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Epiphany Communion

With the echoes of the Christmas season still reverberating, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, January 10th at our 10:00 AM drive-up worship service. What a joy it will be to hold onto the birth of hope just a little longer!



We will also ordain and install our newly-elected Elders and Deacons.

Come join in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on this blessed Sunday as we celebrate Epiphany and the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ.



From the Pastor's Desk...

"I wonder at their improbable presence in the Christmas story, at their capacity to recognize the divine lying in the gloom of poverty. But where are the Jewish sages to join them around my tiny creche? Where are the religious leaders who longed for the Messiah? They were invited. The star led the magi to Jerusalem. News of Israel's Saviour reached the holy land on the lips of foreigners. The priests were able to name the place of the Messiah's birth from prophecy and pointed the pagans in the right direction. But why—why—did none follow?"

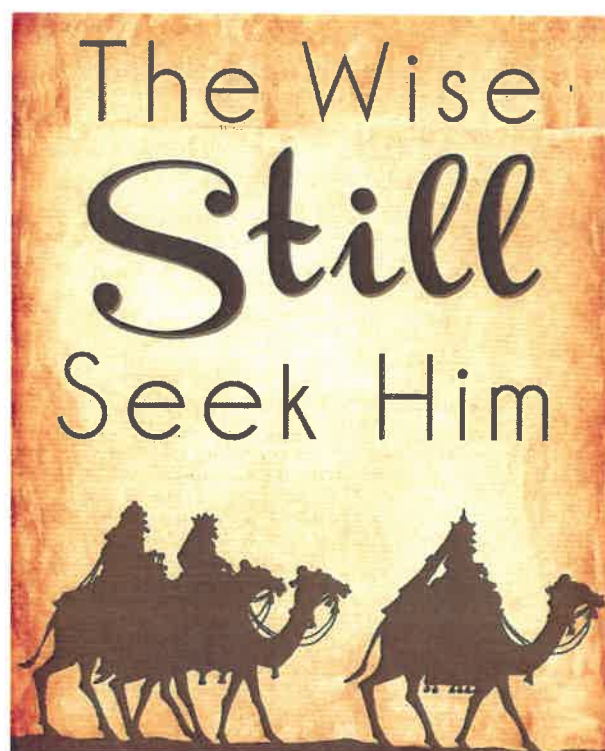
~ Invitation to Epiphany:
Tabitha Plueddemann Mosaic Bible

Dear Lafayette family:

For most of us, the new year has been a welcome, if largely symbolic, turn of the calendar, for 2020 was a year of grief, pandemic, isolation, loneliness, separation, conflict, and uncertainty. We have learned to adapt and adjust, but we long to gather, to embrace, to worship, to sing, and to celebrate together. We're ready for some good news!

The world of the Magi was dark and precarious. Ordinary, everyday people were manipulated and marginalized by kings, despots, and armies, and their lives could be turned upside down or destroyed without warning or just cause.

The Magi were not bound by the limits of tradition and ritual. For them, the ancient Hebrew prophecies were more than faded words in dusty scrolls. They could have been content with their privileged positions, or they could have simply



embraced the prophetic promises and held them within their hearts. Instead, they dared to seek, to search, and to follow the star—that they might behold the face of the one who would vindicate their hope that there was, indeed, a God of love and reconciliation.

The wise still seek him! Let us set our gaze upon a star glorious and open our hearts to the Lord! May this new year be a haven of healing, a pilgrimage of peace, and a journey of joy.

Happy New Year,

"For my part I know nothing with any certainty, but the sight of the stars makes me dream." ~ Vincent Van Gogh

CRAFTS FOR MISSIONS



Our JANUARY meeting date will be January 28th at 1:30 P.M. We will meet in our Fellowship Hall so we can spread out. We will be following CDC guidelines regarding the Coronavirus.

This winter we can *focus on our missions*. One of the missions is the PCUSA Disaster Assistance Program. The main items that we create for this mission are the loom knitted hats, crocheted baby blankets, fleece baby blankets with ruffled edges, flannel baby blankets, and any other appropriate items. Items are not required to be only baby items. Any size of socks and gloves would be appreciated for sure.

