



Poinsettias were ordered for Christmas in honor or memory of a loved one. They will be listed in the bulletins during December. If you purchased a plant, feel free to take one home after worship on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day services to enjoy with your family

Christmas Poinsettias 2018

IN MEMORY OF:

DICK & BETTY SOWERS JOYCE SOWERS
RICHARD ANDERSON MILDRED, JIM & SUSAN PRANGER ANDERSON
DON BRUNNEGRAFF & OUR PARENTS..... EVELYN BRUNNEGRAFF
JOYCE BAUSSER THE BAUSSER FAMILY
PAT & REVEREND ROOKER..... THE COURTNEY FAMILY
OUR PARENTS KEN & PEGGY MAHONEY
MERRY HAHNERT JENNIFER, KEVIN, & MEGHAN MAHONEY
MOTHER—MARY RUTH SNYDER BETSY KACHMAR
WILLIAM & BETTY WERLING BILL & JILL WERLING
RALPH & HATTIE SPRINGER BILL & JILL WERLING
MARY JANE GILBERT & DON & ROSE ZIMMERMAN..... DAVE & DEB ZIMMERMAN
MR. & MRS. RAY SINGEWALD..... GRANDDAUGHTER, HOLLY QUICK
MAX ACHLEMAN ANNE ACHLEMAN
BERNIECE GUINGRICH ROBERTA & FRANKLIN GEIST & ELLEN RAE HARRISON

IN HONOR OF:

ROBERT GUINGRICH ROBERTA & FRANKLIN GEIST & ELLEN RAE HARRISON



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The clock currently says 7:38 P.M. on Tuesday; you will receive this at roughly 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday. We entered Advent and everything went crazy.

Actually, everything went crazy before Thanksgiving; Advent just turned it up to 11. I have so much I want to do, so much I wanted to have done, and so much I need to get done before Sunday that I want to scream, cry, and curl up in a ball.

Hi, I'm Robert Brown, you're new-ish pastor. I promise someday I will look like it.

We get so stinking busy that we can miss everything important as it flies by us staring at our computer screens and time clocks. We ignore our self-care, spend too little time with family, and worry about everything but the important things. We proclaim the "Reason for the Season" as we stress ourselves to exhaustion and forget to even think about our savior.

We need to stop the crazy, even if just for a moment, and just think about our faith and our souls.

I give you permission. Take a stinking break. Breathe and pray. Find some silence and sit in it. I know most pastors write eloquent Advent articles that have some deep spiritual message, but I just want you to take care of yourself. I have done a poor job of modeling that and want to challenge myself and you to do better.

Christmas is coming. Take time to celebrate the salvation that Christ's birth brought.

*Peace,
Pastor Rob*



December

Dec. 01.....Pat Morrison
Dec. 01.....Evelyn Pelz
Dec. 01.....Misty Tsamwa
Dec. 03.....Katie Lochry
Dec. 11.....Madge Zion
Dec. 17.....Ezekiel Tsamwa
Dec. 18.....Sharon Allen
Dec. 19.....Holly Bouthot
Dec. 20.....Jeff Kachmar
Dec. 20.....Adriannah Tsamwa
Dec. 21.....Jeff Widmann
Dec. 23.....Don Clark
Dec. 27.....Betsy Kachmar
Dec. 29.....Jill Werling

January

Jan. 02.....Al Creager
Jan. 05.....Ken Rogers
Jan. 07.....Linda Knepple
Jan. 13.....Carol Courtney
Jan. 16.....Alice Bauman
Jan. 17.....Cathy German
Jan. 17.....Rev. Robert Brown
Jan. 23.....Vivian Allen
Jan. 23.....Tim Bauman
Jan. 26.....Carrie Geist



December

Dec. 27...Steve & Allison Schneider

January

Jan. 17.....Don & Dee Stoiche
Jan. 18.....Albert & Glenda Bragalone
Jan. 21.....Gene & Vivian Allen



Church Attendance

Oct. 07.....49
Oct. 14.....56
Oct. 21.....38
Oct. 28.....41
Nov. 04.....74
Nov. 11.....45
Nov. 18.....not
 recorded
Nov. 25.....61



Sarah Circle

The Presbyterian Women get together for a circle meeting and Bible study at Grace at 1:00 p.m. Meets 2nd Thursday of each month.

