



Randall's Ramblings

ARE WE WILLING TO GO WHERE JESUS LEADS?

After nearly twenty years in the ministry, Mary Kay and I still consider Sumner Presbyterian Church in Washington to be our "home church." It was in this church that we came to a much deeper faith in Jesus Christ. This church is where I was baptized as a believer. We were both ordained as Elders in this church. It was in this fellowship that I sensed the clear call to go into the ministry of Word and Sacrament. I was ordained as a pastor in this church. Some of our closest brothers and sisters in Christ are part of Sumner Presbyterian Church.

On Sunday, November 13th, the congregation of our "home church" voted to seek dismissal from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to be released to another denomination. Sumner Church is one of four churches in the Olympia Presbytery seeking dismissal. This is not a unique move as around ten churches in Sacramento Presbytery, a number in San Joaquin, a few in San Francisco and many in nearly all parts of our nation are seeking dismissal and/or have been dismissed. And even Covenant Presbyterian Church in Reno is seeking dismissal.

Sola Gratia

Grace Alone

Sola Fide

Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura

Scripture Alone

Why? The basic reason for these churches seeking dismissal is related to the issue of Biblical authority and Scriptural interpretation. The question often asked is, "do we interpret Scripture through the lens of what society says or through the plain reading of God's Word?"

Our denomination, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), has moved toward looking to what society/culture says regarding many issues. One significant issue deals with salvation. Scripture clearly says that one is saved only through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Many within our denomination are saying that Jesus is but one way to salvation - that there may be other ways as well. Other significant areas of concern deal with sexual ethics.

This past summer our denomination removed from our constitution language that required church officers - Teaching Elders (Pastors), Deacons and Ruling Elders - to maintain the standard of fidelity in marriage between a man and a woman, or chastity in singleness. This is counter to the clear teaching in Scripture. Churches are now allowed to ordain ruling Elders and/or Deacons who do not meet that ethical standard and presbyteries are allowed to ordain teaching elders (pastors) as well. At least one Presbytery has.

A concern many have is that this is just the start. Our denomination has been debating issues related to the definition of marriage. It is possible that our denomination will define marriage as a relationship between people, not just a man and a woman. Again- this is counter to the clear teaching of Scripture.

What about The Village Church? Our leadership is staying informed and are aware of the various issues. John Taylor and I attended the Fellowship of Presbyterian gathering in Minneapolis last August. Our leaders have followed how our Lord is leading this group and other group efforts. John and I will be attending another Fellowship gathering in Orlando in January.

Our Visioning Team's initial report, which was recently presented to Session for their initial thoughts, includes an Initiative regarding the theological dissonance many have with our denomination. The Initiative includes a clear brief theological statement as well as ethical behavioral standards for church officers. This initiative will provide a vehicle for continued conversation within our congregation.

What can you do? Please be in prayer for our church leaders for clear discernment. Ask questions. Be informed. Ask our Lord to give you courage to "go where Jesus leads."

DECEMBER EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH



POT-LUCK LUNCH Sunday, December 4th

Following our 10:00 a.m. worship service and congregational meeting, join in fellowship, fun and good food. Our "food theme" is turkey. Pastor

Tony and Pastor Dick will be cooking turkeys. Bring something to share with others that goes with turkey - mashed potatoes, cranberries, stuffing, salads, desserts or anything GOOD! Following lunch we will be decorating the church for Advent and Christmas. And also following lunch, we will be picking up food at Raley's for our Christmas Food Box ministry. All who are able, especially those with trucks, are encouraged to assist.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 4th

Immediately following our 10:00 a.m. worship service, brief Congregational meeting and pot luck lunch on December 4th, we will decorate the Sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season. Please join in making our church a warm and inviting place to celebrate the coming of the greatest gift of all time, Jesus Christ.