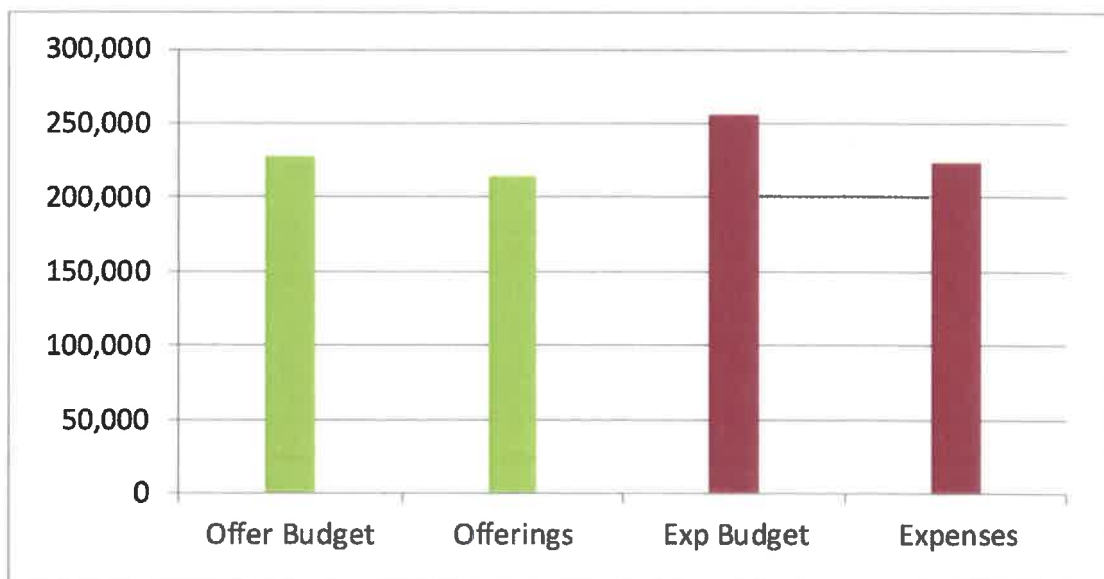
We can continue to work on items for the Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes for next year. There are several items that we can work on. The newest items are felt Christmas items to assemble. We are going to have a wonder inventory for the boxes next year.

Since the weather has finally turned cooler, we can *focus on* is **the loom knitted hats for Courage through Cancer Ministries, Inc.** This group furnishes the beautiful hats to chemo patients. We can get to work on the **youth or adult sizes**. The adult size hats are distributed locally. Remember to use Cannon brand "Simply Soft" yarn. You can check with the group if you have a question about the yarn. We have a small supply of the Simply Soft yarn that can be used. **If you want to learn how to make the loom knitted hats, we would love to show you.**

We can always use hats out of other types of yarn for our other missions. We do have plenty of regular yarn for hats or other projects that you might be working on. Check our supply.

As always, you can work on any project that you are interested in. We hope you will join us this month.

NOVEMBER 2020 FINANCIAL UPDATE			
Offering Budget November	Actual Offerings November	Expense Budget November	Actual Expenses November
\$227,730.00	\$214,834.86	\$256,512.83	\$224,223.78



2 Corinthians 9:7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.



Coffee and a Cookie Contemporary Book Club

Meeting by ZOOM

We meet the 3rd Monday of the Month from 1:00 – 2:00 P.M. We are always happy to welcome new members – men and women.

If you want to join us by ZOOM please contact Denise Vandiver for more details.

Monday, January 18 ~ Stay by Catherine Ryan Hyde

Monday, February 15 ~ Simon the Fiddler by Paulette Jiles



Presbyterian Women's Retreat

At Dogwood Acres

March 5 ~ 7, 2021

\$132.50 due by February 12

(Payable to Presbyterian Women and marked Retreat)

Please contact Kay Lachat to get more information and sign up for a cabin.

Each person attending will have one half cabin to allow a private room/bath and plenty of space.

More on our agenda to come but the goal is to safely retreat in a large and beautiful outdoor setting and just relax!!

What is Per Capita?



Have you seen the envelope in your box that says it is for **Per Capita**? Have you wondered what this is about?

Per Capita is how Presbyterians share equally and responsibly in the costs of governing the Presbyterian Church (USA). Per capita is the major source of funding for the Presbytery. It is requested from every congregation and based on total active membership of each church. This year, the Presbytery has asked for support in the amount of \$77.20 per member.

