



# The Shepherd's Watch

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## Living into "Invite"

At a special Session meeting on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, the elders voted on a 5 year plan that was 9 months in the making. This five-year plan was not a comprehensive look at all the ministries of our church, but instead it was designed to give direction concerning facility needs. Two things were on our mind as we have wrestled with a way forward for the years ahead.

First, from the founding of our church we have felt a great desire to be an inviting church. We have been living that out and, as a result, our church has grown. That growth has required us to effectively use our facilities to their fullest capacities. As we have outgrown our facilities our commitment to being an inviting church has never wavered—it is who we are.

Second, God has put us in a unique place to be an inviting church. The population of Central Texas is exploding and the people who are moving here will need a church that reaches out to them with the fellowship of the gospel. Our location puts us on the cutting edge of that opportunity.

With those two things in mind we have been asking the ques-

tion, "How do we faithfully move forward, continuing to be an inviting church and recognizing the unique opportunity that being in Southwest Austin creates?"

Five years ago, in response to that challenge, we bought the 69 acres on Highway 290. In the spring of this year we completed a master-plan for that property. The facility outlined in the master plan

provided for buildings that would house a growing church well into the future. We then created a program of phases that would add space as it was needed. The first phase would build a

facility for all of our current ministry needs for several years. The plan was then to sell this facility and move everything out to 290.

However, the cost for the first phase, including the necessary infrastructure of roads, water, sewer etc., came in at 8 to 10 million dollars. Needless to say, the session's reaction was sticker shock. With the combination of raising funds and selling our current property we would still have to incur significant debt. At SHPC, we have always balanced the need to trust God for big things with a desire to be faithful stewards. We want to be

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### Sermons for December

#### The Heart of Christmas

Dec 5	Luke 13:18, 19
	God's Christmas Tree
Dec 12	Ephesians 2:1-10
	God's Christmas Gift
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Dec 24	Luke 2:1-15
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	The Day After Christmas

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# Advent at SHPC, 2010

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a faithful, inviting church and spend our resources wisely. For this reason the session began to ask, "Is there any other way?"

We looked around the country to see if there are any other models that churches are using to effectively minister to growing areas without the expenses involved in a major relocation. We found one such model at Menlo Park Presbyterian in Palo Alto, California, and a similar one at Colonial Presbyterian in Kansas City.

They call it Multi-Site. At its simplest, instead of having all worship services in one location, Multi-Site churches, when they add a new worship service, add them in a different location. The size of any new facility and the cost of facilities goes down considerably. Churches around the country are utilizing Multi-Site to extend their ministry with amazing effectiveness.

So let's go back to the November special session meeting. At that meeting, the session approved a plan to have four worship services, and the Sunday morning program surrounding it, in the next 5 years. Two of the worship services would be here at William Cannon. One worship service would be south, probably in Buda. One would be west on our new land.

The session realizes that it has been working with this concept for a while now and it has grown comfortable with how this works. For you, this probably raises many questions

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All members of the congregation are invited to the children's Christmas program, *The Inns: the Journey of Christmas*. Please join us to celebrate the birth of our Savior. The 2010 production will be held **Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.**

A reception and photo opportunities with the "cast" will immediately follow.

For more information, please contact Chris Gordon at [chris@shpc.org](mailto:chris@shpc.org).



## SHPC Christmas Cantata

Join this wonderful opportunity to invite your friends and family to enjoy an evening of singing and praising God at this most special time of year. Performances will be December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Childcare for ages birth to pre-K will be provided and there will be cookies and punch served between performances.

Come sing in the season!



*Advent Sundays* - December 5, 12, 19  
**during worship at 11 a.m.**

The Worship Choir is joined by strings and trumpets as we celebrate this season of anticipation

*Christmas Eve* - December 24  
**Christmas Eve Children's Service at 4:30 p.m.**

A contemporary service for the whole family. Nursery and child care for ages 0 to 5 is available.

**Candlelit Service at 6:15 p.m.**

This contemporary candlelit worship includes a children's message. Nursery and child care for ages 0 to 5 is available.

**Candlelit Communion Service at 8 & 9:45 p.m.**

Communion will be served during this traditional candlelit service.

*Between the Holidays* - December 27

**All-Church Worship Service at 10 a.m.**

Join in our whole-family worship experience on the last Sunday of 2010. NO childcare will be available.