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Begins Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Join us in our Fireside Room for a three week study on Tuesdays, December 6th, 13th, and 20th. The series will be video and discussion concluding David Jeremiah's study exploring *Living with Confidence in a Chaotic World* and will be facilitated by Pastor Dick. Should you have questions or need additional information, please contact Pastor Dick.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC SUNDAY

December 11th

Christmas music will be the focus of both of our worship services on Sunday, December 11th. Our Vocal Choir and others will be sharing Christmas music. Plan on joining your church family as we seek our Lord's Word through the Holy music of this season. This would be a great Sunday to invite family and friends to join you in worship.



THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER December 4th

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at our Sunday morning worship service on December 4th. If you are unable to attend worship and would like to receive this Sacrament, please contact Pastor Dick at the church to arrange for home Communion.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, December 4th

We are having a brief yet very important Congregational meeting on Sunday, December 4th immediately following our 10:00 a.m. worship service. We will be taking action on the report of our Church Nominating Committee. Please plan on attending this important meeting

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE AND SESSION MEETING

Monday, December 12th

Our Personnel Committee will meet at 5:45 p.m. on December 12th with the Session meeting following at 6:45 p.m. for prayer and at 7:00 p.m. for other business. Please note that this is one week earlier than usual. Be in prayer for our church's called, elected and ordained leaders as they continue to seek our Lord's will for His church called The Village.

FOOD MINISTRY SUNDAY December 4th



Each time we come around the table and share in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, we provide an opportunity for folks to assist with one of our many ministries, our Food Closet ministry. This ministry gives away nearly 50,000 pounds of food away each year to the needy on the north shore of Lake Tahoe. You can assist by bringing non-perishable food items to our church. Each month we select a particular food item. This month it is CEREAL. You may bring this or any food and place it in the basket in our Lobby. Thank you for assisting in feeding the hungry.





HELP NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The Christmas Food Distribution is one of the ways The Village Church gives back to the community. The Deacons are working to offer Christmas food boxes, meat and winter coats to those in need.

The Schedule is as follows:

- **Sunday, December 4th** at 12:30 p.m.: we will be picking up non-perishable food at Raley's. We will need five trucks with helpers and five additional strong helpers to set-up for packing.
- **Wednesday, December 7th** from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.: we will be packing food boxes and can use lots of help.
- **Friday, December 9th**: the winter coats will be organized in the Fireside Room.
- **Saturday, December 10th** from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.: distribution of food and coats. We can use help hosting applicants, stocking the jacket racks, and loading items into cars.

Thank you to all of our volunteers for the outstanding help we have received during the past year. With your help the Christmas Food Distribution will bless many families.

NEW MEMBER BRUNCH AND CLASS

Sunday, December 18th

Are you interested in learning more about membership in The Village Church and finding out what it means to be Christian, Protestant, Reformed and Presbyterian in our church? Join us for brunch on Sunday, December 18th at 11:30 a.m. in the Pastor's Study. Those interested in possibly joining and members wanting to learn more about God's church called The Village are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Elder Pat Edgerton or Pastor Dick.



"CHURCH SNOW CLOSURES"

Cancelling worship is not anticipated for our Sunday morning services. It is our desire to hold our worship services regardless of the weather. Some Sundays our services may be very, very small, but "where two or more are gathered..." In stormy icy weather, we encourage everyone to use good judgment in discerning whether to attend worship or not.

ONGOING BIBLE STUDIES

Women's Bible Study Monday Evenings

at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room

We will meet December 5th with the last meeting for this study on December 12th. Stay tuned for information on the next study.

Men's Bible Study Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. In the Fireside Room

Tuesdays with Fellowship is meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. All men are invited to a time of prayer, study and friendship.

