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Lampstands

By Pastor Jay

...the seven lampstands are the seven churches. "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands....'" – Revelation 1:20-2:1

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. – Psalm 119:105

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. – Matthew 5:14-16

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." – John 8:12

Dear Friends:

Something happens each year during the Christmas Season. There are more parties, more music, more giving, more color, and especially more light. Trees, houses, yards, stores are all lit up announcing, for a myriad of reasons, "Christmas is coming!"

In the back of our sanctuary there is a big closet. It contains all kinds of good stuff related to our worship services. Offering plates. Old Sermon Recordings. Acolyte robes. Pew ropes. Candles. A few

weeks ago I ventured into this big closet to assess our "candle situation" for the Advent Season that we are now enjoying. We use lots of candles at Christmas time. Did we need to order more of those little candles for our Christmas Eve services? Did we have enough for a month of Advent Wreaths? Were they the same size and color? So in I went. Oh, and there is something else in that closet. Lampstands.

We use them for special occasions—weddings and especially the annual Good Friday service—but not usually at Christmas. And when I went into



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A Christmas Message

Christmas holds the mystery
Of how God touched the earth
By giving us the Christ child
In a newborn baby's birth.

Great awe was in young Mary's
heart,
And in the shepherds' pace
As they ran quickly to the town
And found that special place.

These humble shepherds knelt
before
This tiny newborn king;
And as they did so, they could
hear
The lovely angels sing:

"Fear not, for unto you this day,
The Prince of Peace has come
To share God's love throughout
the world.
Rejoice now, everyone!"

—Peggy Ferrell



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December 5th

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that big, dark closet to check on the candles, ironically, the biggest hassle was getting around the lampstands. I had to grab those big candelabras and move them out of the way to get to the candle boxes.

Lampstands that weren't holding any light had become part of the closet clutter and were getting in the way of what I was trying to do. I moved them out of the closet.

One of the symbolic pictures of the church offered in the Bible is that of a lampstand. And God's Book also gives us clues concerning the kind of light that is supposed to be shining from Jesus' church: The light that is the Word of God. The light that is our joyful and faithful service as commanded and directed by God's Word. The light that is Jesus Christ Himself, living in and working through His people. The church is here to hold up and shine out with that light.

That is what we were doing with our Nativity Tableau presentations. That is what our Advent Calendar of Devotions is all about. That is what we hope to do through all of our December activities. And as we move into the New Year of 2012, may we enjoy our blessings and face our challenges with constant faith, hope and love. And may our Lord bless us by shining ever more brightly through all of us who call Covenant our Church home.

Please join me in praying as we end one year and begin

another that Jesus Christ will find us faithful and keep us shining brightly as His "lampstand" placed here in Reno, Nevada. I don't want us to be a lightless lampstand merely adding to the clutter in the big, dark closet of a world in need. Jesus says churches can become like this when they forget about Him or place greater priority on other things. And what does Jesus say happens to such churches? Check out His letter to the Ephesian church found in Revelation 2:1-7.

Have a wonderful Christmas Season, friends. And when our friends and neighbors glance our way during this holiday time may they see us all lit up announcing, for the right reason, "Christmas has come! The Savior has been born for us. The Light of the World has entered the world! Glory to God in the Highest!" May they see, through us, the Light.

Blessed to be holding up
the light of Christ with you,

Jay Hull, Pastor



Send Christmas Greetings to Our Missionaries

By Patti Hemsley

Have you ever noticed how the epistle writers always add special greetings to a long list of supporters, church leaders, friends and missionaries in their letters? This month, as you work through your own Christmas card list, please consider greeting one or all of our missionaries "in the name of the Lord".

A list of our missionaries and their email and mailing addresses will be available in the narthex beginning the week of Thanksgiving.

You might be surprised at the joy a family photo, a few words of greeting, a promise to pray, local news, a story about something funny your child said or your family's clever annual summary of accomplishments will bring to those serving on mission fields!

