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SUNRISE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# SUNRISE NEWS AND VIEWS

Keep CHRIST in CHRISTMAS



# December



## Our Memories of Music, Advent and Christmas

Right now, before the culture explodes with the sights, smells, and sounds of the Christmas season, let's venture into our memory banks and retrieve some very special moments of Advent and Christmas seasons past. If you grew up in the church, what were some of your earliest memories of the weeks leading up to Christmas Eve? What memories still come flooding back, year after year? Are there songs you remember or tunes you associate with Advent, Christmas, and Christ's birth?

As children, and even now as adults, music helps us get into the Christmas spirit. As children there were songs learned for the Christmas program at school, those sung every week in Sunday School, and occasionally a program on Christmas Eve or the Sunday before Christmas at church. Band, orchestra, and choir concerts at school added to the memories. At home my dad played the guitar, and we sang, or we listened to his Christmas record collection. Fun times, good memories.

That was then, and this is now, but the memories are still very strong and powerful.

In an article on the Sennheiser website, we learn that "Music and its emotional impact therefore grows considerably with the memories and states of mind that we associate with it. And this is an area in which Christmas carols are naturally particularly strong. The unique moments associated with the holiday season are still considered by many people – even decades later – to be among the most beautiful of their childhood memories." (<https://newsroom.sennheiser.com/the-magic-of-christmas-music-355041> )

This idea of "memories that we hold dear" should help us understand a bit better why it is that we celebrate Advent. We return to the beginning, and return to the stories that we have heard so well. And we listen again, so that we can also remember. Remember who God is. Remember why Christ was born. Remember that God is with us always. Remember that God loves us.

Christ is King, and yet does not ascend to the throne as one with privilege, but as a Servant Lord. We anticipate the reality of Christ's humility as we watch and wait during Advent for his coming birth in a humble stable, among smelly animals, and with a feeding trough as a bed. We see his parents who are humble also, having to provide for him in less than perfect circumstances. We recognize during Advent that God is with all of us, and that Christ will return in glory and power.

Friends, let us reflect on our memories of the seasons of Advent and Christmas past, even as we make new ones, to help us develop an attitude of prayer and thanksgiving for God's presence with us in Jesus Christ, as we begin to plan and celebrate his coming anew and forevermore. Amen.

Joyfully serving Christ with you!

Pastor Deb

## ADULT FAITH CLASS



The Adult Faith class in the parlor will begin our Advent study on Sunday, December 8 (one week after Advent begins.). We will be watching a DVD of Adam Hamilton discussing "Incarnation-Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas". The prophets, the shepherds, the wise men and angels addressed Jesus by many names: Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the world and Word Made Flesh. Adam Hamilton, pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City, will explore the meaning of these titles. Everyone is welcome join us at 10:45 am in the parlor.

## Church Cantata Announcement: "This is Christmas" by Mary McDonald



Every Christmas, we come together to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. This year, we invite you to experience the beautiful cantata, "This is Christmas" by Mary McDonald. This captivating work brings the Christmas story to life through familiar carols, inspired original melodies, and thoughtful narration.

Performance Details:

- Date: December 22
- Time: 9:30 AM

Be sure to join us for this special celebration of joy and reflection. We can't wait to share this meaningful experience with you!

Musically Yours,  
Matt Schwan

## VOLUNTEERS

The CE Comm. is having children sermons/moments on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. If you would like to volunteer and need some ideas, Marci McCullough has several books with children's sermons and would gladly lend the books out. Also, in Addy's Corner, there are books that can be used for sermons. We will have a chair available to sit on (located by the lay reader) for those of you who don't want to sit on the floor. Thank you for considering to help in this endeavor.

The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board by the MPR.



# MISSION

We received \$100 and several cans of green beans for the Holiday Bags to be distributed locally by the Salina Food Bank. In addition, the Mission Committee voted to give another \$100 from our Community Outreach line item.

A total of \$175 was received for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help with recovery from the recent hurricanes.

The annual Thanksgiving dinner was held on November 24.

One family from Heusner has been adopted for Christmas. You can sign up to purchase items from the list on the bulletin board or make a monetary donation. Make sure to note on the check that is for Heusner Christmas. The sign up sheet will be up as soon as Edie gets the info from Heusner.

We are once again collecting gloves, hats and scarves. Your contributions can be placed on the Christmas tree in the hallway.

The Committee voted to use our share of the Peace and Global Witness Offering to purchase backpacks for the Salina Rescue Mission. Chad Young said that they are always in need of backpacks.

