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Give the gift of time for Christmas



Dear Friends,
We are in the Season of Advent. This is a time to prepare for the Coming of Christ, the celebration of the

birth of our Savior. God provides us with the most wonderful gift, the grace of a Savior and the love of our Lord.

You may have celebrated decades of Advent and Christmas seasons, but each one is unique. Think about the things you need to do or not do to prepare your heart and spirit to receive the coming Christ.

Attending Wednesday Worship might

help your spirit. A light supper is served at 5:30 p.m. with worship in the fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m. You might want to join the choir to sing the Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 18. The Children will be leading a special worship service on December 11. God uses children to touch our hearts in special ways.

On Christmas Eve, Lakeside Presbyterian Church is holding two worship services. Communion will be served at 4:00 p.m., as well as the 10:00 p.m. Candlelight Service. This year we have the rare opportunity to worship God on Christmas Day. Worship will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 25.

Making cookies, writing cards, decorating, and putting together gifts are ways

that we prepare during the season. This year, think about the gift of time, which you might be able to give to family members and friends. Your time spent in visits and creating something unique is more special than any amount you could spend in dollars.

Remember to give the gift of time to God during this season. Make the time for worship, study and prayer. The gift of time is a wonderful present to offer the Christ Child this Christmas.

Preparing,

Pastor Kari

Looking Ahead to January, 2012

The Great Ends of the Church

Beginning January 8 we will be focusing on the foundation of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. Banners were created by Ellen Magnuson Sletten, which will adorn the sanctuary during worship.

Caring for Caregivers – On Saturday, January 14, we will be hosting a day to care for the many caregivers in our congregation. This is one way that we can support one another.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers – This is a six week support group, which will

meet on Monday evenings in the lounge beginning January 23. Debra Lane will be leading the group. Be on the lookout for more information and a sign up sheet. Space will be limited.

Communion and Prayer Service

Wednesday, January 11 – 6:45 p.m. in the sanctuary. After the meaningful service in November, the Session has set the second Wednesday of each month for a Communion and Prayer Service. The power of our prayers and the nourishment of the Lord's Supper will aid in the healing of many.

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Hitch a ride to LPC

Need a ride to worship or any other church event? Call one of our drivers:

Brooke Appleby 390-7361
Don Uttley 724-7737
Robin Anderson 728-6204
Bill Archibald 728-5790



LPC Office Hours

Mondays 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Tuesdays 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Wednesdays 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Thursdays 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM



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Deadline for submitting material for the January issue is Friday, December 20.



Holiday Special Events

Hanging of the Greens

November 27 is the first Sunday of Advent. We will begin this season with a Hanging of the Greens worship service. During worship we will be helping to decorate the sanctuary in preparation for Christmas. Please bring an ornament from home to hang on the tree.

Advent Special Event

The Christian Education Committee is coordinating an Advent special event Sunday, **December 4**, during and after the potluck lunch. You're invited to decorate Christmas cookies, make a special tree ornament, and celebrate the birth of our Savior with your church family!

Church school program

The Church school children will be leading worship on **December 11**. Join us at 10:30 AM for our program, "Christmas." Please bring an unwrapped toy to donate to the Union Gospel toy drive (see pg 3).

Christmas Joy Offering



The Christmas Joy Offering will be collected on **December 18**. This special offering provides support to retired church workers and Presbyterian-related racial ethnic education. A special envelope is included with this issue.

Circle Christmas Gatherings

Lydia Circle
Thursday, Dec. 15

6:00 PM at Karen Hotop's house, 809 Northland Ave. Bring a gift for your prayer partner and a dish to share.

Rachel Circle
Wednesday, Dec. 14
NOON in LPC Lounge

Rhoda/Martha Circle

Monday, Dec. 12
NOON at Valentini's, 1400 London Rd



Musicians' Potluck

The choir, Con Brio bell choir, and chimers will gather on Wednesday, **December 21**, for the annual Christmas potluck and party. It will be held starting at 6:00 PM at Walt and Kay Gower's home, 414 Rustwood Ln. Bring a dish to share; beverages will be provided.

