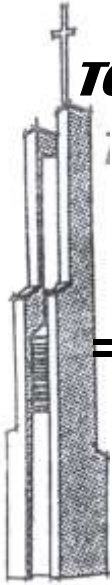


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## ***TOWER TOPICS***

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**LANCE LOVEALL, Pastor**

***DATED MATERIAL***

December 27, 2018

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Join us on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am in the sanctuary for this important meeting. Annual reports will be available one week before the meeting.



## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

I have recently been doing a little (and let me stress VERY LITTLE) electrical work around the house. We repainted a room or two and now I am changing the light switches and outlets to white from the almond color they have been. My plan, knowing nothing about electricity, was to pull the old equipment off, look at the back, and put the wires back in the exact same way. Easy, right? No. Because it turns out that the way they did wiring in the 1970's when the house was built is different than today's codes and standard practices. Each time I have attempted this easy little change, it ends in lights or outlets not working and me calling someone with knowledge to help me out. It turns out that just doing what was done in the past is not always the best move.

As we look out at a new year, that lesson is on my mind. Personally, it reminds me that if I want things to be different (health, relationships, satisfaction at work, attitude towards whatever) then I cannot just keep doing the same things. The funny saying goes, "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again expecting a different result." One of the things I like about science and science experiments is that it teaches that the same result will occur every time you mix chemical x with solution y. If something different happens, you have changed something in the equation. Many people settle for broken relationships and broken bodies and broken spirits hoping that things will get better. But they won't unless we put in the work and change the equation and make them better. I will not one day wake up healthy because my body figured out how to turn sugary foods into nutrition. I will not wake up one day knowing that foreign language I have been wanting to know. I must DO something to change those things. And some equations are simple because they boil down to you and you alone. Want to learn Spanish? You can do that. Want to take up yoga? You can do that. Some, however, are complex equations because they involve others. Relationships are complex because you cannot change them on your own. But the idea is still valid, they do not suddenly just get better either without something changing.

In the church, we often fear change. But change is how growth takes place. I hope you will welcome change in the coming year. I hope you will seek out the healthy change in your life that will lead to success in the goals you set. But there is no magic potion, no magic words. Change takes work. It takes practice. It takes commitment. But good change is worth the effort. Don't get caught doing the same things this year that did not bring health, wholeness, and joy last year. If you want better results, find a new way to get them.

*Lance*

## **Treasurer's Report:**

### **General Operating Fund**

Beginning Balance 11/1/2018	\$34,407.39
Receipts	\$27,782.63
Disbursements	<u>\$23,736.71</u>
Ending Balance 11/30/2018	<u>\$38,453.31</u>

### **Building Reserve Fund**

Beginning Balance 11/1/2018	\$56,322.75
Receipts	\$ 78.00
Disbursements	\$ 0.00
Interest	<u>\$ 4.62</u>
Ending Balance 11/30/2018	<u>\$56,405.37</u>

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Called into being by God's grace, we are Christians in progress;

Called to grow together in God's ways through worship, study, fellowship, evangelism, and service;

Called to be servants of God's love to one another, to our community, and to the world.

We welcome all to our community of faith.

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## **TEAM TANNENBAUM PICK-UP DAY**

January 5<sup>th</sup> is pick-up day for Team Tannenbaum. We need your help to collect the many trees we have delivered this year. It couldn't be easier – just enter the room, get the tree, stuff it in a box and you are done. If you can help, please sign up in the church Fellowship Hall or call the office. Thanks!

## **SHALOM SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY**

First Presbyterian volunteers served the meal at the 39th Avenue Soup Kitchen on Tuesday, December 4th. We had 10 volunteers, in addition to the two people who made the Italian Sausage/Meatball Soup at church on Sunday, December 2nd.... Carole Serpe and John Infante. Thank you to all of our faithful volunteers.

It was a chilly night and 101 patrons (79 adults and 22 kids) appreciated the hot meal of soup, sandwiches, Orange Chicken and Rice, peas, salad, fruit cocktail, homemade cupcakes, milk, coffee and water. Everyone left with a full, warm belly!

