



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHIMES

JANUARY 2025

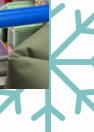
## M & M Trees

The Deacons would like to thank everyone for all their donations to the M & M Trees. We were able to donate 203 items to Share the Spirit and family in needs from our community.



### YOUTH FAITH IN ACTION

Shopping for Share the Spirit



## A Note From Julie to Ralph

### In Remembrance of Ralph

**“He was just like a Dad”**

God had blessed me having Ralph in my life  
Because of knowing him I am truly glad.  
As a friend I got the best of the best  
To me he was just like a Dad.

Many memories I will cherish of him  
Not having him around makes me sad,  
I know he's at peace in the arms of the Lord  
To me he will always be like a Dad.

The companionship with him I've come to know  
Is so much more than just a tad,  
He will never know how much he meant to me  
He will forever be just like a Dad.

Ralph has been a God sent to me  
There's nothing I Can say about him that's bad,  
Such a generous, giving, caring man  
To me he was just like a Dad.

Growing up in a big family  
He would share things when he was a lad,  
I could listen for hours to the stories he'd tell  
To me he was just like a Dad.

Of all the years I've known him  
I can't say I've seen him mad,  
He always had a great outlook on life  
To me he was just like a Dad.

Caring, compassionate and always willing to help  
He was the best neighbor and friend I ever had,  
I'd do anything for him and also him for me  
In my heart he will always be just like a Dad.

Right now my heart is heavy  
But I rest assured with comforting peace,  
Knowing he's been reunited with his love Jan  
My love for that man will never cease.

**Forever my adopted Dad**

**Forever in my Heart**

**Jules**



Ralph was born on May 31, 1935, on his Grandpa's farm in Norfolk Township, Renville County, MN. He was the 12th of 14 children of Ralph Sr. and Theresia Revier. At 18 years old he drove on a road construction crew to Oklee, MN and met the love of his life, Jan Singer. He proposed three times over three years before she finally said yes. They celebrated 63 years of happy marriage. Jan waited in heaven for four years until he finished his time here.

Ralph held many jobs and careers, including farming, driving trucks on farms, road crews, hauling tanks in the army, semi-trucks cross country, milk and paper routes, and selling Snap-On Tools. He also had a lawn and snow service and was a Sheriff's dispatcher. Ralph served his country in the Army at Fort Knox, KY, where he and Jan started married life. They lived a summer in Alaska and then moved back to Minnesota, settling in Redwood Falls. On weekends Ralph took the family camping to explore Minnesota and its lakes. Ralph and Jan traveled through 46 states, as well as the Netherlands and France. He also restored a 1930 Model A Ford in which he and Jan enjoyed driving around town and through the park, always stopping and talking with friends and strangers.

While the love of his life was always his wife, Ralph was a caring and generous man. He was often the first to lend a hand to any neighbor, family member, stranger, or friend. Ralph also was the epitome of the fix-it man, and a very talented woodworker and designer.

Ralph is survived by his children, Kevin (Rene) Revier of Rochester, MN; Deborah (Randy) Prososki of Center City, MN; Sandra (Tom) Becker of Greeley, CO; Angela (Tim) Dye of Martinsburg, WV; Pamela (Inder) Sehgal of Reno, NV. Ralph and Jan's legacy is carried on by 17 grandchildren and 47 great-grandchildren. He is survived by his sister Rosabelle Revier and sister-in-law Betty Revier. Ralph will be especially missed by Dorie Steenblock, who has brought love and laughter back into his life for the last two years.

Ralph passed away on Saturday, November 30, 2024, at Gil-Mor Manor Nursing Home in Morgan. A Celebration of Life for Ralph and Jan Revier will be held in July of 2025, at the Nelson-Hillestad Funeral Home with burial to follow in the St. Catherine's Catholic Church Cemetery in Redwood Falls. Blessed be his memory.