On November 13, Karen Sutton and Carol Viar attended a meeting at Salina Grace Resource Center. The meeting involved agencies and people in the Salina community who are involved in providing services to people in poverty, at risk homelessness and the un-housed. It was very informative and the plan is to form an Advisory Council comprised of individuals from each of the agencies with the goal of having better communication among the various agencies. As I am sure many of you are aware, a group of Sunrise Women plan, prepare and serve a meal every Friday at Salina Grace.



We are happy to welcome Mary Ann Lay as a new member of our committee!

Karen Sutton

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## MITTEN TREE



Be searching for those mittens you bought last Spring! The Mitten Tree will be up and ready the first Sunday of Advent. Mittens, hats, scarves, and socks are needed for the people at Ashby House, DVACK, Martin Luther King Childcare, CKF, Salina Grace and the Rescue Mission.

# STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

## Our Thanks

As you read this newsletter, our Pledge Dedication Sunday is behind us and so is Thanksgiving. But it's never too late to say our thanks. Thank You for your pledge. Thank You for your support of Sunrise Presbyterian. Thank You for all of the work you do to make our church a family.

We would like to thank the "money counters". Every Sunday they pick up the offering and donut money and then on Mondays, take it to Karmel so that she can record your donations, and they verify the cash count together. Current money counters are Patti Breeding, Tom Philips, Melisa McElwee, and Dave Parks. Thank You!

Financially, it looks like we will be at breakeven for 2024 (income and expenses are almost the same). Our committees have done a good job of holding down their expenses. I believe all committees will be below budget by year end. Thank You!

Speaking of year end, just a friendly reminder about year end tax-deductible giving. You can give stock to Sunrise as a donation and not pay capital gains taxes on their increased value. You can give directly from your IRA and not pay taxes on that withdrawal. You can put Sunrise into your estate planning (your will, your trust, as a beneficiary, donate real estate, etc.) Please ask your financial advisor or a member of the S&F committee if you have any questions.

We look forward to a faithful and joyous 2025 together.

from your Stewardship and Finance Committee

Tom Philips, Ann Zimmerman, Kevin McElwee, Chris Dancy, Stephanie Cool and Dave Park

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

End of October 2024	
Year to Date Income	\$ 204,278
Year to Date Expenses	<u>\$ &lt;202,469 &gt;</u>
Difference	\$ 1,809

### DON'T FORGET

The next Stewardship and Finance meeting will be held on Monday, December 9 at 5:30 pm.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are looking for some volunteers to back up some of Edie's computer duties. This will help relieve Pastor Deb of trying to do these duties when Edie is gone unexpectedly. Knowledge of the software Publisher and the software Powerpoint are required (or a willingness to learn). Publisher is used to create the weekly bulletin and the newsletter. Each Sunday Powerpoint is displayed on the overhead screen during Worship. Most of the time it is a matter of updating the information. Sometime this can be done by doing a "cut and paste" rather than creating an-all-new document.

# December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>9:30 Worship 1st Sunday of Advent Communion 10:30 Fellowship 10:50 Bell Choir</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>6:00 Worship Committee 7:00 Mission</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>10:00 Nurture &amp; Evangelism 11:00 Lectionary 8:00 AA</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>8:30 PROFS 6:00 Choir</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>11:30 Out to Lunch Bunch</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>6:30 Al-Anon 8:00 AA</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>9:30 Worship 2nd Sunday of Advent 10:30 Fellowship 10:50 Bell Choir 2:00 Grief Support</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>5:30 Stewardship Finance</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>11:00 Lectionary 8:00 AA</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>6:00 Choir</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Newsletter Articles Due to the office 4:00 Deacons</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>6:30 Al-Anon 8:00 AA</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>9:30 Worship 3rd Sunday of Advent 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Blood Pressure Checks 10:50 Bell Choir 2:00 Prayer Shawl</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>1:00 3rd Monday Book Study</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>11:00 Lectionary 8:00 AA</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>6:00 Choir</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>9:00 am Morning Circle 2:00 pm Afternoon Circle</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>6:30 Al-Anon 8:00 AA</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>9:30 Worship 4th Sunday of Advent 10:30 Fellowship 10:50 Bell Choir</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>TBA Christmas Eve Service 8:00 AA</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>6:30 Al-Anon 8:00 AA  Office Closed</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:50 Bell Choir</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>Office Closed</p>			

