

The Rev. Craig J. Hoffman

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THE MESSENGER

QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

We don't all give the same amount to our church in any given year. Our incomes vary a lot, and we are at different places in working toward the Biblical standard of giving 1/10 of our incomes to Kingdom of God work. So here is this month's Family Finances two-part Question:

Part A: What was the average regular gift to our church last year?

"Regular" gift means what we put in the offering plate for current expenses plus Missions-of-the Month, and Thanksgiving, Easter and Christmas offerings. It does not include giving to our Expanding Our Vision Fund Drive, or to the music, memorial or flower funds.

Part B: What was the median of our giving? (The median means that half gave more, and half gave less.)

Find the answer... hidden somewhere in The Messenger!

From Craig's Desk: GRATITUDE

One of the four confessional documents of our Reformed Church in America is *The Heidelberg Catechism*, a 1563 statement of faith that we hold to be an "historical and faithful witness" to what we believe. A catechism is a series of questions and answers. Long before Sunday Schools became popular in the 19th century, churches used the Heidelberg Catechism for Christian education. Pastors preached on the catechism's questions and answers every week, following a fixed year long schedule. People memorized the most important questions and answers, and parents would teach the catechism to their children.

Today, as I note the passing of fall and the coming of the Thanksgiving season, I think about the way the Heidelberg Catechism is arranged. I think about its structure. Its 129 questions and answers are unevenly divided into three parts. We call these parts: guilt, grace, and gratitude.

After a two-question and answer introduction, Part 1 describes our human condition and what has gone wrong with human life. This part is entitled, "Guilt." Part 2 tells how God, in Jesus Christ, has already taken the initiative to address our human condition and offer a corrective to what has gone wrong. This part is entitled, "Grace." Part 3 describes how we are to live our lives in such a way that they express thanksgiving for what God has already done. Part 3 is entitled, "Gratitude."

The order is important. Notice, please, that gratitude comes after grace. In other words, our motivation to live upright lives is in order to express our gratitude to God, not in order to win God's favor. We love God with heart, soul, mind and strength, and others as ourselves because that is what truly grateful people do, because our future is securely held in the hands of God, and because nothing will ever separate us from God's love.

So in this month of Thanksgiving, I'm not going to ask you what you are grateful for, though that is a great question to ask, and I hope you will ask it of yourself and of those with whom you may share a Thanksgiving meal. Instead, I'm asking you this. What are doing with your hours and with your days that expresses your gratitude to God? How has God's assurance of his acceptance of you and love for you changed your attitude toward life and toward others?

Think about these things, and may this become for you a true season of thanksgiving.

Thank You's:

Since we published the last issue of *The Messenger* we received the following thank-you notes and letters. They are posted on the tack strip outside of Pastor Craig's office. Read and enjoy them there for yourselves.

- From Eileen Quick at the Scotia Food Pantry: Thank you so much for the generous food donations during the month of September. The Scotia Food Pantry appreciates all that you do to help us serve the many needy area families.
- From Victor Deamer's daughters, Denise Deamer, Lana Borini and Vikki Ringer: Thank you so much for everything you did to make our father's service so special. Thank you for always being there for our family.
- From RN's Jennifer Shattuck and Lorraine Peek at Central Park School in Schenectady: Thank you for your generous donation of clothing to Central Park School. It is appreciated greatly!

What
People Are
Talking
About...

Shout Outs:

So many people do so much for our congregation, and we thank them all for it. This month we especially give a shout out to:

- David Gonyea who delivered the food to the food pantry during October.
- Bill Foos for being so faithful for so long and handling coffee making and serving during coffee hour.
- Bill and Martha Eberle for coordinating coffee hosts this fall.
- To our Coffee Hours hosts and hostesses for October: The Capenters, the Snyders, the Rooneys and the Eberles.