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and/ or concerns. Over the next few months we will provide multiple opportunities to talk together as a congregation about the details of Multi-Site and its impact on our church. I hope that you will continue to pray for the leadership at SHPC and I hope that you will make sure that you attend one of the informational meetings after Christmas.

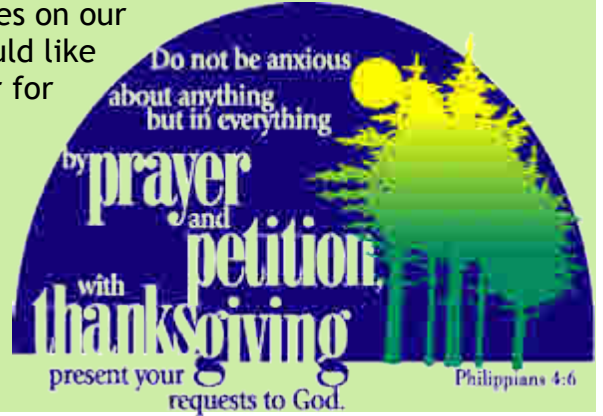
These are exciting times for our congregation. I look forward to seeing where God leads us.



## PRAYER ON THE PORCH

For the past two months, Larry has been preaching from Paul's letters to the early church. Reading through those letters and the book of Acts, it is apparent that prayer played an important part in the workings of the early church. Everything the early church did was bathed in prayer. We, too, are called to bathe everything our church is doing in prayer.

The SHPC Prayer Ministry has begun a time of prayer for our church every Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. "Prayer on the Porch" is a weekly thirty minute gathering on the porch of the Family Ministry building during which we pray for the day's activities on our campus. Anyone who would like to join in a time of prayer for our church, our staff, our members, our visitors and our ministry to the community is invited to attend. If you have any questions, please call Linda Icenhauer-Ramirez at 507-6069.



## Dinners for Eight, Back for Spring!

Junie Ledbetter & Gaston Broyles  
Want to make new friends or renew old acquaintances? Come participate in SHPC Dinners for Eight! Our purpose is simply to meet other people in the church and enjoy fellowship with them in a relaxed, informal setting.



This spring, once a month (February, March, April, and May), four couples get together for dinner. One couple is designated as the Host Couple, and the dinner is held at their home. The Host Couple is responsible for contacting the other three couples, in advance, to set up a date and time for the gathering. The Host Couple will choose the main entrée. To complete the meal each of the other couples will bring either the vegetable, or salad and bread, or dessert. Dinners for "Eight" (sometimes six, sometimes nine or ten) is a fun and easy way to meet, make or renew friendships.

Find Junie and Gaston in the narthex of the church January 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, or 23<sup>rd</sup> to sign up—or ask questions! You may also contact Junie at *ledbetter @ dwlaw.com* or 632-7535.



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## You can STILL Join Us for Gingerbread!

Gingerbread House kits are still available! Please join us on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to noon, for our most popular family event! This day of fellowship for parents and children includes building gingerbread houses to mark the start of the Christmas season.

To confirm your family, please contact Britta Dukes at *britta@shpc.org* or 892-3580 ext. 107.

# Children's Ministry News

Trinity Child Development Center.

Angels are color-coded to designate which of these partner ministries has referred them, and all you have to do once you choose an angel is provide us with your contact information on the attached index card you will find with your angel. Once completed with your name, phone number and email, you may drop the index card in the basket provided and be on your way to shop, wrap and return!

Once gifts are chosen and returned to the church, we need a team of people to help deliver them to their respective recipients. Due to the large number of angels this year, the delivery process will take place over a number of days, so if you have a few free hours between December 15-21 and can help with gift delivery, please contact Toko Sato at *tokomsato@gmail.com* or Pastor Britta at *britta@shpc.org*. We thank you once again for your overwhelming generosity with this ministry!

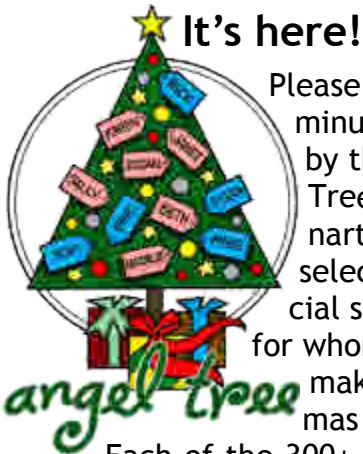


"HERE WE COME A-CAROLING!"