Christ, Coffee and Cinnamon Rolls Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. In the Fireside Room

Christ, Coffee and Cinnamon Rolls, ministry for men, is meeting on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 a.m. in our Church's Fireside Room. All men are invited to a time of prayer, Bible study, coffee and breakfast rolls on Wednesday mornings for one hour.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING CHRISTMAS EVE

Joyful giving from thankful hearts has long been a Christian tradition during the Advent season. This December you have an opportunity to joyfully give to the Christmas Joy Offering which will be received during our two Christmas Eve services. One-half of the gifts received will be used to assist in funding a future summer or full-year Village Church ministry interns and to assist with Seminary and/or Bible College expenses. We were blessed to have two summer interns from Princeton a number of years ago. We were also blessed to assist Pastor Tony Conrigan, CRE, with much of his expenses to graduate from Bible College.

The other half of the funds received will be provided to our Deacon's Food Closet ministry to assist in feeding the hungry on the north shore of Lake Tahoe. Prayerfully consider giving to these ministry areas. If you would like to give and will be out of town on Christmas Eve, simply note "Joy Offering" in the memo portion of your check and deliver it to our Church office.



God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts....



Galatians 4:6

GO WHERE JESUS LEADS

“We are going up to Jerusalem...”

Matthew 20:18a

Our Stewardship theme for 2012 is “Go Where Jesus Leads.” Our church’s Vision Statement reads: “We are growing closer to Christ one step at a time as we increase our participation in our congregation, community and beyond.” An important part of “growing closer to Christ” is responding to His sacrifice through our own sacrifices for Him.

We can “Go Where Jesus Leads” through our active participation in our Lord’s ministry through His church called The Village. We can be active by worshiping, through our prayers, by attending Bible studies, by sharing Christ, and by giving of our time, talents and finances to our Lord’s work through The Village Church.

Again, this year we are focusing on three areas during our Stewardship campaign - the sharing of our talents, of our time and of our financial gifts. From mid-November through early December, we will be focusing on the blessing of our being good stewards.

We encourage everyone to actively share and use the gifts our Lord has given us. **Sharing Our Gifts** is an important aspect of our walk with our Lord. We share our gifts by helping others, serving in and around our church and beyond, providing leadership in worship through singing, worship assistance and more; by serving on the Board of Deacons or Session; by being involved in service clubs such as Rotary or Lions; and so much more. Our Lord has given each of us gifts to be used for His kingdom.

This year we are continuing our **Spiritual Growth Commitment** component of our stewardship campaign. Over the past few years our themes have been increasing and deepening our prayer lives; sharing Christ through serving others; and in 2010 reading through God’s Word.

For 2012 we are asking folks to prayerfully and intentionally share Christ with others, specifically through simply **inviting folks to attend church** with you. People generally attend church as a result of being asked by someone they know. If each of us simply invited someone every few months to join us in worship, we would see the Body of Christ increase.

We are also asking folks to prayerfully consider their **Financial Commitment** to our Lord’s work through His church called The Village. Our Lord continues to use His church in wonderful and exciting ways. Your assistance and commitment of gifts, time and finances are critical to continue His work through this church.

Sunday, December 4, 2011 will be a day of celebration as we consecrate our commitment of talents, time and finances to the Lord during worship and join together for our regular pot luck lunch following the 10:00 a.m. service. Plan on joining in the celebration on Sunday, December 4, 2011.

Please give prayerful thought to your commitment to the Lord through our church during the coming year.

Thank you for your support of our Lord’s ministry through The Village Church and your faithfulness as we seek to “Go Where Jesus Leads.”

INVITE A FRIEND AND BE A FRIEND

This is the challenge for each of us as we enter into the Advent and Christmas season and an important component of our Stewardship campaign. Our worship services during the Christmas season are wonderful times to invite friends to worship. We have so many special worship opportunities with our Vocal Choir along with soloists on Christmas Music Sunday on December 11th. Pastor Dick will be sharing Christ-centered messages from the Gospel according to Mark during this season. And, of course, there are our traditional Christmas Eve Candle Light services at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 24th.