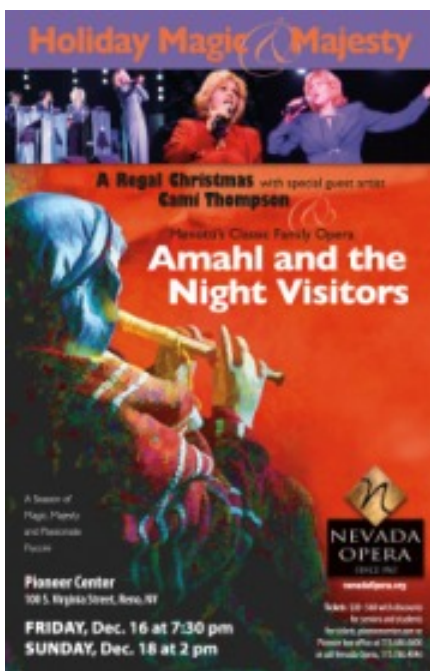
Details on how to mail cards along with online card sources will be provided. So remember to pick up a list and reach out in love to encourage our partners in mission during this Christmas season. †

Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers, even though they are strangers to you. They have told the church about your love. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. It was for the sake of the Name that they went out, receiving no help from the pagans. We ought therefore to show hospitality to such men so that we may work together for the truth.
3 John 5-8



Review: Amahl & the Night Visitors

By Gisela Anderson



A great Christmas play/opera for the whole family to see is *Amahl and the Night Visitors* (Menotti's classic family opera). It is a lovely, touching story about a very poor crippled boy who lives with his mother. The 3 wise men on their way to find the newborn king, stop at their hut for the night and the story centers around that visit. There is great humor, some sadness and a miracle born of faith.

We went to see it last year at the Pioneer theatre as it was performed by local kids and adults. It was fabulous - far better than the black and white DVD based on the original TV

performance. It is pricey (\$20-\$50), but well worth it.

Here is the info:

nevadaopera.org or pioneercenter.com for tickets.

Or use the old fashioned phone and call 775-686-6600

There are only two performances: Dec. 16 at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, Dec. 18 at 2:00 pm. Don't wait until the last minute to get tickets as it fills up quickly.

I can't recommend it highly enough for a truly "Christmas" program in its native simplicity. We hope to go again this year and maybe see you there?

Gisela †



Alternative Christmas Gift Market

This year's Alternative Christmas Gift Market will be open after both Sunday morning services on December 4, 11 and 18. Stop by the display tables in the narthex and consider making a donation to any featured missionary or project:

- Tanneken Fros and her ministry to orphans and widows in Mozambique;
- Evangelistic outreach and youth projects in Mexico through Marcos Schultz's Olive Tree Ministry;
- Hosanna Home - serving women in transition in Washoe County;
- Bibles for Pacific Island Ministries in Papua New Guinea.

In addition to the missions above, we hope to fill a large collection box with bibles for distribution by **Good Shepherd Clothes Closet**, a compassionate care ministry reaching homeless and impoverished men, women and children in the Reno area.

Bring your surplus Bibles in good condition (new or used, Spanish translations welcome) and help us get God's Word into the hands of those who ask for a Bible.

Donations to purchase discounted and sturdy hard cover Bibles will also be accepted at the display in the narthex during the weeks of the Alternative Gift Market.

This year we are also excited to add a new opportunity to acquire small "jingle bells" from **"Shells to Bells", a Cambodian-based project** (see box on this page).

The Alternative Gift Market is a long-standing CPC tradition designed to allow folks to direct some of their gift-giving dollars or year-end special donations to evangelistic outreach through our missionaries.

Small "thank-you" gifts will be available for those contributing to any project. Plus all donors receive a lovely Christmas-themed information card indicating a monetary gift was made in the recipient's name. It is suitable for hanging on your tree as a reminder to pray for our mission projects - or give it to someone on your own "alternative gift" list.

Thank you for supporting our missionaries both at home and abroad this holiday season and throughout the year with your regular tithes and special offerings. Your gifts make it possible to carry the Good News to the lost and hurting in Reno and around the world!



~Your CPC Mission Team

"Shells to Bells"

These lovely little fairly-traded jingle bells are crafted by village foundries in Cambodia where the people are still plagued by the millions of landmines put in their crop and grazing fields during the brutal reign of the Khmer Rouge from 1975-1979.