## Meetings & Events

### Every Sunday

Bell Practice 10:50 am

### Every Tuesday

Lectionary Study 11:00 am

### Every Wednesday

Choir Practice 6:00 pm

### First Sunday

Communion

### First Monday

Worship Committee 6:00 pm

Mission Committee 7:00 pm

### First Tuesday

Nurture & Evangelism 10:00 am

### First Wednesday

PROFS 8:30 am

### First Thursday

Lunch Bunch 11:30 am

### 2nd Sunday

Grief Support 2:00 pm

### 2nd Monday

Stewardship & Finance 5:30 pm

### 3rd Sunday

Blood Pressure Check 10:45 am

Prayer Shawl Ministries 2:00pm

### 3rd Monday

Book Study 1:00 pm

### 3rd Wednesday

Current Issues Class 7:00 pm

### 4th Monday

Session 6:00 pm

### 4th Thursday (Sept-May)

Morning Circle 9:00 am at Pres. Manor

Afternoon Circle 2:00 pm at Katie Weis'

### Periodically

Building & Grounds

Deacons

Personnel

Worship at Presbyterian Manor

# Sunrise News

## PROFS

PROFS will be held, Wednesday, December 4, at 8:30 am in the MPR.



## OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

The Out To Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, December 5, 11:30 am, at Jalisco's Mexican Restaurant. Address is 2601 Market Place. Don't forget to RSVP to Patti Breeding. Please come and enjoy fellowship and good food. Everyone is welcome!

## NEWSLETTER

Articles for the January Newsletter are due December 13 or as soon as possible.



## CURRENT ISSUES CLASS

The Current Issues Class will not be held until after the new year.



## Commodities Distribution

November Commodities we gave food for 124 families. Thanks to all who helped. Thanks to the kids from Southeast of Saline who came to help. It is a blessing to work with such nice people who are willing to come and help so early in the morning. Next give away will be in January. Thank You!  
Sylvia Phillips

## BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

Blood pressure checks will be held Sunday, December 15, at 10:45 am..



# In Service of the Church - December

## December Lay Leaders

December 1 Nancy Klostermeyer  
 December 8 Stephanie Cool  
 December 15 Steve Ewing  
 December 22 Clarke Sanders  
 December 29 Julie Parks



## December Ushers

December 1 Kevin & Stephanie Cool  
 December 8 Jean & Larry Buyse  
 December 15 Karen Suttan  
 Le Ann Blancho  
 December 22 Nancy Modin  
 Mary McCall  
 December 24 Melisa McElwee  
 Melanie Hancock  
 December 29 Nancy Modin  
 Mary McCall

## December Greeters

December 1  
 East Door Tom & Sylvia Phillips  
 South Door Vicki Moss & Sharon Herrington  
 December 8  
 East Door Steve & Tanya Ewing  
 South Door Jean Adam  
 December 15  
 East Door Kevin & Stephane Cool  
 South Door Julie Parks  
 December 22  
 East Door Ed & Carol Viar  
 South Door Mel Abbott & Melisa McElwee  
 December 24 (Christmas Eve)  
 East Door Rosie & Jerry McKee  
 South Door Marilyn Griffith  
 December 29  
 East Door Dean Atteberry  
 South Door Jane Alsop



## December Acolytes

December 1 Kolton & Kortney Flores  
 December 8 Lydia Schwan  
 December 15 Kolton & Kortney Flores  
 December 22 Lydia Schwan  
 December 24  
 December 29 Kolton & Kortney Flores

## Presbyterian Manor Bus

December 1 Ed Viar  
 December 8 Pat Breeding  
 December 15 Dean Atteberry  
 December 22 Larry Buyse  
 December 24  
 December 29 Ed Viar

## Attendance Register For November

Date	In Person	You tube
3	81	19
10	73	19
17	77	171
24	.....	



Connecting people in need of help,  
with the right agencies, from a single location