People are more open to this kind of invitation during Christmas and Easter than any other time of year. Be praying for who you might ask to come with you and then ask them. Obviously this is the “Invite a Friend” part of the challenge, but the “Be a Friend” part is to treat everyone who comes through the doors of our church as a friend. Think of them and treat them as if they were that special person you invited.





YOUTH NEWS

Merry Christmas! I decided that my amazing jokes should not just be limited to when I preach at church so here's just a couple of them to help you smile during this busy time of year:

Who delivers Christmas presents for cats? *Santa Paws!*

A man went to his psychiatrist and said, "What's wrong with me? I'm afraid of Santa."

The psychiatrist said, "*You must be Claus-trofobic.*"

What do elves learn in school? *The Elf-abet!*

What happens if you eat the Christmas decorations? *You get tinsel-itus!*

But seriously folks..., The youth are celebrating Christmas this year by keeping a focus on Jesus and love. We do that by gathering for worship and praise and also by reaching out to the needy and homeless in the Reno area. Our High School and Middle School youth group meets on Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m. for praise and worship and our High School outreach group called "Special Ops" has been taking warm clothes and blankets to the homeless on Sundays after church. The Middle School girls group meets Monday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Plus, there are approximately seven different female leaders who have stepped up to help minister to these young girls. The Middle School boys' Bible study is coming back after a break through the fall and it will be even better with a new agenda and spotlight. My wife and a couple of other adult leaders will be helping out from now on. The day and time will be announced in January.

We are in need of donations of blankets, jackets, socks and anything you feel the homeless could use this winter. Donations can be left in front of the youth room at the church or in the church office all week long. The baby Jesus in a manger is a great symbol of how God can do amazing things with little gifts and with little people. Please pray for our youth and pray about helping with donations of time, food or blankets.

Have a wonderful Christmas and remember to share your faith in Jesus with your love of others.

Pastor Tony Conragan

CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICES

There will only be one worship service on Sunday, December 25, 2011, Christmas, and on Sunday, January 1, 2012, New Years Day at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Dick will be concluding his Postcards from the Holy Land series on Christmas morning and Pastor Tony will be sharing on New Years morning.

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY POT LUCKS

Our beginning of the year are being delayed one week. Traditionally we have our monthly pot luck lunch the first Sunday of each month. For both January and February we are having our pot luck lunches one week late - January 8, 2012 and February 12, 2012.



PW of The Village Church

presents their annual

Christmas Tea and Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, December 3rd

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

In the Fireside Room

Join us for a traditional English tea

Plus - beautiful holiday items to purchase!



THE MEANING OF ADVENT

Advent is the first season of the Christian year and begins four Sundays before Christmas. Advent comes from the Latin word, *adventus*, meaning "arrival." Advent is the season of the church year that we celebrate the first arrival of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and prepare in anticipation for His promised

"second arrival."

One way we remember and prepare is through the use of Advent devotionals. We have two devotionals available, *The Lord Is Near* for adults and *Come to Bethlehem and See* for children. These are on the counter in our Lobby. Spending time daily in an Advent devotion provides a wonderful way of sensing the true "reason for the season."

Another way we celebrate and prepare is through the lighting of the Advent Candles at each Sunday services and on Christmas Eve. There are many different traditions about the Advent Candles and their meaning. The following is our approach to the Advent Candles:

The **Prophecy** Candle is the first candle, November 27th. It reminds us of the Old Testament prophets who long ago told of the future arrival of the Messiah. The **Faith** Candle is the second candle, December 4th. We will light this candle and give thanks for the faith of the generations who have come before us and we will commit ourselves once again to live by our faith in Jesus Christ. The **Hope** Candle is the third candle, December 11th. As we light this candle, we remember the hope of the Wise Men, and we rekindle the hope in our hearts for the advent of peace and the kingdom of God in our world. The fourth candle is the **Love** Candle, the morning of December 18th. This candle reminds us of the love Mary and Joseph had for their new-born son, and the love God has for each of us. The **Joy** Candle is lit on Christmas Eve, December 24th. This reminds us of the proclamation of the angel that the birth of Christ brings great joy to all the world. We also rejoice in the Good News that in Christ, God has come to be with us.