## **PASTOR SCOTT'S VISITATION SCHEDULE**

**PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR VISIT WITH THE  
CHURCH OFFICE**

### **Jan. 7 Pastor Scott Visits:**

Rosemary Bennett at 9:30 am  
Wyane Mann at 11:00 am  
Merlin Goudy at 1:00 pm  
Jenifer Hindt at 2:00 pm  
Kevin McKay at 3:00 pm

### **Jan. 16 Pastor Scott Visits:**

Bunny Nolting at 9:00 am  
Dan Tiffany at 10:00 am  
Todd & Kathy Peterson at 11:00 am  
Sue Tiffany at 2:00 pm

### **Jan. 21 Pastor Scott Visits:**

Bob & Sonya Alexander at 2:30 pm  
Doreen Steenblock at 4:00 pm

### **Feb. 4 Pastor Scott Visits:**

Rosemary Bennett at 9:30 am  
Merlin Goudy at 11:00 am  
Dan Tiffany at 2:00 pm  
Sue Tiffany at 3:30 pm

### **Feb. 13 Pastor Scott Visits:**

Doreen Steenblock at 2:00 pm  
Todd & Kathy Peterson at 3:00 pm  
Bunny Nolting at 4:00 pm

### **Feb. 20 Pastor Scott Visits:**

Bob & Sonya Alexander at 2:00 pm  
Dave & Adrienne Danielson at 3:30 pm

### **Feb. 25 Pastor Scott Visits:**

Nick & Katherine Brozek at 7:00 pm

## **BIRTHDAYS**

1st: William Prouty  
2nd: Aaron Rohlik  
4th: Ethin Mammen  
8th: Nolan Rudenick  
9th: Scott Mann  
10th: Jacob Bloedow  
12th: Maddie Hicks, Addelyn Stough  
14th: Deanie Fuhr, Bailey Kramer  
16th: Rosemary Bennett  
17th: Grayson Gregg  
20th: Blaise Stough  
21st: Jon Oja, Beverly Alexander  
23rd: Lindsey Lung, Butch Amberg, Jackie Morris  
24th: Lynn Juell, Winston Venable  
26th: Tyler Siegfried  
27th: Bob Alexander  
28th: Barb Brown, Sue Tiffany  
29th: Ashley Whelihan  
30th: Stacy Mathiowetz  
31st: Bob Kaupang

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

25th: Scott & Laura Kohler  
27th: Gene & Fae Becklund

Annual Report Deadline... Jan. 3

Annual Meeting... Jan. 19

# Imagination Library

Are you an “Imagination Angel”?! It only takes \$30 to bless a child for one year with the gift of reading. You can mail donations to First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 444, RWF, MN or give online at <https://donate.imaginationlibrary.com/> (make sure to designate Redwood Area to receive your donation).

Checks should be written to: First Presbyterian Church with “Imagination Library” in the memo line. Thank you!

# Youth Triennium

Youth & Triennium ~ The Office of Presbyterian Youth and Triennium is very excited to announce the theme for the 2025 Triennium is “As If We Were Dreaming...” (Psalm 126), next summer, July 28–31, in Louisville, Kentucky. The participant fee for next summer’s event is \$199. This fee includes all programming, event meals, an official Triennium T-shirt, and more. Travel and housing are additional costs. Stay tuned! More information will be coming soon.

## Weekend Food Bags:

**January 5:** Bentson Family

**January 19:** Fuhr Family

## Greeters

**Deacon of Month: Dan Alexander**

**1/5:** Butch & Faythe Amberg

**1/12:** Dan & Shari Fuhr

**11/19:** Nathan & Val Stephens

**1/26:** Lee Davis

## Ushers

**Head Usher:** Matt Tiffany

**Ushers:** Kimary Tiffany, Barb Nelson, Dave Danielson, Leon King, Donavon Sharpe

## Communion Servers

**January:** Head Server: Adrienne Danielson

**Servers:** Shannon Sweetman, Dave Danielson, Dan Alexander, Leon King, Matt Tiffany, Shari Fuhr

happy new year

# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Piecemakers @ 9am	2	3	4
5 Sunday School @ 9am Choir @ 9:15am Worship- Holy Communion Weekend Food Bags: Brozek	6	7 Pastor: Visits	8 O.T. Bible Study @ 7am Apocrypha Study @ 2pm Youth Club @ 4-5:15pm Multi- Generational N.T. Bible Study @ 6pm	9 Pastor: Dollars for Scholars Meeting Use of Church: Presbytery Committee Deacon Meeting	10	11
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## Thank You

