

THE CHIMES

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Worship Time: 10:15 am

God's timeless love transforms each of us to joyously continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community and in our world.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your incredible generosity! Our M & M Trees are overflowing, and the mountain of donations surround the trees is a beautiful reminder of what happens when a church family comes together in love and kindness. Because of all of you, many in our community will feel warmth, care and during this joyous Season! Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ this season!



Thank you to all the hard working hands that helped get the front landscaping all finished up before the snow started falling!

Thank you to Phil Johanneck for using your talents to tidy up the stable for the manger scene in the entryway!

Thank you Simon Danileson for helping with the Chimes design!!!

Thank you Scott Goodyear for keeping all the furniture around the church in tip-top shape!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the church beautiful for the Christmas season!

Thank you to Sweetman Sanitation for their dedication to serving our church.

The snow is falling... Thank you to everyone who lends a hand to keep the sidewalks clean and shoveled!!!

THE JOY OF SERVING IN THE COMMUNITY



Our Annual Turkey Dinner/Bake Sale was a huge success!!!

We served 690 dinners!!!

The YFA kids raised over \$800 for future mission work!!!

We could not have done it without our entire Church Family!!!





Christmas Eve

FRIENDSHIP DINNER

Wednesday

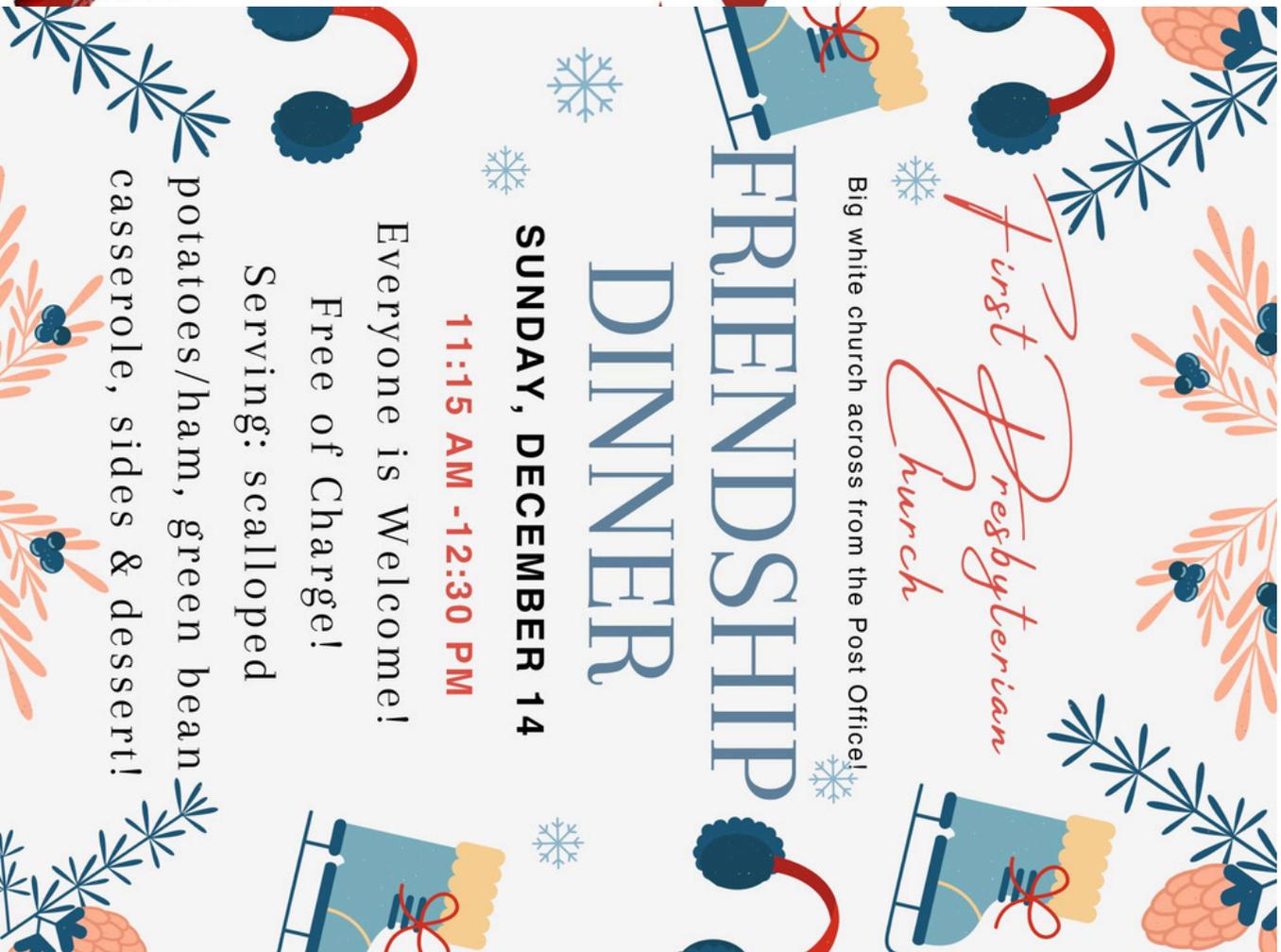
DECEMBER 24 AT 6 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE
WORSHIP AT 5 PM