We will be serving again on Tuesday, January 1, 2019. If you are interested in making soup (recipes are available), please contact Carole Serpe or let Lance know. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for all volunteers. Thank you!

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## **SNOWMAN MITTEN COLLECTION**

The Deacons will be collecting hats, mittens, and scarves for school age children in our community through January. The snowman is located in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Frost.

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## **MID-WINTER LUAU**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> for our mid-winter luau. More information will be coming soon!

## DAILY LECTIONARY PASSAGES

### JANUARY 2018

- Jan 1** – Psalm 98, 146, 99, 8; Gen. 17:1-12a, 15-16; Col. 2:6-12; John 16:23b-30
- Jan 2** – Psalm 48, 147:1-11, 9, 29; Gen. 12:1-7; Heb. 11:1-12; John 6:35-42, 48-51
- Jan 3** - Psalm 111, 147:12-20, 107, 15; Gen. 28:10-22; Heb. 11:13-22; John 10:7-17
- Jan 4** – Psalm 20, 148, 93, 97; Exod. 3:1-5; Heb. 11:23-31; John 14:6-14
- Jan 5** – Psalm 99, 149, 96, 110; Josh. 1:1-9; Heb. 11:32-12:2; John 15:1-16
- Jan 6** - Psalm 72, 150, 100, 67; Isa. 52:7-10; Rev. 21:22-27; Matt. 12:14-21
- Jan 7** - Psalm 46, 145, 27, 93; Isa. 52:3-6; Rev. 2:1-7; John 2:1-11
- Jan 8** – Psalm 46, 146, 27, 93; Isa. 59:15b-21; Rev. 2:8-17; John 4:46-54
- Jan 9** – Psalm 46, 147:1-11, 27, 93; Isa. 63:1-5; Rev. 2:18-29; John 5:1-15
- Jan 10** – Psalm 46, 147:12-20, 27, 93; Isa. 65:1-9; Rev. 3:1-6; John 6:1-14
- Jan 11** - Psalm 46, 148, 27, 93; Isa. 65:13-16; Rev. 3:7-13; John 6:15-27
- Jan 12** – Psalm 46, 149, 27, 114; Isa. 66:1-2, 22-23; Rev. 3:14-22; John 9:1-12, 35-38
- Jan 13** – Psalm 104, 150, 29; Isa. 40:1-11; Heb. 1:1-12; John 1:1-7, 19-20, 29-34
- Jan 14** – Psalm 5, 145, 82, 29; Isa. 40:12-24; Eph. 1:1-14; Mark 1:1-13
- Jan 15** – Psalm 42, 146, 102, 133; Isa. 40:25-31; Eph. 1:15-23; Mark 1:14-28
- Jan 16** – Psalm 89:1-18, 147:1-11, 1, 33; Isa. 41:1-16; Eph. 2:1-10; Mark 1:29-45
- Jan 17** - Psalm 97, 147:12-20, 16, 62; Isa. 41:17-29; Eph. 2:11-22; Mark 2:1-12
- Jan 18** – Psalm 51, 148, 142, 65; Isa. 42:10-17; Eph. 3:1-13; Mark 2:13-22
- Jan 19** – Psalm 104, 149, 138, 98; Isa. 43:1-13; Eph. 3:14-21; Mark 2:23-3:6
- Jan 20** - Psalm 19, 150, 81, 113; Isa. 43:14-44:5; Heb. 6:17-7:10; John 4:27-42
- Jan 21** – Psalm 135, 145, 97, 112; Isa. 44:6-8, 21-23; Eph. 4:1-16; Mark 3:7-19a
- Jan 22** – Psalm 123, 146, 30, 86; Isa. 44:9-20; Eph. 4:17-32; Mark 3:19b-35
- Jan 23** - Psalm 15, 147:1-11, 48, 4; Isa. 44:24-45:7; Eph. 5:1-14; Mark 4:1-20
- Jan 24** - Psalm 36, 147:12-20, 80, 27; Isa. 45:5-17; Eph. 5:15-33; Mark 4:21-34
- Jan 25** – Psalm 130, 148, 32, 139; Isa. 45:18-25; Eph. 6:1-9; Mark 4:35-41
- Jan 26** – Psalm 56, 149, 118, 111; Isa. 46:1-13; Eph. 6:10-24; Mark 5:1-20
- Jan 27** – Psalm 67, 150, 46, 93; Isa. 47:1-15; Heb. 10:19-31; John 5:2-18
- Jan 28** – Psalm 57, 145, 85, 47; Isa. 48:1-11; Gal. 1:1-17; Mark 5:21-43
- Jan 29** – Psalm 54, 146, 28, 99; Isa. 48:12-21; Gal. 1:18-2:10; Mark 6:1-13
- Jan 30** – Psalm 65, 147:1-11, 125, 91; Isa. 49:1-12; Gal. 2:11-21; Mark 6:13-29
- Jan 31** – Psalm 143, 147:12-20, 81, 116; Isa. 49:13-23; Gal. 3:1-14; Mark 6:30-46