These scraps of war, spent shell casings, old artillery shells, electrical wire, and soda cans, are recast into little bells which are used to adorn the harnesses of cows, oxen, and water buffalo in Cambodia.

But they sure sound a lot like Christmas jingle bells! Our Pioneer Club children will be using the bells to add some special merriment when they carol at a local nursing home during this special season.

The "shells to bells" program makes it possible for us to have a small part in turning weapons of destruction into sounds of peace and joy. If you don't have a water buffalo to keep track of, consider using them on doorknobs, hiking packs, dog collars, gift boxes, and holiday wreaths and swags.

Donations for the bells (which come with a card explaining their origin) will support new outreach projects planned for 2012 by our Family Ministries team.



A Christmas Story

Author Unknown



I remember my first Christmas adventure with Grandma. I was just a kid. I remember tearing across town on my bike to visit her on the day my big sister dropped the bomb: "There is no Santa Claus," she jeered. "Even dummies know that!" My Grandma was not the gushy kind, never had been.

I fled to her that day because I knew she would be straight with me. I knew

going around for years, and it makes me mad, plain mad!!

Now, put on your coat, and let's go."

"Go? Go where, Grandma?" I asked. I hadn't even finished my second world-famous cinnamon bun.

"Where" turned out to be Kerby's General Store, the one store in town that had a little bit of just about everything. As we walked through it's doors,

my church. I

was just about thought out, when I suddenly thought of Bobby Decker. He was a kid with bad breath and messy hair, and he sat right behind me in Mrs. Pollock's grade-two class. Bobby Decker didn't have a coat. I knew that because he never went out to recess during the winter. His mother always wrote a note, telling the teacher that he had a cough,

Fifty years haven't dimmed the thrill of those moments spent shivering, beside my Grandma, in Bobby Decker's bushes.

Grandma always told the truth, and I knew that the truth always went down a whole lot easier when swallowed with one of her "world-famous" cinnamon buns. I knew they were world-famous, because Grandma said so. It had to be true. Grandma was home, and the buns were still warm. Between bites, I told her everything. She was ready for me! . "No Santa

Claus?" she

snorted...."Ridiculous! Don't believe it.

That

rumor has been



Grandma handed me ten dollars. That was a bundle in those days. "Take this money," she said, "and buy something for someone who needs it. I'll wait for you in the car." Then she turned and walked out of Kerby's. I was only eight years old. I'd often gone shopping with my mother, but never had I shopped for anything all by myself.

The store seemed big and crowded, full of people scrambling to finish their Christmas shopping. For a few moments I just stood there, confused, clutching that ten-dollar bill, wondering what to buy, and who on earth to buy it for. I thought of everybody I knew: my family, my friends, my neighbors, the kids at school, the people who went to

but all we kids knew that Bobby Decker didn't have a cough; he had no good coat. I fingered the ten-dollar bill with growing excitement. I would buy Bobby Decker a coat!

I settled on a red corduroy one that had a hood to it. It looked real warm, and he would like that. "Is this a Christmas present for someone?" the lady behind the counter asked kindly, as I laid my ten dollars down. "Yes, ma'am," I replied shyly. "It's for Bobby." The nice lady smiled at me, as I told her about how Bobby really needed a good winter coat. I didn't get any change, but she put the coat in a bag, smiled again, and wished me a Merry Christmas.

That evening, Grandma helped me wrap the coat in

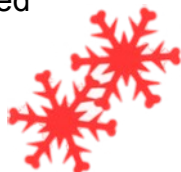
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Christmas paper and ribbons (a little tag fell out of the coat, and Grandma tucked it in her Bible) and wrote, "To Bobby, From Santa Claus" on it. Grandma said that Santa always insisted on secrecy. Then she drove me over to Bobby Decker's house, explaining as we went that I was now and forever officially, one of Santa's helpers. Grandma parked down the street from Bobby's house, and as she and I crept noiselessly and hid in the bushes by his front walk.

