

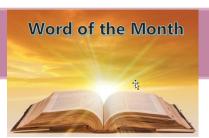
# Merry Christmas Love your church staff

Please note the church office will be closed:

Monday, December 26, 2022

Monday, January 2, 2023

#### DECEMBER



JOY

Word of the month emails go out each Wednesday with a different explanation for the month's word. If you would like to discuss the explanation, please contact Ed Keelen or Pastor Jana.

Sunday events:
No Sunday School Christmas Day
Christmas Eve Worship - 5:30 pm with preservice music @ 5:15
Christmas Day Worship 11:00 am in person only

### **DECEMBER AT A GLANCE**

Mondays - 7:30 pm NANA

Tuesdays - 9:30 am Staff Meeting

7:30 pm NANA

Wednesdays - 5:45 pm NAMI in pavilion

6:30 pm - Choir Practice

7:30 pm NANA

Fridays - 6:45 am Lanterns

Sundays - 9:45 am Sunday School - for all ages

11:00 am Worship Service

3:30 - 5:30 pm Love Revolution

5:00 pm - Youth



Saturday, December 24 - 5:30 pm - Christmas Eve Worship Service 5:15 pm - Lloyd will play preservice music

Sunday, December 25 - 11:00 am - Worship Service - Sanctuary

Monday, December 26 - Office Closed

Thursday, December 29 - Mr. Karl Thompson, Building Superintendent, will be off the month of January, recovering from surgery.

## **FELLOWSHIP UPDATES**

Suppers of 6, begin in January. Don't miss this opportunity to dine with your church family. Each group will go to a restaurant to fellowship during the meal. Dutch treat. Contact Banks Robinson or the church office to sign up. Groups will be assigned in the new year, so sign up NOW!!

# **Community Updates**

# The love Revolution

Every Sunday from 3:30 - 5:30 pm The Love Revolution is proving to be a blessing to our community. Food, love and hope are being provided weekly to those in need around us. This event is open to everyone.

> Bring a dish and/or a smile to share God's love. Community partners in this effort are:

Ashland United Methodist Church - first Sunday of the month If you know of a business that would be interested in partnering with our church, please let the church office know.

> Help us Bless our community! Donations for the clothing closet are always welcome! Drop off clothing items in the black baskets in the narthex/lobby or bring by the church office during office hours.



Please do not trash your wire hangers, bring them for the Clothing Closet Clothing Closet, we can use them!!!



#### SOPC Blessing Box

Non-perishable food donations for the Blessing Box can be placed inside the box at any time. If you place items, please be sure they are securely wrapped as ants get into the food. If the box is full, please bring your items to the office. SOPC thanks KJ's Grocery Store for donations they provide for our Blessing Box. When you shop at the KJ's across from the church, you can purchase a bag of groceries for \$5.99 to add to the collection.



Many thanks to SOPC for the donation to Thornwell Home. We appreciate the interest of your church for this ministry.

Merry Christmas, Thornwell Staff

Lost & found Did you lose a coat or sweater??? Come by the office to claim.





Christmas story participants











Youth at McGregor wrapping gifts





## **SESSION UPDATES**

**ReShape:** The Session has approved the members of our new ReShape Adapting Group. This group was established by the Session to serve as our "forward thinking" group to look at trends and ensure that our ministry guide is kept current and relevant to our rapidly changing culture. The members are: Ed Keelen, Chair, Judy Barnes, John Hilnton Lane, Kathy Morganelli, Ben Smith, Elizabeth Taylor and Jim Rowell (Trinity Presbytery).

At the Session Meeting on Monday, December 12, the following was approved.

- 1. Approved the Alpha curriculum for Youth Sunday School.
- 2. Approved the budget for 2023.
- 3. Approved the Annual Congregational Meeting for January 29, 2023.
- 4. Approved the following as members of the ReShape Adapting Group: Ed Keelen (chair), Judy Barnes, Kathy Morganelli, Ben Smith, Elizabeth Taylor, John Hinton Lane, Youth Representative, and Jim Rowell (Trinity Presbytery) and a youth representative TBD.

Contact information for Pastor Jana Light Creighton:

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803-772-1761

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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday - 10 am - 2

pm

If you use the church facilities for any reason please remember to turn off lights, turn the air off, <u>make sure no water is running</u> (toilets or sinks) and lock the doors. Please also let Karl know when you leave by calling or texting 803-237-4519 so we can keep the facilities clean and sanitized. Thank you!

If you have information to be included in the weekly bulletin or newsletter, please have your information to the church office (sopc@sopc.net) no later than 10:00 am Tuesday the week of publication. Thank you!

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