## Children's Mission Opportunity: Christmas Caroling at Emeritus

All children of the church are invited to join us on Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30 for a special Service opportunity. We will be joining forces with the SHPC Preschool children for some Christmas caroling and visiting at Emeritus Retirement Community at Beckett Meadows. Emeritus is located at: 7709 Beckett Road. Please meet us there, ready to sing and celebrate the Christmas season. This is a fun, relaxed event that will take approximately one hour of your afternoon. We hope to see YOU there!

For more information, please contact Chris Gordon at *chris@shpc.org*.



## It's here!

Please take a minute to stop by the Angel Tree in the narthex and select a special someone for whom you can make Christmas special.

Each of the 300+ angels represent a local Austin child or parent in need. This year, we are partnering with:

Presbyterian Children's Home and Services, Prison Fellowship Ministry, Refugee Services of Texas and



# JOY

FINDING a WAY TO BE HAPPY, EVEN WHEN THINGS DON'T GO YOUR WAY

## more Children's & STUDENT!

### Ministry News

#### SHPC Kids in Mission: Children Giving Back

Are your kids going to get a lot of things this Christmas? Well, here is a chance to teach them how to give to others!



Please save the date:

Children Giving Back  
January 29<sup>th</sup>  
10 am- noon  
at SHPC.

See you there!

Thank you to Boy Scout Troop 395 for powerwashing and staining the playground, and Girl Scout Cadette Troop 2041 for staining the fence surrounding the playground! Our play area will handle the weather so much better now!

—Pattie Lawrence,  
Preschool Director

#### MIDWINTERS—CAMP AT MO!

Come on out and join us at the best winter camp you can have without snow! MO-Ranch is located in the beautiful hill country of Hunt Texas. We will be joining over 200 other students from all over central Texas at this great camp. We will dance! We will sing! We will play and create some great memories that will last a lifetime. Along the way we will hear some funny speakers that will draw closer to God while meeting many new friends. Please join us at this incredible camping experience . Our space is limited, so sign up now and bring in your deposit to secure your spot.

Midwinters is a youth conference PLANNED by YOUTH and LED by the YOUTH of Mission Presbytery. Midwinters are held annually at MO-Ranch in Hunt, Texas. Youth listen to an engaging keynote speaker; participate in fun small groups and fellowship with other youth from Mission Presbytery. It is a great weekend all around. It is topped off with a big huge THEMED dance party that will rock your socks off! \$75 Deposit holds your spot! Sign up in the youth lounge or online!

Mid-High/Tween @ MO — Jan 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>

High School @ MO — Jan 21<sup>st</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### High School Spring Break Ski Trip "The Fix" March 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

We are hitting the slopes in Angel Fire New Mexico for 4 days of amazing fun. This the best trip of the our winter season. Two days on the slopes to ski, snowboard or even tube the days away. Not only are we skiing but we'll have time to fully relax from all the stress of the school year. Come and get away with us while we renew your faith and hit the slopes. Grab a flyer in the youth lounge or sign up online.

#### Happy Holidays from the Preschool!

The preschool students and staff are gearing up for the Holiday season in so many ways. Our preschool mission project for the month is giving thanks for what we have and to learn to share with those around us. The children and their families collected canned food items for Meals on Wheels in conjunction with the church's elder basket collection. Our food drive took place November 16<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>. The drive will end with a celebration of Thanksgiving. Our students and staff will enjoy a feast and fellowship before a long break with their families.

The sharing continues in December with a gift of service—our students will travel to Emeritus on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 for a holiday sing-a-long with other members of the SHPC congregation, young and old. Please feel free to join us as we sing some of our Christmas favorites together.

Have a safe Holiday and a Happy New Year!

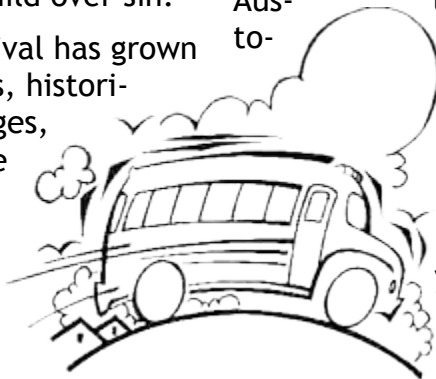
—Jenny McLatcher, Preschool Board

# Adult Ministry

## Interested in a road trip to Fort Worth for the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival?

If you're not familiar with the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival... it's a pageant, rooted in ancient times when the boar was sovereign of the forest. A ferocious beast and menace to humans, it was hunted as a public enemy. At Roman feasts, boar was the first dish served. Like our Thanksgiving turkey, roasted boar was a staple of medieval banquets. As Christian beliefs overtook pagan customs in Europe, the presentation of a boar's head at Christmas came to symbolize the triumph of the Christ Child over sin.

