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OFFICIAL NOTICE:

JANUARY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 27, 2018

Immediately after the 10am Worship Service, including business such as hearing reports of the Session, Deacons and Trustees, approving meeting minutes, receiving the Annual Report and transacting other business as appropriate.

Earthquake Update

The Earthquake Restoration Committee has been busy getting the needed information together to proceed with building restoration. We are receiving estimates for sheet rock repairs, ceiling grid and tile replacement, paint, electrical and heating systems and other necessary repairs and renovations. We are contracting with a local builder to complete the repairs in our tenant space and that process will begin soon. We expect the other work to begin in March and take several months. We are also seeking funding sources since our insurance deductible won't meet the majority of repair costs. There will be a full report at our congregational meeting on January 27th. If you'd like to be involved on any level, please contact Paul Cartland.

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The 2018-year end financials will be available in the annual report that will be available January 20th



FROM THE PASTOR:

Winter Notes!

Dear Friends,

What a joy it was to receive your thoughtful Christmas gift this year! I had so much fun opening all the gift cards and I am looking forward to using them in the coming months. So far, we have replaced some kitchen appliances that broke in the earthquake and used the Lowe's cards to buy wood to replace broken shelves. I am also using my coffee cup every morning ☺. Thank you all so much for your thoughtfulness and grace to me, not just at Christmas but every day.

We all have much to be thankful for at the beginning of this new year. Every Sunday we are made aware that we are continuing to recover from the earthquake and there is a committee working diligently to get the needed repairs and renovations completed. We so appreciate your patience as we deal with the ongoing heating and sound issues caused by the open ceilings in the Sanctuary. We have had a few plumbing and electrical issues that may or may not be earthquake-related but we are gathering the information we need to complete the repairs. Please see the update elsewhere in this newsletter.

Children's Sunday school continues every week and our Youth Confirmation class is meeting after worship most Sundays. We will confirm

those young people on Easter Sunday – what a joy that will be! Adult Education has taken the form of Wednesday evening Bible study; see the signup sheet on the board outside the kitchen so we can order you a book. There are ongoing monthly fellowship events as well and those too are posted on the board.

Our worship theme in this season of Epiphany is *A Light to the Nations* and every week we are exploring how the revelation of Christ impacts our faith and our ministry. Epiphany teaches us that the light of Christ that first shone in a stable 2,000 years ago has continued to shine down all the centuries since and will continue shining through each and all of us. 2 Corinthians 4:6 says *For God, who said, "let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God shining in the face of Christ.* Just as a candle's light isn't darkened but magnified by sharing, Christ's light grows as each of us learns how he wants us to shine. And just as the sunrise slowly and imperceptibly lightens the eastern sky every morning, so does the work of Christ continue – sometimes hidden and slow-growing and sometimes unmistakably bright.

It's a blessing to be sharing the light of Christ with all of you!

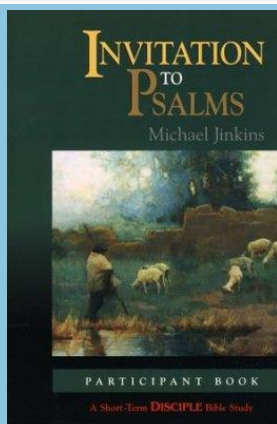
Piper



Jeff Banks	1-Jan
Sarah Preiss	6-Jan
Clara Gobeille	12-Jan
Karen Ague	12-Jan
Nate Berry	13-Jan
Neil Banks	13-Jan
Tess Freimuth	15-Jan
Carmela Wanner	20-Jan
Rose Koon	20-Jan
Alexa Swears	21-Jan
Patti Wilson	21-Jan
Chuck Homan	25-Jan
Josie Kiehl	27-Jan
Katelyn Toth	29-Jan
Brandi Braunwarth	31-Jan



Kim Arlington	1-Feb
Evan Spencer	3-Feb
Ellen Haynes	8-Feb
Donna Davidson	10-Feb
Gregg Terry	11-Feb
Michael Swears	11-Feb
Raymond Musick	16-Feb
Jim Arlington	19-Feb
Jean McCarthy	21-Feb
Macsen Cottle	22-Feb
Jean Woodard	24-Feb
Emma Grace Saylor	26-Feb
Linda Homan	28-Feb



Adult Christian Education

Wednesdays
6:30pm

Adult Christian Education is now on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. In January and February we will be studying the Psalms together. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Paperbacks need to be ordered on the 21st to be sure they arrive in time for the first lesson on Jan. 30th. You can also order the kindle version from Amazon for \$9.99. Questions? Ask Piper



Jeff and Kelli Toth
February 21

2018 Garden Harvest

One of the great ministries of our church are the garden beds. Every year seeds and bulbs are planted in the spring and starting around the end of July we can begin to harvest the vegetables.

In 2018 we planted peas, green beans, carrots and potatoes. The peas are the first to start producing, with a total harvest of 37.7 pounds. WOW! Next were the Green beans, giving us 18.7 pounds and the carrots with 93 pounds of vitamin enriched goodness. Lastly but not least, were the potatoes at a whopping 144.9 pounds. That's a total of 294.3 pounds!!

All the produce that was lovingly collected from these beds was donated to the Chugiak/Eagle River Food Pantry to be distributed to the people of our community in need.

Thank you to everyone that helped with this ministry. A big THANK YOU goes to Brent Koenen for heading this program and putting in so much time and work and love. Your passion for this ministry shows and is greatly appreciated.

Please look for updates on how you can help with the 2019 Garden. We are hoping to add some different vegetables and improve on the quality and quantity.



Installation and Ordination of Officers

This year we are welcoming 3 new officers into their new roles as an Elder/Trustee and Deacons.

Dale Berry has accepted the position of Chair of Trustees. This is a critical position to the church as we recover from the Nov. 30th Earthquake. Dale has already stepped up to the challenge, in the days since the quake he has worked tirelessly (with the help of many others) to get the church in safe and usable conditions, he formed an Earthquake Repair Committee.

Elizabeth Hobbie and Nancy Davis have been elected to serve as Deacons. They both are happy and eager to be more involved in the church, its members, and the community.

As we welcome our new officers, we also give thanks to those that served our Church. Brent Koenen served as our Chair of Trustees and Barbara Lappala served as a Deacon. Your service to our church was essential and appreciated.

Sunday,
January 13th
2019



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