

# The Church Steeple

First Presbyterian Church

January 2022

## PASTOR CHRIS' CORNER

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year is beginning much the same as last year—Covid is still here, there is still so much uncertainty in the world, and we continue to have to make difficult choices. God got us through 2021 and God will get us through 2022....why? Because He loves us—He always has and He always will. So giving thanks for past mercies and trusting in God's Abiding Love, let us pray:

O God, our Creator, You are the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and end of all things. As this New Year begins, let us begin it with You. Help us to place You first in all things—giving You thanks and praise. Teach us to be humble, obedient, and quick to say, “Here I Am,” when You call us into service. Surround our families with Your love. Where there is division, brokenness, and heartache, bring comfort and healing. Bring peace, we pray, to our troubled world and guide us all by the light of Your Christ—for He is the Savior of the World. Amen.

### **A Blessing For The New Year**

May the God of love and hope be Your comfort, joy, and strength every day in this New Year. Be at peace—God is with you. Amen.

*With love and prayers!  
Pastor Chris*

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## LOOKING AHEAD

<u>Sunday, January 9th</u>	<u>The Epiphany of Our Lord/Installation of 2022 Session</u>
<u>Tuesday, January 11th</u>	<u>Session Meeting 7 PM</u>
<u>Monday, January 17th</u>	<u>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/Day of Service</u>
<u>January 18th-January 25th</u>	<u>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</u>

**PASTOR CHRIS WILL BE ON VACATION**  
**FROM JANUARY 12TH THROUGH JANUARY 26TH.**  
**PLEASE CALL PASTOR TAMAS DEVECSERI**  
**IN THE EVENT OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY**  
**AT 732-690-4853**

**FINANCE AND PROPERTY REPORT**  
**JANUARY 2022**



All of the new bulbs in the chandeliers in the Sanctuary have been replaced with LED bulbs. They burn cooler and use less electricity. It was not easy finding the correct bulbs. Most of the bulbs for sale have a skinny base. Our chandeliers need the medium base.

All of the windows in both buildings have been cleaned. Garden State Window Cleaners did an excellent job. They deducted from the original quote any windows they could not open as they were either painted shut, track cracked or just too fragile to move. There were three of the new windows found to have flaws. Moisture is getting in between the panes. John Michael will contact the manufacturer to see what they can do about this.

May God Bless you with a Healthy and Happy New Year!

God Bless,  
 Finance and Property Committee  
 Carole Sullivan  
 John Michael  
 Doris Stefura

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	<p><b><u>Please consider volunteering. No one is too old or too young!</u></b></p>	
Counters for January	Doris	
Ushers for January	Edith & Debbie B	
Setup and serve Communion December	Edith & Debbie B	
Counters, Ushers, Communion volunteers are needed call Pastor Chris or the office to volunteer. Please do so before the January's Session Meeting scheduled for Jan 11.		

MONTH	USHER	COUNTER	COMMUNION
JANUARY	Edith & Debbie	Doris	Edith & Debbie B
FEBRUARY			
MARCH			
APRIL			
MAY			
JUNE			
JULY			
AUGUST			
SEPTEMBER			
OCTOBER			
NOVEMBER			
DECEMBER			

**Please select dates that you are available and mail into office, or drop into the collecting plate.**

**FOOD BANK** Please don't forget the Food Bank, food and monetary donations often end with the holidays. Thank You.

**GINNY DROTAR THRIFT SHOP NEWS**  
**JANUARY 2022**

The Thrift Shop had been busy for the Holidays. We were closed for Christmas and New Year's. We appreciate the volunteers who have come to help us out on Saturdays. It is our hope the help will continue through the New Year. To all the volunteers we thank you and wish you a Healthy and Happy New Year.

There is the need for a minimum of four people working on Saturdays. If you wish to volunteer for even just an hour or two, please call Carole -732-423-4137 or Doris 732-541-5542. All proceeds go to our Church.

*God Bless and again Happy New Year!*

*Submitted by,*

*Carole Sullivan on behalf of the Thrift Shop Staff.*

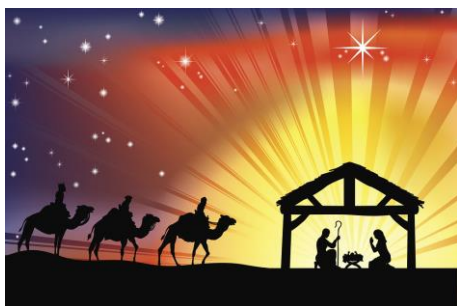


THRIFT SHOP SCHEDULE				
Jan 8	Jan 15	Jan 22	Jan 29	Feb 6
Pastor Chris	Doris	Need 4	Colleen	Need 4
Colleen	Need 3		Al	
Al			Need 2	
Need 1				

