

Thanks to everyone who helped Hanging our Greens last Sunday! The Sanctuary looks BEAUTIFUL!



Grimes Community Food Pantry Needs

We currently need these items to restock the pantry shelves:

Ramen Noodles, Pork-n-Beans, Chili Beans, Chicken Noodle/Tomato/Cream Soups plus Large Cans of Soup (all kinds), Corn Muffin Mix, Cake/Brownie Mixes, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels and Kleenex.

In September the Grimes Community Food Pantry served 37 families which included 87 adults and 53 children for total of 140 individuals.

Monetary Donations are appreciated at all times. The Grimes Community Food Pantry is a 501c3 tax deductible charity for all deductions. We thank you for your continued support of this community ministry! Donations may be made online at www.grimesumc.com/local/food-pantry.

Happy Birthday!

Dec. 5th Melodee Grefe



Happy Anniversary!

Dec. 3rd Roger & Donna Stark
Dec. 5th Bill and Connie Sharp

In service to the congregation, we ask that compliments, complaints, or concerns please be directed to the appropriate committee chairperson (below) as a first step.

We Are Sincerely, Your Church Session

Nurture: Kristy Klyn, Bev Boyd, Gwyn Heston, Melodee Grefe
(Christian Ed, Christian Nurture, Missions & Evangelism)

Operations: Keith Workman, Curt Klyn

Buildings & Grounds: Keith Workman, *Stewardship & Finance:* Curt Klyn,
Technology: Bob Heston, *Memorial:* Susan Ballard

Witness: Marilyn Whitmore, Carl Wong, Robbin McClelland
(Worship, Technology/Sanctuary Support, Communication, Nominating)

Regular Schedule of Session Committee Meetings:

- Operations - December 2nd, 10:30am
- Witness - December 8th, 10:30am
- Nurture - November 25th, 10:30am

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GRIMES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 2018

PASTOR REV. JESSICA WIETZKE

**WE ARE A PEOPLE OF FAITH CALLED BY
CHRIST TO SHARE
GOD'S GOOD NEWS
IN TODAY'S ACTIVE WORLD.**

A STAR IS A
OF Prophecy
ago and
hope for



Heavenly sign
fulfilled long
ago and
hope for
a Shinning
Humanity.



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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Please sign the attendance pads found in the hymnal rack and pass it to those sitting near you. You're invited to join us for friendship and refreshments in Fellowship Hall following Worship. Children are welcome in our worship service; however, a nursery is available for parents with young children under the age of 5 years. There is a speaker in the nursery so you don't miss out on worship.

AROUND YOUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

Today: 9:15am **Worship / Congregational Meeting**
 10:15am **Fellowship Time**
 10:30am **Operations Meeting**
Tuesday: 6:00pm **Brownies**
Wednesday: 6:00pm **Wednesday Warriors**
Thursday: 8:30am **PW Coffee @Burger King**
Saturday: 10:00am **Witness Meeting @Deerfield**
Weekly, Mon-Fri, 9:30am to 1:30pm—Grimes Senior Meal Site is open

We've all heard the stories of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the wise men, but what about the others who were there when Jesus was born? Manger tales will introduce you to the animals that were there, from the residents of the stable to visitors from afar. As each animal pays a visit to a TV talk show, we will see the Christmas story through their eyes and get a fresh perspective on the wonder of Christmas. Through the scriptures, readings, skits, and music, kids will learn the story of Jesus' birth and all that Jesus means to us.

Worship Attendance & Giving	Date	Attendance	Pledges	Other Gifts
	11/18	61	\$320.00	\$3654.00
	11/25	35	\$1200.00	\$486.00
(Figures represent offerings for the regular church budget). Needed Weekly: \$2650.16 – Needed Monthly \$10,600.63				

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY 9AM-2PM

PASTOR: JESSICA WIETZKE (PASTOR@GRIMES1STPRES.ORG)

CHURCH OFFICE MANAGER: APRIL BECK (OFFICE@GRIMES1STPRES.ORG)

SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

Today: Sunday, December 2nd, 2018

Pastor ~ Rev. Jessica Wietzke
 Organist ~ Colene Townsend
 Pianist ~ Nancy Mitchell
 Advent Readers ~ Heston Family
 Communion Servers ~ Denny Rosenberg, Robbin McClelland, Dana & Melodee Grefe

Ushers & Greeters ~ Vickie Cook & Bev Boyd
 Offering Counters ~ Denny Rosenberg & Yalanda Clayton
 Coffee Hosts ~ Bill & Connie Sharp

Serving next Sunday, December 9th, 2018

Pastor ~ Rev. Jessica Wietzke
 Organist ~ Colene Townsend
 Pianist ~ Nancy Mitchell
 Advent Readers ~ Wong Family
 Ushers & Greeters ~ Carl & Gaylene Lee
 Offering Counters ~ Denny Rosenberg & Yalanda Clayton
 Coffee Hosts ~ Charles & Jenny Emblen