May you experience all the blessings of this Ad-



POINSETTIAS

Each year we look forward to the beauty the poinsettia plants brings to our sanctuary during the Christmas season. If you would like to purchase a plant and dedicate it in celebration of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form below. Your celebration or memorial will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. You may take your plant home after the last Christmas Eve Service.

The cost of each plant is \$9.00. Please make your check payable to the church. Deliver the form and your check to the church or mail to:

The Village Church
736 McCourry Blvd.
Incline Village, NV 89451
(775) 831-0784

The deadline for all orders is December 9th.

Poinsettia Order Form

Name _____

Phone Number _____

No. of Plants _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

In Celebration of _____

In Memory of _____

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY TRIALOGUE DEADLINE

Friday, December 16th

Please send your articles to
aschofield@inclinechurch.org

VILLAGE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL NEWS AND PHOTOS

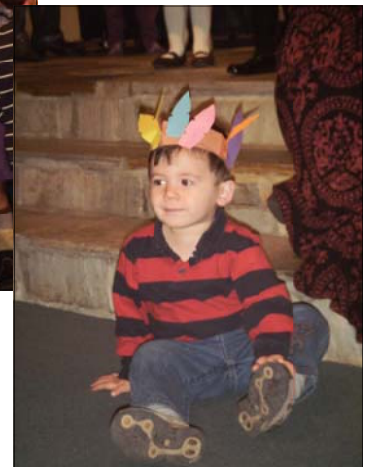


Thanks to all who donated items to be packed in Operation Christmas Child boxes. The project was a huge success! We delivered 115 boxes to be sent around the world to children who would not otherwise get anything for Christmas. The true success of this operation is that the children who receive the boxes hear about the best gift of all: Jesus! Next year we are shooting to fill 130 boxes. We already have the boxes!

We had over 80 people attend our annual Thanksgiving play and feast. You can tell by the pictures the kids had a great time performing. If you missed this great play, stay tuned because they will be performing their Christmas play for the church during worship on December 18th at 10:00 a.m. We had extended family members join us for this event. It was truly a blessing. The staff and I are grateful for the blessing of "church family" who helped in the kitchen. Ann Schofield cooked three eighteen pound turkeys (her 3rd year doing this for us),

Donna McCarey, Tom Ryan, Suzy McDonald, Christine Conti and Pastor Dick helped get food out and with clean up. All this was such a testimony to the families!

Blessings,
Cindy Liggett



"HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!" PARTY **Wednesday, December 14th**

The Village Christian Preschool "Happy Birthday, Jesus" Party will be held on Wednesday, December 14th at 6:00 p.m. starting with their Christmas program in the Sanctuary. Dinner will follow in the Fireside Room. Please join us for a blessed look at the Christmas season through the eyes of our children.

NOVEMBER SESSION MEETING

Our Session - our church's called, elected and ordained leaders - gathered on November 14th for prayer and other business. Minutes were approved, members received, heating systems were discussed, youth activities reviewed, finances evaluated and more. Session approved Pastor Dick's leave schedule for 2012 as well as the Mission Budget for 2012. The Visioning Team's Report was presented with Session action expected in December followed with "town hall" type meetings with the congregation for explanation and input.

More information about our Session meetings is available from any Session member as well as materials available for review in the Session Information binder in our Church Library.

POLITY PRIMER

Co-Pastor Model

With the permission of the presbytery, a church may utilize a co-pastor model for pastoral leadership. This model generally provides that two pastors will serve the same church using the specific gifts our Lord has given them in order to provide the best possible ministry for that particular congregation.

The co-pastor model is also used for pastoral transitions. When used in such a way, there can be a smooth and stable leadership transition without the need of multiple pulpit supplies and/or interims pastors.

