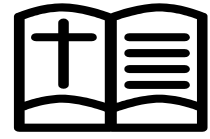


Church of the Savior



December 2, 2003

Pastor's Note:

Don Procnier wrote the following and I believe it speaks to the truth of this season:
The Days Before Christmas: 'Twas days before Christmas and all through the church, the pews are all filling, as everyone perched. The hands are all shaking, and greetings abound. Soon I'll go to the pulpit, prepared to expound. I spent the whole week trying to hear what God was saying. Studying, reading, and earnestly praying. The choir has practiced and taken great care. Their singing this morning, for weeks they've prepared. We've had Christmas sermons of Angels and Wise men. Of Shepherds and mangers; no room at the inn. I pray that this week the message will do the job of moving the folks from the pew. But I must keep it brief. I must watch my time. For at noon I will hear the watches all chime. This is a season so full of distractions. But we know that this world has no satisfaction. If we don't share the Gospel of Christ, not just his birth, but also His paying our price. If we speak of the manger, but not of the cross, the fullness of Jesus, somehow gets lost. This Christmas season, do Jesus a favor, make it a season to share Christ the Savior.

It is my hope and prayer that we truly move from the pew to the manger to the cross. For only then will we understand the fullness of God's grace and love for us all.

Happy Advent,

Pastor Thea



Living Christmas Tree



It's that time of year again...Bring the Christmas card you are mailing and place it on the tree in the sanctuary during the month of December. Then calculate the amount it would cost you to mail your card to church members.

Instead of mailing cards, donate that money.

The money collected will go to the Goodland Presbyterian Children's Home and to the UCC Evangelical Home.

This is a fun annual COTS holiday tradition.



YOU KNOW CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST HERE WHEN:

- 10) There are more pine needles on your carpet than on your tree
- 9) The credit card is smoked along with the turkey and ham.
- 8) It's A Wonderful Life has been shown for the 13th time
- 7) A trip to the mall and back is more challenging than the Indy 500
- 6) The Salvation Army bell ringers start accepting credit cards
- 5) You are pulling an all-nighter because of the words "Some Assembly Required"
- 4) Your Christmas list is written in black while your check book balance is written in red.
- 3) Santa's belly is not the only thing shaking like a bowl full of jelly.
- 2) The NFL referees are not the only ones giving away games
- 1) The infamous fruitcake returns from it's 12 months of hiding...



Youth Truth:

Joyful Noises:

Kids Korner:

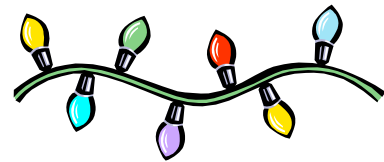


Happy Holidays to all - Deb



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! DECEMBER

Jim Kohout - 3 rd	Nancy Williams - 3 rd
Clarence Feightner - 10 th	Jeff Rosson - 14 th
Lucille Robinson - 16 th	Sarah Sanders - 17 th
Leonard Murphy - 18 th	Mary Jo Walker - 18 th
Christy Smith - 19 th	Zachary Northcott - 20 th
Joshua Farnham - 21 st	Sharon Reeves - 22 nd
Jamee Roucher - 25 th	Francv Palmer - 28 th



50+ Group

is going to Kingfisher to see the Christmas lights on **Saturday, Dec. 13th**. **Meet at the church at 5 p.m.** We will take the church van and get dinner on the way. Cost is \$3 for transportation and please sign up on the bulletin board.
It will be a fun trip!



What A Great Idea



The **Child Care** has begun a new program called "**Adopt-A-Grandparent**".

Each class (ages 2-10) in the daycare is making books, cards, & pictures that will be sent each month to those COTS members who are homebound.

December Mission Collection:

will go to the

Presbyterian Urban Mission (PUM).

Please drop off your donations in the wagon outside the sanctuary or at the church office. They are always in need of paper goods, non-perishable food, and hygiene items. (For example, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, toilet paper, pantry food items, socks...)

Thank you for your help!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHEDULE:

