

Announcements

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 1 st	Betheny Nieters, Michael Thomas
December 2 nd	Judy Eckley
December 4 th	Donna Holder, Terry Wood
December 5 th	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!



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!

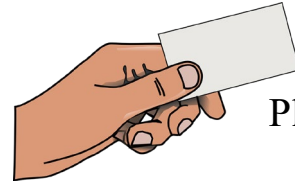
Christian Education – Children’s Sunday School

Next meeting is January 5th, 2025!

Adult Sunday School

No Adult Sunday School for the remainder of 2024.

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



Narthex: Pledge Envelope Sign-Up

Please sign up for your 2025 Pledge Envelopes in the Narthex after Service!



Thank You

Thank you to the following Elders for their term in Session:

-  Dennis Spargur (Buildings and Grounds)
-  Kathy Wormald (Christian Education)

Thank you to the following Deacons for their term in Session:

-  Karen Samuels
-  Janalyn Shultz
-  Anita Kellerby



December 8st, 2024
2nd Sunday of Advent



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

Praise Music

“Everlasting God”
“Mighty is Our God”
“Indescribable”

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

How often have we imagined the ruler of glory far off?
God is not in some remote heaven but here.

We wait in silence for God’s appearing.

Come, Holy One, to wipe away our tears.

Stretch out your hands and open your hearts.

Purify your lives from all deceit and falsehood.

God reaches out to comfort and cleanse.

We can sense God’s hand of blessing resting on us.

The earth and all things in it are God’s.

The world and all its people belong to God.

We are God’s people, called and saved by Christ.

We are the saints who share in Christ’s ministry.

Advent Candle Lighting *Phil & Peggy Farman*

Choir Anthem “Advent Message”

Invocation

Creator of all life, who could dare to stand before you were it not for your vindication of us? You are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end of all things. You take away our disgrace and restore us to wholeness. You swallow up death in the larger reality of life eternal. You grant hope for a new heaven and earth even in the midst of our present struggles. Surely you will bless us in this time of worship, unbinding us from our dull routines and freeing us to worship in spirit and in truth. Amen.

Hymn “O God, Our Help In Ages Past” *Hymn #210*

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of Glory, we confess that we have not recognized you in our midst nor listened for your voice. Our faith is fragile, and our iniquity goes unrecognized amid our massive self-concern. We have lived as if we have no need to account for the life we have been given. Our church is focused more on our own survival than on its mission in the world. We come to you today with sincere repentance for our neglect. We have failed to prepare the way for Christ’s entry into our everyday environment. Pardon and change us, we pray. 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 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *Hymn #9*

Children’s Time

Scripture Revelation 21:1-8 1 Corinthians 15:12-22

Sermon “High Hopes”

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn “To A Maid Engaged To Joseph” *Hymn #19*

Benediction and Blessing

Postlude

Ushers: Greg & Paula Dimler

Music Director: Wendy Corr

Accompanist/Choir Director: Tim Schoessler

Message: Pat Montgomery

Revelation 21:1-8 (NIV)

A New Heaven and a New Earth

¹ Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.
² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.
³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.
⁴ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”
⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”
⁶ He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.
⁷ Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.
⁸ But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

1 Corinthians 15:12-22 (NIV)

The Resurrection of the Dead

¹² But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?
¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.
¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised.
¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.
¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.
¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.
¹⁹ **If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.**
²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.
²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 15th

Christmas Celebration Brunch, Baptism & New Member Celebration immediately following Worship Service in Buswell Hall.

Saturday, January 4th

Tea Party with Debbie Montgomery, Buswell Hall 10:00am. Contact Peggy Farman or Vieune Revolinski with questions.

Sunday, January 12th

Retirement Party for Pat & Debbie Montgomery, immediately following Worship Service in Buswell Hall. Potluck (No Sign-Up) Contact Michael Thomas or Kerry Murphy with questions.