

The Church Steeple

First Presbyterian Church

December 2020

PASTOR CHRIS' CORNER

God rest ye merry, gentlefolk...let nothing you dismay. Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray....O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy."

*---From the Christmas Carol--"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"
(With a slight update to be more inclusive)*

God rest ye merry, Gentlefolk...let nothing you dismay! It is my deepest hope and prayer that each one of you finds some joy and peace this Christmas. We remember that Jesus--the Savior of the World--was born to set us free from sin and death. He took on our humanity so that we could take on His immortality. What a precious, priceless gift we have been given in Christ Jesus, Our Lord!

*"How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His Heaven.
No ear may hear His coming; but, in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the Dear Christ enters in."
---Verse 3 of "O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

JOYFUL CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES!

*With love and prayers,
Pastor Chris*

FINANCE & PROPERTY REPORT

We are into the last month of the year 2020 already. Even though we are going through a Pandemic there are times when months seem to move quickly. Quotes for gutters and leaders for the church buildings are still pending. New candles will be placed in the Sanctuary windows for the Christmas season. No more to report at this time and that may be a good thing for now. Our committee wishes all of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year! Let us all remember that "JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON"!

*God Bless,
Respectfully submitted by,
Carole Sullivan*

Finance & Property Committee
Carole Sullivan
John Michael
Doris Stefura

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS
NOVEMBER 11, 2020

BOARD OF FINANCE & PROPERTY

We will be working on the 2021 budget.
Counter for December is Doris Stefura
The Thrift Shop is taking in a few dollars each week
with a couple of shoppers with appointments.
Session approved Centra Landscaping to do snow removal.

BOARD OF SPIRITUAL LIFE

Kathy Sager will usher for December.
John Michael will order new window candles since some
of them were broken.
The sanctuary Christmas decoration will take place on
December 6th after worship.
Christmas Eve service will be held at 11 PM

OUTREACH AND FELLOWSHIP

Several session members will have served their term.
Please serve if asked.
A check was sent to Senator Vital for the Embrella Mission.

OLD BUSINESS

Thank you to all for donating to the food bank for Thanksgiving.
We are collecting for the Foster Children outreach.



December 2 Bryan Saliski
December 4 Anthony Beluch
December 19 Colleen Degliomini
December 19 Joyce Saliski
December 21 David Anderson
December 22 Tess Powell
December 23 Melissa Moss
December 23 Michelle O'Connor
December 26 Colin Saliski
December 31 Paula Cotov



December 26 Allen & Colleen Barkkume
December 31 Donna & Joseph Valler

*Our wish for all members & their families, a very Blessed Christmas Season
Stay healthy & safe. Wear your mask, wash your hands*

*Respectfully submitted by,
Doris Stefura*

OUTREACH AND FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

PROJECT: CARING CHRISTMAS

Foster families in Middlesex County are in need of the following items for the children in their care--especially for children ages 5-12:
Winter Hats, Gloves, and Mittens---no scarves please
Games--board games, card games
Age Appropriate Arts and Craft Projects
Puzzles, Books, Crayons, Markers, Color Pencils and Coloring Books/Art Paper
PLEASE DO NOT WRAP YOUR ITEMS...THE FOSTER PARENTS PICK OUT WHAT THEY KNOW THEIR CHILD(REN) WOULD LIKE AND THE FOSTER PARENTS SUPPORT ORGANIZATION WRAPS THE GIFTS.
PLEASE BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE CHURCH...LAST SUNDAY FOR DROP OFF--SUNDAY, **DECEMBER 6TH.**

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!

GINNY DROTAR THRIFT SHOP NEWS

As you know the Thrift Shop is open by appointment to shop or drop off donations. There has been a line of supporters shopping and giving donated items. We pray this continues. Help spread the word about the Thrift Shop and give them the church phone number. All winter clothing and Holiday decorations are on display for sale.

A new sign is being hung above the entrance doors to see as you leave - "Have a Blessed Day".

May you have a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

God Bless,

*Respectfully submitted by,
Carole Sullivan on behalf of the Thrift Shop Staff.*



**Christmas Eve Service
Thursday December 24th at 11:00 PM**

**Session wishes all a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy Healthy New Year!!!**

ZION'S FOOD BANK Please donate cereal, tuna, pasta sauce, pasta, rice, soups, and evaporated milk always needed. **MORE THAN EVER!!**

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Please remember to keep the prayer list up to date!! Please look over the list each Sunday and make any changes and leave in the collection plate for Amy's attention. Thank you we love hearing that our prayers are working!!! And we love praying for

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