

Announcements

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 1 st	Betheny Nieters, Michael Thomas
December 2 nd	Judith Eckley
December 4 th	Donna Holder, Terry Wood
December 5 th	Steven Bates, Mary Reed
December 7 th	Doug Williams
December 11 th	Sugar Koehler, Marilyn Montville
December 12 th	Joyce Skoric
December 14 th	Nancy Brown, Norma Wheeler
December 18 th	Mary Burgin
December 21 st	Bob Wolf
December 25 th	Lynette Barsness
December 31 st	Wayne Jones



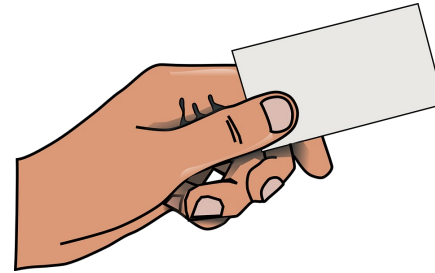
CODY CUPBOARD

December Items needed below:



Diaper Dash! For the month of December, please buy all sizes of diapers and wet wipes! Thank you!

Stewardship, Budget and Personnel: Pledge Cards
Be on the lookout in your mail for renewing your personal pledges for 2025! Please drop them off in the Office Secretary's Mailbox (Kelley B) Thank you! :)



Per Capita 2025

General Assembly: \$10.84

Synod: \$3.00

Presbytery: \$34.16



December 1st, 2024
1st Day of Advent



*Please fill out attendance form
and pass it along your row*



Session Reminder:

Committee Meetings will be held independently by each committee.
No Session Meeting in December

Reminder: Annual Reports

Committee Annual Reports are due by
December 31st, 2024!
Please email to church office.
Thank you!

Christian Education – Children's Sunday School

Meeting today after worship in the Basement youth room!



PW Christmas Celebration

Saturday, December 7, Noon
RSVP: Nancy Horn

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

The days are surely coming, says our God,
when justice and righteousness will appear.

**God's promises will be made known to us,
and we will declare God's goodness and salvation.**

Lift up your souls in trust and praise;
open your hearts and minds to God's teaching.

**God's ways will be demonstrated to us,
and we will seek to walk in them all our days.**

Render thanksgiving to God for all life's benefits.
Watch and pray, in holiness and abiding faith.

**God's mercy and steadfast love will surround us,
and we will abound in love for one another.**

Advent Candle Lighting Cathy Aardema & Jennifer Chanley

Hymn "Faith of Our Fathers" Onscreen Only

Invocation

Surrounded by a rich heritage of faith, we seek to know you, God, in this time of worship. Thankful for our spiritual ancestors, we return to our roots to find our true identity. We lay aside all that weighs us down and fills us with doubts so we can give attention to your call and your message. Meet us here, we pray. Amen.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Giver of life, we have not thanked you enough for each breath we can take, each moment we live, each experience we enjoy or endure. We are more likely to complain than to appreciate, to wallow in cries of agony and loss than to pour out joy and gratitude. We repeat our mistakes instead of learning from them. We try to keep you out of our lives instead of turning to you daily and trusting your providence. Turn us around, God; we want to experience the confident joy of living for you. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

Gloria Patri

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” Hymn #5

Children’s Time

Scripture Genesis 22:1-19 NRSV

Sermon “Faith... the Conviction of Things Not Seen”
Hebrews 11 NRSV

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Sacrament of Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night” Hymn #20

Benediction and Blessing

Postlude

Ushers: Cathy Aardema & Patti Smith
Accompanist/Choir Director: Tim Schoessler
Message: Pat Montgomery

Genesis 22:1-19 (NRSV)

¹ After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”
² He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.”
³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him.
⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away.
⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.”
⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together.
⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”
⁸ Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them walked on together.
⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood.
¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.
¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”
¹² He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”

¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.
¹⁴ So Abraham called that place “The LORD will provide,” as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”
¹⁵ The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven
¹⁶ and said, “By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son,
¹⁷ I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies,
¹⁸ and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.”
¹⁹ So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beer-sheba, and Abraham lived at Beer-sheba.

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Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. Jude 3

ST. CATHERINE 8 8 8 8 8
Henri F. Hemy, 1864
Arr. by James G. Walton, 1874

Frederick W. Faber, 1849

1. Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still In spite of dun - geon, fire and sword:
2. Our fa - thers, chained in pris - ons dark, Were still in heart and 'con - science free:
3. Faith of our fa - thers! we will strive To win all na - tions un - to thee,
4. Faith of our fa - thers! we will love Both friend and foe in all our strife:
O how our hearts beat high with joy When - e'er we hear that glo - rious word!
How sweet would be their chil - dren's fate, If they like them could die for thee!
And thro' the truth that comes from God, Man - kind shall then be tru - ly free.
And preach thee too as love knows how, By kind - ly words and vir - tuous life:
Faith of our fa - thers, ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death!
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Faith of our fa - thers, ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death!
Faith of our fa - thers, ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death! A - men.