Christmas Eve Worship

There are two opportunities for worship on **Christmas Eve**, with communion served at both.

A family service will be held at **4:00 PM**. The traditional candlelight service, with the Chancel Choir singing, will be held at **10:00 PM**. Coffee, tea, punch, and goodies will be served in the lounge following the 10:00 service.

Learning & Fellowship

Singles Over 50

Join us for the Bentleyville Tour of Lights on Thursday, **December 8**. We will take the train from Fitgers to Bay-front Park and back again. The train leaves at 6:30PM and returns from Bay-front at 8:20PM. Parking at Fitgers and the Tour of Lights are free. The train ride is \$5.00/person. Tickets can be purchased at the Fitgers Bookstore after Nov. 14 or call 218-269-6616. Reservations are required. Questions? Contact JoAnn Kovach or Peg Johnson.

Church School notes

December 11 - Children and teachers should meet at 9:30 in the Sanctuary to prepare for the 10:30 Christmas Worship. Our Songs are *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star* and *Away in a Manger*.

December 25 and January 1 - No classes

Learning Circle

We will meet on **December 4th and 11th** at 8:45AM in the church library. We will continue a discussion and study of the book Sabbath by Wayne Muller.

Please join the Learning Circle for this spiritual journey to find the rhythm of life and the balance between work and rest. Contact Paige Mellinger at 525-5852 if you have any questions.

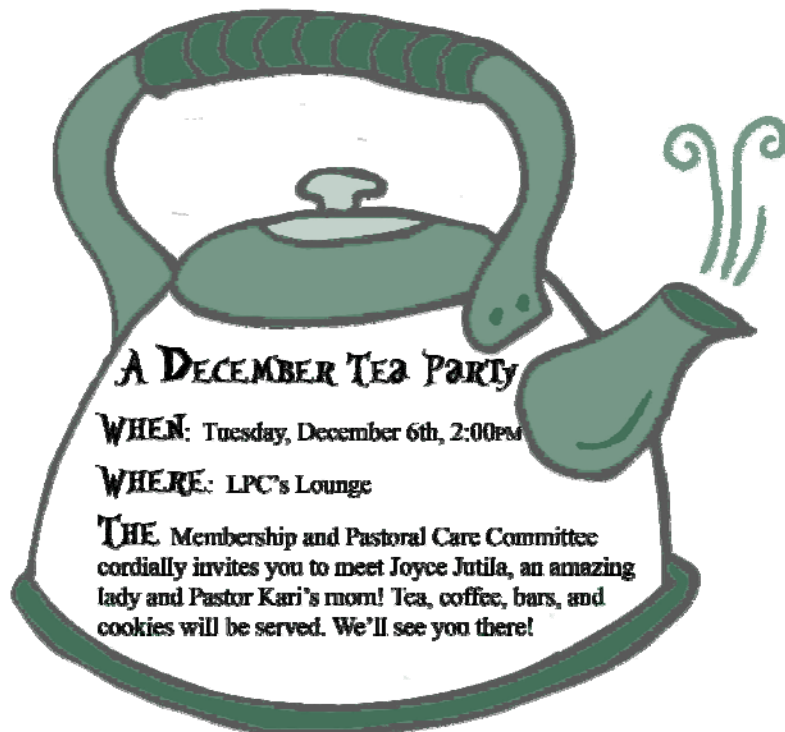
Faithbuilders

All men are invited to join Faithbuilders at 7:30 AM on Saturdays for fellowship and rousing discussions.

Dec. 3—Mystery Guest

Dec. 10—Living the Question 2—Evil, Suffering and a God of Love

Dec. 17—Hashing It Out—Does America have too many prisoners?



Youth Group Schedule

Attention all Jr. and Sr. Highers—here's our December schedule:

- We will have a lock-in on Saturday, Dec. 3. Meet at 6:30PM at the church. Activities for the evening include going to Bentleyville, shopping for the children at the Union Gospel Mission, SARDINES, and, yes, sleep!
- Wed., Dec. 7, 6:30PM—Practice for Christmas worship.
- Sun., Dec. 11, 9:00AM—Prepare for Christmas worship service.
- Wed., Dec. 14—Regular meeting.