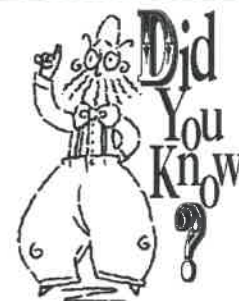
Through per capita, the Presbytery of Florida is able to

- help congregations with pastoral transitions,
- help prepare people for service as ordained ministers,
- provide support in revitalization of existing congregations,
- work to develop new congregations, as needed,
- link local congregations with others in the Presbytery, and
- support various Missions such as Dogwood Acres and U-Kirk.

Who is the Presbytery? **WE** are the Presbytery!

DID YOU KNOW? BY PHIL FERGUSON

Guinea pigs were an important part of the life of the Inca civilization in Peru and the Andes. According to natives, the Incas sacrificed thousands of guinea pigs every year as an offering to their gods. But, they were also part of the daily life in ancient times and are also part of daily life in modern times. Guinea pigs were and are one of the common foods in Peru. Not only are they raised and eaten at home, they are also found on restaurant menus in Cusco, Peru.



When the Inca civilization was destroyed, the Catholic Church tried to force their religion on the Incas. One of the things that remained, and was not changed, was the guinea pig, because it was such an ingrained religious tradition as well as an important food source.

In 1753 a well known Peruvian artist, Marcos Zapata, following the example of Leonardo daVinci, created another version of the Last Supper. In his version of the painting six of the apostles are behind the table and six are in the front. But, the thing that sets Zapata's painting apart is the platter of guinea pigs, feet up, in front of Jesus.

The painting can be seen on display in the Cathedral Basilica, in Cusco, Peru.



Calendar Dates and Special Days

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Worship	Sundays	10:00	AM
Adult Sunday School	Sun/Zoom	11:15	AM
Pastor's Bible Study	Tue/Zoom	11:00	AM
Chancel Choir	TBA		
Kingdom Ringers	TBA		

MONTHLY EVENTS

Circle of Friends	As announced		
Contemp. Book Zoom	3rd Monday	7:00	PM
Morning Circle	As announced		
Committee Night	TBA		
Session Zoom Meeting	3rd Tuesday	6:30	PM
Evening Circle	TBA		
Laugh, Learn, Lunch	TBA		
WOW Circle	As announced		
Crafts for Missions	TBA		
Men's Prayer Breakfast	TBA		

SCOUTS (to be verified)

Pack 10 Meetings	Mondays	6:30	PM
Troop 10 Meetings	1st, 3rd Tues	7:00	PM
Patrol Leaders Council	2nd Tuesday	7:00	PM
Crew 10	3rd Thursday	7:00	PM
Brownies 4023	E/O Sunday	2:00	PM

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHURCH EVENTS MAY BE POSTPONED OR CANCELED!

JANUARY 2021

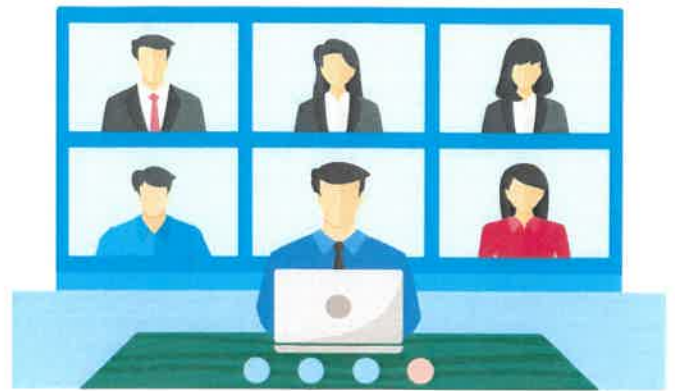
FRI	01		New Year's Day
SUN	03		J.R.R. Tolkien Day
WED	06		Epiphany/Three Kings Day
SUN	10	10:00 AM	Epiphany/Baptism Communion
	10	10:00 AM	Ordination/Installation of Officers
TUE	12		Sarah B'Tevet begins
SAT	16		Religious Freedom Day
	16	10:00 AM	AM Elder Training, Zoom
SUN	17		World Religion Day
	17	3:00 PM	Elder Training, Zoom
MON	18		Martin Luther King Day
	18	1:00 PM	Coffee & Cookie Book Club
SUN	24	10:45 AM	Annual Congregational Meeting
MON	25		Robert Burns Day
WED	27		Holocaust Memorial Day
THU	28	1:30 PM	Crafts for Missions
FRI	29		Curmudgeons Day