Then Grandma gave me a nudge. "All right, Santa Claus," she whispered, "get going." I took a deep breath, dashed for his front door, threw the present down on his step, pounded his doorbell and flew back to the safety of the bushes and Grandma. Together we waited breathlessly in the darkness for the front door to open. Finally it did, and there stood Bobby. Fifty years haven't dimmed the thrill of those moments spent shivering, beside my Grandma, in Bobby Decker's bushes. That night, I realized that those awful rumors about Santa Claus were just what Grandma said they were: ridiculous. Santa was alive and well, and we were on his team.

I still have the Bible, with the coat tag tucked inside: \$19.95. †



Repair the Breaches

Submitted by Gisela Anderson

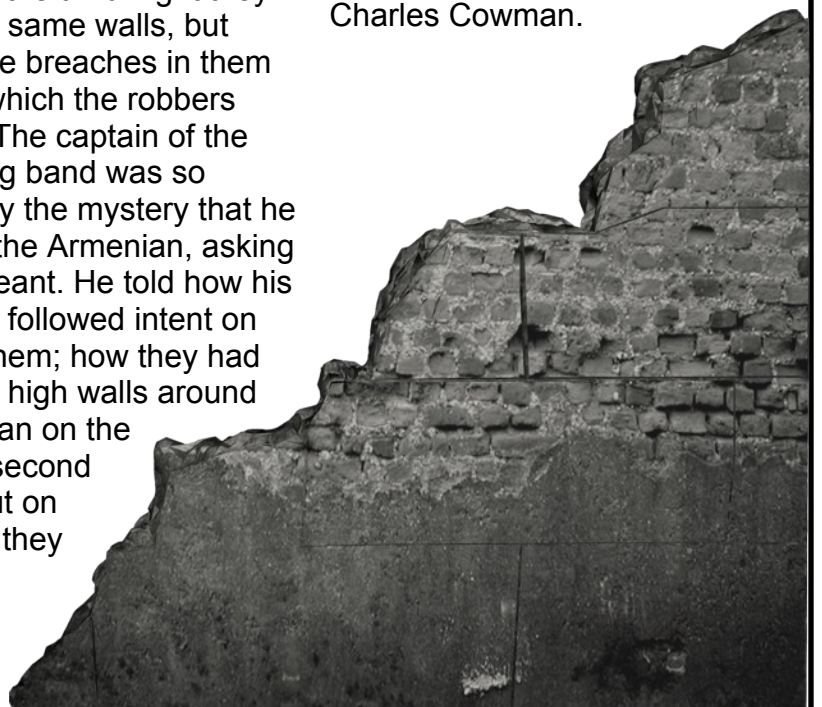
A God fearing Armenian Christian was sending some merchandise to a distant city. There were no railroads in that part of the country, and as it was a valuable lot of goods. The merchant himself accompanied the caravan.

Such caravans usually camp at night, and this is an opportune time for the highwaymen, who make their living by attacking caravans, to steal unnoticed upon the campers. At the chosen time, under cover of the night, the Kurds drew near. All was strangely silent. There seemed to be no guards. but as they pressed closer, imagine their astonishment to find high walls where walls had never stood before. The next night, they found the same impassable walls. On the third night they found the same walls, but there were breaches in them through which the robbers entered. The captain of the marauding band was so terrified by the mystery that he woke up the Armenian, asking what it meant. He told how his band had followed intent on robbing them; how they had found the high walls around the caravan on the first and second nights; but on this night they had been able to

enter through breaches. "If you will tell us the secret of all this, we will not molest you," said the captain.

The merchant himself was puzzled. "My friends," he said, "I have done nothing to have walls raised about us. All I do is pray every evening, committing myself and those with me to God. I fully trust in Him to keep me from all evil; but tonight, being very tired and sleepy, I made a rather half-hearted prayer. That must be why you were allowed to break through." The Kurds were overcome by this testimony. Then and there they accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior. But the Armenian never forgot the breach in the wall of prayer.

Taken from "Springs in the Valley." compiled by Mrs. Charles Cowman.





Food and So Much More

A Look at the Northern Nevada Food Bank

There are two times a year that the Food Bank of Northern Nevada receives the most donated food – the Letter Carrier Food Drive and the Holiday Food Drive. During the months of November and December the Food Bank conducts food drives at local businesses and a Drive-by Food Donation.