The traditional Boar's Head Festival has grown to include lords, ladies, knights, historical characters, cooks, hunters, pages, shepherds and wise men to tell the story of the Nativity through various carols, customs and accoutrements. Mince pie and plum pudding, good King Wenceslas and his pages, a yule log lighted



from the last year's ember... all find a place and a symbolic meaning in the procession, making it a celebration of Epiphany to commemorate the visit of the wise men to the infant Jesus.

Saturday, January 8, 2011, marks the 35<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of this event for University Christian Church in Fort Worth. If enough members of SHPC show interest, we would like to hire a bus and make a day trip to the 3:00 p.m. performance. We anticipate the schedule will look something like this: depart from the church around 10 a.m., travel to Fort Worth with boxed lunches and other snacks available on the journey, enjoy the festival from 3-4 p.m., return to Austin around by 9 p.m. Estimated total cost for bus and ticket—\$50/person.

Please contact Pastor Britta at 892-3580, ext. 107 or [britta@shpc.org](mailto:britta@shpc.org) if this festival and day of fellowship sounds like something you'd enjoy. We'll move forward with bus rental once we know we can fill the seats!

FELLOWSHIP BRIDGE GROUP will NOT play in December  
Join us next time—in January, on the 14<sup>th</sup>!

## Book Swap: *The Aftermath*

The annual book swap was a wonderful success. If you weren't able to attend, you haven't totally missed out for this year - you can still see some of these books! The church library was the recipient of several "new" books, including:

- 242.65 OCO *Help, Lord! I'm Having a Senior Moment: Notes to God on Growing Older* - The author has created many letters to God about the daily events of growing older. Titles include both funny, "Here's the Parking Lot-Now Where's My Car?" and touching, "Good-bye, Dear Friend"-all reflecting a deep faith and trust.
- 248.3 ALV *Becoming a Prayer Warrior* - Elizabeth Alves, founder of Intercessors International, has written a prayer primer for those who want to pray effectively, as well as a graduate manual for

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seasoned prayer warriors. (The author lives in Bulverde!)

- 248.4 LEW *The Screwtape Letters* - This classic by C.S. Lewis isn't new, but replaces a worn copy in our church library. The highly readable satire is from the viewpoint of a wise old devil to a novice demon, explaining how to take advantage of human foibles.

The remaining donations from the book swap were listed on Amazon or taken to Half Price Books. Our first new book purchased with the proceeds from the book swap is:

- 956.04 FRI *From Beirut to Jerusalem* - One Middle East expert has called it "a personal piece of scholarship on the intractable problem of Arabs and Jews in the Middle East. If you're only going to read one book on the Middle East, this is it."



# SAM News

## (senior adult ministry)

### Senior Moments

submitted by Pat & Stefan Haag

**T**HE SENIORS AT SHPC remain engaged, making sure that they grow, connect, serve, worship, and invite.

**O**N THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, seven seniors went to the Blanton Museum to view Turner to Monet: Masterpieces from The Walters Art Museum. The selection included forty nineteenth-century paintings from Impressionist artists Claude Monet, Camille Pissarro, Édouard Manet and Edgar Degas, as well as British and American masters J.M.W. Turner, Gilbert Stuart and Asher B. Durand, among others. The exhibit definitely made an *impression* on the seniors (wink, wink). Tommye Sprotte and Lynn Wright organized the trip. After touring the museum, the group enjoyed lunch at the museum's café, which got very good reviews.

**O**N TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, more than 50 seniors attended the Soup to Nuts luncheon, which featured an inspirational talk by Amanda Hill and a Thanksgiving lunch provided by Dagar's Catering. Amanda's presentation reflected on the Book of Job, her own life experiences, and the importance of faith to weather those periods in one's life that test your faith. She mixed humor with great wisdom. Several seniors mentioned that her message would have great meaning for the entire congregation!

