

SUNRISE NEWS AND VIEWS

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December 2nd
Advent Celebration

December 5th
Parent's Night Out
4-8 p.m.

December 16th
Open House at Martha's
2-4 p.m.

December 16th
"Let the Whole World
Sing" cantata by the
Chancel Choir

December 9th
Clipper Mariners at
Residence 600
11:30 a.m.

December 9th
Joint Choirs
@ Redeemer Luther-
an Church @ 7pm

December 13th
PW Gathering
"A Joyous Noel"
12:30 p.m. lunch

December 16th
Ashby House Christmas Party
2:00 p.m.

December 24 -
January 1st
Office Closed for the holidays

December 24th
Christmas Eve Services
5 and 7 p.m.

December 19th
Sabots Mariners at
Gutierrez Restaurant
6:30 p.m.

December 24th
Christmas Eve Pageant



The Holiday Countdown Has Begun!

Thanksgiving is barely over. We are still eating leftovers, and the countdown has begun. We count-down the number of shopping days until Christmas – of days until we decorate our homes – of hours until we write cards – of time we find for extra baking. Preparing for Christmas takes time – and sometimes we have a great deal of difficulty finding that extra time.

Some years we relish the extra activities. Our children and grandchildren sing in a pageant. We see family from far away, and the time together is more than memorable. Then there are years we are not as energetic about putting up the tree or making two dozen extra cookies for the school party.

However, we feel about the extra preparation, I invite us to ponder Advent as much as we think on the Holiday Countdown. Advent offers us a new understanding for the time preceding Christmas that can reorient us from the hustle and bustle of the holidays, for Advent is about waiting – not doing. The themes of Advent concern waiting for the birth of the baby on Christmas and equally important, waiting for the second coming of Christ. Advent is a time we tell the story of the birth of Jesus in the manger, *and* we also recall the promise of swords beaten to form plows. We tell old stories of deserts breaking in to bloom – of food for everyone – of no harm coming on God's holy mountain. Advent means *coming*, and it is time to renew our hope and longing for our Lord who promised to return soon. Advent is about *both* stories. *Both* stories are about waiting and hope.

And so, we might think about the time we spend shopping and buying. Instead of material gifts to friends and family, we might offer them the gift of our time. We might find new, simpler ways we can join in the hope of Advent together in our families and at Sunrise.

I pray that we join together this Advent as we wait for Christ's coming. The Parlor Sunday School Class will study Advent each week as will the Tuesday noon Bible study. Both offer the opportunity to study scripture and listen for what God says to us. Worship will offer us time to pray together for Christ's coming. In particular, our choir is preparing wonderful music to help us wait and celebrate!

Everyone is invited to my home at 758 Highland Avenue from 2:00 – 4:00 on December 16 for an Open House. Please feel free to bring friends and relatives. Many events occur in Salina that day, but feel free to stop by on your way to the symphony or other programs.

Let us join together in this time of holy waiting as we pray the ancient pray, "Come, Lord Jesus. Come quickly."

Peace,
Martha

Another Note

The Greek letter *chi* or *X* was used by early Christians as an initial for Christ. They often wrote *X* to refer to Christ. The use of *X* for Christ has come through the centuries. When I took notes in seminary, I always used *X* to refer to Christ. It is tempting to think that *XMAS* takes the Christ out of Christmas – but it keeps Christ right in!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

December News from Christian Education

Follow us on **FACEBOOK**: This really can be an extremely effective form of communication. All you have to do is search: Sunrise Presbyterian church page and then "Like" the page. From there you will receive any information from the wall. We will be posting any and all information about our Wednesday night and Sunday school programs, weather closings, and any other information that you may need to know.

I have decided to brag on our kids a bit. We have really cool kids at Sunrise and I want to share a little about them and what they do so you can know how cool they are too. I will be sharing once a month from our youth group so you can get to know them a little bit. The information shared would make great conversation starters. My hope is that you will see how special our kids are as well. Our second **YOUTH SPOTLIGHT** will focus on Emily Sanders. She is the Daughter of Clarke and Lillian Sanders. Enjoy.