Volunteers are especially needed at this time because of the great volume of donated food. It all starts at the donation point – a donation barrel or the Drive-by Food Drive. Donated food is transported to the Food Bank’s warehouse off of the USA Parkway located in Tahoe-Reno Industrial Complex off of I-80. The barrels and boxes of food are put on the warehouse floor where volunteers sort the food. Volunteers look at expiration dates; look for labels and broken seals. The food that passes the first sort is then sorted into food types – fruit, vegetables, meals, dry goods, and so on. Donated food and fresh food



purchased by the Food Bank are then distributed in refrigerated Food Bank semi-trucks to over 130 partner agencies in the Reno/Sparks urban and rural outlying areas.

**A Couple of Hours
Makes a Big
Difference**

**Join us on Saturday
December 3rd**

9:00 am to 11:00 am

**Carpool from
church @8:30 am**

These partner agencies include shelters, residential facilities, day care centers, senior centers, rehabilitation centers, after school programs, and churches. During the school year the Food bank provides breakfast and lunch at some schools. The Kids’ Café program provides dinners to children at selected locations during the school year. The Backpack program targets selected students to provide them with easy to prepare healthy food for the weekend. And, during the summer, the Food Bank provides lunches to children at local parks and recreation centers.

Additionally, pregnant and breastfeeding women, new mothers and elderly people aged 60 years and older can receive a free monthly box of supplemental food to improve their diet and health.

People receiving food have a variety of other referral services provided by the Food Bank. The Food Bank of Northern Nevada helps people in need apply for S.N.A.P. (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Benefits (formerly known as food stamps.) The Food Bank also partners with City of Reno, Step 2, the Volunteers of America Homeless Shelter, Cottonwood Apartments, and Nevada Youth Empowerment Project to assist families living in poverty to work towards self sufficiency. The Food Bank staff and needy families engage in a 16 week group training program to help families learn how to set future goals to move towards prosperity.

➡Where do I fit in?

Covenant Presbyterian Church is volunteering to help sort food at the Food Bank on Saturday, December 3 from 9am to 11am. We meet at the church at 8:30am to car pool. Or you can drive directly to the Food Bank.

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The Food Bank is also in great need of people who can help sort food during the week. They are in a crunch to get food packed on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 1 pm to 4 pm.

This may seem like such a small contribution of time but many such small contributions put together makes a BIG difference.

Food Bank Location

The Food Bank of Northern Nevada is located in the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Complex (TRIC). From Reno, take I-80 East towards Fernley. Drive about 16 miles and take Exit Number 32 -- USA Parkway. Head south along USA Parkway for 2.5 miles. Take a Left on Italy Drive.

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.
-Hebrews 13:16

Decorate the Church for Christmas

By Sylvia Fields

Come help make the Church beautiful for Christmas. We need lots of hands to make the time fly by while having fun. We also needs lots of strong men to help with the heavy Christmas trees.

Place: Covenant Presbyterian Church

Date: Saturday, December 3rd

Time: 9:00 am

If you have any questions or need a ride please contact Sylvia Fields, Jayne Engel or the Church Office. We will have coffee and donuts! Yum!✝



Q:

If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?



Gingerbread House Decorating Party

An afternoon of fun for the whole family on December 4th

By Connie Benedict



Covenant's annual Gingerbread House Party is very popular with kids of all ages.

The annual Gingerbread-House decorating party is scheduled for 2 p.m. Dec. 4 in the Narthex.

Kids of all ages (including adults) are welcome to join in the fun. The bases for the houses are 1/2-gallon milk and juice cartons with graham crackers glued over the surface and frosting, cereal and candies will be provided. Cost for each house will be \$5.

Volunteers are welcome to join the members of the Fellowship Ministry Team to help glue the graham crackers to the cartons at 10 a.m. Dec. 3. †

Celebrate the Season with Song

By Connie Benedict

Everyone – young and old – who is interested in an old-time Christmas Caroling party is invited to join this annual event at 3:30 p.m on December 11.

Carolers will meet at Covenant first to warm up

under the guidance of Jerry Dunlap. Then the group will carpool to the Senior community.

