

Presby-eNotes

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PRAYER requests

Special Prayers for:

Jerry Herrington, husband of Joan, father of Paul and Martha Robertson, Barry Aiken, Cole K. with Leukemia, Scott Gagnon, David, Hope Hunts brother who is battling cancer, Patsy Gregory, Shirley Westphal, Ed, father of Dorcus Summers, Patrick McCue, and for all struggling with other health, employment or financial issues, addictions, for Jerusalem and Israel, for the Christian Church world-wide.

Continued prayers for members:

Dorothy Allen, Joe Kolliesuah and his ministry in Liberia, Kaye McCue, Margaret Carner, Glenna Squilletts, Sally McDougall, Judy Millsaps, Dave and Sheila O'Rear, Jackie Gagnon, Mabel Cotter, Jean Hurst, Julia Ramsden, Helen Langdon, Colleen McSeveny, Hope Hunt, Shirley Hunt and sister Carrie, Barbara Peters.

Special prayers continue for:

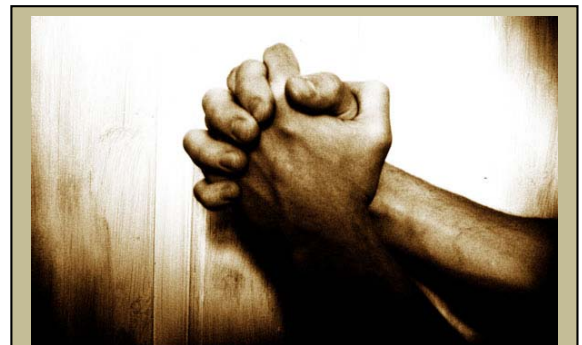
- *Joan Helka as she is in transition. Please pray for her and her daughters.*
- *Please pray Dave Holt and his family upon the passing of his sister, Catherine Spring in St. Louis, MO. this last week.*



Happy January Birthday

Kaye McCue	1/7
Theresia Cameron	1/7
Sue DeBurie	1/7
Janet Dey	1/22
Ruth Pettit	1/22
Dolores Kayganich	1/23
Joe Toth	1/24
Dale Mulvany	1/25
Jean Hurst	1/27
Dezaray Dunigan	1/28

OUR FATHER
WHO ART IN
HEAVEN
HALLOWED BE THY NAME
THY KINGDOM COME
THY WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD
AND FORGIVE US
OUR DEBTS, AS WE
FORGIVE OUR
DEBTORS; AND
LEAD US NOT INTO
TEMPTATION
BUT DELIVER US
FROM EVIL
FOR THINE IS THE
KINGDOM
AND THE POWER
AND THE GLORY FOREVER.
AMEN



Prayer is powerful
Join us – in the
Fellowship Hall
9:15AM



	Lay Reader	Coffee	Ushers	Counters
7-Jan	Jackie Zopff	Deacons	Team 4	Team 1
14-Jan	Carolyn Davidson	PW Group	Team 5	Team 2
21-Jan	Gail Main	Youth Group	Team 1	Team 3
28-Jan	Dave Radcliffe	Session	Team 2	Team 4



Please note for the safety and security of our children and youth, all adults are to be upstairs, in the sanctuary during Sunday services. The only adults allowed downstairs during worship will be the Sunday School teachers and members of the group working on Coffee Hour. Anyone else will be asked to return to the worship service.



Another word on security...

It has been determined by the Property Committee and the Session, that the need for building security on Sunday needs to be improved. We have put these policies in place. We are asking that the only door used for entry on Sunday morning will be the wooden doors in the narthex. All other doors (the John Hauk door and the door for Christian Education) will remain locked at all times. The elevator will also remain locked. Entry will be by key only. If you are in the need of an elevator key, please see Carol. If a visitor is given entry through any door other than the narthex, please escort the visitor to the narthex area and to an usher. The property committee is also looking for more ways to keep us all safe.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Food Pantry Delivery
January 15 at 9A

Food shortages continue to be a problem for a number of people. If you can, buy an extra couple of cans of food to add to our shelves. The shelves need to be filled each month. Hunger takes no holiday. Please do whatever you can to help us out.