GIVE YOUR HANDS TO SERVE AND YOUR HEARTS TO LOVE.
 -- Mother Teresa (now St. Teresa of Calcutta)

TODAY we will have a congregational meeting to change our by-laws to say Session must be composed of at least 6 members. The congregation will also elect Ellen Workman to serve as an Elder for 2 years. As your session, we have come to the realization that asking 9 members to be ruling elders is too many to be sustainable with our attendance numbers. Several months ago, we had a member from Presbytery join us for our meeting and he helped a lot with suggestions and guidance on planning for the future of our church. It seems that each year it is a struggle to find enough people to serve in that capacity. Our recommendation is that we have 6 ruling elders and continue to have our committees continue their wonderful work. There are so many ways that each individual can serve/help our church! Our committees are working well and we are always happy to have others join us. Serving on a committee is not very time-consuming and can be a great experience.

SESSION MEMBERS		
<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Robbin McClelland	Bev Boyd	Curt Klyn
Marilyn Whitmore	Carl Wong	Melodee Grefe
Keith Workman	Kristy Klyn	Gwyn Heston
Clerk of Session: Jacie Smith		

Deacons
Susan Ballard
Bev Boyd
Robbin McClelland
Phyllis Rosenberg
Gai Shields
Bill Sharp

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

*OPENING HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Hymn#133

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Now is the time of watching and waiting
People: **Now is the season of hope unfolding**
Leader: Let us come before God with receptive hearts
People: **May our spirits rejoice in God our Savior**

*HYMN *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Hymn#135

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: Heston Family

*CALL TO CONFESSION (from 155 **O Little town of Bethlehem v3 (spoken)**)

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us. You gave us your light to dispel darkness. You gave us your Good News, that we may be filled with joy and hope. We confess we have not always welcomed your light or trusted Good News to be good. Our eyes and ears have grown accustomed to the fighting and hostilities, the unrest and crises, the struggles and pains in our world. We have come to expect that little can change. Forgive us for expecting so little. Remind us of how your love and grace can transform people, nations, and circumstances. Renew our hope and strengthen our faith. In the name of the Christ-child we pray, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The good news of this Advent season is forgiveness of our sin and new life.
All: Let us commit our lives to Christ's ways of hope and peace

GLORIA PATRI - *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*



TIME WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE

NT: Matthew 1:18-25

(page: 1; large print - pages: 1-2)

VIDEO: **The Dilemma of Doubt (Joseph)** CVLI#504043952

MEDITATION

CALL FOR THE OFFERING (Bernard of Clairvaux who lived from 1090-1153)
“You have come to us as a small child, but you have brought us the greatest of all gifts, the gift of eternal love. Caress us with your tiny hands, embrace us with your tiny arms, and pierce our hearts with your soft, sweet cries.” May we respond to this greatest of offering with our own offerings of our times, talents, and treasure.

OFFERING HYMN *Angels We Have Heard On High* Hymn#152(vv1-2)

***DOXOLOGY**- *Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, God of grace, for the way you have shown your love to us in Jesus Christ. As the birth of Jesus brought light and hope into our world, we pray that these offerings and the gifts of our lives increase your light in this world and bring hope to those for whom hope has faded. In Christ's Name we pray, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (We use the words 'debts' and 'debtors' in the Lord's Prayer)

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Communion Hymn *Silent Night* Hymn #164(vv. 1-2)

The Invitation and Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements (Please take the bread and cup as it comes to you; when all are served, we will partake together.)

***CLOSING HYMN** *The First Noel* Hymn#162

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



We have a sign up in Fellowship Hall again this year for gifts for Spurgeon Manor residents! There are still a few names left on the list so head on over to sign up if you are able to spread some joy and purchase a gift! Gifts are due back by December 18th please. Please wrap your gift and make sure to address who it is for! Thank you!

We will be caroling again this year at Spurgeon Manor and Kennybrook on December 16th. Please meet in the church parking lot at 4:00 and we will head out to carol! Then join us afterward back at fellowship hall for hot chocolate and treats!



Our Missions & Evangelism committee has gotten tags again from the Grimes Giving Tree! Our church has 20 tags available for children in the Grimes area that are in need. The tags will be placed on a Christmas tree in fellowship hall today! Please stop by the tree when it is ready to choose a tag if you are able to share with one of these children in need this Christmas season! Gifts will need to be wrapped with the tag attached and returned to the church by December 9th! Please and thank you!



Please join us on December 9th at 9:15 a.m. for the Youth Christmas Program. Enjoy our youth as they share songs of praise and share their talents during our worship service.



Our Poinsettias have been ordered and will be delivered on Friday, December 14th! We will enjoy their beauty in our sanctuary until Christmas Eve and then you may take your Poinsettia home after service if that is what you have chosen to do. There were different size and color options available to order this year. The Poinsettia you ordered will have your name on a sticker on the bottom of it to ensure you get the one you ordered! Thank you all Have a wonderful week!