A co-pastor is called through the same process as a pastor is called. The churches' nominating committee nominates church members to serve on the co-pastor nominating committee (C-PNC). The nominees are elected at a congregational meeting. This C-PNC, with the assistance of Session, develops a church information form. The C-PNC then receives personal information forms (resumes) from interested pastoral candidates. They will conduct interviews, background checks and more. Once they have discerned one candidate, they will present this person to the congregation for approval. This process takes between eighteen and twenty-four months on average.

The presbytery's Committee on Ministry will have a liaison assisting the C-PNC with their tasks. If there is an installed pastor in the church during the C-PNC's efforts, she/he is required to avoid all involvement with the committee's efforts. The C-PNC has the responsibility to discern the candidate to present to the congregation, not the installed pastor.

CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP HARVEST PARTY

Fifty two children attended this year's Harvest Party. We raised \$485 from admission, raffles and food sales!



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DECEMBER 2011

Psalm for the Month
 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? Psalm 8

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 9:00am Prayer Group - Pastor's Study	2	3  PW Christmas Tea 2:00pm to 400 pm Fireside Room
4 <i>Lord's Supper & Food Ministry</i> 7:00am Choir Practice 8 & 10am Worship in Sanctuary 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Congregational Meeting 11:30am Pot Luck Lunch 12:00pm Decorate the Church 12:30pm Pick up Food from Raley's	5 <i>Office Closed</i> 6:30pm Women's Bible Study - F/R	6 2:37pm Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Adult Advent Bible Study - F/R	7 6:30am CCC - F/R 2:00pm Last Afternoon Women's Bible Study - F/R 5:30pm Christmas Food Box Packing - F/R	8 9:00am Prayer Group - Pastor's Study	9	10  10:00am - 12:00pm Christmas Food Box Distribution
11 <i>Music Sunday</i> 8 & 10am Worship in the Sanctuary 8:15am Choir Practice - F/R 10:15am Sunday School 12 to 3pm Special Ops	12 <i>Office Closed</i> 6:30pm Women's Bible Study - F/R 5:45pm Personnel Meeting 6:45pm Session Prayer 7:00pm Session Meeting	13 2:37pm Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Adult Advent Bible Study & Potluck - F/R	14 6:30am CCC - F/R 6:00pm Preschool "Happy Birthday, Jesus" Party - Sanctuary and F/R 6 to 8pm B.A.S.I.C. - Y/R	15 9:00am Prayer Group - Pastor's Study	16 <i>January/February Trialogue Deadline</i>	17
18 8 & 10am Worship in the Sanctuary 8:15am Choir Practice - F/R 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am New Member Information Class and Lunch - Pastor's Study 12 to 3pm Special Ops	19 <i>Office Closed</i> No Women's Bible Study	20 2:37pm Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Adult Advent Bible Study - F/R	21 6:30am CCC- F/R 6 to 8pm B.A.S.I.C. - Y/R	22 9:00am Prayer Group - Pastor's Study	23	24  Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 5:30pm & 7:30pm
25 No Choir 10am Worship in Sanctuary 10:15am Sunday School	26 <i>Office Closed</i> No Women's Bible Study *****Preschool Closed*****	27 No Staff Meeting	28 6:30am CCC- F/R 2 6 to 8pm B.A.S.I.C. - Y/R	29 9:00am Prayer Group - Room A	30	31

Christ is Born!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



December

12/4 Ann Reynolds	12/21 Chuck Busskohl
12/6 Jeff Richter	12/21 Ann Sura
12/12 Katy Richter	12/22 Jessica Dykstra
12/12 Amy Richter	12/24 Christina Brown
12/14 Renee Taylor	12/26 Rob Robins
12/16 Sara Toto	12/29 Al Olsen
12/17 Dennis Zansler	12/29 Jim Dykstra
12/19 Suzie Fox	12/29 Kierstin Cefalu
12/20 Cindy Liggett	