Requests for food bags must be arranged by calling the church on Monday and Tuesday. If anyone needs a food bag, please see Pastor Ruthanne or Chuck Skinner. All requests will be held in confidence.



Do you know someone that would like to attend Christmas Eve services but can't drive after dark or has plans in the evening?

Invite them to our 10am service, Sunday, December 24. We will be having a traditionally Christmas Eve Candle lighting service at that time.

Do you know someone that might be alone Christmas eve night or just wanting a evening service, if so invite them to our evening Candlelight service, it begins at 7pm

There will be special music and the Lord's Supper celebrated at both services.



January 7 is Star Sunday

Join us as we celebrate Epiphany and choose our stars for 2018. Your star has a word written on it that can guide you throughout the year. Use your star as a bookmark, put it on your refrigerator, corner of your mirror, or in your purse. Whenever you see your star you are encouraged to reflect on it, let it challenge you and guide you, just as the star guided and challenged the wise men.



Do you miss the Bell Choir? Those of us in the bell choir do. WE NEED YOU! The Bell Choir cannot return unless we get 4 volunteers to join us. Please consider joining us. Learning the bells is not difficult.

The Bell Choir is a beautiful addition to our worship experience. Let's not let it disappear!



Ministry Team Corner Each month we will highlight a different ministry team, committee or group of GCPC so you can see what we are doing and find out ways for you to join in and get involved in the ministry and mission of GCPC.

Valentines for Veterans



Each February, GCPC makes valentines for Veterans and distributes them to vets at the VA hospital. In addition to valentines, gift bags and lap blankets are given out as well. The gift bags are filled with small treats, decks of cards, crossword puzzle books, etc. You can help out by donating small gift items. Donations will be accepted, beginning in January.

Do you have the “right stuff” to be on our welcoming Team? Do you like being around people? Think GCPC is the “*bee's knees*”? Want to share that with others? You probably do have the “right stuff”... so see Mike Smith or Dave Armstrong about Greeting/Ushering on Sunday mornings. We are trying to find greeting teams so that you wouldn't be serving every Sunday.

WE 
VOLUNTEERS

There are a lot of volunteers needed every Sunday besides the ushers. Have you ever considered being a worship leader or a counter? Worship Leaders are responsible for leading the worship only 3-4 times a year. This is not a big commitment but is very important. Counters have a 4-week team rotation. Teams are being formed for 2018. Please notify the church office if you are interested.

Important Information!

Annual Reports

All reports for the Annual Meeting must be submitted to the office **NO LATER THAN JANUARY 3RD**. No exceptions. If your report is not in by this date, it will not be included in the annual report.

Worship Leader training

Current and perspective worship leaders should plan to attend this short training immediately after services on January 14. We will go over some changes in the worship, procedures and establish the schedule so please bring your calendars.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting for 2017 will be held on January 28th. The Youth will be making submarine sandwiches for the occasion. Watch for more information to come.

Season of Stewardship

The Finance Committee is respectfully asking for all Pledge cards to be returned as soon as possible. We need to finalize the budget for 2018. If you can't pledge this year, we ask that you complete a pledge card and indicate that you will not be pledging this year. No longer have your pledge card? There are extras in the Narthex on the usher station.

A Note from Rev. Ruthanne:

This fall the staff and session of GCPC have been reflecting on our responsibility to the children of the church. We want the kids to enjoy their time here, learn about God, and experience what it means to worship together. Unfortunately, times have changed and we, like many other mainline churches, have seen the number of kids attending church, Sunday school or youth group, significantly decline. Low or inconsistent numbers of children can make it impossible to teach them certain things like songs, or corporate (group) prayer, or the ideal of a community offering. In an effort to have our kids experience these things in meaningful ways, we have decided to try something new. Beginning in January worship will begin promptly at 10 AM, most of the elements of worship (The Call to Worship, Confession, Offering, Prayers of the People, the Lord's prayer) will occur during the first half of the service. The scripture, and sermon will occur during the second half. Announcements will be at the end. It will take some time to get use to the new format, but we believe that the kids will benefit from singing the hymns, being a part of the prayers, seeing the community collect an offering, and being present for the Lord's Supper. Kids will be encouraged to participate in the service in various ways. Please be patient with us and the kids as we try this new format.

