call the Church office at 296-3199.



2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov. 28 First Sunday of Advent 9 am Hanging of the Greens 10:30 am Worship with Pastor Gladys After worship: Called Congregational Meeting Prayer Team 6 pm Community Tree Lighting	Nov. 29	Nov 30 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Office Open	Dec 1 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Office Open 7:15 pm, Trustees Meeting	2 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Office Open Food Pantry, 9-11 am, Drop in 3-5 pm, Pick Up Bible Study, 10am & 7pm	3	4
5 Second Sunday of Advent 9 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship with Pastor Gladys After worship: Prayer Team	6	7 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Office Open	8 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Office Open 10:30 am Pastor/ Parish meeting	9 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Office Open Food Pantry, 9-11 am, Drop in 3-5 pm, Pick Up Bible Study, 10am & 7pm (Last Fall Bible Study for 2021)	10	11 Jubilee Christmas!!! Pastor Gladys on combined Mission trip and vacation; Dec 11-Jan 11
12 Third Sunday of Advent 9 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship with CRE Rick Ryan Change for Change Minute for Mission: Joy Offering After worship: Prayer Team	13	14 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Office Open	15 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Office Open	16 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Office Open Food Pantry, 9-11 am, Drop in 3-5 pm, Pick Up	17	18
19 Fourth Sunday of Advent 9 am Sunday school 10:30 am Youth Christmas Program Joy Offering After worship: Prayer Team	20	21 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Office Open	22 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Office Open	23 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Office Open Food Pantry, 9-11 am, Drop in 3-5 pm, Pick Up	24 Christmas Eve 7 pm Worship with CRE Rick Ryan	25 Christmas
26 9 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship with CRE Rick Ryan After worship: Prayer Team	27	28 Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30 Office Closed No Food Pantry	30	



Kids' Closet is providing services curbside.
See page 5 for specifics.

January 2022 Newsletter DEADLINE
Please have submissions sent in by **Monday, January 3**



Memorial Presbyterian Church
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Sunday School for all ages begins at **9:00 a.m.**

In-Person Worship with Rev. Dr. Gladys Nwabah
Sundays at **10:30 a.m.**

Advent Season at Memorial



1st Sunday of Advent – November 28

Lighting of the Advent Candles – Hope
Worship led by Rev. Dr. Gladys Nwabah

2nd Sunday of Advent – December 5

Lighting of the Advent Candles – Peace
Worship led by Rev. Dr. Gladys Nwabah

3rd Sunday of Advent – December 12

Lighting of the Advent Candles – Joy
Worship led by CRE Rick Ryan

4th Sunday of Advent – December 19

Lighting of the Advent Candles – Love
Youth Christmas Pageant

Christmas Eve Service –

December 24 – 7 pm

Worship led by CRE Rick Ryan



December 26

Worship led by CRE Rick Ryan

January 2

Worship & Communion
led by Rev. Dan Berger

January 9

Worship led by Rev. Dan Berger