*Did we forget your birthday? Please let us know.
Call the church office at 831-0784.*

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS

December 4th, 2nd Sunday in Advent

8:00 a.m. - M.J. and Carl Cross
10:00 a.m. - Sherry and Jerry Gray



December 11th, Third Sunday in Advent

8:00 a.m. - Betsy and Buddy Garfinkle
10:00 a.m. - Bob and Pam McQueen

December 18th, Fourth Sunday in Advent

8:00 a.m. - *Help Needed!*
10:00 a.m. - Linda and Rob Robins

December 24th, Christmas Eve

5:30 p.m. - Doug, Sharla and Alex Baker
7:30 p.m. - The Paris Family

DECEMBER WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Worship Assistants:

December 4th - Joannie McNulty
December 11th - Karen Bennett
December 18th - Linda Robins
December 25th - *Help Needed!*

Ushers:

December 4th - Bill and Linda Florentine
December 11th - Todd and JoJo Campbell
December 18th - Gary and Patti Boxeth
December 25th - Bill and Linda Florentine

Would you like to meet and greet our guests on Christmas Eve? We are seeking people to hand out programs and welcome folks at the 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve services. Contact Duane Lincoln or the church office if you're available.



OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Year To Date Through
November 27th, 2011:

<u>Needed</u>	\$332,400
<u>Given</u>	\$326,267
<u>Difference</u>	-\$6,133

UN-DECORATING THE CHURCH Sunday, January 8th

Following worship and our Pot Luck luncheon on Sunday, January 8, 2012, we will be un-decorating the church from Christmas. All are invited to assist in taking down and packing up our various Christmas decorations.



PASTOR DICK'S SCHEDULE

A few folks have wondered about Pastor Dick's schedule. He is in the Church Office nearly every day (including what should be his days off, Mondays and Saturdays) when he is in town. Normal office hours are 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., but Pastor Dick is available outside regular office hours in order to accommodate various schedules of our church folks. He is also available via his cell phone virtually any time.

Involvement in denominational governance is part of his ministry call, which has required Pastor Dick to be out of the area a number of days each year. He is continuing his "sabbatical" from national denominational activity for at least another year.

Continuing education is another requirement of the denomination. Two weeks of Study Leave are provided each year. Times of rest, refreshment and re-creation are also necessary in order to provide quality, moving and passionate worship services. Five weeks of vacation are included in Pastor Dick's Terms of Call.

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a joyful place to grow



*He will
be great
and will be
called the
Son of the
Most High.*

Luke 1:32

CHURCH LEADERSHIP



*December
2011*

Lili Arpino - Deacon
Sharla Baker - Preschool Staff
Craig Biddle - Elder & Clerk of Session
Samantha Conragan - Preschool Staff
Stephanie Conragan - C.E. Director
Pastor Tony Conragan, CRE -
Sound Tech/ Youth Pastor
Chuck Dowd - Elder, Interim Treasurer
Jane Dykstra - Deacon
Patrick Edgerton - Elder
Jon Fay - Choir Director
Tim Gilbert - Deacon Moderator
Diana Jones - PW Moderator
Bryan Heinzer - Elder
Rev. Patrick Hardy - Pastoral Counselor
Bedford Holmes - Elder
Forrest Juarez - Preschool Staff
Shahin Lampe - Preschool Staff

Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director
Duane Lincoln - Elder
Melanie Lincoln - Deacon
Joannie McNulty - Church Staff
Johnny Morris - Deacon
Trish Morris - Deacon
Terri Nielsen - Deacon, Preschool Staff
Chris Peterson - Elder
Lisa Raihall - Preschool Staff
The Rev. Dr. Dick Randall - Pastor
Mary Kay Randall - Worship Leader
Ann Schofield - Church Office Manager
Sharon Sigler - Deacon
Jason Stanton - Accompanist
Jan Talbot - Elder
Renee Taylor - Elder
Debby Wiens - Accompanist