

"Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise unto him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods." Psalm 95: 1-3

# **CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Congregational Meeting November 19 following Worship – Potluck dinner** 

THANKSGIVING November 23rd

CHURCH DECORATION – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 9:30 a.m.

**ADVENT begins December 3rd** 

Pastor Jane's Celebration of 30 year Ordination Dec. 3rd at Worship

Session December 12<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 5:30 pm

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 5:30 PM** 



SESSION met Tuesday, November 14th.

<u>Pastor's Report</u> for October: Total hours were 36.75. Approximately 14.75 hours per week. This included: Service Preparation & Sermon preparation 2, PowerPoints and Bulletins x 2, Session

Meeting, Sunday School x3, Emails/texts/phone calls. Discussion with PNC Presbytery Liaison, emails with Supply Preacher, emails/phone calls/texts with Parishioners, Social time with Parishioners.

## BUILDING & GROUNDS: Jerry Brown & Judy

Contractor Jim Sawyer has installed the registers and is getting the final inspection on the Manse. He is also going to install the mirror in the bathroom and the surface mount medicine cabinet which have been purchased. The washer and dryer have been delivered and installed. There will be quotes for covering the windows, which would be the last big expense. A truckload of topsoil was delivered to the Manse backyard. The back of the Manse (formerly, the dog yard) was filled and leveled. Several holes in the back yard and front yard were filled. This took a crew! Thank you to Lance, Judy, Louis, Lisa Sawyer, Pat Early for their days of painting the fence & house trim and shoveling much dirt! The dirt job was made easier by Garry Hillyer & Southwest Ag moving, spreading & leveling dirt with their equipment! Thank you, Garry!

**<u>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</u>**: The Wired Word continues to be emailed each week to membership. Sunday School discusses each lesson with Pastor Jane.

**WORSHIP & TECHNOLOGY**: Carol Blatnick November 5th Communion numbered 16. It has been good to see new people. We are approaching Advent season. You may be asked to light the Advent wreath on a Sunday.

**<u>KITCHEN</u>**: Judy There is a balance of \$406.74 in the kitchen account. There is also an amount of \$500 additional in the General account.

DO YOU NEED A RIDE TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS? CALL SOUTHWEST RIDES 1-970-946-0232, the (SOUTHWEST CENTER FOR INDEPENDENCE) Do you need free medical rehabilitation equipment? Contact Cheryl Clay 970-946-6225 at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church Lending Service



"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2 (NRSVUE)

COMMUNITY CARE & FELLOWSHIP: Nancy Women's Bible Study has begun our Advent Study "Embracing Hope in the Second Coming of Christ." Our **SHOEBOX** Collection for OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD began early with our November 2nd packing party with the Heritage Girl & Boy Scouts, led by Alison Rhodes. Our donations and their packing diligence resulted in 64 Shoeboxes! We rewarded them with pizza, brownies & cookies. **Thank you to our kitchen crew Carol Blatnick, Anne Rudolph and Pam Dawson!** Sally Rowland, area coordinator, led with Shoebox origination and destination and what Shoeboxes accomplish here in the US and abroad. If you or friends would like to donate to this charitable endeavor, there is need of funds to cover the cost of shipping shoeboxes, training of teachers to present the Jesus story to youngsters (& their parents) and the cost of Jesus booklets for each child. This cost is \$10 per shoebox. Our church collects the funds and forwards to Operation Christmas Child. Thank you!

#### **PRAYERS:**

**October 14<sup>th</sup>** Earlys are safely home from trip. War now in Israel and Palestine. Pastor Jane's nephew (by marriage) Kirk is stable presently. October 15<sup>th</sup>: Our PNC needs continuous prayers. Pastor Jane is traveling. Jerry Brown starting radiation. War affecting those in Ukraine and the Middle East. Anne Rudolph's grandson. Our supply pastor Cathy Robert's daughter Jordan. October 21<sup>st</sup>: Pastor Jane as she travels. The Holy Land Continue holding Carolyn & Jerry Brown in prayer. Melanie's friend Bob is now in rehab and doing much better. Callum is doing better. Freida's friend Cindy (here during summer months) is having pacemaker replaced. October 28<sup>th</sup>: Roselene having knee replacement tomorrow. All the conflicts in the world. Hurricane damage in Acapulco, Mexico Carolyn & Jerry Brown Suzette Peterson passed. Her son Andrew Peterson (wife Kelly) lives in Bayfield. Daughter Natalie. November 5<sup>th</sup>: Joyce Petty, a member from years ago, passed. She retired to Grand Junction and was very active in First Presbyterian Church there. Pastor Jane's nephew Kirk has been moved home. He has terminal brain infection. Pastor Jane's niece Amanda (husband Josh) at 24 weeks pregnancy is closely monitored. Jerry Brown is in his last week of radiation and will be traveling home later this week, amen! Our world is sorely burdened with wars and political strife. We seek peace. November 12<sup>th</sup>: Pastor Jane led us in prayer for: **Our Congregation Our Pastor Nominating Committee** Our Leadership And, the person God has determined will minister to our church and community!

### SHOEBOX COLLECTION HOURS DURING NOVEMBER 13-20 PLEASE PICK A DAY(S) THAT WORKS FOR YOU MONDAY NOV. 13 - 10 AM - NOON TUESDAY NOV.14 - 11-1 PM WEDNESDAY NOV. 15 - NOON - 2 PM

#### THURSDAY NOV. 16 10 -NOON FRIDAY NOV. 17 10 – NOON SATURDAY NOV. 18 10 – 1 PM SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19 11-1 PM MONDAY NOV. 20 9-10 AM (9-10, as we are scheduled for delivery in Durango @ 11 a.m.)

This church **newsletter** is emailed and mailed to our membership and friends. If you have friends who would like to receive it please contact Nancy at <u>nancysenti@gmail.com</u> or 970-749-7807 (text, also).

**MISSION**: Pine River Shares open Monday - Thursday for our food and clothing donations. Paul Pavich from PR Shares dropped off a letter requesting food and backpack items, with further explanation of growing needs. They are now serving 1,000 youth in the school systems.

Wonderful hats, mittens, scarves and other items are in Berry Hall, donated for those in need.

Don DeWitt has donated 10 bikes so far in the *Bike Ministry*. He has readied 75 bikes for delivery to Bayfield elementary and intermediate youngsters, as well as Ignacio elementary students. If you have suggestions of youngsters who would like a bicycle, please contact Don!

**<u>PNC:</u>** Our ministerial search continues.

**NEXT SESSION MEETING IS Tuesday, December 12, 2023 AT 5:30 P.M.** Session Elders are Jerry Brown, Carol Blatnick, Judy Norton (Treasurer), Nancy Senti, Clerk