We are asked not to bring holiday sweets because many residents have dietary restrictions, but children are

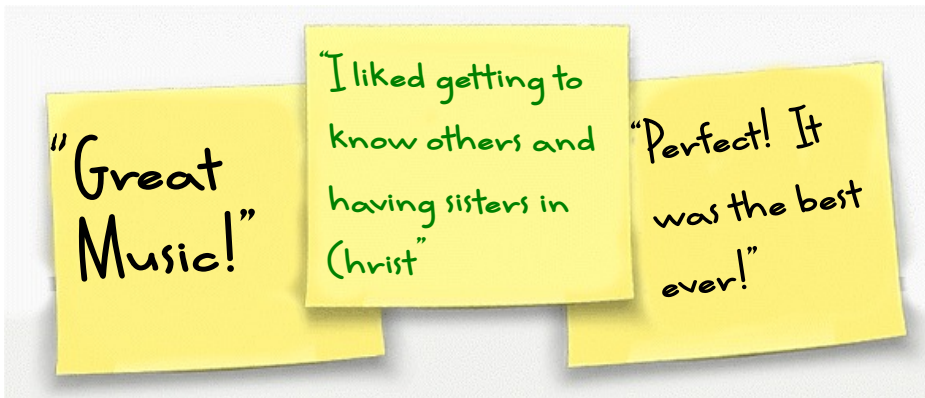
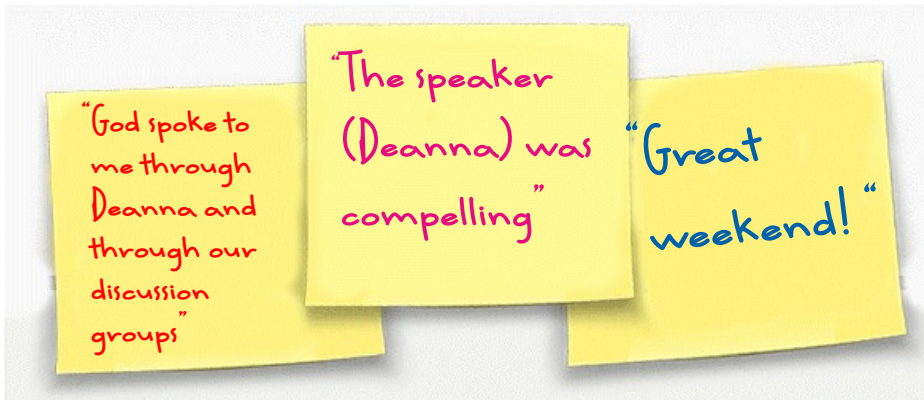
encouraged to make Christmas cards to give Seniors. †



2011 Women's Retreat

By Wendy Wilson

The 2011 Women's retreat, August 26-28, was a success! Our speaker was Deanna Masterman who spoke on God's "kingdom purpose" for our lives. Fifty five women attended. You can read some of the comments we received below. Ladies, mark your calendars for the 2012 Women's Retreat to be held on August 24-26. †



God is not off on some horizon, seen only in some bird's-eye view. He is slogging it out down in the road; in the dust he made, with us whom he made of dust; in the problems, in the possibilities, in the whole company that perseveres. Our gospel is God-with-us, not God-way-out.

—Theodore A. Gill

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If the only prayer you say in your life is "Thank You," That would be enough.

-Meister Eckhart

2011 Contributions Deadline

By Barbara Mize

Sunday, December 25th will be the last Sunday collection date for 2011 contributions. The last day that the church office will be able to post contributions to your 2011

contribution record will be Thursday, December 29. †



Poinsettias

We will be decorating the church sanctuary with poinsettias December 18th through the 25th. If you would like to order a plant in memory or honor of a loved one, please check the Narthex for

flower forms. The deadline for submitting forms and money for the poinsettias is Wednesday, December 14th. †



Treasurer's Report October 2011

	MTD	YTD
<u>General Fund</u>		
Revenue	\$37,605	\$282,623
Expense	\$27,780	\$299,606
Net	\$9,825	-\$16,983
Interest Income	\$1	\$155
Net	\$9,826	-\$16,828
<u>Building Fund</u>		
Revenue	\$705	\$46,048
Expense	\$0	\$1,300
Net	\$705	\$44,748
<u>Parking Lot Loans Paid</u>		
	\$0	\$26,000