Join us for an evening filled with joy, laughter, and delicious food as we celebrate the reason for the season together.

First Presbyterian Church

Redwood Falls



First Presbyterian Church

Big white church across from the Post Office!

FRIENDSHIP
DINNER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

11:15 AM - 12:30 PM

Everyone is Welcome!

Free of Charge!

Serving: scalloped

potatoes/ham, green bean
casserole, sides & dessert!

Faith & Agriculture as Creation Care

By Rev. Tim Olsen

Upper Midwest Coordinator

Evangelical Environmental Network

I was blessed by joining you in worship on Sunday, November 2. The vibe in the sanctuary was filled with hospitality, praise-filled worship, good cheer, and affirmation. My time with you was a gift of joy. Thank you.

As my encore retirement career I have the opportunity to work for the national nonprofit Evangelical Environmental Network (EEN) as the Upper Midwest Coordinator in the states of MN, IA, & SD. I invite you to explore the mission and work of EEN at its website, creationcare.org. My focus is the coordination of a faith & agriculture ministry outreach. The goal of the outreach is to help Christians to reclaim God's mandate to "till and keep the garden (Genesis 2:15) by equipping, educating, and empowering Christian farmers, landowners, church leaders, and homeowners to be informed by their faith in following soil health practices to manage farmland, residential properties, and church campuses. One of the blessings of my work is telling the stories of Christian men and women who are committed to practicing soil health principles through an online newsletter called Regenerate and faith & agriculture webinars. The newsletter articles can be read on the EEN blogs page, <https://creationcare.org/news-blog/blog.html>. The webinar playlist is posted on the EEN website. You can access it here. One of the webinars features Grant & Dawn Breitreutz of rural Redwood Falls. If you want to subscribe to Regenerate, please send me an email, tim@creationcare.org.

I'm coordinating an emerging faith & agriculture program called Soil Stewards Ambassadors. The ambassadors is a community of Christian farmers and landowners committed to soil health practices and who are willing to support Christian farmers moving towards the adoption of the practices of regenerative agriculture. Please let me know if you have an interest in the Soil Stewards Ambassador program by sending me an email, tim@creationcare.org or calling/texting me at 507-227-5919.

Love God, Love Neighbor, and Care for Creation

What are 25 ways I can make this season of Advent and Christmas the best ever as a Christian?

SPIRITUAL PREPARATION

1. Get an Advent Candle Wreath for your home - Read Scripture and pray as you light each candle, focusing on hope, peace, joy, and love.
2. Use an Advent Devotional - Spend a few minutes daily reflecting on the coming of Christ. Choose one with Scripture, reflection, and prayer.
3. Practice Daily Silence - Set aside 5-10 minutes each day to rest in God's presence and simply listen.
4. Confess and Let Go - Use Advent as a time of spiritual "housecleaning." Confess burdens, forgive others, and prepare your heart for Christ's birth.
5. Attend Worship Services each Sunday - Worshiping helps you slow down and keep Christ at the center amid the holiday rush.

GIVING AND SERVING

1. Donate to "Share the Spirit."
2. Volunteer at the Food Shelf, a Thrift Store or the Animal Shelter.
3. Write Notes of Encouragement - Send handwritten letters or cards to those who are lonely, grieving, or serving others (like healthcare workers).
4. Give a "Reverse Advent Calendar" - Instead of taking something out, put a nonperishable item in a box each day to donate before Christmas.
5. Do One Secret Act of Kindness Each Day - Leave a note, shovel a driveway, or pay for someone's coffee without seeking recognition.