*"Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go.
They merely determine where you start." - Nido Qubein*

Session Briefs

December 15, 2020



- ⊕ The Clerk reported:
 - > A thank letter was read from the family of Ray Crickenberger.
 - > A thank letter was read from the family of the Rev. Dr. James Monroe.
 - > Thank letters were reported from several missions we support.
- ⊕ New Elders and Deacons will be Ordained and Installed on Sunday, January 10th.
- ⊕ Elder Training will take place on Saturday, January 16th, and on Sunday, January 17th.
- ⊕ The next Session meeting will be during Elder training.
- ⊕ The 2021 Budget was discussed and approved.
- ⊕ The annual congregational meeting is called to hold a meeting of the corporation, to act on the election of corporate officers and Trustees, to act on the Pastor's Terms of Call, to review the 2020 Annual Report, and to receive the 2021 Budget as information. The meeting will be Sunday, January 24, 2021, immediately following worship.
- ⊕ Undesignated memorials will be applied to the general operating fund.
- ⊕ Denise Vandiver was elected Church Treasurer for 2021.
- ⊕ Communion will be offered in observation of Epiphany and the Baptism of Christ on Sunday, January 10th at the 10:00 AM drive-up worship service.



Your **Session Members in 2021** will be:

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| <u>Class of 2021:</u> | Joe Faragasso, Rita Tucker,
Marlyn Weinell |
| <u>Class of 2022:</u> | Sandi Herrington, Richard Loose,
Denise Pentecost |
| <u>Class of 2023:</u> | Ned Stacey, Doug Pitts,
Faith Kinneer |

Your **Deacons in 2021** will be:

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| <u>Class of 2021:</u> | Janet English, Susie Graves, Phyllis Loose |
| <u>Class of 2022:</u> | Susanne Korta, Ken Norman |
| <u>Class of 2023:</u> | Patti Dickman, Diane Dowling,
Martha Ann McCaskill, Molly Miller |



“SHAVE CLEAN—GO GREEN!”

Some cheered...

Some feared...

Some jeered... **The Beard!**

You may have noticed the beard which has engulfed Chrys Graves! It started as a COVID endeavor, never dreaming the pandemic would last this long.



Now, Chrys is hoping to raise money toward the possibility of solar energy at our church.

He shared, *“Please help me make a difference in the future of our church. If the church receives \$500 toward solar energy from designated donations (just mark them “Beard”) I will shave my beard live on Facebook and YouTube! Thanks so much!*

Beginning **Sunday, January 10**, the ushers will be distributing new **offering envelopes**

at Drive-Up worship. We will mail the envelopes to those who cannot attend. Please read the insert which will be enclosed, as it explains the purpose of each different envelope. See also the article on Per Capita elsewhere in this newsletter.



Lent 2021

Ash Wednesday, February 17th

Beginning Ash Wednesday, Pastor Steve will lead weekly Lenten meditations based on Matthew 20:22 and the hymn, “Are Ye Able?”



They will either be offered in person or on Zoom, depending on future developments.

thank
YOU

We wish to thank our Lafayette families for your support, blessings, and generosity in 2020. What a privilege it is to walk together in the Lord with dear friends in Christ who share a vision for an open, welcoming, loving, and giving faith community. Blessings to all!

In Christ, Pastor Steve, Susie, and Chrys

We Lift Up In Prayer . . .

01/04/21

- ◆ Linda Pitts came through surgery successfully.
- ◆ Micah Herman Knuth gave birth to Carter Rae Knuth at 10:04am, Monday, 1/4/2021, 2 pounds 8 ounces, 14 3/4."
- ◆ Heather Brooks in rehab
- ◆ Randy Burns cousin, Pam Asher and family have Covid
- ◆ Bob Montgomery's surgery went well and he is home recovering.
- ◆ The Family and friends of *Pastor Terry Gregory* from Woodrun Baptist Church.

