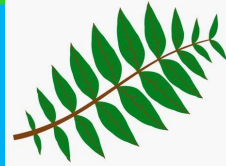


January 5, 2023

The Leaflet



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May the peace of this season be with you throughout 2023!!!!

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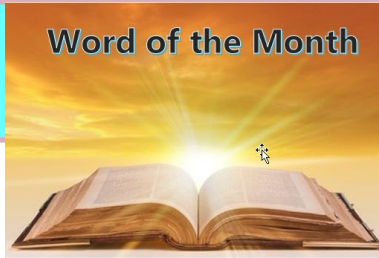
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JANUARY

Word of the Month

SELF CONTROL



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:

Worship Link: <https://zoom.us/j/743754044?pwd=bWlHWWJWOFR4UG1zQkZuRVRIaE41dz09>
Meeting ID: 743 754 044 Password: 072863

Join us for Adult Sunday School every Sunday!
Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/508111743>
Passcode: 095858

9:45 am - Adult SS Classes
9:45 am - Children & Youth Sunday School classes

JANUARY 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
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



Thursday, January 5, 6:30 pm - MORE Justice Team Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2:00 pm - Rachel Circle Meets
Thursday, January 12, 6:30 pm - Hannah Circle Meets

There are children's items in the office, sweater, coat, water bottle, that were left in the sanctuary. If they are not claimed before January 8, they will be donated to the clothes closet.

SOPC Updates

Annually we receive a gift on Epiphany of a Star Word. You are invited on January 8th to our Epiphany worship celebration to receive a star word.

Share a story about how your star word has unfolded in 2022 by submitting to sopc@sopc.net or Jana@sopc.net

Why Star Words? There Are Several Theological Statements Being Made in the Star Word Tradition:

- The Magi followed a star, which ultimately led them to Jesus. Therefore, we too use all the resources we have available to us—including creative prayer practices and intention words for the new year—to move closer to Jesus.

- We trust that God uses multiple ways to guide us and speak to us. Star words are one such lens that might provide us a way to look for God in our midst, both actively and in hindsight.

- We trust that it is often easy to miss God in our daily midst. Having an intention word to consider both in present days, as well as to reflect on at the end of the year, allows for us to see God in ways we may not have seen God before. This is the greatest gift.

- We know that the most common prayer practice for many involves speaking to God as opposed to silence or contemplation. We believe that star words invite a new prayer rhythm of reflection and review that can be a powerful new way to connect with God.

Traditionally, by not looking or sorting through the star words at their selection, we practice the spiritual task of receiving. It is not we who are in control in this moment. Instead, we trust that God is present, and we let go of our desire to cultivate or control. This Epiphany You are invited to select a star word to carry with you into the new year.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Its January!!! Time to update our church directory. Please send an email to the church office if your information has changed. Our directory is printed from Realm, so if your information is wrong on Realm, your information in the directory will be wrong!!! Let the church office know of any updates. Thank you.

JANUARY SERMON SERIES

New Year, New You: Our January sermon series is for all who wish to begin the New Year with a renewed focus on walking with God. No matter where we are in our faith life, our intentional new year's resolutions will provide a footing for growing and learning to run the 'good race'. No matter if you are new to the faith, struggling in faith, questioning God or feeling alone during this season of life, this sermon series is for you. Come be a part of a faith body studying to walk faithfully with God in the year 2023!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/3 - Janna Simon
1/5 - June Burkhalter
1/7 - Mae Leviner
Tracey Wilkes
1/8 - Cathy Keelen
1/10 - Karan Bundrick
1/11 - Abby Freeman
Carol Griffith
1/14 - Banks Robinson
1/19 - Sydney Edwards

1/21 - Will Watkins
1/22 - Rachel Cheung
1/23 - Barbara Fowler
Janice Holbrook
1/24 - Jenny Fogle
1/28 - Jacob Schwartz
1/29 - Virginia Martinez

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, 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.



Missions & PW fed SOES Jan 2



SOPC UPDATES

ReShape: The newly created ReShape Adapting Action Group meets for the first time on January 3. Please be in prayer for them as they discern God's will for our church. The Group has assumed responsibility for all communications related to ReShape. We want to thank Hal Bowman, who has served in this capacity since the beginning of the program.



Presbyterian Women are taking nominations for the 2023 Honorary Life Membership, if you want to nominate someone please send their name and bio to the church office no later than January 31.

Ladies Luncheon on January 16th will be at the Bonefish Grill, 1260 Bower Parkway. If attending, please notify Margaret Royals, mroyals952@gmail.com, or 803-957-0430



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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, make sure no water is running (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!

Ways to Give to Seven Oaks

To give via text:

Step 1

Enter 732-56
After to

Step 2

Type Sevenoaks as
your message and hit
send

Step 3

Enter 732-56

To Give via mail:

530 St. Andrews Rd.
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To give via our website:

Step 1

go to sopc.net

Step 2

Click on "Give" at the top right. A window will open that will guide you through the process.

A screenshot of the online giving interface for Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church. The header shows the church name and location. Below, there's a section titled "How much would you like to give?" with a dropdown menu set to "Amount" and a value of "\$0.00". A "Fund" dropdown is set to "Birthday Fund - TPF". There's a "Memo" field and a "+ Another Fund" button. Below these are two buttons: "GIVE ONCE" and "GIVE MULTIPLE TIMES". Further down, there's a "Gift date" dropdown set to "Today" and an "Email address" field. At the bottom, a "SUMMARY" section shows a total of "\$0.00" and a "Continue" button. The footer includes "POWERED BY REALM" and links for "Terms and Conditions" and "Privacy Policy".