



# The Messenger

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**The star of Bethlehem shone when Christ was born  
In the darkest nights, Christ's love still shines the brightest**

**The essence of Christmas is not in the presents.  
It's Christ's presence living in us**

**Every culture, every race  
Waits for this joyous day  
To commemorate the birth of our Savior  
I pray you'll find comfort, peace and favor.**

**Let us celebrate the ultimate gift of Jesus' birth  
That we were all given this Christmas.**

**Love was born on Christmas,  
the stars and angels gave the sign.  
Wishing you a Wonderful Christmas.**

**Have a Blessed Christmas.**

## ***Providing for Others***



This year has presented many challenges for Doorstep, and thankfully many blessings. Since we ended 2017 with fewer financial gifts than in the past, we have struggled with agency expenses, and grant funds that work on reimbursement throughout the year. And, now here we are back at December and working on our annual Christmas Store. We have requested 260 households from the Christmas Bureau Sign-up this year. There will be 800+ individuals in these households, and we are committed to helping them with Christmas gifts and food.

To do this, we need your help! We collect clothing, household items, blankets, school supplies, hygiene items, decorations, and more throughout the year. We did not have the funds to do clearance shopping for winter clothing in the first quarter of this year. Therefore, we have less clothing for all ages saved for the Store.

We are greatly in need of new, winter clothing for infants & toddlers, youth, boys & girls, sizes 6-16, women and men. Women like the sweat sets, pajama pants & tops & long nightgowns. The men can use sweat sets, long sleeved shirts & boxer briefs (all sizes). All children receive an outfit and a set of pajamas. The youth section, sizes 6-16, is the largest age range we help, and we always have to buy clothing in these sizes to cover the children we have adopted.

We also need toys for all children, and gifts for teenagers. And, monetary gifts to help cover the food expenses of the Christmas Store, which is the largest expense.

The Christmas Store is the week of December 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers each day. Flyers have been distributed with the dates and times. Each adopted family goes around the Store with an escort. We schedule 19 households per hour during distribution, so we need volunteer escorts!

You can bring donations for the Doorstep Christmas Store, Monday – Friday from 8am – 3pm. We are located at 1119 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue (10<sup>th</sup> and Buchanan), or to your congregation. Donated items for the Store are needed by Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>!

You can also donate online at: [www.doorstopeka.org](http://www.doorstopeka.org)

The staff at Doorstep wishes each of you Happy Holidays and a Blessed 2019!

## Schedule for Doorstep's Christmas Store 2018

Sunday December 9 - 2-5 pm -Move all items from Doorstep across the street to Nazarene Church Fellowship Hall

Monday December 10- 9am-4pm - Unpack, sort and organize items

Tuesday December 11- 9am-2pm Continue work not finished

Wednesday December 12- 8am-8pm - Escort clients at Store. Food provided for volunteers from 12-1pm and from 5-6pm

Thursday December 13- 8am-Noon -Escort clients at Store

Thursday December 13- Noon-3pm -Move items left back to Doorstep

In addition to volunteering you may also donate new, unwrapped items or provide a monetary donation

Doorstep phone number is 357-5341

Thank you to all who can participate to give Doorstep clients a Merry Christmas

Blessings,

Charles Franks  
Outreach Committee

## Baby Shower



*Please join us Dec 2nd during Fellowship for a baby shower honoring Sharon & Richmond Mc Daniels' newest granddaughter, Cora. Cora is the daughter of Kelly (Mc Daniels) Carr and Jim Carr. A light lunch will be served. Sure to be lots of fun and laughter and "can I hold her" going on. Hope to see you all.*

## Myron Wilson Celebrates His 99th



Our Thanksgiving dinner after worship on November 18th was double the fun as we also got to celebrate Myron's 99th birthday at the same time. Daughter Wendy was here to help celebrate with Myron and

Wanda. It was great to have them here. We're looking forward to your 100th, Myron!



Myron called and wanted to sincerely thank his St. Andrews family for the birthday celebration. He also expressed appreciation for the calls and birthday cards he received. He is so grateful for St. Andrews expressions of love and concern for him and Wanda and for the past celebrations they've provided. He still considers St. Andrews his and Wanda's home church, although they're not able to attend. Church services and Bible study are provided at McCrites. Continued calls and visits are appreciated.