12/27/2020

- ◆ Bob Montgomery will have a surgical procedure this coming Thursday. Please pray for Bob and Jackie.

12/20/2020

- ◆ Kay Phillips' mother is in the hospital and needs our prayers.
- ◆ Chrys Graves friend Owen Osborne passed unexpectedly.
- ◆ Perry Dawson had a fall and needed 10 stitches.
- ◆ Pray for Alice Ann Donaldson and other front-liners battling the COVID crisis.
- ◆ Ken Johnson's sister's son Mike Sitzman passed due to the coronavirus.
- ◆ Pray for Jason and Jane Perez, and their son, Jase.
- ◆ Joe Faragasso's mother, Mary, passed this week.
- ◆ Brice and Anna Stacey are expecting their second child in June.
- ◆ Micah Herman and unborn son, Carter are stable.
- ◆ Patti and Faith's sister, Sheila, had some struggles this week as she fights cancer.
- ◆ Pray for Charles & Gwen Chick and family on the recent loss of their son, Dylan.
- ◆ Pray for our church to grow even stronger in 2021.

12/13/2020

- ◆ Please continue prayers for Molly Miller's brother Cord Mellor, upon the passing of his wife, Ida.
- ◆ Pray for Sean Frost, boyfriend of Lynda's daughter, Katie, who is in TMH.

12/06/2020

- ◆ Bonnie Burns offers praise that granddaughter Micah is doing well and her unborn son, Carter, has gained half a pound and continues to improve. Pray for Rachel Herman, who has taken in Micah's two energetic boys, and for Jaya, who babysits them during the day.
- ◆ Bonnie also asks for prayers for Becky Maguire, a former member, who is having surgery this week.

- ◆ Jack Dowling's brother, Wayne, is in the hospital facing serious medical issues.
- ◆ Denise Vandiver asks for prayers for Rob's mother, who has moved in with them, and for Rob's sister, who has severe back pain.
- ◆ Our Girl Scouts are collecting pet food for pets of the homeless and for those struggling to feed their pets. They will collect items under the Christian Education Building covered portico today, December 13th, from 3 - 4 PM.
- ◆ Molly Miller's sister-in-law Ida, is now under hospice care after contracting COVID. Pray also for Molly's brother Cord, and their children, Sue and Joe.
- ◆ Please pray for the Florida High School community after the suicides of a student and a recent alum.

Continued Prayers

- ◆ Our Armed Forces around the world
- ◆ Jordan Askew, grandson of Donna Lou Askew
- ◆ Kevin Askew, son of Donna Lou Askew
- ◆ Angela and Jerry White, daughter and son-in-law of Donna Lou Askew
- ◆ Charlane Casey's son, Howell
- ◆ Lamar Thomas, friend of Janet English
- ◆ Carole Ferguson
- ◆ LaVerne Gibson
- ◆ Anne Hebrock
- ◆ Hal Herman, father-in-law of Rachel Herman
- ◆ Jaya Herman
- ◆ Ellen Jacobs
- ◆ Jeff Mills, friend of Faith Kinneer (heart transplant)
- ◆ Chandler (Candy) Touchton, daughter of Martha Ann McCaskill
- ◆ Anita Moreno
- ◆ Carol Peele
- ◆ Leonard & Twila Phillips
- ◆ Christy Stacey's sister-in-law, Charlotte Lehman, who had kidney transplant surgery on July 22. Charlotte's donor is her brother Earl Keister, so keep Earl in your prayers also.
- ◆ Russell Stovall
- ◆ Barry Fake, brother of Diana Swegman
- ◆ Denny Chevillot, friend of the Telander's
- ◆ Carolyn Wallace
- ◆ Gail Yates
- ◆ Those who have no one to pray for them

*I call on you, my God, for you will answer me;
turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.*

Psalm 17:6NIV



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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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January Ushers

Faith Kinneer
John Kinneer, Captain
Denise Vandiver
Rob Vandiver



January Birthdays



1 Rev. Payne	19 Anna Ruth Beale
3 Serena Jung	19 Thomas Pentecost
7 Karen Gunter	24 Jean Brinson
11 Anne Logue	24 Martha Ann McCaskill
14 Georgia Latimer	26 Oneida Monroe
18 Carol Wade	

February articles are
due **Friday, Jan. 22**



Remember our church in your will.