

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS

Laura Turnquist
(Covid in lungs and on oxygen)
Virginia Barlow

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Cathy & Michael Sydnor
Jeanette Peterson
Doug Davidson
Beth Langner
Kathy Jacobson (knee)
Carol Wendel
(Deciding on Treatments in February)
Wanda Jeppeson
Kristal Kast
Our Church Members
Our Session
Military Personnel
Brenda Segebart
Rev. Rich King
Danielle Fells
Hazel Linsted (Hospice)
Rick Schill
Andy Beckord
Twyla Becker-Kleen — Update
Spend 4 days a week at Hospital getting Blood or
Platelets. Chemo.

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Bruce Mentzer (Dec. 26th)

Jordan Grothe (Jan. 2nd)
George Turnquist (Jan. 4th)
David Sydnor (Jan. 5th)



CHALLENGE FUND

We received another anonymous \$10,000 matching gift challenge to the Church. For every

dollar you contribute, the donor will match it up to a maximum amount of \$10,000. So please make your contributions between now and December 31, 2020. If you wish to mail a check, you can use the following address: First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 69, Schaller, Iowa 51053, or you can drop the check off at the State Bank of Schaller.

QUIET MY HEART, LORD

Quiet my heart, Lord,
and show me a Christmas
as peaceful and calm as
an old cattle shed...

Slow down my pace, Lord,
and help me seek Jesus,
the Son of Your Love,
in a humble straw bed...

Steady my spirit, Lord,
call me from chaos
in simple surrender
to pray and rejoice...

Breakthrough the busy,
too-bright celebration,
and whisper your message,
"Be still...hear my voice..."

Be still, and know that I am God..."
Psalm 46:10

-- Author Unknown



SPECIAL OFFERINGS CHRISTMAS JOY

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years.

God has blessed the Church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well. This offering addresses the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for communities of color, and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need.

Please designate Joy Offering on your check and send to First Presbyterian Church, P. O. Box 69, Schaller, Iowa 51053, or you can drop the check off at the State Bank of Schaller anytime during December.



CANDY BAR CHRISTMAS POEM

The chocolate is dark, like that holy night
Where the Wise Men followed a heavenly
light.

The peanuts are crunchy, like that rocky
road

They follow along over miles untold.

The flavor is sweet as that first
Christmas morn

When the Wise Men discovered that Jesus
was born.

This candy bar is wrapped up nice and
tight

Just like the gifts the Wise Men brought
Jesus that night.

Accept this Christmas candy bar as a gift
just for you

But always remember the real gift is
Jesus, it's true.



THINK
ABOUT
JESUS
EVERY TIME

YOU EAT A
CANDY BAR

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