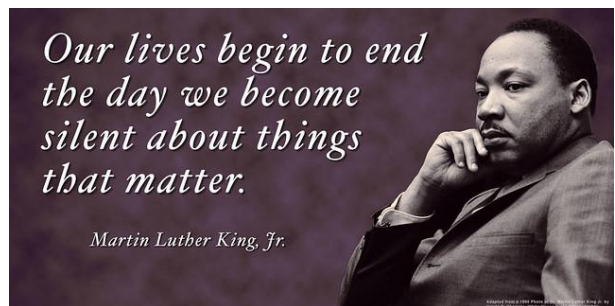
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THRIFT SHOP 10 AM – 1 PM (2022)				
Jan 8	Jan 15	Jan 22	Jan 29	Feb 5
Feb 12	Feb 19	Feb 26	March 5	March 12
March 19	March 26	April 2	April 9	Apr 16 closed
April 23	April 30	May 7	May 14	May 21
May 28	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Aug 6	Aug 13	Aug 20	Aug 27	Sept 3
Sept 10	Sept 17	Sept 24	Oct 1	Oct 8
Oct 15	Oct 22	Oct 29	Nov 5	Nov 12
Nov 19	Nov 26	Dec 3	Dec 10	Dec 17
Dec 24 closed	Dec 31 closed			

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*Epiphany of the Lord January 6<sup>th</sup>*



*Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday January 17<sup>th</sup>*

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

December 8, 2021

### BOARD OF FINANCE AND PROPERTY:

Pastor Chris' Covenant for 2022 was reviewed, approved, and signed. SDA's Covenant was signed. The sanctuary, fellowship hall, and thrift shop will have all the windows washed. The contract for snow removal will be signed, Centra will be doing it again. The budget for 2022 was received, reviewed, and approved. Thank you Amy for your hard work on the budget. All employees will receive a 3% raise as well as Christmas bonuses.

### BOARD OF SPIRITUAL LIFE:

Ushers and Communion set up and servers for January are Edith Raimo and Debbie Beyfuss. Offering will be collected again.

### BOARD OF OUTREACH AND FELLOWSHIP:

Debbie Beyfuss is chairperson of the nominating committee. New elders for one year are Jill Wagner and Jan Sager. Edith Raimo and Debbie Beyfuss will extend for another year. Installation will take place on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Sunday school lessons are progressing with 5 students. Confirmation class still on hold. The outreach projects are going well.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Starting with the New Year volunteers are need for the Thrift Shop. The annual congregation meeting will be held on January 30, 2022. Pastor Chris will be on vacation day from January 12 through January 26<sup>th</sup>. Please have reports for annual docket to Amy by January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Session wishes everyone a happy healthy new year!**



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### *Birthdays*

Prince Anosike	January 1
Ryleigh Wagner	January 2
Helen Moss	January 6
Cameron Browne	January 16
Edith Raimo	January 16
Marlee Kovacs	January 23
Tom Cotov	January 23

**Don't see your birthday/anniversary?**

**Make sure the office has it! Call, email, or leave a message for Amy to update!**

**ZION FOOD BANK** Please donate cereal, tuna, pasta sauce, pasta, rice, soups, and evaporated milk always needed. More than ever! Gift cards are always welcome.

**OPERATION WARM HANDS AND FEET** Items will be taken to two homeless shelters after the start of the New Year! Thank you for caring hearts.



**THOSE NEEDING PRAYER SUPPORT**  
**REVIEW THE PRAYER LIST AND MAKE**  
**UPDATES REGULARLY. YOU CAN LEAVE A**  
**NOTE IN THE COLLECTION PLATE, CALL, OR**  
**EMAIL AMY.**

New prayer list started December 1, if you want to remain, add, or change please call or email the church office or leave a note with your offering.

**Prayers for healing and strength.**

Elaine M	Jay c	Brad C
Mary B	Al B	Joe V
Nancy C	Wendy M	Karen H
Ruth S	Darlene L	Debbie E
JoEllen	Kathy S	John/Edith
Harriet H	Stacy P and baby Palumbo.	
Continued prayers for the Gattuso Family.		

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 the needs of this church and church family!

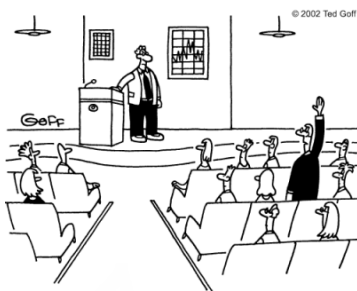
Christmas Flowers 2021



In Memory Of:

From:

Matt & Barbara Sloan	Donna Valler
Christine Emolo	Colleen & Al Barkkume
Loved Ones	Colleen & Al Barkkume
Loved Ones	Doris & John Stefura
Harry Axon	Marianne Axon
Jeanne Axon	Marianne Axon
Anabella Axon	Marianne Axon
Bruce Sager	Jan Sager & Jill Wagner
Marion & Michael Speziok	Jan Sager & Jill Wagner
Parents	Edith Raimo
Grand Parents	Edith Raimo



"Could we extend the annual meeting? I still have a lot of complaining to do!"

**SET YOUR CALENDARS:  
 ANNUAL CONGREGATION  
 MEETING JANUARY 30<sup>TH</sup>  
 AFTER 11 AM SERVICE**



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