WORSHIP AND WONDER

1. Host a Caroling Event - Sing the story of Jesus' birth; music opens the heart in unique ways.
2. Read the Christmas Story Aloud - Gather family or friends to read Luke 2:1-20 and Matthew 1-2 on Christmas Day.
3. Create a Nativity Scene Ritual - Set up the manger slowly, adding a new piece each week as you journey toward Bethlehem.
4. Pray with the Shepherds and Magi - Reflect on their journeys—how they sought, listened, and worshiped.
5. Participate in the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - Let the light of Christ fill your heart as candles brighten the darkness. Stay for the Christmas Eve Friendship Meal.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY TRADITIONS

1. Start a "Jesus Birthday" Celebration - Bake a cake or share a meal in His honor, remembering why we celebrate.
2. Read an Advent Storybook Together - For families, choose a nightly story that connects to faith and anticipation.
3. Host an Advent Gathering - Invite friends for soup and reflection on what Advent means to each person.
4. Make Handmade Gifts with Scripture Tags - Share gifts that remind others of God's love.
5. Visit the Home-bound or Elderly - Bring carols, cookies, or simple conversation—it can mean the world to someone alone.

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PERSONAL RENEWAL AND GRATITUDE

1. Simplify Your Schedule – Say no to excess stress; create more space for prayer, rest, and people who matter.
2. Keep a Gratitude Journal – Each day, write one thing you're thankful for this Advent season.
3. Walk or Drive to See Lights While Praying – Reflect on Jesus as "the Light of the World."
4. Give Jesus a Gift – Write down something you'll offer Him this year—your time, your forgiveness, your trust, your service. Place it in a small box under your tree.
5. End Each Day with Joy – Before bed, recall one way you saw God's presence that day—then whisper, "Thank you, Lord."

Don't aim for a perfect Advent or Christmas—aim for a holy one. The best season will be the one where you make room for Jesus to be born again in your heart, your home, and your community.

Have a blessed Advent and Christmas this year!

***In Christ's love,
Pastor Scott Prouty***



Pastor Scott's Visitation Schedule

Please Confirm Your Visit with the Church office! If you want Pastor Scott to come...

You need to let us know this date & time work for you!!!

December 2 Pastor Scott visits:

Rosemary Bennett at 9:30 am
Wayne Mann at 11:00 am
Merlin Goudy at Noon
Todd Peterson & Lois Tiffany at 2:00 pm
Bunny Nolting at 3:30 pm

December 9 Pastor Scott visits:

Leon King at 11:00 am
Lonnie & Jennifer Quackenbush at 2:30 pm
Dan Tiffany at 4:00 pm

December 16 Pastor Scott visits:

Gene & Becky Schultz at 2:00 pm
Scott & Joyce Goodyear at 3:30 pm

January 6 Pastor Scott visits:

Rosemary Bennett at 9:30 am
Wayne Mann at 11:00 am
Merlin Goudy at Noon
Todd Peterson & Lois Tiffany at 2:00 pm
Bunny Nolting at 3:30 pm

January 13 Pastor Scott visits:

Deb & Gerry Hess
Marlys Verdoes

January 20 Pastor Scott visits:

Rick Hauge at 9:00 am
Doreen Steenblock at 10:00 am
Judy Curtis at 11:00 am
Kathy Peterson at 2:00 pm
Dan Tiffany at 3:00 pm
Dave & Adrienne Danielson at 4:00 pm

Serving Your Church

December Ushers

Head Usher: Dan Fuhr

Ushers: Shari & Lucas Fuhr, Brent Prouty, Aaron & Amber Rohlik, Keegan, Shellie, Kyron & Ehtan Mammen

Money Counters

December:

Bob Alexander, Shannon Sweetman

Communion Servers

Head Server: Adrienne Danielson

Servers: Shari Fuhr, Dave Danielson, Julie Fiala, Tony & Molly Miller, Dan Tiffany