**S**ENIORS ARE ALSO COLLECTING Christmas boxes for homebound seniors again this year. Boxes were collected on November 28<sup>th</sup> and will also be collected on December 5<sup>th</sup>. The collected boxes will be distributed by Meals on Wheels to residents in Oak Hill and, if sufficient boxes are collected, to homebound seniors in other parts of Austin. This year, we hope to surpass last year's total of 129 boxes. Lawrence & Gay Langston initiated the project and continue to provide leadership in this worthwhile mission activity. SAM is most appreciative of SHPC members who have so generously contributed to this effort.

**I**N DECEMBER, THE SENIORS are planning to join the children from SHPC as they perform Christmas carols at Emeritus at Beckett Meadows. If you're interested in joining us, the caroling will be on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Watch the Sunday announcements for more information. We hope that a large number of seniors will join us.

**I**N A SPECIAL MEETING of the SAM Council, we're going to plan events for the first six months (and possibly more) of 2011. So far, we're planning to rent a bus for a tour of painted churches in the spring as well as spring beanbag baseball, a trip to the Bob Bullock Texas History Museum, and a movie afternoon in the FMC. If you have ideas, contact Pat or me at 512-288-3479 or e-mail us at [sam@shpc.org](mailto:sam@shpc.org).

### **SAM Groups through December:**

**ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CHRISTIAN MEN:** We will only meet once in December. Our meeting will be held on **December 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in Portable B** in a celebration of the Birth, Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

No reservation is required and all men are invited to this meeting. Perhaps there are visitors in our midst that would like to know more about our group. Regardless of your age or status, you are invited to each and every meeting. Ron Miller, 512-892-1862 or [ronald.miller1333@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ronald.miller1333@sbcglobal.net), may be contacted for additional information.

To all who see these greetings, we, the men of the ARCM, wish you a Merry and Health Filled Christmas.

**GOLDEN YEARS LUNCH BUNCH: ALERT!** Our Christmas luncheon will be at **11:30 a.m. December 4<sup>th</sup>**, the *first* Saturday of the month, at Carino's. Please call the Nakamuras at 301-2602 by December 1<sup>st</sup> for reservations.

**GROAN-UPS GAME DAY: Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in room 7.** Because of IHN, game day will be one week earlier than usual. Join us for dominoes or a game of your choice. For more information, contact Stefan Haag at 288-3479.

**MARY MARTHA CIRCLE** will meet **Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 a.m.** We have been invited to meet at **Marian Bonebrake's lovely home,**

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## Valentines Dinner—and Auction!

The Mission Team at SHPC is already collecting items for the Valentine's Dinner Silent Auction. In order to make this year's auction a huge success we need your help—and your stuff! Start thinking about **what you can donate** and **what you can get donated**. We need the **Big Ticket Items** like **golf packages & vacation rentals** as well as the **mid-ticket items** like the stuff you already own but are willing to part with. **Start soliciting your favorite restaurant, gym, movie theater for gift certificates!** All proceeds from the Silent Auction support our mission projects in Mexico and along the border

## Alternative Gift Fair

You can support one of our mission partners at the **Alternative Gift Fair December 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>**. Beautiful hand-made **Guatemalan handicrafts and fabrics** will be available. All purchases of the handicrafts support our Presbytery's partnership with the Presbyterian church in Guatemala (called CESS-MAQ). Also, this year we have **custom-made SHPC jewelry**, displaying the shepherd's staff, for sale as well. Shop early! Shop often! And support SHPC mission!



## Our guests are coming!

*IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network) guests are families with children who, because of a crisis situation in their lives, have lost their homes. The program provides for them to live at Austin area churches while they find housing and get back on their feet.*

During the week of **December 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>**, four IHN families will live at our church and will be fed and sheltered by volunteers at our church. This is your opportunity to help these families through this time of crisis. Tasks performed by hosts (SHPC folk and members of Faith Presbyterian Church and Abiding Love Lutheran Church) include:

Move-in: Sunday 12:30 - move guests' belongings and bedding into rooms and set-up

Breakfast Servers: 5:45 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.

Dinner Preparers: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Overnight Host: 8:00 p.m. to 7:15 a.m.

Evening Host: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday Hosts and lunch: several shifts

Supply Donors: all week

Transportation Volunteers and Linen Washers.