Rev. Ruthanne



A blessed and joyous Christmas to you my dear friends. For most of us here at Garden City Presbyterian Church, we have celebrated more than several Merry Christmas' together. From the time we approached it as little children with shining eyes and expectant hearts for that "certain gift" we hoped for, until this Christmas, much has happened.

Much has changed, but the Christmas story that many of us learned about in Sunday School has never changed! Thanks be to God. And to me, the old, old story of Jesus and His Glory grows sweeter every day.

Lord Jesus, we thank you for all the good gifts you have blessed us with. We thank you for thy Spirit that moves our hearts toward love and giving, goodwill towards men, kindness, thoughtfulness, and gentleness. All these things, that bind us together in your love. I read in my favorite of all authors, that I read and reread, Peter Marshall, this...

"As our hearts yield to the spirit of Christmas, may we discover that it is thy Holy Spirit who comes at Christmas, not a sentiment, but a "POWER." Born a babe, God's son, Immanuel"

From last Christmas until this year's celebration, we have experience much change. Changes in our personal lives, losses of loved ones gone on to glory, physical changes, some requiring surgeries, changes in the lives of our young people and the influence of our present world, a witness to what is yet to come.

I'm sure we will see many more changes in the New Year, but one wonderful pre-Christmas delights is that we serve our precious Lord and Savior, who has promised, NO CHANGE!! Never to leave us...never to forsake us. We can relax...we can HALLELUJAH! This is the God we serve.

An old song always on the shelf of my heart that serves me well, when I feel, kinda overwhelmed, and close to a pity party, says this....



Many things about tomorrow
I don't seem to understand.
But I know who holds tomorrow
And I know who holds my hand.

God is so alive within my heart, infinite and perfect. He knows our every thought. I am His child. I am His child. Praise God.

Now we are ready or getting ready to celebrate two special events of the season, The Holiday and the Holy Day.

All kinds of colorful, bright and glistened decoration, both indoor and outdoor, Santa and his reindeer, his full sled of toys for...you know. A time of joyful fun for our kids, and perhaps for the kids that we once were.

And I've taken care of that part of the celebration at hand. I have all the family's gifts ready, all the in-laws and out-laws taken care of, but wait!!! There is another reason to rejoice – a birthday – THE birthday of Jesus – the most important reason.

And I found myself thinking this. I must consider everyone I know who has a birthday, looks forward to a birthday present, even me, at one coming soon. What can I give him? God's son...WHAT? I don't have a thought of anything big enough, rich enough, or great enough to give...or wait...I do have something. I'm sure He likes me...that's what. And I have the best gift I think, though this is the over and over gift I've given. Something small enough I could hold it in my hand, yet big enough to hold all the love I have for Him, and it's my  In case you haven't yet gotten a birthday present and have never done it, there's your answer. Really...the best anyone can give...our 

I'm so excited about Jesus' birthday. I am alive here on earth to enjoy it all. Yet close enough to being with Him to almost hear a host a heavenly angels singing, part of my favorite song.

I don't know about tomorrow but,
I know who holds my hand.

Isn't it great to know where we're going??

Love in Christ
Kaye (in the corner!!!)

To end 2017 on a lighter note:



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL ... AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Carol – PN Editor

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 11A Bible Study <i>7P Property (tentative)</i>	3 7:30P AA Annual Reports DUE	4 10A PW Crafts	5 8:30A TOPS	6 Sewing Hope 10A
7 8:15A Bible Study 9:15A Prayer 10A Worship 3:50P Bowl 8P AA	8 7P Resource	9 11A Bible Study	10 7P Choir Practice 7:30P AA	11 10A PW Crafts	12 8:30A TOPS	13 10A GCCP Classroom
14 8:15A Bible Study 9:15A Prayer 10A Worship 11:30A Leader Training 8P AA	15 9A Food Delivery 7P Worship	16 11A Bible Study	17 7P Choir Practice 7:30P AA	18 10A PW Crafts	19 8:30A TOPS	20 Private Party 2P Girl Scouts 2P
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