Emily Sanders
10th Grade
Sacred Heart High School

Plays guitar and sings
Honor Roll at Sacred Heart
4.0 GPA
Member of Sacred Heart Cross Country
Makes Jewelry from just about anything
Member of Quiz Bowl Team for Sacred Heart
First Chair in SH Band- Flute
Plays Sax for Jazz Band
Plays Piccolo for Pep Band
Lector for St. Mary's Church
Serves Mass at St. Mary's Church
Psalm Reader at Sunrise Presbyterian
Been to Every MLB Baseball Stadium
Lettered in Band, Academics and Service at Sacred Heart

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

Advent Celebration Dec. 2 during the Sunday school hour
No Youth or God's Kids on December 19th or 26th
No Sunday School on Dec. 23rd or 30th

Our Annual Advent Celebration will take place on Sunday December 2nd during the Sunday school hour. We will decorate cookies, drink wassail, make ornaments and merriment. This is a great time for young and old alike. If you would like to bake some cookies or volunteer in some way we would love to have you. If you want to decorate a cookie we would love that too. Please come and join us in a wonderful celebration at our church

P.S. I really can't stress how important it is for parents, youth or any church member to add us on facebook. It really is an invaluable tool that delivers real time information. Please help us communicate better and add us. Plus, we have added some really cute pictures from various church functions. Don't miss out.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session Highlights for 15 November 2012

TREASURER'S REPORT was approved.

GOVERNING BODY BUSINESS

Mary Lee Arnold elected to be commissioner to PNK for the Jan. 19 Stated Meeting at First Presbyterian, Salina.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Congregational Nominating Committee is filling some of the slots available.

NEW FORM OF GOVERNMENT TASK GROUP

Accepted changes Proposed to By-Laws. It will be presented to congregation for approval in January.

Tabled consideration of the Sexual Misconduct Policy.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Report on 2012 Stewardship Campaign was heard.

2013 Draft Budget was received for comment.

Approved selling of stock in the future that was given a part of a 2013 pledge.

MISSION COMMITTEE

Approved request for Sunrise to help finish a Habitat for Humanity Home in early 2013.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Affirmed the Denied MPR Building Use request from NCKC Equality Coalition.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: to approve the minutes and statistical report of the Stated Meeting October 18.

Noted that Session approved via email approval to host PNK Stated Meeting January 18, 2014.

Approved the consent agenda and reports.

DISCUSSION OF LIFE AND MINISTRY AT SUNRISE was continued.



Addie's Corner

A New Book

We have new additions to Addie's Corner, our library for the young and young at heart. Watch for future additions. Why not honor a child's birthday with a gift to purchase a book?

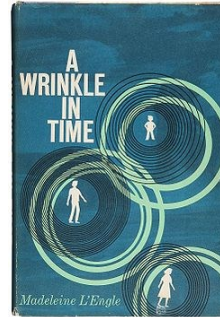
Name of Book: *A Wrinkle in Time*

Author: Madeleine L'Engle

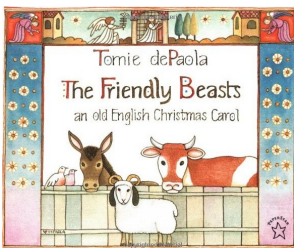
Illustrator: Taeem Yoo (cover art)

Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Audience: Ages 8 and up



Summary: This is a story about three children who fight an evil force threatening their planet. In an attempt to save Meg and Charles Wallace's father, the two siblings and a friend, Calvin, learn about the tesseract (a wrinkle in time) and learn to tesser (travel through space) from individuals of great goodness, Mrs. Whatsit, Mrs. Which, Mrs. Who, the Happy Medium, and Aunt Beast. Their journey leads them to a final showdown with "IT," a dark, disembodied intelligence striving to make everyone in the universe believe and think the same.



Tomie dePaola The Friendly Beasts an Old English Christmas Carol

Book Description

Release Date: **October 5, 1998** | Age Level: **4 and up** | Grade Level: **P and up**

"The simple strains of this old Christmas melody are superbly reflected in the graceful, delicate, yet strong images that dePaola brings to the page....A Christmas remembrance to be long treasured." -- *Booklist* (starred review) "Beautiful." -- **The Horn Book** "Meticulous attention has been paid to every detail of design, color, and layout." -- *School Library Journal*

MORE FROM ADDIE'S CORNER

Recently memorial money was used to purchase some new books for Addie's Corner. The books were chosen for their quality and appropriateness for a church library. These books are for young children as well as grade school children. Some of the members of the youth group cleaned and organized Addie's Corner in anticipation of these new books.

During this time, some of the youth group mentioned that they would like some books for their age level in Addie's Corner. The same criterion was used to choose the following books that are appropriate for those people in 5th grade through adult.