Kids collect for Christmas toy drive

Please help the Sunday school students support the Union Gospel Christmas toy drive. You can drop off **new** toys for kids up to 16 years old in the office or bring them on December 11th to place beneath the Children's Christmas tree. Here are a few gift ideas.

- ★ **Ages 1-3** building blocks, musical toys,
- ★ **Ages 4-7** cars, games, dolls, art supplies, Play-doh
- ★ **Ages 8-12** hand-held games, board games, sports equipment
- ★ **Ages 13-16** colognes, wallets, makeup sets, purses, CD's, movies, hair accessories

Please do not donate used items and do not wrap the gifts.



Show you care

Care Cards

At the back of the Sanctuary are hand-made, blank cards, with pre-stamped envelopes. Addresses of all our church members are in the booklets on the counter. The Membership and Pastoral Care Committee invites you to use these cards to express your concern and care for others in your church family.

Residential and nursing home residents

Aftenro: Stan Sheldon

Bayshore: Elaine Ellian

Benedictine: Joyce Torvund

Chris Jensen: Dorothy Blatnik

Diamond Willow: Florence Jeannette

Edgewood Vista: Roberta Johnson

The Fountains: Vern Nelson

Heritage Haven: Herb Gerber,
Charlie Saburn

Primrose: Lilah Child

St. Ann's: Shirley Hoff, Evelyn Tonkin

Pines III: Janis Brazerol, Mary Gorman, Florence Merkel, Joyce Pierce, Art Wright

Silver Bay Veterans Home: Donald Crassweller, Harley Johnson

The Shores: Florence Stillman

Westwood: Jack Hofslund, Kathee Johnson, Maureen McLachlan, and Ann Weisenhaus



Dial Hope

Nov. 21-Dec. 4 Gary Simonsen

Dec. 5-18 Dan Lillo

Dec. 19-Jan. 1 Brooke Appleby

Nursery Care

December 4 Alyson & Leo Jewett

December 11 No nursery

December 18 Kaitlyn & Kristin Sorensen

Custodians

December 4 Dick Christie

December 11 Donn Anderson

December 18 Bill Anderson

December 25 Jim Anderson

Greeters/Servers

Christian Education Committee



Ushers

December 4

Gary Simonsen – Head Usher

Walt Gower – Scrip

David Treichler

Marcia Heyser

December 11

Betty Opland – Head Usher

Bruce Mork – Scrip

Jean Ostenberg

Molly Payette

December 18

Brooke Appleby – Head Usher

Kay Gower – Scrip

David Treichler

Jerry Walls

December 24—4:00PM

Dan Lillo

Jeri Stromquist

December 24—10:00PM

Bob Ward

Colleen Martin

December 25

Dave Wicker – Head usher

Dave Genskay – Scrip

Kaley Johnson

Carolyn Genskay



In the Spotlight—Diane Mundell

By Florence Anderson

Diane Helen Smith Mundell, an only child, hails from Duluth. Raised by a single parent, she attended Jackson, Jefferson, Washington Jr. High and Central High while enjoying living in a true "melting pot" area of the city.

Mom, Marguerite, was an artistic lady who worked hard to support her only child. In her early years Marguerite was employed by Eastman Kodak as a tinter of black and white photos. It was during this time that she waited on President Calvin Coolidge when he entered the store. For 46 years mom was a sales lady at the Glass Block Department Store in downtown Duluth. She enjoyed waiting on customers in the Men's department and eventually in the Children's and Infants' section. Marguerite passed away in 1995 at the age of 87.

Grandpa Leonard Green was the supervisor for Duluth's Aerial Lift Bridge, a position that he held for 33 years. Diane has many interesting photos of the city during that era.

Marguerite and Diane lived in the Hollywood Apartments located at 710 East Second Street when Diane was a youngster. One of the neighborhood grocery stores was Lebo's Grocery. Diane helped with the store's inventory when she was only 10 years old.

