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December 23th



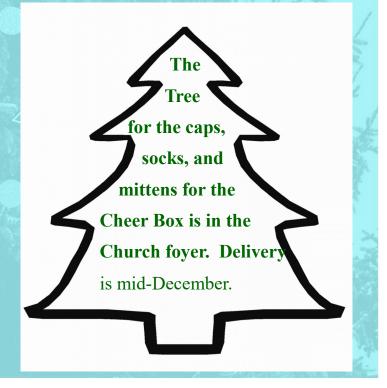
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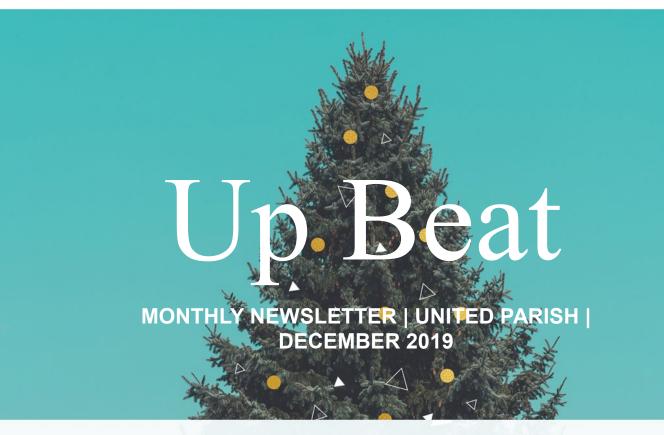


If the weather is bad, please feel free to call someone to see if church is on before starting out.



Thank you to Scott and Pat Kippen for chairing the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Also, to everyone for all their work in purchasing the ingredients, donations, preparing, setting up, serving, and cleaning up.





Christmas' True Meaning

By Deborah Ann Belka
Let Christmas' true meaning,
rise up in you today...
may you see the real splendor
of Jesus' birth on this day.

May His beauty and grandeur, cause your heart to sing may the gift of His excellence become your eternal spring.

May His majesty you behold, with all dignity and honour may the fullness of His truth glorify His heavenly Father.

May the wonder of His grace, reveal its magnificence in you may the gratefulness you feel be in all you say and do.

Let Christmas' true meaning, bring your Saviour near today may you see the need for Him today, and every day.



A "Huge" thank you to everyone who helped in any way for the craft/bake sale.

We had a Great Day!

Program
December 15, 2019
Potluck to follow

If I Could Only Become a Bird

Paul Harvey tells the story about a family on Christmas Eve. This family had a tradition where the Mother and children would go to the Christmas Eve service, and the Father would stay home and read the paper. When the family returns home from church, they would all gather to open up their presents.

The Father was not an evil man, but he just couldn't believe in the childhood stories anymore of God coming as a baby in a manger. As the family left for church, he opened up the evening paper and began to read by the fireplace.

Suddenly, he heard tapping on the window. It was a bird flying against the glass of his window trying to get out of the snow into the warmth of his home. The man had compassion on the bird, and he went outside, hoping to bring it in.

As he approached the bird, the bird just flew against the window even harder. Pretty soon, the bird flew into the bushes below the window, half frozen, yet too afraid to be caught by this huge man. The more the man tried to reach for the bird, the more the bird flew frantically into the snow and thorns of the bushes.

After a few minutes in the cold and seeing the bird continue to injure itself, the man yelled out in frustration, "Stupid bird, can't you understand that I'm trying to help?" The man paused and thought, "If only you understood you wouldn't fly away ... if only I could become a bird, and get you to understand."

Just then, the church bells rang, as they always have on the hour. But when the man heard the bells this time, he fell to his knees and began to cry, saying, "Oh, God, I didn't understand. Oh, God, I didn't understand."

God's Son came in human form that we might understand from where we have come, for what reason we were separated and how we could be restored to God.



December Birthdays

- 2 LeAnn Bremner
- 2- Clairen Jostad
- 4 Lucy Mercer
- 5- Riley Bremner
- 6- Julie Russell
- 11 Helen Patterson
- 12 Karol Patterson
- 15 Skyler Patterson
- 22 Edna Peterson
- 25 Peggy Marsden
- 27 Rhonda Mund
- 28 Beth Sluder
- 30 Milla Cote
- 31 Charlie McKay



Anniversaries

- 5 Paul & Rhonda Milbrath
- 27 Ron & Marsha Martin

United Parish Memorial

James Bailey - Dennis & Evon Gravseth

United Parish Building fund

Helen Kippen - John & Peggy

Gregg

Ray & Mary Russell

U:nited Parish Kitchen fund

Helen Kippen - Jacqueline

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Wed	4 12:00 PW 7:00 Parish Council	11 2:00 UMW	18	25 Merry Christmas	
Tue	ĸ	10	17	24Janell Shan- Non 5:00 Christmas Eve Candelight Service	31 INEWERS
Mon	2 10:00 Christian Crafters 6:00 Happy Hearts	9 10:00 Christian Crafters 6:00 Happy Hearts	16 10:00 Christian Crafters 6:00 Happy Hearts	23 10:00 Christian Crafters 6:00 Happy Hearts	30 6:00 Happy Hearts
Sun	1 Pastor Carol 9:00 Sunday Sch 9:00 Fellowship 10:00 Worship Service	8 Janell Shannon 9:00 Sunday Sch 9:00 Fellowship 10:00 Worship Service	159:00 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday Sch 10:00 Sunday School Program Potluck to follow	22 Pastor Carol 9:00 Fellowship 10:00 Worship Service	29 Pastor Carol 9:00 Fellowship 10:00 Worship Service

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