"A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeleine L'Engle
"The Lions of Little Rock" by Kristine Levine
"Bread and Roses, Too" by Katherine Paterson
"The Giver" by Lois Lowry
"The River and the Rain" by Bijou Le Tord
"Number the Stars" by Lois Lowry
"Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust" by Immaculee Ilibagiza
"The Chronicles of Narnia" by C.S. Lewis

The idea of a book club for those 5th grade through 12th grade has been discussed. This book club would begin in January. If you're interested, please talk to Jackie Thompson. We would begin by reading

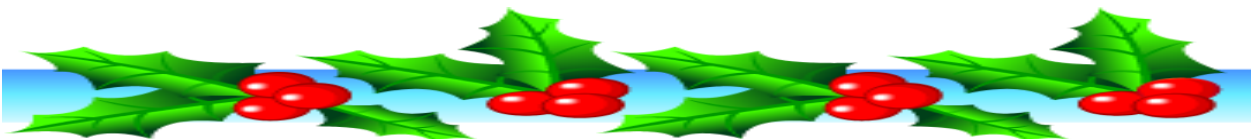


SUNRISE TO WORK ON HABITAT HOUSE!

The Mission Committee has agreed to help finish a new Habitat house. We will paint, put up trim, hang doors and put up kitchen cabinets.

The house is located on North 3rd. We plan to post pictures to show progress as the home is built.

If you would like to help, or have questions, contact the mission committee or Warren Merrill.



POINSETTIA'S FOR SALE

Poinsettias will be \$7. Please mark if you want to pick up your poinsettia, after Christmas Eve service, or donate to a shut in. Also -- IN HONOR OF or IN MEMORY OF. Deadline for ordering is Monday Dec 17.



ADOPT A FAMILY



Please be considering helping 3 families from our neighborhood school, Heusner, to have a better Christmas this December. We will adopt "3" families by providing clothes and toys. Members have been soo generous in the past. I know your heart is in the right place. More details to come.

Judy Christensen
Site Council to Heusner Elementary School



GOD'S KIDS

The children of God's Kids read and discussed Isaiah 65:17-25, "wolves and lambs will eat together, lions will eat straw, as cattle do...on Zion my sacred hill there will be nothing harmful or evil." Isaiah's vision promises that God is creating a new heaven and earth, and a holy mountain becomes a symbol of hope. Mountains are made of rock. The children created their own symbol of hope by making "hope stones." they used the stones to create a hope stone garden. Look for it in a corner on the left side of the front of the building (as you face the building).



CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

All children and youth are encouraged to participate in a simple pageant during the 5:00 Christmas Eve service. During the service, we'll tell the story of Jesus birth through scripture and song with the children and youth forming a costumed tableau. We're excited that Gina Sanders will be directing the pageant for us. There will be a rehearsal on December 16. Parents please watch for the rehearsal time. Parents, grandparents, and others please let the church office know if your children or youth would like to participate.

AROUND THE CHURCH



Presbyterian Women November News from Presbyterian Women

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| December 6 | 9:00 AM | PW Board |
| December 13 | 10:00 AM | Study Leaders: Nancy Thompson and Judy Christensen |
| December 13 | 12:30 PM | PW Gathering with Morning Circle as Hostesses. "A Joyous Noel" |
| December 20 | 9:15 AM | Morning Circle--Parlor Hostess: Beth Miller and Rosie McKee |
| | 7:00 | Evening Circle: Hostess; Cheryl Sweley and Betty Rasette |

Thanks to all the PW members who helped with the PW Thank Offering Sunday.

We have found several copies of the Sunrise Cook Book; If anyone has been looking for one, they can be bought and picked up at the Church Office.

Reminder: Associate Members Birthdays in December; addresses are in your circle books.

12/4/12 Helen Dodd
12/20/12 Louise Simcox



The Nurture Committee

The Nurture Committee is sponsoring a "Dinner for 8" event to begin in January and running thru April. Couples and/or individuals will be assigned to a group of 8 and will then make their own decisions about how you meet to share a meal each month. The object is to encourage us all to get to know other members of the congregation in a more personal way. Folks who have participated before have always been very positive about the experience. Sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board until December 15th. You will be notified of the participants in your group by the first of the year.



Drivers Needed!!!!

The Meals on Wheels program desperately need drivers. The assignments are only for 1 week every 6 weeks. It's a wonderful way to serve others. Current Sunrise drivers are Irene Hill, Gary & Katie Weis, Gladys Reid, and Betty Rasette. They will be glad to answer any questions. Or better yet, first call the Meals on Wheels office at 785-823-7555 and volunteer!!!