# CAROLS of CHRISTMAS

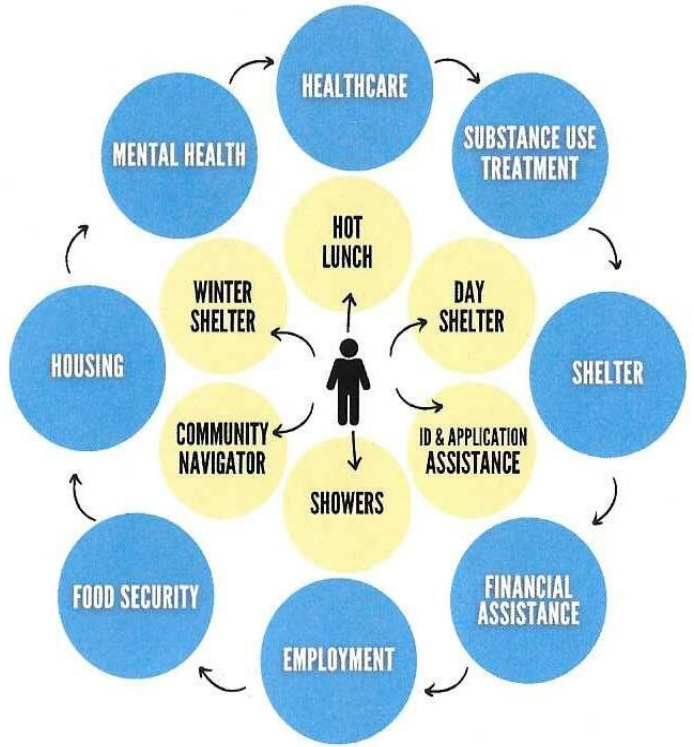
## Salina Choral & Musicians



Sunday December 1, 2024 6pm

Sacred Heart Cathedral

TICKETS: Adults \$15 High School Age \$10  
Younger – Free



### THE IMPACT YOU MADE IN 2024

#### COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

<b>16,073</b> Meals served	<b>208</b> Assisted w/ID
<b>682</b> Individuals served	<b>49</b> Off the streets into shelter or housing
<b>449</b> Assisted w/ filling out applications	<b>72</b> Veterans assisted

COORDINATED CARE WITH 16 DIFFERENT AGENCIES

#### WINTER SHELTER

**72** Men sheltered **33** Women sheltered **4** Children sheltered

### Agency of the Month



www.salinagrace.org

## SUPER BOWL OF HOPE

Merry Christmas Sunrise. The Souper Bowl of Hope is coming. The Super Bowl is Sunday February 9, 2025! Can you believe this ?? So that means we will be manning the door at the Cloud St. Dillions. I will be asking for volunteers to help collect soup. I will be asking you during the month of January. The collection days will be:

- Saturday January 25, 10am to 6 pm, all are 2 hour shifts.
- Sunday January 26, 1 pm to 5 pm, 2 hour shifts.
- Saturday February 1, 10 am to 6 pm, 2 hour shifts.
- Sunday February 2, 1 pm to 5 pm, 2 hour shifts.
- Saturday February 8, 10 am to 6 pm, 2 hour shifts the last day of store collections.
- Sunday February 9 is The Super Bowl. I will see and talk to you in January, 2025.

Paul McAfee

## FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE In Honor Of

Our "In Honor Of" program kind of came to a halt when the pandemic hit. It's time to honor those who have helped you, who are having a birthday, are having an anniversary, a graduation or any other reason you can think of to say thanks or congratulations to them.

Fill out the form and send it, along with your check, to Sunrise and we will announce your gift to your honoree in our next newsletter (unless you want to remain anonymous). Who are you thankful for? Show them you care by honoring them.

Dave Parks

Cut along this line

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## SUNRISE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH A GIFT IN HONOR OF....

In Honor Of \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Check this box if you want your gift to be anonymous



I would like to honor them because: \_\_\_\_\_

Honoree's address: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

## December Birthdays & Anniversaries

### December

- |   |                                   |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| 3 Brenda Viar   | 21 Linda Tysen<br>Avianna Ordonez |
| 10 Dave Parks   | 22 Matt Schwan                    |
| 11 Carolyn Eland  | 25 Dan Bolen                      |
| 12 Jacob Bircher  | 27 Steven & Jeanne Sebree Anniv   |
| 13 Blaine McAfee  |                                   |
| 14 Todd Viar  |                                   |
| 17 Katie Weis   |                                   |
| 18 Judd Bircher   |                                   |
| 20 Faye Morris<br>Louise Simcox<br>Pat & Patti Breeding Anniv |                                   |

## MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS



Milestone Birthdays will be observed during Worship Service on December 8.

80 yrs old	Jim Gile	91	Betty Rasette
	Deena Horst		Lyla Buehre
	Jeanne Ihnken	92	Mary Havel
	Nancy Klostermeyer	93	Nadine Griffin
	Tom Phillips		Ruth Self
85 yrs old	Bob Houck		Pat Tomlins
	Marty Jenner	94	Len Buehre
90 yrs old	LaDonna Cox	96	Don Smischny
95	Jean Burch	97	Lewis Reed
	Barbara Kollhoff		Louise Simcox

## STAFF APPRECIATION



With Christmas just around the corner, it's not too early to be thinking about how much our staff have served us here at Sunrise and how much we appreciate them. We ask that you consider donating the Staff Appreciation Fund. Give your donations to Patti Breeding and all donations collected will be divided by the Personnel Committee amongst our eight employees. Please have donations to Patti by Friday December 20.