11/23-12/21: Sunday School

Pre-K-Kindergarten: Wenoa Harber

1st-6th Grades: Georgia Gandall

12/28: Vacation Sunday

1/4- 2/1: Sunday School

PreK-Kindergarten: Jane Brown

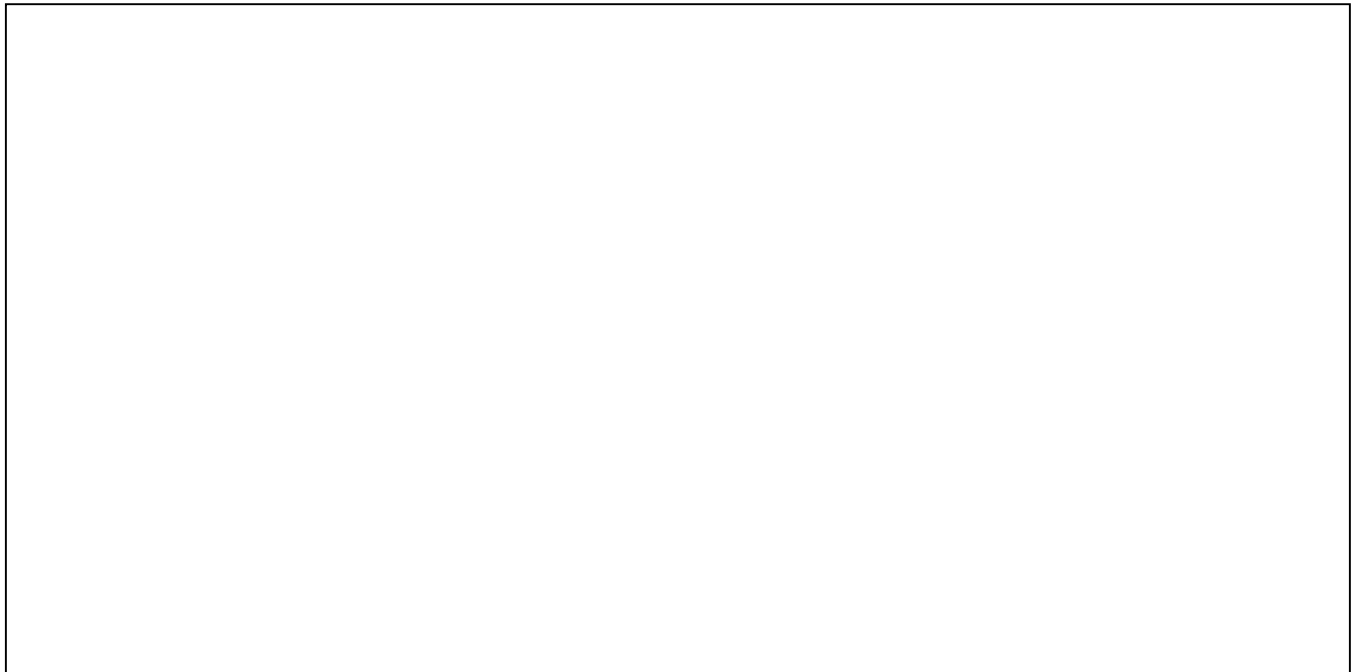
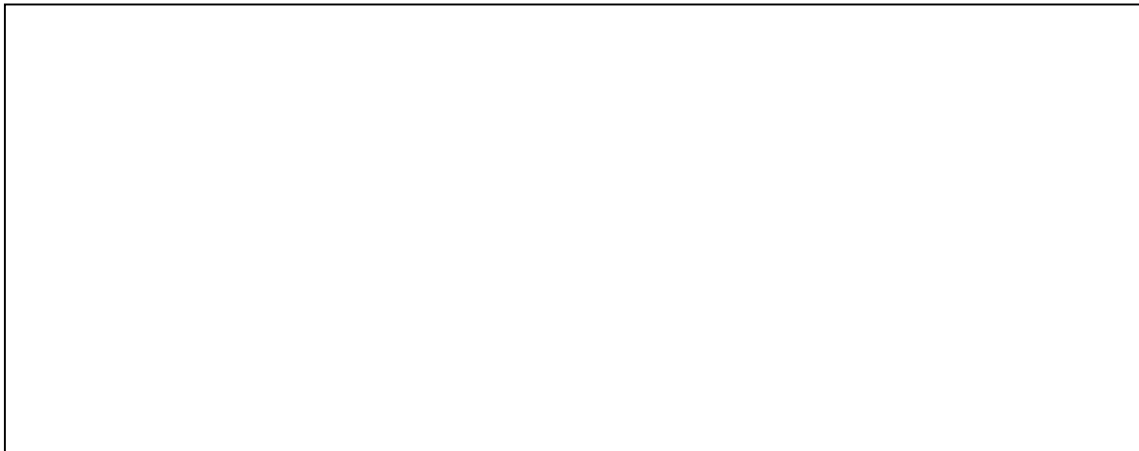
1st-6th Grades: Jean Martindale
(history month)

2/8-2/22: Mission Sundays

Seminar: Pastor Thea

2/29-4/4: Sunday School (Teachers Needed)

4/11: Easter Egg Hunt



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WEEKLY SCHEDULE:



SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:50 a.m.
Youth 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY

Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Mobile Meals 9:00 a.m.
Staff Meeting 1:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Quilters 10:00 a.m.
Kids In Action 4:30 p.m.
Choir 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Men's Breakfast 7:00 a.m.
Mobile Meals 9:00 a.m.

FYI:

Lucille Whiteturkey is a Notary Public.
If you need this service, please call the church office to
schedule an appointment.

Staff:



Pastor: **Rev. Thea A. McKee**
Director of Music, Youth & Young

Families: **Deb Roberts**

Office Administrator: **Dale Gomez**

Organist: **Lou Ann Rice**

Financial Secretaries: **Georgia Gandall**
& **Janie Thompson**

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