

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS

The Dick Roling Family

Cathy & Michel Sydnor

Carol Wendel

(Had biopsies on some lymph nodes on her left lung. Having more tests this week on one of the lymph nodes)

Wanda Jeppeson

(Depressed not being able to go anywhere or see family and friends)

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Jackie Mentzer

Catherine Naberhaus (Health Issues)

Jim Robinson

Kristal Kast

Jason Robinson (Covid)

Our Church Members

Our Session

Our Communities who have covid

Military Personnel

Jane Bisenius

Pam & Spencer Claussen (Covid)

Jeanette Peterson (Covid)

Wayne Hansen (Home)

Brenda Segebart

Rev. Rich King

Danielle Fells (Leukemia)

Hazel Linsted (Hospice)

Rick Schill

Andy Beckord

Twyla Becker-Kleen — Update

Spend 4 days a week at Hospital getting Blood or Platelets. Chemo on 3 days then 28 days off. Next chemo 1st week in Dec. then to Mayo Dec 16 and 17th for tests, Dr appt's and possible Bone Biospy to see if chemo is working.

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Missy Kestel (Dec. 6th)

Florene Cork (Dec. 9th)

Jeanette Peterson (Dec. 10th)

Joann Reimers (Dec. 17th)

Jim McDonough (Dec. 20th)

David Siebrecht (Dec. 21st)

Bruce Mentzer (Dec. 26th)

ONE THING TO NEVER FORGET

Your presence, is a present to the world.

You're unique and one of a kind.

Your life can be, what you want it to be.

Take the days, just one at a time.

Count your blessings, not your troubles.

You'll make it through, whatever comes along.

Within you, are so many answers.

Understand, have courage, be strong.

Don't put limits on yourself.

So many dreams, are waiting to be realized.

Decisions are too important, to leave to chance.

Reach for your peak, your goal and your prize.

Nothing wastes more energy, than worrying.

The longer one carries a problem, the heavier it gets.

Don't take things too seriously.

Live a life of serenity, not a life of regrets.

Remember, that a little love goes a long way.

Remember, that a lot of love goes forever.

Remember, that friendship is a wise investment.

Life's treasures, are people... together.

Realize, that it's never too late.

Do ordinary things, in an extraordinary way.

Have health, hope and happiness.

Take the time, to wish upon a star.

And don't ever forget....

For even a day....

How very special you are.

— Author Unknown

THE BEST GIFTS THIS SEASON:

To a Friend - Loyalty

To an Enemy - Forgiveness

To your Boss - Service

To your Child - A good example

To your Father - Honor

To your Mother - Gratitude and Devotion

To your Spouse - Love and Faithfulness

To Yourself - Respect

To All Men - Charity

To God - Your Life!!

-- Author Unknown

Best part... you do not need to be concerned about shipping delays!!



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.

TO DATE: \$1,680.

WHY CHRISTMAS IS MEANINGFUL TO YOU!

Please remember to send me a video, an audio, or a written statement of why Christmas is meaningful to you. I would appreciate it if you could send these by December 10th. If you do send a written statement, we would love to see a photo of you as well. You can send these items to mdsydnor@schallertel.net. If you need help, you can call me at 275-4691. During this time when we must stay distant from each other, this is a way we can continue to connect.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 2020

06	Sunday	10:00 am	Online Live Stream Worship Service (Tom Daniels)
09	Wednesday	5:30 pm	Christian Growth by zoom
10	Thursday	7:00 pm	Weekly Bible Devotional by Online Live Stream
13	Sunday	10:00 am	Online Live Stream Worship Service



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.



THE CHRISTMAS TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. Thou shalt give thy heart to Christ. Let Him be at the top of thy Christmas list
2. Thou shalt prepare thy soul for Christmas. Spend not so much on gifts that thy soul is forgotten.
3. Thou shalt not let Santa Claus replace Christ, thus robbing the day of its spiritual reality.
4. Thou shalt not burden the shop girl, the mailman, and the merchant with complaints and demands.
5. Thou shalt give thyself with thy gift. This will increase its value a hundred fold, and he who receiveth it shall treasure it forever.

6. Thou shalt not value gifts received by their cost. Even the least expensive may signify love, and that is more priceless than silver and gold.

7. Thou shalt not neglect the needy. Share thy blessings with many who will go hungry and cold unless thou are generous.

8. Thou shalt not neglect thy church. Its services highlight the true meaning of the season.

9. Thou shalt be as a little child. Not until thou has become in spirit as a little one art thou ready to enter into the kingdom of Heaven.

10. Thou shall not forget to share your joy, peace and faith with those around you.

— Author Unknown

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