## **SOUP KITCHEN**

On Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, our congregation is helping prepare and serve a nutritious meal for those in need at the Shalom Center Soup Kitchen. New volunteers are welcome. If you would like to help, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

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## **FIRESIDE FRIENDS**

Fireside Friends will take its usual winter break in January. Weather permitting, there might be a time for coffee and fellowship. Stay tuned!

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## **SENIOR LUNCHEONS**

Our senior luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All seniors and guests are welcome. Please join us for delicious food and wonderful fellowship!

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## **PRAYER SHAWL**

Prayer Shawl will meet on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Please note that this is one week earlier than usual. All knitters and crocheters are welcome!

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## **JAM MINISTRY AIMS HIGH**

Well, we are well on our way to meeting our Advent Challenge this year. In 2017, we raised over \$1,000 to finish the year with \$6,000 for the **4-S: South Sudan Schools**. In 2018, we had also raised \$5,000 by the end of November for the 2018 Project, **3-M: Move Madagascar's Mountain**. And at the time of writing, we have more than \$1,750 in hand, once again to support the children and schools of South Sudan, so this is another record-setting year.

The Christmas Gift Bags have again been popular, but so has just giving a donation of \$10, \$20, or \$50 without any jam in return. Some people also love to give the regular jars to neighbors and friends, or sell them to family, friends, and even clients. Whatever you do, remember there is always a double, triple, or quadruple blessing: joy for the donor, the receiver, the eater, and ultimately the children of Madagascar and Sudan. Maybe we should change the name of the ministry to Jams for Joy?

In any case, we have received words of appreciation for our efforts on behalf of Presbyterian World Mission from the Director for Africa, as well as the Regional Liaison for Southern Africa (which includes Madagascar) who wrote: "Thanks for the update on your wonderful ministry! I am so impressed by the creativity of First Kenosha's involvement and by the faithfulness of your support for the FJKM's efforts to improve the effectiveness of the teaching techniques in FJKM schools."

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## **FRIENDSHIP MARINERS**

AHOY everyone! The Friendship mariners are embarking on their 2019 cruise and would like to invite you along. The Mariners have been part of our congregation for many moons, but sometimes we forget that not everybody is aware of who we are and what we do. Mariners provide opportunities for fellowship, learning, and service. Activities have included concerts and plays, picnics and camping, service projects and speakers, game nights and church activities.

Now we have set sail for 2019 and would like you to join us. Our monthly activities are listed below. If you'd like to come along, please contact the watch captains in charge of each month (numbers are listed below).