Move-out: Sunday 6:30 am - load guests' belongings on trailer, clean and straighten up church, transport guests to Day Center, and take trailer to next church

Young children make excellent hosts, because the guests are mostly young children. Sign up in the narthex for this volunteer opportunity or contact Stuart McIntire [stuart78704@yahoo.com](mailto:stuart78704@yahoo.com) / 788-4455 or Lara Manire 922-3615.

## All-Church Garage Sale Is Coming to SHPC!

Start going through your stuff and selecting what would be good to go into the garage sale! The sale is not 'till March but we know how hard it can be to tackle that pile of stuff in your garage or storage unit... so we thought we would give you *lots* of heads-up time! **The tentative date for the sale is March 26<sup>th</sup>**, so mark your calendar!

## serve (senior adult ministry) cont'd

3601 Denbar Court. This is our annual Christmas covered dish luncheon. Martha Meador will be our leader with Frances Tomlinson reading the Christmas story after which time we will sing Christmas carols. Please meet at the church around 9:30 if you wish to carpool or caravan to Marian's home. **ALL WOMEN are cordially invited to bring a covered dish for lunch and join us!**



Add to  
your  
prayer  
list

**Joys** - Jessica O'Meara's friend's sister, **Nancy Montgomery**, home and doing well after carbon monoxide poisoning—**Harriet Cavness'** daughter, **Linda Rose**, has received a clean bill of health from MD Anderson at her six-month checkup after the end of cancer treatment—**Willow Padovani** was born November 1<sup>st</sup> to **Marc & Gail Padovani** (and **Ethan** and **Celine**)—**Dan Bjeletich's** baby grandniece **Mariana** is back at home in Austin after a liver transplant—**Paul Floyd**, brother of **Beaman** and son of **Jack & Jean**, has returned from Afghanistan

**Sorrows** - **Ella May Bray**, **Mary Lynn Sheirer's** mother, passed away November 18<sup>th</sup>

**Please pray for** — **Gloria Drake's** longtime friend, **Ron Olmstead**, recovering from emergency surgery—**Bill Brock's** sister, **Kathy Champion**, recovering from surgery for cervical cancer—**Rachel Soto's** father, **David Green**, diagnosed with prostate cancer and scheduled for surgery in December—**Pam Immitt, Jim's** wife, strength in full recovery—**Mark Coppic's** son's friend, **Keavash**, recovering from surgeries from a major car accident November 12<sup>th</sup>—**Jack & Carol Gilchrist's** friend, **Lisa Gruver**, recovering from extensive brain surgery to remove a tumor—**Marilyn Lawler**, recovering from surgery—**Roz Seiler**, pain in both her knees —**Bob Rawlins**, uncle of **Anne Kirsch**, showing signs of improvement after a major stroke—**Brent Huggins**, 4-yr-old great nephew of **Marty Starkjohann**, open heart surgery—**Cindy Baschnagel's** friend **Tori Peterson's** uncle, **George Weber**, suffering from a rare form of leukemia—**Ruth Weese**—**Gloria Harris**, recovering from surgery—**Rose Cassidy**, recovering from surgery—**Stephanie Harris**, recovering from knee surgery—**Janis Thompson, Virginia McNutt's** friend, cancer tumors removed and not doing well—**Clif Claxon**, husband of **Karen Cox's** high school friend, **Jennifer Brock Claxon**, serious intestinal infection—**Deborah Wagner's** friend **Juliana**, age 19, unable to tolerate the anti-rejection medicine and so will need another kidney transplant—**Herbert Sakala**, Clerk of Session at Manyamula Presbyterian Church, paralyzed following a serious injury—**Herbert's** wife **Lindley**—**Bill & Connie Trevillion's** 11-month-old granddaughter **Charis Micek**, urinary tract infection, croup, bronchitis, anemia, and a sinus infection—**Charis' parents**, the **Trevillions'** daughter **Beth** and her husband **Jerred**—**Calvin Taylor**, age 4 & friend of **Alex and Mary Aversa**, leukemia—**Susan Torrance**, friend of **Mary Lynn Sheirer & Chester Wuest**, recovering from surgery on both hips—**Gloria Drake**, coping with unexpected illness—**Laura Womack**, sister-in-law of **Caren Zysk**, struggling with stage IV lung cancer—**Crystal & Joey Burks**, niece and nephew of **Caren Zysk**, and their children—**Marilyn Jamison**, aunt of **Stephen Lenertz**, recovering from surgery to a broken hip—**Pam Gonzales'** friend **Diane Sementelli** on the death of her father —the leadership of **SHPC** as they discern a path for our future—**Pastor Kenneth Muyira & the congregation of Manyamula Presbyterian Church**—**Pastor Chimwemwe Mhango** and his family