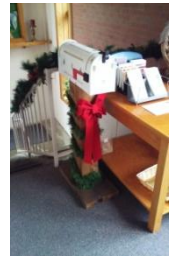
## Helen Jackson's 90th



Helen Jackson celebrated her 90th birthday with a birthday bash at the Crestview Shelter House on Saturday, November 10th. She was Queen for a Day as she celebrated with family and friends, including those from St. Andrews. We wish Helen the very best, and look forward to celebrating many more birthdays with her.

## Christmas Mailbox

Again this year we will have the Christmas Mailbox set up in the narthex. Bring your Christmas cards for members and put them in the mailbox. They will be sorted and put out each Sunday for members that are here to pick up. Spread Christmas joy and save postage at the same time!



A reminder that it is time to order poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary for the Advent season. There will be one size; the cost is \$8:00.

It is requested that you have the orders to the church by December 16th. Order forms will be in the Narthex, or contact the church office.



St. Andrews will celebrate its traditional **Candlelight Christmas Eve and Communion service at 7:00 p.m.** Communion will be served by intinction. Join us as we experience this cherished service together!



## Caroling

Something we haven't done for a while - caroling! All of you who would enjoy a Christmas tradition of caroling meet at the church on Saturday, December 22nd, at 1:00 o'clock to go caroling. The plan is to go to care facilities and homes of those who are not out and about much. Help share the fun and joy of spreading the Christmas spirit with Christmas carols.



## Fifth Sunday Potluck

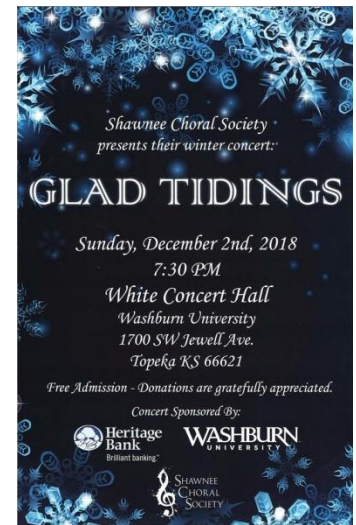


On Sunday, December 30, we will have our "**Belated**" Christmas/"Early" **Happy New Year** Potluck. The Fellowship Committee will put together details about the potluck, then we will let you know what we decided, so you can decide what you would like to bring in to add to it.

Kathy Fuller  
Fellowship Committee

## Shawnee Choral Society

The Shawnee Choral Society will present its winter concert "Glad Tidings" Sunday evening, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at White Concert Hall at 7:30. Admission is free; donations are accepted. Stephanie Reynolds, Matthew Reynolds and Don Newman are members of the Choral Society. This is a wonderful evening of great choral music!



## Men's and Ladies' Groups



The Men's and Ladies' Groups met at Banjos on November 16th to share a meal and fellowship. We'll be meeting on December 21st at the same place at 11:30. Invite a friend and come join us.





## **Election of Officers**

Election of officers for the class of 2021 will be December 2<sup>nd</sup> following worship. Nominees from the Nominating Committee are: Sharon McDaniels, first 3-year term; Jo Ann Miller, Bob Bodenheimer and Jan Schiesser, each renewing for a second 3-year term. Please plan to remain after worship as we conduct this important church business.

## **DECEMBER 2018 LECTIONARY READINGS**

**December 2 - 1st Sunday of Advent-** Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

**December 9 - 2nd Sunday of Advent-** Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

**December 16- 3rd Sunday of Advent-** Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

**December 23 - 4th Sunday of Advent-** Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:46-55 or Psalm 80:1-7; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

**December 24 - Christmas Eve-** Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96:1-13; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

**December 25 - Christmas Day-** Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98:1-9; Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12]; John 1:1-14

**December 30 - 1st Sunday after Christmas Day-** 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52





## December Birthdays

Jeanette Luedke, December 1st

Sheri French, December 3rd

Cheryll Duer, December 7th

Bill DeShazer, December 10th

Randy Luedke, December 16th

Kathy Fuller, December 19th

Megan Reynolds, December 23rd

Richmond McDaniels, December 27th

Bob Bodenheimer, December 30th

Sharon Bayless, December 31st

Kelly Carr, December 31st

## December Anniversaries

Paul and Kathy Mitchell, December 3, 1977

Bill and Betty DeShazer, December 4, 1966

Duane and Dorothy Wulfkuhle, December 24, 1954

Tad and Gail Estes, December 25, 1986





## Thank You

Dear St. Andrews Friends,

We thank you all so very much for the many expressions of support and sympathy, the prayers, hugs, cards, food, and memorial donations.