December Bus Driver for Presbyterian Manor

You will depart from the main lobby at 9:10 a.m. Be there at 9:05 a.m. to board the bus! The bus will return you to the manor after the service.

Contact Sharon Hauser at 827-3097, or Lewis Reid at 823-6614, if you would like to volunteer to drive the bus two (2) Sundays a year! No special license required.

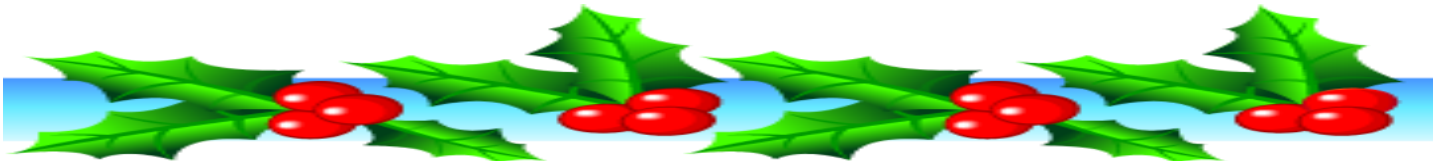
For the month of December, the bus drivers will be:

- December 2nd - Paul McAfee
- December 9th - Dean Atteberry
- December 16th - Abner Perney
- December 23rd - Gordon Horst
- December 30th - Gordon Horst



ADVENT CELEBRATIONS

The Christian Education committee will be hosting an Advent Celebration. We will be decorating cookies, making cards for the shut-ins, making ornaments, and making other Christmas decorations. The Advent Celebration will be held during the Sunday school hour on December 2nd. Please plan to attend.



PARENTS NIGHT OUT

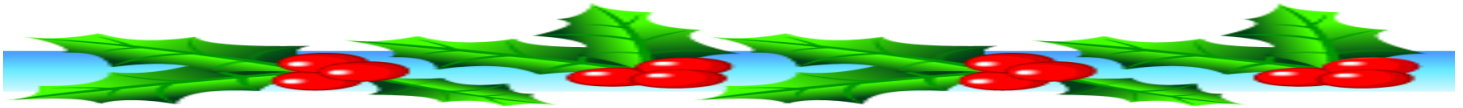
The Nurture Committee is planning a Parents Night Out on December 5th so mark your calendar. Kids ages 2-11 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Dinner is included. Reservation forms available in the office. Please RSVP by December 2nd.



ADVENT CALENDAR

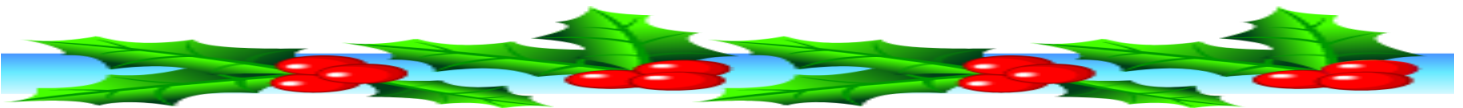
Advent is a time to both wait for Christ's coming and to prepare for his presence among us. Please join others in the congregation as together we wait and hope.

- DECEMBER 2ND** Advent Celebration
- DECEMBER 5TH** Parent's Night Out
- DECEMBER 9TH** Joint Choir Lessons and Carols at Redeemer Luther Church at 7:00 p.m.
- DECEMBER 16TH** "Let the Whole World Sing," cantata by Chancel Choir
Open House at Martha's home, 758 Highland Ave, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Ashby House Christmas Party, 2:00 p.m., worship at 4:30 p.m., dinner immediately following worship
- DECEMBER 24TH** We will celebrate the birth of Jesus at **5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** Our children will tell the **Christmas Story in pageant at the 5:00 p.m. service.** We'll share in communion at both services.



SHARE OFFERINGS

Share the joy this Christmas! Support Presbyterian Mission with your Christmas cards. To order your customized cards, visit www.pcusaspecialofferings.com.