*Please pray for members of the Armed Forces, loved ones, and all world leaders involved in war zone crises including:*

**Temple & Janet Ingram's** daughter **Kate Ingram**... **James Crowder**, friend of **Tom & Mike McNelley**... **Eric Wesley**, **Jack & Carol Gilchrist's** friend...**Christopher Lehmann**, son of **Mark Lehmann**... **Larry Roberman**, brother of **Lori Whitmire**... **Darrel Debbish**, father of friend of **Meredith Warren**... **Keri (Reeves) Fielder**, niece of **Deb Erlanson**... **Eric Huerta**, nephew of **Michael McNelley's** co-workers... **Derek & Kristi Fisher's** nephew, **John Fisher**...

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 Dec Mark & Mary Cognetti
- Bruce & Maryellen Albertson, Matthew & Kim Arthur
- 5 Dec Don & Jody Barrett
- 9 Dec Howard & Marian Bonebrake
- 11 Dec Mike & Jennifer Bullock
- 13 Dec Phillip & Jenny Callahan
- 14 Dec Daryl & Amie Chalberg
- 15 Dec Steve & Elisa Donnell
- 18 Dec Hal & Sally Jo
- 19 Dec Bruce & Maryellen Albertson
- 20 Dec Beaman & Carlen Floyd
- 21 Dec Michael & Aimee Killeen
- 23 Dec Richard & Susan Klusmann
- 26 Dec Johann & Hester Louw
- 27 Dec Gary & Nona May, John & Sandi Moehlman, Jaco Steynberg & Elna Reinach
- 30 Dec Steve & Deborah Wagner, Tommy & Stella Warner, Jeff & Lori Whitmire

**SILVER ANNIVERSARY**

- 26 Dec Tracy & Mark Lord

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Dec Ken Clapham, Kerry Long, Wesley Hackett
- 2 Dec Elna Reinach, Kelly Coulter
- 3 Dec Clem Hofmann, Debbi Toh, Jennifer Thielemans, James Pont



- 4 Dec Cheryl Olson, Bo Wilkes, Gina Hauck, Anne Streit, Sarah Wade, Taylor Robinson, Cade Wilkins
- 5 Dec Tommy Warner, Sarah Lane
- 6 Dec Nan Goodman, Curtis Williams, Betty Williams, Buddy Stranahan, Sharon Peurrung, Derek Brinks
- 7 Dec Jamie May, Holly Spink, Suzanne Lunsford, Alex Bay
- 8 Dec Evelyn Sorrell, Sally Jo Elliott, Dena Young, Will Natale, Taylor Costin, Brooke Schneider, Addison Doherty
- 9 Dec Fred Rothert, Cy Albertson, Therese Tubenzele, Kyle Landry
- 10 Dec Shelley Garrett, Madison Collier, Mason Macera
- 11 Dec Lydia Ellison, Susan Martin, Jana Collins, David Howard, Luke Costin, Graham Hutton
- 12 Dec Sam Segura, Dave Riffey
- 13 Dec Cindy Baschnagel, Elizabeth Fisher, Annabella Smith
- 14 Dec Colin Lineberry, Nicki Gell, Ben Valvano, Ashley Adams, James Peterson
- 15 Dec Gene Wright, Mario Andrade, Ashley Laird, Cora Lewis, Addison Garcia
- 16 Dec Gary May, Sherry Todd, Clint Batte, Amanda Hyde, Doug Frye
- 17 Dec Marilyn Cook
- 18 Dec T Bob Reinhardt, Steve Lenertz, Darcy Garrett, Max Roland, John Thomas, Matthew Cabello