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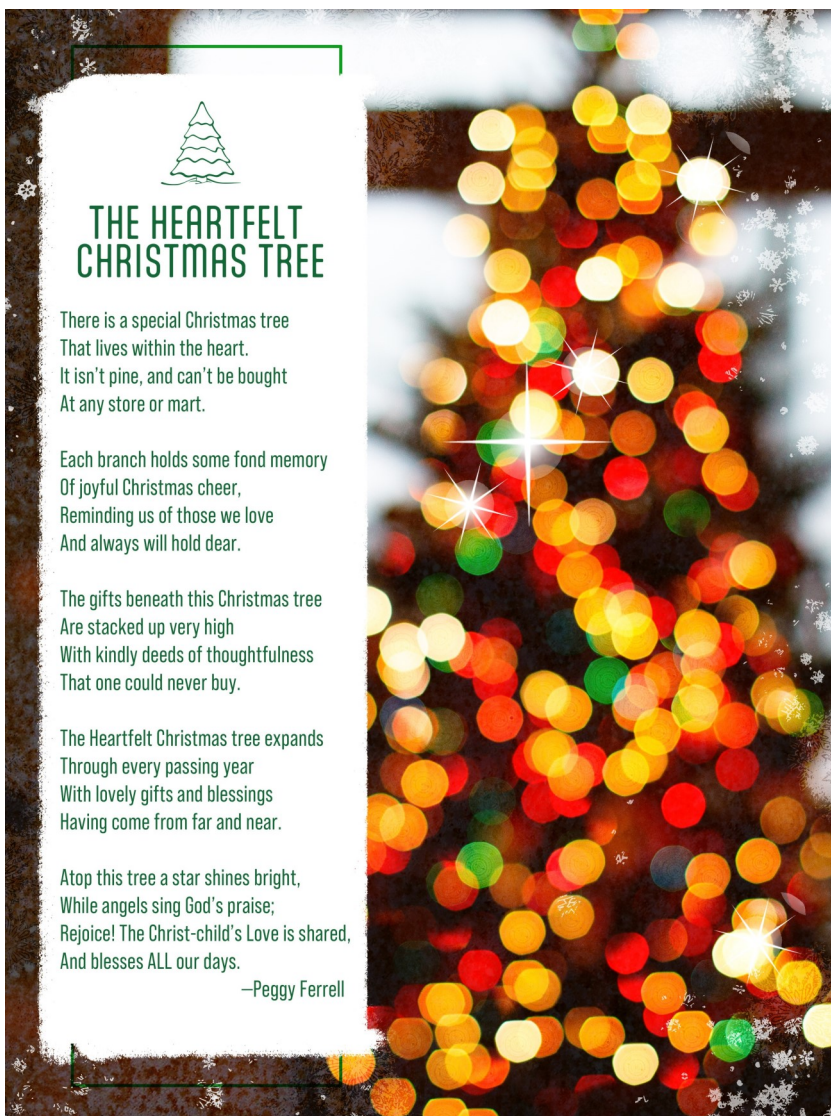
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## THE HEARTFELT CHRISTMAS TREE

There is a special Christmas tree  
That lives within the heart.  
It isn't pine, and can't be bought  
At any store or mart.

Each branch holds some fond memory  
Of joyful Christmas cheer,  
Reminding us of those we love  
And always will hold dear.

The gifts beneath this Christmas tree  
Are stacked up very high  
With kindly deeds of thoughtfulness  
That one could never buy.

The Heartfelt Christmas tree expands  
Through every passing year  
With lovely gifts and blessings  
Having come from far and near.

Atop this tree a star shines bright,  
While angels sing God's praise;  
Rejoice! The Christ-child's Love is shared,  
And blesses ALL our days.

—Peggy Ferrell



### Sunday Mornings

9:30 am in person and  
Virtual Worship

10:30 am Fellowship

10:45 am Sunday School

(Not during the Summer)



Sunrise Presbyterian Church

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General Office Hours:

8:00 am-12:00 pm, Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday, Friday  
Wednesday 8 am-12 pm, & 1 pm-5 pm

Financial Office Hours:

10:00 am-12:00 pm, Monday & Thursday

Pastor: Rev. Deb Schmidt

Director of Music: Matthew Schwan

Director of Bell Choir: Matthew Schwan

Organist: Sue Will

Church Treasurer: JoAnn Gile

Financial Secretary: Karmel Spencer

Office Administrator: Edie Hurtig

Custodian: Greg Kerr