January 13 – 2:00 p.m. at the Racine Theater Guild

watch captain – Brenda Langerman

February 21-23 – Bradford High School “Barefoot in the Park”

watch captains – Scott and Lori Barnes

March 8-9 – Racine Theater Guild “Wait Until Dark”

watch captains – Cris and Darlene Doil

April 14 – Palm Sunday Breakfast

wcaptain – Brenda Langerman

May TBD – Trolley and lunch at Choo Choo Charlie's

watch captains – Scott and Lori Barnes

June TBD – Service work day – assembling beds for “Sleep in Heavenly Peace” ministry

watch captains – Cris and Darlene Doil

July 13 – Kingfish game

watch captain – Brenda Langerman

August TBD – Camping at Devil's Lake and/or sailing on the tall ship Red Witch

watch captains – Scott and Lori Barnes

September TBD – Alternate service day for “Sleep in Heavenly Peace” or a concert

watch captains – Cris and Darlene Doil

October 20 – Lake Geneva cruise and fall colors

watch captain – Brenda Langerman

November TBD – November planning meeting at church

watch captains – Scott and Lori Barnes

December 8 – Christmas party

watch captains – Cris and Darlene Doil

Starboard Watch – Brenda Langerman 657-7390

Port Watch – Scott and Lori Barnes 889-8480

Aft Watch – Cris and Darlene Doil 694-0476

We hope you'll all join us! ALL ABOARD!



★ **HAPPY** ★  
**BIRTHDAY!**

**January Birthdays**

3<sup>rd</sup> .....Nancy McGovern  
 4<sup>th</sup> .....Heather Kotten  
 10<sup>th</sup> .....Jody Armstrong  
 13<sup>th</sup> .....Madelyn Berry  
 15<sup>th</sup> .....Lindsey Brandes  
 17<sup>th</sup> .....LeAnn Kotten  
 21<sup>st</sup> .....Lee West  
 23<sup>rd</sup> .....Ross Kotten  
 31<sup>st</sup> .....Emily Elmsblad

**DEACONS**

Tana Baldwin, Lori Barnes, Sherry Craig, Teddi Griffin, Lisa Hawley, Penny Ingraham\*, Brenda Langerman, Nancy McGovern

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

December 2	149
December 9	148
December 16	165
December 23	164
December 30	tbd
Sunday Average	156



**ANNIVERSARIES**  
**January**

21<sup>st</sup> .....Harold & Marcy Piehl

**SESSION**

Gary Anderson (Fellowship, Memorial)  
 Kelly Andrichik (Worship & Music, Personnel\*, Nominating\*)  
 Scott Barnes (Building & Grounds)  
 Sandra Billingsley (Christian Education\*, Mission\*)  
 Mark Bourque (Building & Grounds\*)  
 Walter Deignan (Building & Grounds, Nominating)  
 Cris Doil (Stewardship & Finance\*)  
 Marcy Hufendick (Christian Ed, Personnel, Memorial)  
 Shari Infante (Fellowship\*, Mission, Memorial)  
 Ron Meinhardt (Worship and Music\*)  
 Leslie Pottorff (Mission, Fellowship, Personnel, Memorial)  
 Jodi Prince

( ) indicates committee assignments; \*indicates Team Leaders



# **JANUARY WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**



**Head Usher:** Jourene Frederick

## **January 6<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Nancy McGovern  
Greeters: The Hufendicks  
Reader: Mary Jane Misamore  
Sound System: Tom Berry  
Counters: Darlene Doil  
Ann King  
Nursery Helper: Linda Putrow  
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team

## **January 20<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Jane Frost  
Greeters: The Ingrahams  
Reader: Marcy Hufendick  
Sound System: Walter Deignan  
Counters: Darlene Doil  
Ann King  
Nursery Helper: Tana Baldwin  
Fellowship Host: Fireside Friends

## **January 13<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Sherry Craig  
Greeters: The Infantes  
Reader: Charles Leicht  
Sound System: Tyler Peroutka  
Counters: Darlene Doil  
Ann King  
Nursery Helper: Kortnie Ruth  
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team

## **January 27<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Brenda Langerman  
Greeters: Miriam Johnson  
Reader: Sheryl Becker  
Sound System: Jerry Jones  
Counters: Darlene Doil  
Ann King  
Nursery Helper: Karen Edenhofer  
Fellowship Host: Mariners

## **THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**