- 19 Dec Billy Baschnagel, Braeden Long, Sebastian Segura
- 20 Dec Azam Waugh, Mark Macera, Coleman Proctor, Radmon Rice, Elaine Saul, Isaac Sprouse, Megan Gerold
- 21 Dec Marylou Busch, Mary Lynn Sheirer, Pat Webb, Britta Dukes, Dylan French, Ireland Ginko, Carson Valdes
- 22 Dec Barron Vela, Stacie Tracy, Aimee Kirkconnell, Toby Dailey
- 23 Dec Sue Shamburger, Jim Meador, Maria Tissing, Kristin Grance, Brittany Budd, Cullen Clouse, Aaron Bohl
- 24 Dec Howard Haberman, Laura Bost, DeAnne Pearson, Mary Carnes, Emily Pellerin, Christopher Pearson, Simon Sprouse, Zander Smith
- 25 Dec Mia Folkers
- 26 Dec Bill Stokes
- 27 Dec Ramsay Mudgett, Shirley Whiteaker, Pamela Immitt, Tim Whitten, Brenda Johnson, Marc Padovani, Chris Huntley, Brian Lugo, Hunter Slade, Olivia Brady, Mason Wasserburger
- 28 Dec Susan Klusmann, Terri Knox, Martin Ramirez
- 29 Dec Frances Tomlinson, Sarah Peters, Kyle Parker
- 30 Dec Nancy Hines, Bryan Parker, Ronnie Cortez, Lilli Geen, Tyler David
- 31 Dec Shirley Henry, Sally Schilstra, Steve Peurrung, Lori Whitmire, Mary Kennamer, Amberle Gallup, Chris Lenertz

# December

## EVERY WEEK

### Sunday

9:30 a.m. The Ark, UpStreet, Faithwalk  
 11 a.m. The Ark, Live B.I.G.  
 6:30 p.m. Everlast, Student Lounge ::  
 Everafter, FMC

### Monday

7 p.m. Disciple 1, library

### Tuesday

10 a.m. Icing on the Cake, port. B  
 7 p.m. *Three Months with Paul*, library

### Wednesday

9:30 a.m. Disciple 3, library  
 6 p.m. Evergreen, Student Lounge ::  
 Foundations, port. B  
 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir, rm. 5 ::  
 Wednesday Evening Bible  
 Study (WEBS), library  
 7 p.m. Praise & Worship rehearsal,  
 sanctuary :: Evermore, Stu-  
 dent Lounge

### Thursday

9:30 a.m. Mothers of Young Children  
 (MYC) Devotional :: Disciple  
 1, FMC  
 3 p.m. *Stone by Stone*, port. B  
 7 p.m. Worship Choir, sanctuary ::  
 Disciple 4, library

### 1 Wednesday

6:15 p.m. Pageant Rehearsal, rm. 7  
 6:30 p.m. Furthering Our Ministry information session,  
 FMC

### 2 Thursday

10 a.m. Mary-Martha Circle

### 4 Saturday

9 a.m. Pageant Rehearsal, sanctuary  
 10 a.m. Family Advent Craft Day, FMC  
 11:30 a.m. Cantata Rehearsal, sanctuary  
 Golden Years Lunch Bunch

### 5 Sunday

5:30 p.m. **Christmas Pageant**, sanctuary  
 FILO Young Adults, library

### 7 Tuesday

10 a.m. "Groan"-Ups Game Day, rm. 7  
 7 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, rm. 7

### 8 Wednesday

6:30 p.m. KidStuf! FMC

### 9 Thursday

9:30 a.m. Disciple 2, library  
 10 a.m. Association of Retired Christian Men, port B  
 7 p.m. Book Group, port. B

### 11 Saturday

9 a.m. Cantata Rehearsal

### 12 Sunday

IHN begins  
 5 p.m. & 7 p.m. **Christmas Cantata**, sanctuary  
 JANUARY newsletter deadline

### 13 Monday

3:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling, Emeritus

### 18 Thursday

9:30 a.m. Disciple 2, library  
 10 a.m. Association of Retired Christian Men, port B

### 17 Friday

NOVEMBER childcare request deadline

### 19 Sunday

IHN ends

All classes not already on hiatus now break  
 until the new year.

### 24 Friday

**Christmas Eve**  
 Church office closed for Christmas break; of-  
 fice reopens **mornings only** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> —  
 Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>. Regular office schedule re-  
 sumes January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

4:30 p.m. **Christmas Eve Children's Service**, sanctuary  
 6:15 p.m. **Candlelit Service**, sanctuary  
 8 & 9:45 p.m. **Candlelit Communion Service**, sanctuary

### 26 Sunday

10 a.m. **All-Church Worship**, sanctuary

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