Poinsettia Donation Form



Your Name (print all names clearly please)

of plants @ \$8 _____

of plants @ \$20 _____

Dedication:

Please print clearly and indicate if the plant is given in memory of or in honor of someone:

E-mail or phone number:

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8:30 am

Contemporary Worship Service

10:00 am

Sunday School

11:00 am

Traditional Worship Service



Christmas Worship Services

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Services

6:30 pm & 9:00 pm

Christmas Day

10:00 am

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December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><i>He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree. - Roy L. Smith</i></p>				1 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	2	3 7:45 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am Decorate Church for Christmas 9:00 am Covenant at Food Bank
4 12:30 pm Gingerbread House Party 6:00 pm HS Youth Group	5	6	7 3:00 pm Pioneer Club 6:15 pm Junior High Youth Group	8 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	9	10 7:45 am Men's Bible Study
11 12:30 pm Worship Meeting 6:00 pm HS Youth Group 6:00 pm Open Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Covenant Family Meeting	12 	13 9:30 am Florence Circle 10:00 am Chimes Folding 11:30 am Women's Circle Luncheon 5:30 pm Deacons Meeting 6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting 7:00 pm Admin Meeting Mission Meeting	14 3:00 pm Pioneer Club 6:15 pm Junior High Youth Group	15 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	16	17 7:45 am Men's Bible Study
18 6:00 pm HS Youth Group Christmas Party	19	20 1:00 pm Martha Circle 6:00 pm Session Meeting	21 3:00 pm Pioneer Club 6:15 pm Junior High Youth Group	22 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	23	24 7:45 am Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm Worship Service 9:00 pm Worship Service
25 10:00 am Worship Service	26 Church Office Closed	27	28	29 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	30 	31 7:45 am Men's Bible Study HS New Year's Eve Party

Celebrate December!

Birthdays

- 1 Colin Hayes
Lori Kaiser
- 3 Patty Bender
- 5 Mike Blakely
- 6 Maya Aiyuk
- 8 Deidre Blanton
- 9 Jennifer Wildey
- 12 Barbara Kanuch
Lisa Wilson
- 13 Michelle Feinstein
- 14 Ann Christie
Bob Bauter
- 15 Grale Butler
- 16 Carole Heintz
Arroyo Fierro
Sean Hayes
- 17 Gaye Wallace
Chris Schlatter
- 20 Ben Minedew
- 21 Remy Chonez
- 26 Meg Davis
- 28 Joanne Mathieu
Linda Turner
- 29 Dave Berry
- 30 Hannah Christie

Anniversaries

- 26 Joan & Ed Lynam
- 28 TJ & John Hill
- 29 Kathleen & Jerry Audet

Raspberry Almond Coffee Cake

Coffee Cake:

- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 3/4 cup butter (or margarine)
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 3/4 cup sour cream or buttermilk
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1 tsp almond extract

Filling:

- 1 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup fresh or frozen raspberries

Glaze:

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 2 Tbsp milk
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract



1. Preheat oven to 350F. Butter and flour bottom and sides of 9- or 10-inch springform pan; set aside.
2. Combine flour and 3/4 cup sugar in large bowl. Cut in butter with pastry blender or fork until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Measure 1 cup of this mixture into small bowl. Add almonds; mix together and set aside. To remaining crumb mixture in large bowl, add baking powder, baking soda, salt, sour cream, 1 egg and almond extract. Blend well. Spread over bottom of prepared pan, forming well in center about 1/2-inch deep and about 1/4-inch thick around sides.

Filling

1. Combine cream cheese, 1/4 cup sugar and 1 egg in small bowl; blend well. Pour over batter in pan. Carefully spoon preserves evenly over filling. Sprinkle reserved crumb and almond mixture over top. Bake at 350F for 45 to 55 minutes or until topping is deep golden brown. Remove to wire rack and let stand for 15 minutes. Remove sides of pan. To make glaze mix powdered sugar, milk and vanilla. Drizzle over coffee cake. Cut in wedges and serve warm or cool. Store in refrigerator.

Servings: 16