Your kindnesses have brought us much comfort and will always be remembered.

Sincerely,

The Family of Virginia Bohn

(Dale, Jan, Dex, Julie, and families)



## ***Caring for our Members and Friends***



Dick O'Neill, Gail Estes, Betty DeShazer, Rita Kelly, Karl Wilmers, Dolores Wilmers, John Lucero, Don and Olga Fluke, Marian Korup, Jerry Barton, Sally Shaffer, Marlene Watson, Jean Ann Beall, Sue McPherson

Keep Marine 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Randy Luedke in your prayers, as well as all other active duty and veteran personnel, firefighters, EMTs, and police officers, the victims of violence in our country; victims of the California fires. Pray for peace for those countries suffering from war and conflict; the ongoing conflicts and violence in our own community, all our government officials, the hungry and the homeless.



- General fund income for October-\$5,017.05. Income included \$4,060 - pledges; \$705.00 - non pledge income, \$252.05 - loose offering. General fund expenses - \$6,191.73.
- Session meetings will be the 3rd Sunday of the month following worship during the winter months starting December 16th
- Nominating committee has selected the following officer nominees for the Class of 2021: Sharon McDaniels first 3-year term; Bob Bodenheim, Jan Schiesser and Jo Ann Miller renewing for a 3-year term.
- Doorstep's Christmas Store activities will be from December 9-13. See page 3 of the newsletter for full details.
- Poinsettia orders will be available beginning November 25th. It is requested they be turned in by December 16th.
- Some electrical work scheduled to be done in December, including light installed over the kitchen sink in the kitchen.
- Elevator inspected and certified to be in good working order.
- Caroling to care facilities and shut-ins Saturday, December 22nd. Meet at the church at 1:00 p.m.
- Communion will be December 2nd.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service will be at 7:00

| December 2018  |  |   |                                 |                                       |   |                                      |
|--|--|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed                             | Thu                                   | Fri   | Sat                                  |
|  |  |   |                                 |                                       |   | <b>1</b><br>Jeannette Luedke - b'day |
| <b>2</b><br>1st Sunday of Advent<br>Communion<br>Election of Officers<br>Baby Shower-Cora Carr | <b>3</b><br>Paul & Kathy Mitchell-Anniv.<br><br>Sheri French B'day           | <b>4</b><br>Bill and Betty DeShazer-Anniv.                      | <b>5</b>                        | <b>6</b><br>7:00-Choir rehearsal      | <b>7</b><br>Cheryll Duer B'day              | <b>8</b>                             |
| <b>9</b><br>2nd Sunday of Advent   | <b>10</b><br>Bill DeShazer B'day   | <b>11</b>   | <b>12</b>                       | <b>13</b><br>7:00-Choir rehearsal     | <b>14</b>                                   | <b>15</b>                            |
| <b>16</b><br>3rd Sunday of Advent<br><br>Randy Luedke B'day                                    | <b>17</b>  | <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b><br>Kathy Fuller B'day | <b>20</b><br>7:00-Choir rehearsal     | <b>21</b><br>11:30 -Men's and Ladies' Lunch | <b>22</b><br>1:00 -Caroling          |
| <b>23</b><br>4th Sunday of Advent  | <b>24</b><br>7:00-Christmas Eve Svc.<br><br>Duane & Dorothy Wulfkuhle-Anniv. | <b>25</b><br>MERRY CHRISTMAS<br><br>Tad and Gail Estes - Anniv. | <b>26</b>                       | <b>27</b><br>Richmond McDaniels b-day | <b>28</b>                                   | <b>29</b>                            |
| <b>30</b><br>Christmas/New Year Pot Luck<br><br>Bob Bodenheimer B'day                          | <b>31</b><br>Kelly Carr B'day<br><br>Sharon Bayless B'day                    |   |                                 |                                       |   |                                      |

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**WELCOME TO  
SAINT ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones, Pastor  
Worship 11:00 AM**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service  
7:00 PM**

