**Announcements**

**Meetings & Events**

Tuesday, December 31st New Year’s Eve Gathering 4pm-7pm

Wednesday, January 8th Stewardship 3pm

Wednesday, January 8th Elders 7pm

Tuesday, January 14th Trustees 7pm

Thursday, January 16th Endowment 5pm

**PASTOR ON VACATION**

 Pastor Sherry and his family will be on vacation from Monday, December 30th through Friday, January 3rd. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Ryan Tinetti (Trinity Arcadia) at (509) 329-8339.

**NEW YEAR’S EVE GATHERING**

 The Board of Evangelism would like to invite everyone to come to the fellowship hall on Tuesday, December 31st from 4:00pm – 7:00pm for a time of fellowship on New Year’s Eve. There will be sloppy joe’s and you are encouraged to bring your favorite snack and beverage.

**ASSISTANCE WITH SCAFFOLDING**

 In anticipation of getting the west interior wall of the sanctuary painted this coming January, we will need the assistance of some able-bodied people to lift and transport metal scaffolding sections from Dave Johnson’s shop in Manistee to the church. After discussing our options, we are planning on doing this Saturday morning, January 4th at 10:00am. If you can help, please let Jaci know as we plan to meet at Dave’s shop on the east end of River St. (#249).

**ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY**

 Many thanks from St. Joseph Food Pantry for all of our assistance during 2019. It has been a true blessing in the community to see the outpouring of love and concern from everyone providing for those less fortunate. Thank you!

**PORTALS OF PRAYER**

 You will find the newest quarterly Portals of Prayer available on the ledge over the mailboxes. Pick up your copy today.

**2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

 You will find your 2020 offering envelopes are in the back of the church near the food pantry table. Please pick them up today.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**Gal. 4:4** – **“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law.”** Jesus was born under the law so that He might fulfill the law in our place. His perfect righteousness is credited to us. And it is this free forgiveness of sins and this crediting of righteousness that sets us free to follow our Lord in godly living. Since we are freed from the law’s condemnation, we are freed from any mercenary attitudes. Now that the Lord has shown His love to us in saving us, we freely show our thanks to Him in generosity, humility, and kindness.

**THANK YOU**

 A large thank you to everyone in the congregation that has provided any sort of cookies, brownies, candy or other treats to the office manager during 2019. They appear on the desk, usually without any name associated. Thank you!!

**2019 ANNUAL REPORT**

 A reminder to all boards and organizations that with the close of 2019, we will be assembling our 2019 Annual Report. A summary of the board or group activities will be useful to provide a snapshot of ministry from this past year. Please get theses summaries to the Office Manager during January so the report can be printed in a timely fashion.

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Rebecca Johnson Birthday January 5th

Sue Kahl Birthday January 11th

**SERVING THIS MONTH**

**Greeters:** Becky Kline

**Altar Guild:** Bev LeSarge

**SERVING TODAY SERVING NEXT WEEK 1/05/2020**

**Pastor:** Rev. Jacob Sherry **Pastor:** Rev. Jacob Sherry

**Elder:** Dave Johnson **Elder:** Dave Johnson

**Accomp:** Karen Brandt **Accomp:** Karen Brandt

**Reader:** **Reader:** Kathy Schoedel

**ATTENDANCE**: 12/22/2019

WORSHIP: 58 BIBLE STUDY:

**FIRST FRUITS TRACKER WEEK ENDING:** 12/22/2019

Offering Receipts: $1,930.00 YTD Budget Receipts: $134,847.45

Weekly Budget Needs: $2,801.75 YTD Budget Needs: $142,889.25



**Special Prayers**

Kaydence Devenport John Kuenzli Pebbla Nelson

Dylan Gladding Margaret Meachum Barbara Potter

Gayle Harthun (Cancer) Gerald Meister Steve Schimke

Bob Hilliard (Heart) Rita Merkey Rev. Jeff Walsh (Cancer)

Jill Hoseler (Cancer) Marjorie Nelson Sandy Wing

**Prayers for Our Military**

**Andrew Burch**, **Jr**., grandson of John & Loree Sprawka.

**Mark Granzotto** with U.S. Navy in Bahrain, grandson of Rita Merkey

**Colonel Joel Briske** serving in Washington D.C. son of the late Bonnie Harnish

**Army Major Riley Morgan Kennedy, s**tationed in Washington, DC, George & Margaret Punches’ grand-niece

**Steve & Carol Sprawka,** son & daughter-in-law of John & Loree Sprawka

**Derek Sprawka,** grandson of John & Loree Sprawka

**Cody Stefanick,** nephew to Janette & Fred May

**Ian Nelson,** nephew of Jack and Pebbla Nelson

**Tyge Nelson & family,** nephew of Jack and Pebbla Nelson

**Lt. Tim Brandt** at Uniformed Services University, Bethesda, MD, son of Bruce & Debbie Brandt

***If you wish to add someone’s name, please call or e-mail the church office.***

***When someone’s name is placed on prayer lists,***

***his or her name will remain until instructed to remove it. Thank you!***