Tall for her age, 12-year-old Diane was hired to work at the downtown library as a page, a position she held until her high school graduation in 1956. While obtaining her BS degree

in physical education and social studies at UMD on a Hunt scholarship, Diane was able to use her honed skills at the college's library where she worked until her graduation. For 4 years Diane taught physical education in Gilbert, MN. The high school boasted three gyms plus a large swimming pool and was a teacher's dream. The next four years were spent as a teacher in Hastings, MN.

Diane's mom and a friend decided that they should get their children together for a date, especially since they both shared the same birth date, April 28th. Diane met handsome John Mundell on the arranged blind date and they were married on August 27, 1966, in her home church, First Presbyterian Church. At that time John was an Air Force navigator flying B52's.

John decided to join his brother, Jack, in leasing a gas station from the Mobil Company in Grand Blanc, Michigan, a suburb of Flint. He and Diane rented a quaint upstairs apartment on a steer and corn farm outside of the city.

To celebrate the landing on the moon, Diane, John, her mom, and Jack (along with gas station helpers) decided to board a boat and picnic on a nearby lake.

However, the afternoon took a tragic turn when John and his nephew decided to jump into the lake for a swim. The two were swiftly taken by a current. John's nephew grabbed onto a pole that was extended to him, while Diane, nine months pregnant and unwilling to risk neither her child's life nor her own, threw John a life jacket. He was pulled under before he could reach it. Linda, Diane's precious daughter, was delivered 9 days later.

Diane, a positive person, decided to return with her newborn to Duluth and reside with her mom. Before she could accomplish this, she had to sell the entire gas station's new inventory to Mobil for only 75% of the original price. To finalize the deal, she enlisted the help of our own Dennis Anderson who was hosting a TV show dedicated to solving unresolved issues. Diane had her long-awaited settlement in two days. Beloved Uncle John and Aunt Ebba assisted Diane and her mom in finding the house in which Diane still resides.



Linda lives in an apartment with a lake view and enjoys helping us at church, especially during pasty making time. She is an avid collector of bird houses, candles, and various types of coffee and tea.

After a hiatus lasting several years, Diane decided to return to college. She

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Spotlight on Diane

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earned her special education degree from the University of Wisconsin, Superior, and taught at Denfeld, Morgan Park and Lester Park until her retirement in 2000.

An ardent Twins fan, Diane also enjoys reading, the University for Seniors Program, and yard work. At LPC she is an Elder and secretary of the Women's Association. LPC is definitely her home away from home because she involves herself wholeheartedly in many of the church's projects.

Diane draws her strength from the 23rd Psalm. Her favorite hymn is "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us." Somehow I feel our Shepherd knew what He was doing by leading Diane to Lakeside Presbyterian Church. We're a better church because of her!

Wraps & Woolies

The deacons will be collecting new mittens, scarves, and hats on the mitten tree in the Sanctuary and gently used winter jackets and coats on the rack in Fellowship Hall.

Donated items will be given to the Union Gospel Mission and the Damiano Center.

Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the October pasty bake and Harvest Sale.

The LPW missions will benefit from your gifts of time, money, baked goods, and crafts.

Blessed to be a blessing



End of the Year Finances

The last two months of the year are critical to the

Church's mission as we work to meet our financial obligations. We have unpaid commitments that we need to meet in these final months. Our budget report through the end of October shows that we need to make up over \$15,000 before the end of the year. Your continued support to our Church and its mission are appreciated, whether it is by meeting your pledge for the year or giving an extra portion to the Church. Thank you for considering how you can help.

2012 Pledge Reminder

Thanks to everyone who has turned in their pledge cards for 2012. As of November 20, 2011, 54 pledges have been received totaling \$104,697. The Administrative Committee will be working with the Session/Council in December to finalize next year's budget. If you have not made your pledge for 2012, you can drop your pledge card in the Sunday offering, mail it in, or drop it off in the Church office.

Financial Update-10/31/11

Total Income	\$178,275
Total Expenses	\$177,495
Unpaid Obligations	\$ 16,625
Total Surplus (Deficit)	(\$15,845)

Library Corner

For Adults

Harmony Novels, by Philip Gulley

Philip Gulley is compared to Twain, Karon, and Keillor. Our library has five of this fiction series, which, with humor, explore the world of minister Sam Gardner. You will laugh at Sam's adventures as the pastor of Harmony Friends Meeting, and meet eccentric characters. These books are a fast and fun read.

