

Presbyterian

January 2022

As you may have realized by now, I have a deep love for books, the written word, and often poetry. I think poems are like music—they can move inside us and touch or reach pieces of ourselves that we didn't even realize needed words. So, as the Christmas season begins and we journey towards Epiphany, here is one for this celebration. Also, mark your calendars—I am going to have my Epiphany Open House party! It's scheduled for Saturday, January 8, 2022, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. I hope you'll be able to come out and stop by. As we do see increased infections from the omicron variant of COVID-19, I would ask that if you are not feeling well that day to please remain home and if you are not fully vaccinated and boosted to consider wearing a mask if you decide to attend. Thank you for your understanding. Christ is here! Merry Christmas!

Grace and Peace, *Pastor Jessica*

***For Those Who Have Far to Travel ~ A Blessing for Epiphany* by Jan Richardson**

If you could see
the journey whole,
you might never
undertake it,
might never dare
the first step
that propels you
from the place
you have known
toward the place
you know not.

Call it
one of the mercies
of the road:
that we see it
only by stages
as it opens
before us,
as it comes into
our keeping,
step by
single step.

There is nothing
for it
but to go,
and by our going
take the vows
the pilgrim takes:

to be faithful to
the next step;
to rely on more
than the map;
to heed the signposts
of intuition and dream;
to follow the star
that only you
will recognize;
to keep an open eye
for the wonders that
attend the path;
to press on
beyond distractions,
beyond fatigue,
beyond what would
tempt you
from the way.

These are vows
that only you
will know:
the secret promises
for your particular path
and the new ones
you will need to make
when the road
is revealed
by turns
you could not
have foreseen.

Keep them, break them,
make them again;
each promise becomes
part of the path,
each choice creates
the road
that will take you
to the place
where at last
you will kneel
to offer the gift
most needed—
the gift that only you
can give—
before turning to go
home by
another way.



January 2

Usher: Betsy Akin
Liturgist: Ken Pangburn

January 9

Usher: Ron Brown
Liturgist: Randy Olive

January 16

Usher: Jackie Butcher
Liturgist: Quaid Eddy

January 23

Ushers: Zach & Michelle Morgan
Liturgist: Donna Peckham

January 30

Usher: Angie Mullen
Liturgist: Sue Selby

February 6

Usher: Megan Boswell
Liturgist: Doug Leonard

February 13

Ushers: Randy and Shirley Olive
Liturgist: Megan Boswell

February 20

Ushers: Pete and Kim Brantner
Liturgist: Betsy Akin

February 27

Usher: Ann Myers
Liturgist: Ken Pangburn

Marvin Smith	January 12
Beverly McMahon	January 13
Jean Loonan	January 17
Curan Eddy	January 20
Bobby Boswell	January 22
Karen Boswell	January 25
Larry Miller	January 27

We ask for your help in keeping the birthday and prayer lists current.

If you have any changes or additions, please let us know.

Family of Mike Selby
Family of Justin Duval
Family of Jim and Karon Kimpson
All dealing with chronic pain
All dealing with COVID-19
All affected by severe weather

Dan
Jerry Baker
Jed Palmer
Tom Schafer
Carter
Donny Willett
Shirley Boone
Marvin Smith
Dick Blazek
Doug Hardisty
Arlene Drennan
Cheryl Swartz
Carolyn Stormer
Charlene Elwood
Doug and Christy Davidson



Newsletter Deadline

For the February newsletter, please submit all news and announcements by Wednesday, January 19th.

Thank you so much for your help in making sure we get information communicated to everyone.

This is a snapshot of our general budget that shows the monthly income, expenses, beginning and ending balance. This is included to keep everyone abreast of where the church is financially and our church’s financial health.

November 2021 General Fund Checking Account	
Beginning Balance 11-1-21	\$11,576.55
Income	\$7,429.48
Expenses	\$12,003.30
Ending Balance 11-30-21	\$7,002.73

Based on the gift each one has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God. – 1 Peter 4:10

Christmas Joy Special Offering

We received the Christmas Joy Special Offering on Sunday, December 19th during worship. This special offering of the PC (U.S.A.) provides assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and helps develop our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. This year, we collected \$375.

Thank you for your wonderful generosity.



January Congregational Meeting

The second part of our annual meeting will be held Sunday, January 16, 2022 at the end of worship. Come and hear a summary of 2021 and what we might look forward to in 2022! Remember that if you are a member of this congregation, one of the expectations of your membership is you attend if possible.



Fostering Hope Receives Donations for Christmas Gifts

This month, Fostering Hope, received multiple donations - kicked off by Coca-Cola, in order to provide Christmas gifts for foster families. In total, 15 families with 29 kids spread over 5 different counties received gifts.

Pictured above are Megan Boswell (Fostering Hope Board Member), the representative from Coca-Cola, and the Creston Wal-Mart manager during their shopping trip on Monday, December 20th. Pictured below are all the gifts ready for delivery.



The 2021 Nominating Committee is currently searching for one more member to join in the work of the session for a 3-year term. The nominating committee asks that you pray diligently and consider answering the call. Currently the session meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the fellowship hall. Ruling Elders may also join meetings via Zoom at this time. We know there are many members that would add great perspectives, insights, and gifts to the work of the session. Any questions regarding this call may be directed toward Pastor Jessica or a member of the current nominating committee. 2021 members are Megan Boswell, Ann Myers, Cindy Peterson, and Alec Turner. We thank you for your prayerful consideration of serving on the session.

Dear Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for the potatoes and the thanksgiving drive thru, and all the other kind things you do for us and the community. Merry Christmas!

Adams County Matura

Pictured below is the presentation of the check to Matura for what was raised by the Food Pantry Dinner. The check was for \$5,016.39!

THANKS
FROM THE
HEART



Pictured from left are: Kay Parrot, Ken Pangburn, Betsy Akin, Nancy Turner, Cindy Peterson, and Kathy Pangburn.

Thank you for your recent donation to our Feed the Pack program! Your generosity goes directly to feeding the youth of our community! We appreciate your support!

Feed the Pack

A big thank you to all those who helped deliver Meals on Wheels during November. I really appreciated your positive support in this effort. The people who helped were Sue and Mike Selby, Nancy Turner, Ann Myers, Kim Brantner, Pete and Pat Hass, Dan, Wendy, Keelo, and Kyper Ahrens, Ken and Kathy Pangburn, Kurt and Diana Scott, Randy and Shirley Olive, Michelle, Zach, Avery, and Alex Morgan, Ivan and Judy Wolf, and Cindy Peterson. Again thanks for your help.

The AC Christmas Angels would like to thank all of those individuals, churches, businesses, organizations, and groups that participated in this year's Christmas Angels program. Over 37 families, which added up to 158 people, were provided with gifts, a food card, and meat during this holiday season. Without your many kindnesses and donations, this program would not be possible. Thank you for helping with this mission to provide for the less fortunate in our community.

Nancy Mann, Beth Waddle, Sally Shires, Blake Anderson, and Nancy Turner



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Mission Statement

The First Presbyterian Church of Corning believes in the good news of the Gospel and will grow through and share the love, grace, and compassion of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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