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May you have the gift of **faith**, the blessing of **hope**, and the peace of His **love** at **Christmas** and always. May Joy be your gift at **Christmas**, and may **Faith, Hope, and Love** be your treasures in the New Year.

Jesus is the reason for this **Christmas** Season. The magic of **Christmas** is not in the presents, but in His presence

Providing for Others



This month is all about the Christmas Store, even if it is completely different than in years past! This year is not a 'Store', but more of a Christmas Adoption Project. All of the families who signed up through the Christmas Bureau will receive a food order and \$15 gift card per person in the household. Doorstep is also adding a blanket and health kit for each household. Distribution days this year will be December 14th – 16th.

What we currently need for Christmas: Full-sized Shampoo/Conditioner, Toothpaste, Combs, Deodorant, Full/Queen and King Blankets, and money. We need money to purchase the gift cards, the food, and any of the above items not donated. Where we have asked for items in years past, please send a check or go to our website (www.doorsteptopeka.org) to donate by credit card.

We appreciate anything you can do to help this year during Covid Christmas. Don't forget your year-end donations as well! Doorstep would gratefully accept your donations to help us start out 2021 in the black. Our extra Covid funds will be nearly spent, but people will still be in need in 2021, whether it is Covid related, or life has just happened to, and they need our help!

Rescue Mission

The Rescue Mission will be adopting families through the United Way's Christmas Bureau. In addition, they will be providing a gift card and a food basket to the individuals at the Rescue Mission rather than doing gift items as they've done in the past. This is an effort to reduce the spreading of the Covid-19 virus. Because of this, the best way to support them is with financial donations to purchase the gift cards and provide the food baskets. Thank you for helping the Rescue Mission to help many individuals and families in need this Christmas season by giving financially to the Rescue Mission.





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 \$8:10.

It is requested that you have the orders to the church by December 6th.

Order forms are enclosed and will be in the Narthex, or contact the church office.



St. Andrews will celebrate its traditional **Candlelight Christmas Eve and Communion service at 5:30 p.m.** It was felt that this

time would be more accommodating for people. The service

will be in the sanctuary. Holiday worship is possible in the

sanctuary with distancing and overflow into fellowship hall where a video screen is set up; as well as, on line access via zoom for real time viewing and also the service posted to YouTube. Join us!

Advent begins November 29th.



Men's and Ladies' Groups



The Men's and Ladies' Groups luncheon was at Banjos on November 20th for sharing a meal and fellowship. We'll be meeting on December 18th at the same place at 11:30. Invite a friend and come join us.



DECEMBER 2020 LECTIONARY READINGS

December 6 – 2nd Sunday of Advent- Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13;
2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

December 13 – 3rd Sunday of Advent- Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126 or
Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 20- 4th Sunday of Advent- 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55
or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

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 27 - 1st Sunday of Christmas- Isaiah 61:10—62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke
2:22-40



December Birthdays

Jeanette Luedke, December 1st

Bill DeShazer, December 10th

Randy Luedke, December 16th

Kathy Fuller, December 19th

Megan Reynolds, December 23rd

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...

Pastor Stacey, Francene Beal, ,Brian McPherson, Linda Ozaki ,
Mary Jane and Junior Elder, Rita Kelly, Cheryl Kelly, Abbi, Karl &
Dolores Wilmers, Jerry Barton, Martin's sister, Marlene Watson,
John McCready, Kelly Sunderland, Lari Jarrett.

Schools and teachers and students dealing with remote classes, in-
person and hybrid classes, mental health of all affected by the Covid-
19 virus.

Remember all those who serve -our active duty and veteran personnel, firefighters, EMTs, police officers, and those on the front lines of service during this pandemic.

Pray for peace and calm for our nation as we go through these troubling times. Pray for the ongoing conflicts that still exist in our own community. Pray for cooperation and respect among our government officials on all levels, the hungry and the homeless.



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-November 10, 2020

[P] '22 Claudia Hamer	[A] '21 Dianne Deuser	[P] '20 Kathy Fuller
[P] '22 Matthew Reynolds	[A] '21 Sharon McDaniels	[P] '20 Betty DeShazer
[P] '22 Stephanie Reynolds	[P] '21 Jo Ann Miller	[A] '20 Charles Franks
[P] '22 Jan Rice	[A] '21 Janet Schiesser	[P] '20 Bill DeShazer

[P] Session Moderator- Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones
 [P] Clerk of Session-Bill DeShazer
 [P] Treasurer-Stephanie Reynolds

Checking account balance as of October 31 was \$13,475.50.

Memorial Fund balance-\$3,588.50.

Pledges for October-\$3,145.00; non pledges-\$1,255.00; loose offering - \$113.00

Current income for October was \$4,607.00; current expenses were \$4,181.97.

Session will be meeting on Sundays following worship, usually the second or third Sunday, depending on availability of Pastor Stacey. However, in December we will be meeting on the first Sunday.

Church internet has switched to Cox because they could provide faster uploading and downloading service and features that will make it more compatible with the software we need for putting our worship services on line and Zoom.

New TV purchased for Fellowship Hall so overflow attendance can see the service live from the sanctuary.

Approved Christmas Eve Service to be at 5:30 contingent on Francene's availability.

Approved donating \$100.00 to Rescue Mission and \$100.00 to Doorstep.

November 29th is the first Sunday in Advent.

Next communion is December 6th.

Communion will be celebrated on Christmas Eve.

December 2020						
◀ November	December 2020					January ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Jeannett Luedke B'day	2	3 Paul & Kathy Mitchell-Anniv.	4 Bill & Betty DeShazer- Anniv	5
6 Communion 12:15 - Session	7	8	9	10 Bill DeShazer B'day	11	12
13	14	15	16 Randy Luedke B'day	17	18 11:30 Men's/Ladies' Lunch	19 Kathy Fuller B'day
20	21	22	23	24 5:30 Chrdismas Eve. Svc	25 Christmas Tad & Gail Estes Anniv.	26
27	28	29	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 5:30 PM