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR GENEROUS DONORS FOR KEEPING US IN MIND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WITH YOUR THOUGHTFUL GIFTS. WE COULD NOT DO IT WITHOUT ALL OF YOU AND LOOK FORWARD TO WHAT THE NEW YEAR WILL BRING! ~ THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

From Your Pastor

# A POST FOR THE NEW YEAR

## How Can I Be the Best Disciple of Jesus Christ in the Year 2025?

As the year 2025 has arrived, many Christians are reflecting on their faith and asking themselves how they can draw closer to Jesus Christ. Being the best disciple of Christ isn't about perfection, but about intentional effort, love, and obedience to Jesus' teachings. Here are several practical and spiritual ways to grow as a disciple of Jesus in 2025.

### **1. Deepen Your Relationship with God Through Prayer and Scripture**

Prayer and Scripture are the cornerstones of a disciple's relationship with Christ. In 2025, commit to a deeper prayer life by setting aside intentional time each day to speak and listen to God. Consider incorporating both structured prayers and spontaneous conversations with the Lord.

Additionally, immerse yourself in the Word of God. The Bible reveals Jesus' teachings, character, and will for His followers. Make it a priority to read, meditate on, and apply Scripture daily. Use Bible study plans, devotionals, or apps to guide your journey. Let Psalm 119:105 guide you: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

### **2. Live Out Christ's Commandments of Love**

Jesus made it clear in John 13:34-35: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." In 2025, strive to love God and others in tangible ways.

This includes forgiving those who hurt you, showing kindness to strangers, and serving your community. Look for opportunities to extend compassion and grace in your workplace, school, or home. Let your actions reflect the love of Jesus, drawing others toward Him.

### **3. Be a Lifelong Learner of Christ**

To be a faithful disciple, you must continually seek to learn and grow. This can be done through attending church regularly, participating in small groups or Bible studies, and learning from mature believers. Surround yourself with a community that encourages spiritual growth.

Consider investing time in reading Christian books, listening to biblically sound podcasts, or attending conferences. In 2025, be intentional about nurturing your understanding of the faith so you can better share and live it out.

### **4. Share the Gospel Boldly**

One of the hallmarks of discipleship is sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with others. In Matthew 28:19, Jesus commands us to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." In 2025, step out in faith and share the Gospel with family, friends, coworkers, and even strangers.

You don't need to have all the answers. Share your personal testimony of how Jesus has transformed your life, and trust the Holy Spirit to work through you. Remember, even a small seed of faith can lead to great transformation.

You don't need to hit people over the head with the Bible, just share what God has done for you. Jesus has done all the hard work. It is our job to tell others about Christ.

### **5. Surrender and Trust God Daily**

Being a disciple of Christ requires surrendering your will to His. In a fast-paced world where independence and control are praised, choosing to trust God daily is a true act of faith. Proverbs 3:5-6 encourages us to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding."

In 2025, let go of fear, doubt, and the need for control. Surrender your plans, finances, relationships, and decisions to God, trusting God's perfect plan for your life.

Being the best disciple of Jesus Christ in 2025 comes down to living a life of love, learning, and surrender. Seek Jesus through prayer and His Word, love others as Jesus loves you, and boldly share His message. In doing so, you will not only grow closer to Jesus but also inspire others to follow Him. Remember, discipleship is a journey, not a destination, and with God's grace, you can strive to reflect Jesus' light more each day. Amen.

In Christ's love, Pastor Scott Prouty