Greeters

Deacon of Month: Leon King

Dec. 7: Adrienne Danielson

Dec. 14: Nathan & Val Stephens

Dec. 21: Doreen Steenblock

Christmas Eve: Joyce Nolting

Dec. 28: Bob & Sonya Alexander



Celebration

Birthdays

1st: Connie Bentson, Shari Fuhr

3rd: Mackenzie Toomer

4th: Becky Stephens

5th: Tom Stough

8th: Travis Rebstock

10th: Corrine Gertsema

11th: Tony Miller

13th: Marlys Mathiowetz

14th: Nicki VanderLinden & Shelby Enright

16th: Sheena Rudenick & Hadley Martin

18th: Ivis Robertson

20th: Grayson Quinn & Rylee Zachariason

21st: Kylan Bahr

22nd: Lois Davis & Brenda Johnson

23rd: Blake Stephens

24th: Jerilyn Kodet

30th: Rick Kramer & Savannah Carroll

Anniversaries

27th: Julie & Ernie Fiala

Congregational Meeting

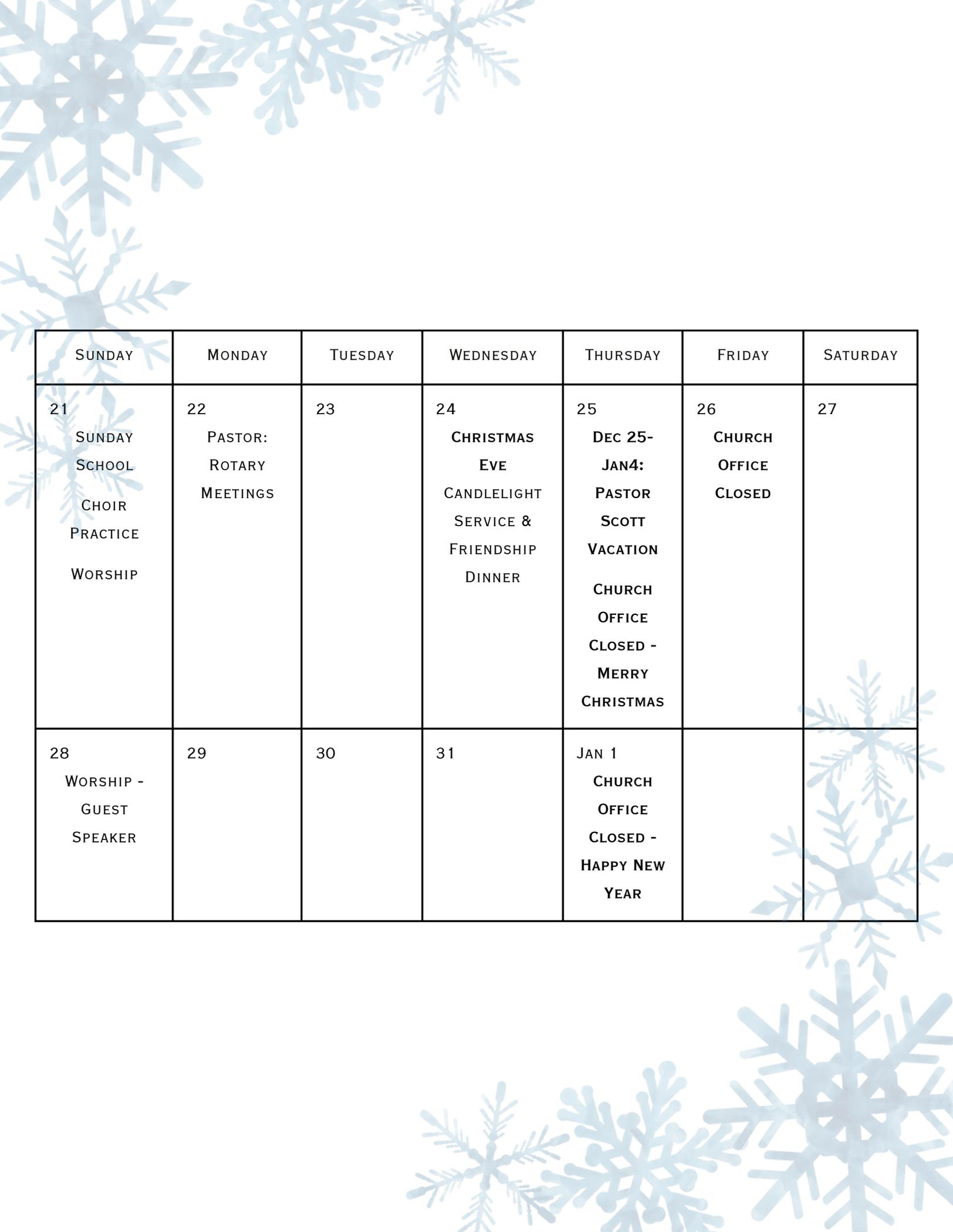
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Annual Report Deadline:

DECEMBER 19



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 DORIE OJA USE OF CHURCH	2 PASTOR: VISITS JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING	3 BIBLE STUDIES PIECEMAKERS YOUTH CLUB	4 PASTOR: SEI MEETING	5	6
7 SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR PRACTICE WORSHIP: HOLY COMMUNION CONGREGA- TIONAL MEETING WEEKEND FOOD BAGS CONFIRMATION	8 SCOUTS USE OF CHURCH	9 PASTOR: VISITS	10 BIBLE STUDIES YOUTH CLUB DEACON MEETING: MANSE	11 PASTOR: DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS MEETING	12	13
14 SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR PRACTICE WORSHIP: CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM FRIENDSHIP DINNER CONFIRMATION	15 SCOUTS USE OF CHURCH SESSION MEETING: MANSE	16 PASTOR: VISITS RUBY'S PANTRY SCOUTS USE OF CHURCH	17 BIBLE STUDIES PIECEMAKERS	18	19 <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>REPORT</u> <u>DEADLINE</u>	20



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21 SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR PRACTICE WORSHIP	22 PASTOR: ROTARY MEETINGS	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE & FRIENDSHIP DINNER	25 DEC 25- JAN4: PASTOR SCOTT VACATION CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED - MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	27
28 WORSHIP - GUEST SPEAKER	29	30	31	JAN 1 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED - HAPPY NEW YEAR		

Dear Friends of the Food Shelf,

The mission of the Redwood Area Food Shelf is to distribute food supplies free of charge to people who find themselves facing food insecurity. This has always been our mission and we surely could not do it without help from our donors.

At present the food shelf could use your help! Over the summer months our donations have not kept up with the cost of groceries. The number of households served has increased from 1043 in 2024 to 1200 households in 2025. Which also reflects the increase in amount of food disturbed from 78,891 pounds in 2024 to 86,661 pounds in 2025.

At present our outreach programs include: the backpack program for the elementary school, the food shelf serves as an umbrella for non profit status; emergency food boxes are supplied to the Redwood Hospital and clinic and also to various towns located in Redwood County. we also assist the Redwood Valley High School with purchasing product for their food pantry located at the school.

With our new walk-in cooler we were able to accept garden produce this fall from people in the community. Also we can order bulk produce from Second Harvest at a reduced price. We access milk from a government grant which is free to quailed food shelves. These are a few of the bright “spots” for us. It helps to balance out the difficulty in getting meats and eggs.

Any help you can give the food shelf will be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to stop in or call anytime.

Sincerely, Cindy Mumme, food shelf coordinator

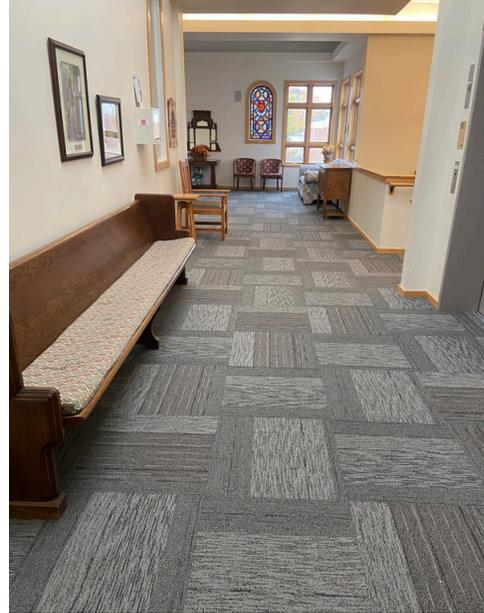
2025 ENDOWMENT FUND WRAP UP

New Carpet for the Narthex

This fall the Building and Endowment Committees joined forces to install new carpet in the upstairs of the Narthex. The old carpet was originally installed when the Narthex was built around 2000. The old carpet served us well for 25 years.

Brighter Homes from Redwood Falls was contracted with and installed the new carpet. The new carpet was paid for out of the Building Fund, the Endowment Fund and through individual contributions. We thank everyone for their generosity.

Here are some photos of the installation & new carpet. Looks Good!!



Medical Equipment for a Young Cancer Patient

Over the summer the Deacons along with the Endowment Fund donated \$500 for exercise equipment for a young individual from Belview who was suffering from brain cancer. This is expensive equipment and financial help was requested.

The donated funds were made available through the "Special Needs" section of the Endowment Fund and administered by the Deacons.

Christmas Military Bible Project Update

Late last summer, the Missions and Endowment Committees joined forces to purchase 100 bibles for our servicemen & women who would not be home for Christmas. We allocated \$500 in Endowment Missions funds for the project and we opened this Missions project up to the congregation if anyone wanted to make an additional donation. And boy, our congregation did respond! Congregation members added over \$400 more in donations. As a result, we were able to purchase an additional 84 bibles for a total purchase of 184 bibles as Christmas presents for our military personnel stationed overseas.

WAY TO GO!!!