Next dates: Dec.13 & Jan. 10

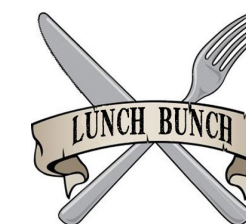
Bible Study



Lunch Bunch

Come have lunch at Glenbrook Mall Food Court near JC Penny's on the last Thursday of the month at 12 noon - *All women are welcome!*

Next dates: Dec. 27 & Jan. 31



Cancer Pad Sewing

Come join the women in putting together cancer pads for Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana. A simple stitch is all that is needed. Anyone can come help with this great mission. Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:00am.

Next dates: Dec. 19 & Jan. 16



See **Evelyn Brunnegraff** if you would like to join us or have any questions. (424-2804)



Congregational Life Committee



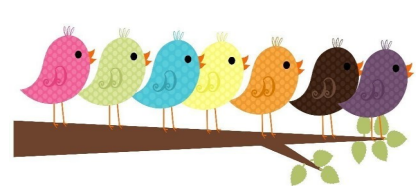
We're looking for members for the newly resurrected Congregational Life Committee. The purpose of the committee is to find ways for members to connect with each other. It could be a game night, movie night, potluck, hymn sing, chili night, potato bar, outings in Frank or whatever....(all ideas will be considered). If you would like to help with these events, please call or contact Tammy Menkes: tamjmenkes63@gmail.com(260) 483-4856



The Deacons would like to welcome Betsy Kachmar, Nancy Current, Will Searer and returning member Cindy Bowers to the Deacons beginning in 2019.

Also continuing their terms are Bob Bausser, Cathy German, Katie Lochry, and Tammy Menkes.

*We are very pleased
to serve as Deacons
for Grace!*



- The Deacons would like to thank everyone for their support of the Salvation Army Christmas Family. It is wonderful to think that Grace is helping to provide a Christmas for a family in need.
- Thank you to the youth class for wrapping the gifts that were purchased!
- Thank you to the children and youth Sunday school for purchasing the toys, candy, and stockings for the four boys.

Friendly Reminders

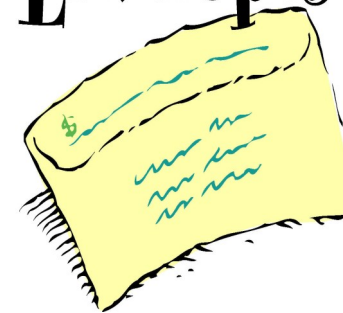


To All Committee Chair People...

It is that time of the year to begin to prepare for the annual report. Please write a summary of your committee's activities in 2018 and return it to me by Sunday, January 6th. You can email to the church office or me so I can assemble everything and we can get it proofed and printed by the middle of January.

- JoAnn

Offering Envelopes



2019 Offering Envelopes

2019 Offering Envelopes will be available on Sunday, December 16th on the table in the Narthex. Please pick up your box of envelopes. If you would like to have your envelopes mailed, please call the church office at 260-426-4712.

Also, please have all 2018 donations to the church postmarked by December 31, 2018.

Sexual Misconduct Policy

Hey, you get two articles from me again this time around! Every year the we have to notify the congregation that we have a sexual misconduct policy and where we have it.

It's in the office in a binder behind Holly's desk. Just ask and someone will get you a copy.

Every year someone mentions how uncomfortable talking about the policy makes them. Someone always says something like, "It's a shame we have to have these things now-a-days." I usually hear about we never heard about these things before and how terrible the world has become.

Small problem: there is nothing new under the sun. We do not have these policies because we had a rash of problems; we have the policies because we finally started taking the problems seriously.

Grace should stand as a safe haven for all. Policies like ours make Grace safe for everyone, especially the weak and vulnerable. If anything happens, we cannot make it okay, but we can help heal and restore. We don't have the policy because we have to and we don't let you know because we have to; we do it because we want you to feel safe at Grace, no matter who you are.

If you have any questions, or any concerns, please come ask.

*Peace,
Pastor Rob*

Christmas Schedule:

Christmas Meal and Caroling at Wellspring
December 9th, 2:00 P.M. @Wellspring

Youth Program (During Worship)
December 16th, 10:30 A.M. @Grace

Caroling with Home-Centered Friends
December 16th, 1:00 P.M. Meet @Grace

Longest Night Service of Hope and Healing
December 20th, 6:00 P.M. @United Faith

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24th, 5:00 P.M. @Grace

*Let us celebrate the birth
of our savior!*



Halloween at Grace