Dates to Remember in December

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| 12/2 | Advent Celebration | 12/2 | Communion |
| 12/2 | Advent Study Begins in Parlor | | |
| 12/4 | Chancel Choir | 12/5 | PROFS 8:30 a.m. |
| 12/5 | Parents Night Out | 12/9 | Joint Choirs at Redeemer Lutheran |
| 12/9 | Clipper Mariners @ Residence 600 | | |
| 12/13 | PW Gathering | 12/16 | Cantata |
| 12/16 | Martha's Holiday Open House | | |
| 12/16 | Ashby House Christmas Party | | |
| 12/19 | Sabot Mariners @ Gutierrez | | |
| 12/24 | Christmas Eve Worship | 12/25 | Christmas Day |
| 12/25-1/1 | Office Closed | 12/31 | New Years Eve |
| 1/1/2013 | New Years Day | | |



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

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| 1 | Noreen Slaughter | 18 | Joy Jensen |
| 3 | Lloyd Arensman Brenda Merrill | 20 | Faye Morris Louise Simcox Pat & Patti Breeding Anniversary |
| 4 | Helen Dodd Perry Hunsley | 21 | Linda Tysen |
| 6 | Joshua Jensen | 23 | Joe Young |
| 9 | Martha Murchison | 25 | Don Bolen |
| 13 | Blaine McAfee | 26 | Gordon Cox Bill Wilkie |
| 14 | Don & Bev Hamilton Anniversary | 28 | Olivia Cooper |
| 15 | Alice Herrman | 30 | Carla Welsh |
| 17 | Katie Weis | 31 | Jodi Calvert |

RED CROSS
THANKS YOU!

To Sunrise Presbyterian Church Staff-

I am writing to offer my personal thanks to you for your ongoing support of American Red Cross Blood Services. Allowing us the use of your facility is greatly appreciated. It takes a lot of people to host a blood drive and to get blood to the patients, but without a location to host blood drives, none of that would be possible.

Thanks so much for your support!

Sincerely,
Terri Dunaway

THANK YOU KATHY!!!

Sunrise, and in particular, the choirs, would like to thank Kathy House for doing a great job. She moves on to Wichita for student teaching next semester. We wish her the best for her future. We have enjoyed you greatly. God Bless.



THANK YOU!!!!

FROM THE DEACONS

Thank you to all of you who assisted with serving the Salvation Army meals in October. Kathy and the kitchen crew at the Salvation Army sincerely appreciate our helping with this easy mission project. It is a very heartwarming and humbling experience and the recipients of the meals are usually very thankful and acknowledge their appreciation also.

Sue Fuller for the Deacons

Friends,

At Thanksgiving more than ever, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made it possible for us to continue to help the hungry in our community.

Thank you for caring.

Salina Emergency Aid / Food Bank
Freda Rees

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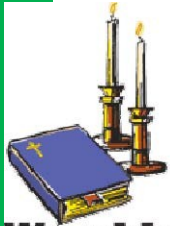
December

- 02 Ashlynd Merrill
- 09 Daelan McKnight
- 16 Ethan Bolen
- 23 Daelan McKnight
- 30 Ashlynd Merrill

ATTENDANCE

November

- 04 116
- 11 113
- 18 138
- 25 108



Worship Leaders

LITURGIST

December

- 02 Ken Miller
- 09 Abner Perney
- 16 Choir Cantata, no liturgist
- 23 Harry Tysen
- 30 Ann Zimmerman



Psalm Readers

PSALM READERS

December

- 02 Nathan Zimmerman
- 09 Emily Sanders
- 16 Ryan Zimmerman
- 23 Alexys Hedges
- 30 Miranda Merrill

Ushers & Greeters



GREETERS

USHERS

December 2
East
South

December 9
East
South

December 16
East
South

December 23
East
South

December 30
East
South



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Return Service Requested

Sunday Mornings

9:30 a.m. *Worship*

(Communion– First Sunday of Each Month)

10:30 a.m. *Fellowship*

10:45 a.m. *Sunday School for All*

Tuesday Evenings

7:00 p.m. *Youth Music Group*

Wednesday Evenings

3:30 p.m. *God's Kids*

5:15 p.m. *Sunrise Deli*

6:00 p.m. *Chancel Choir (adult)*

6:15 p.m. *Youth Group*

7:30 p.m. *Handbell Choir (adult bells)*

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1:30-5 pm,

Mon-Fri

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Dir. Christian Education: Scott Lee

Dir. Of Music: Leslie Mangrum

Dir. Of Handbells & Youth Choirs: Kathy House

Organist: Sue Will

Church Office Administrator, Newsletter Editor:

Kristina Metz

Church Treasurer: JoAnn Gile

Financial Secretary: Karmel Swindler

Custodian: Greg Kerr

SENIORS



SENIOR SINGLES

December 8th

Sunrise Church

6:00 p.m.

Brisket Dinner,

\$9.50

Bring a \$4.00 wrapped grift for gift exchange.

RSVP by Dec. 5th to Jean at 827-2878.