For Children

Knuffle Bunny Too, Written and Illustrated by Mo Willems

This book could be read to young children or early readers would enjoy it. The story tells about Trixie and her stuffed rabbit and what happens to the rabbit when Trixie takes it to school. I loved the pictures and the ending was especially good.

December 10 is the deadline to enter the drawing for bookstore gift cards!

Book reviews by Diane Mundell.

Nominating Committee seeks your input

The 2011 Nominating Committee needs to fill empty slots on the Council (Elders) and Deacons, as well as several committees. If you'd be interested or would like to nominate someone else from our church family, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office as soon as possible.



<u>Elders</u>	<u>Deacons</u>	<u>Giving Forest Committee</u>
1)	1)	1)
2)	2)	2)
3)	3)	
4)	4)	<u>Nominating Committee for 2012</u>
5)	5)	1)
		2)
<u>Endowment Committee</u>	<u>Administrative Committee</u>	<u>Christian Education Committee</u>
1)	1)	
2)	2)	1)
	3)	2)
<u>Memorial/Scholarship Committee</u>	4)	3)
1)		
2)		

Current Elders and Deacons

Elders

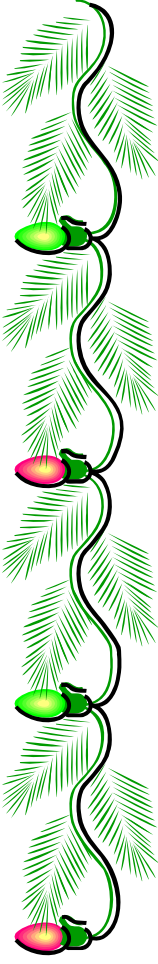
<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Anne Aspoas	Jim Anderson	Reed Byers
Chuck Bailey	Susan Bolinger	Cami Gibbons
Doug Berg	Bill Daugherty	Peg Johnson
Barbara Fischer	Kyle Johnson	Randy Bolinger
Sue Strohman	Diane Mundell	John Witzke
Paul Stromquist	Cindi Sorensen	Jill Christie

Deacons

<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Dan Lillo	Kay Gower	Colleen Martin
Kaley Johnson	Molly Payette	Genevieve Martin
Betty Opland	Marcia Kohlhaas	Jerry Walls
Jeri Stromquist	Dave Wicker	Marcia Heyser
Brooke Appleby	Gary Simonsen	Carolyn Genskay
Bob Ward	Bruce Mork	David Genskay
Jean Ostenberg	Walt Gower	David Treichler

2011 Nominating Committee: Jill Prescott, JoAnn Kovach, John Kohlhaas, Diane O'Donnell, Dan Lillo, Barbara Fischer, and Sue Strohman

December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						
4 2nd Sunday of Advent Tub Toter Day 8:45AM Learning Circle 9AM Bible Study 10:30AM Worship 11:45AM Potluck	5 5:30PM TOPS 7PM Troop 15	6 2PM Tea Party 6PM M&M Task Force 7PM Deacons	7 5:30PM Wed. Ministry 6PM Con Brio 6:30PM Youth Group 7:15PM Choir practice	8 9:30AM Contemp. Studies 12:15PM Prayer Time 4:45PM Kindermusik 7PM Pack 15 7PM Giving Forest	9 5:30PM AA 7:30AM Faithbuilders	10 7:30AM Faithbuilders
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December dates to note

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| 4 | Potluck and Advent Special Event following worship (page 2). | 18 | LPC Choir presents a special Christmas Cantata during worship. |
| 8 | Singles Over 50—Bentleyville outing (details on page 3). | 21 | Musicians' potluck and party at Walt and Kay Gower's house. |
| 11 | Church School children and youth lead worship. Bring a gift for the Union Gospel toy drive (page 3). | 24 | Family Worship at 4:00 p.m.
Candlelight Service at 10:00 p.m. |



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