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**For unto us a child is born
The Messiah who saves the world.
Spend time today to pray and give Glory to God.
The Spirit of Christmas is love.
God loves us so much that He gave his Son for us.
May the love of our Savior, Jesus Christ
Surround you all the days of your life.
Have a Blessed Christmas.**

Providing for Others



This year has presented many challenges for Doorstep, and thankfully many blessings. As you have heard, with the sewer issue in our basement in late August we lost at least 1/3 of the Christmas items we had stored. We have cleaned up and organized the donations and have a good idea what we really need for the Christmas Store, which isn't far away now! The Christmas Store is the week of December 8th – 12th!

Items we really need are:

New, winter clothing youth, boys & girls, sizes 6-16, teens, 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.

We need volunteers to work each day starting on Sunday, December 8th from 2pm- 5pm to help move all collected items to First Nazarene Church across the street. Monday volunteers are needed to help sort and organize donations. Then on Wednesday the 11th and Thursday the 12th we need volunteers to escort the families around as they shop. Flyers have been distributed with the dates and times. We schedule 19 households per hour during distribution, so we need plenty of volunteer escorts!

You can bring donations for the Doorstep Christmas Store, Monday – Friday from 8am – 3pm. We are located at 1119 SW 10th Avenue (10th and Buchanan), or to your congregation. Donated items for the Store are needed by Monday, December 9th at the very latest!

You can also donate online at: www.doorstoptopeka.org

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

Myron Wilson Celebrates His 100th



An overflow crowd gathered in the St. Andrews Room at McCrites to help Myron celebrate his 100th birthday on November 18th. There was a very meaningful flag ceremony and flag presentation with comments by Myron. We wish Myron continued birthday celebrations. Although he's not able to attend, St. Andrews is Myron's home church. Church services are provided at McCrites. Continued calls and visits are appreciated.



Randy and Asya Luedke's New Baby



Randy and Asya are the proud parents of a son born on November 2nd. His name is Elias Gordon Luedke. He weighed in at 7 lbs, 7oz. Congratulations to Randy and Asya and little brother Ayden on this new addition to their family.





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 15th. 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!



Fifth Sunday Potluck

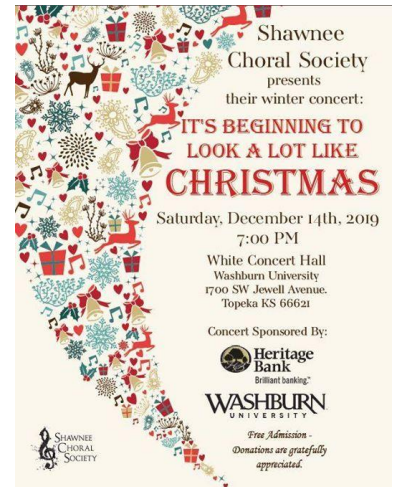


On Sunday, December 29th, we will have our "**Belated**" Christmas/"Early" **Happy New Year** Potluck. The Fellowship Committee will put together details about the potluck, then let you know what to bring in to add to it.

Kathy Fuller
Fellowship Committee

Shawnee Choral Society

The Shawnee Choral Society will present its winter concert "It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas", Saturday, December 14th, at White Concert Hall at 7:00. Admission is free; donations are accepted. Stephanie Reynolds and Matthew Reynolds 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 luncheon was at Banjos on November 15th for sharing a meal and fellowship. We'll be meeting on December 20th at the same place at 11:30. Invite a friend and come join us.



DECEMBER 2019 LECTIONARY READINGS

December 1 - 1st Sunday of Advent- Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

December 8 - 2nd Sunday of Advent- Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

December 15- 3rd Sunday of Advent- Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

December 22 - 4th Sunday of Advent- Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

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

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

December 29 - 1st Sunday after Christmas Day- Isaiah 63:7-9, Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23





December Birthdays

Jeanette Luedke, December 1st

Bill DeShazer, December 10th

Randy Luedke, December 16th

Kathy Fuller, December 19th

Megan Reynolds, December 23rd

Richmond McDaniels, December 27th

Bob Bodenheimer, December 30th

Kelly Carr, December 31st

December Anniversaries

Paul and Kathy Mitchell, December 3, 1977

Bill and Betty DeShazer, December 4, 1966

Tad and Gail Estes, December 25, 1986



Caring for our Members and Friends



Praying for...

Keep these folks in your prayers this week: Myron Wilson and Wendy Mary Jane and Junior Elder, Helen Jackson, Dick O'Neill, Bob Bodenheimer, Claudia Hamer, Linda Ozaki, Mary Ottiwell, Rita Kelly, Cheryl Kelly, Karl Wilmers, Dolores Wilmers, Jerry Barton, Marlene Watson, Charlene McCready, Millie Blodgett, Eric Howard, Steven Cornelius, Ezra Krumalis, Tammy Calkins, Duane Custer, Maggie Putnam, Tiffany, Barb Estes, Earl Evans, Gwen Jones.

Safe travel for those travelling over the holidays.

Remember our active duty and veteran personnel, firefighters, EMTs, police officers, and the victims of violence in our country, 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.

SESSION



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November 2019

Session did not meet in November.

December 2019						
◀ November						January ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Jeannette Luedke B'day	2	3 Paul & Kathy Mitchell-Anniv.	4 Bill & Betty DeShazer-Anniv.	5 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	6	7
8	9	10 Bill DeShazer B'day	11	12 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	13	14
15 12:15 Session	16 Randy Luedke B'day	17	18	19 6:30 Choir Rehearsal Kathy Fuller B'day	20 11:30 Men's & Ladies' Lunch	21
22 Joy Offering received	23 Megan Reynolds B'day	24 7:00 Communion Candleligh Svc.	25 Merry Christmas Tad and Gail Estes – Anniv.	26 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	27	28
29 Potluck	30 Bob Bodenheimer B'day	31 Kelly Carr 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**

