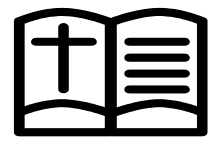


Church of the Savior



December 16, 2003

Pastor's Note:

What a wonderful time of year! Get-togethers, parties, chili cook-offs (congrats Janie and Joe Thompson!), concerts and cantatas just to name a few of the many special celebrations. And worship is no different. We've been working hard to think of new and meaningful expressions for this joyous time. This Sunday, the choir will be presenting a cantata. Then on Christmas Eve, we will have a special service, "Sounds of the Season." The choir and other special guests will share with us musical inspiration for this "Holy Night". It should be a moving and heartfelt way to celebrate the eve of the Savior's birth. The first Sunday after Christmas, we will share in, "The Marvelous Story of Many of the Christmas Hymns." On January 4th, we will experience a "Festival of Light and Understanding," an Epiphany celebration.

Please join us as we celebrate the birthday of our King! Peace and God's blessings to all of you for a joyous holiday.

Merry Christmas,

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 its 12 months of hiding...



Deb's Christmas Newsletter

Happy Holidays to all of you! **To the choir**, thank you for your hard work this fall, our upcoming cantata, and our Christmas Eve service. Your time and talents are always appreciated! To Lou Ann, Clayton, and Trish...you make beautiful music and add so much to every piece we do. To David, Carl, and Aaron, you add so much by making sure we "sound" good.

To C.O.T.S.Y., you're a continual joy to my heart and you're loved and appreciated. Beginning in January, there will be rehearsals for "Godspell", more work projects, an upcoming ski trip, and several mission service projects. Stay tuned for ski trip meetings. **To C.O.T.S.Y. Kids**, you did a beautiful job on Dec. 14th and I think we've had a fun fall together. I'm proud of Christy and Anna for all you are doing musically outside the church, of Sam and Pete and their happy enthusiasm, of Casey and her great attitude and talent, and of those that are here for special times, like Blake & Addie, it's always good to see your happy faces & give you hugs.

Personally from me, I want to THANK YOU as a church body for your constant love and support. My family circumstances are not good, but...the burden is much lighter because of all of you. You keep me smilin'! Merry Christmas COTS and thank you for your devotion to God and for all you've given to my life.

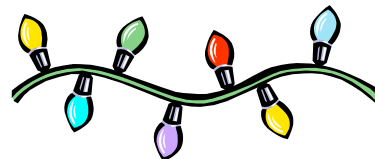


In His love - Deb



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 Boucher - 25 th	Francy Palmer - 28 th



Due to the weather last week, the
50+ Group
has *rescheduled* their trip to Kingfisher
to see the Christmas lights.
**Meet at the church at 5 p.m. on
Sunday, December 21st**
We will take the church van and get
dinner on the way. Cost is \$3 for
transportation - see you then!

*Our Prayers and Sympathy
go to the
Von Tungen family.*

Lloyd will truly be missed.

In Our Prayers...

Dorothy Reeves
Will Kamp
Nancy Murphy
John Robinson

**if you know of someone who would benefit
from a visit by our Caring Commission or
Pastor,*

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

Pre-K-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



E-mail from Wes Baxter...Received on 01 December:

“Hey! I’m alive and well. I just realized I had this address, so I wanted to write to say everything is going great. I am doing a lot of maintenance. It seems Moses (the director) has two left hands, so I’m helpful in that manner. I have been driving the van to pick up people because only a few people have a car and even those are not too reliable. I hope all is well and love to you all.”

(Wes’ e-mail address is: biscuit283@aol.com)



Each month, the newsletter will spotlight a “**COTS Members of the Month**”

This is to allow the church family to ‘get to know’ one another better...enjoy!



The months of December/January is Judy and Jerry Walker:

With a few brief absences, Judy and Jerry Walker have been residents of Oklahoma City since 1955. They have been married for 21 years and Jerry and Judy each brought three young daughters to this union. With five teenage daughters and one nine-year old in the house, it became rather interesting. Today, they have twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Judy was a homemaker for many years. The past 25 years she has been in the medical field; the last 17 years she has been with the St. Anthony Hospital dental residency program. Jerry has been with a sales, service, and construction company for the past 23 years. They are both looking forward to retirement in the next few years. They plan on becoming more active within the community and the church. We also plan to spend more time with family and do some extensive traveling.

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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.

BIBLE STUDY

will meet the last two Mondays in December.
Monday the 22nd and the 29th.
See you then!



FREE!



10-month old male, black lab
needs a good, loving home!
He is fixed and has all his shots...
all he needs is a place to live. Please
call Laura Billerbeck at 324-8643

Staff:



Pastor: **Rev. Thea A. McKee**
Director of Music, Youth & Young
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& **Janie Thompson**
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Congratulations!

Lindsay Smith, granddaughter of
LaVerne and Chet Smith, graduated with
honors from the University of Central
Oklahoma with a major in Public
Administration and Political Science.
COTS is proud of you!