SHHHHHH . . . THIS ARTICLE IS FOR YOUR EYES ONLY. Our own Bob Atwood turns 80 on December 23, and his friends Nelson Austin and Jan McTighe are giving him a surprise birthday party. You are invited to join Bob and his other friends on Saturday, December 6 from 2:00 to 4:00 at the Atrium where Bob lives, 2 Tryon Avenue #236 in Scotia. This is a cards-only, no gifts party. Please call our church's Administrative Assistant Kristen Shave, 370-4751, to let her know you're coming and help Nelson and Jan plan.

Remember: THIS IS A SURPRISE. Bob's issue of *The Messenger* doesn't contain this article.

Hanging Of The Greens:

This Advent we're holding our annual Hanging-of-the-Greens on the first Sunday of Advent, November 30, at 11:30 right after an abbreviated coffee hour. Only coffee will be served that day because we'll all share some pizza when our work is through. Our work that day is to decorate our church for Advent and Christmas inside and out. We'll also make ornaments for our Brink Hall Christmas tree and create some Christmas cards for our shut-ins. There will be crafts for children. When our work is done at about 1:00, we'll gather back in Brink Hall for pizza and for some seasonal music by the Route Fifty 5 brass quintet.

Our church's Salvation Army Mitten Tree will be up that Sunday for the first time. One of our Hanging-of-the-Greens traditions is to add some hats, scarves and mittens to it when we hang the greens.

Families, friends, individuals new and old, join us for this year's November 30 Hanging-of-the-Greens.



Mission Of The Month:

The November Mission of the Month is support of new Reformed Church missionary JJ TenClay. JJ, her husband Tim, and their two young girls, Sophia and Petra, have moved from upstate New York to Naples, Italy. They are working with migrant families fleeing into Italy from the violence of the Middle East and northern Africa. JJ is a social action worker who helps establish partnerships with social agencies to care for the half-million refugees arriving annually in Italy. To find out more and sign up for regular emails, go to rca.org/tenclay, or follow the TenClays on Facebook: JJ Johnson TenClay.

We will further support JJ with our Thanksgiving Eve offering.

Designate your Mission of the Month offering by using the specially marked envelope in your box of offering envelopes. Need a box? Call Kristen Shave in our church office, 370-4751.

Thanksgiving Eve:

We gather in our sanctuary for Thanksgiving Eve worship on Wednesday evening, November 26 at 7:30. Join others in your church family to sing the traditional Thanksgiving hymns, to give God thanks for life and life's blessings, and to pray for those blessings for others as well.

Our Thanksgiving Eve offering will go to help support JJ TenClay, a new RCA missionary assigned to partner with the Waldensian Church in Italy in helping to serve the more than half-million refugees who are fleeing to Italy from the violence in the Middle East and northern Africa.

Make our national day of Thanksgiving more than just a day off. See you in worship on Thanksgiving Eve!

Youth Group:

On Monday, November 17, members of the Junior and Senior High Youth Group will join with Lynnwood Reformed Churches' Youth Group to work at the Regional Food Bank. A max of 15 people can come, and we will all meet at Lynnwood Reformed at 4:30 to ride together. If anyone is interested, please contact Maggie White at maggiebusman@gmail.com. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Youth Groups to get together to do good work in our community.

F.R.O.G.S.:

On Saturday, November 22, from 9-12, the FROGS will be having a Thanksgiving Party! All FROGS members and their families can come. There will be crafts, cookie decorating, gourd painting, and we will bake goodies for the church's lunch the following day. We hope to see you all there!

November Food Pantry Needs:

Every week our bulletin lists the food most needed for the Scotia Food Pantry. Below are the items for November. Please place your donations in the container in the narthex or in the one outside Brink Hall. What a great offering we would give if **everyone** brought the weekly item!

There is **always** a need for bags and for monetary donations. Donations are used to purchase milk certificates and other items available at the Regional Food Bank for just 16 cents a pound. Make out your check to the First Reformed Church of Scotia and put "Food Pantry" on the memo line. Here are this month's food askings:

November 2:

Cranberry Sauce

November 9:

Green Beans

November 16:

Pie Filling

November 23:

Yams/Sweet Potatoes

November 30:

Oatmeal



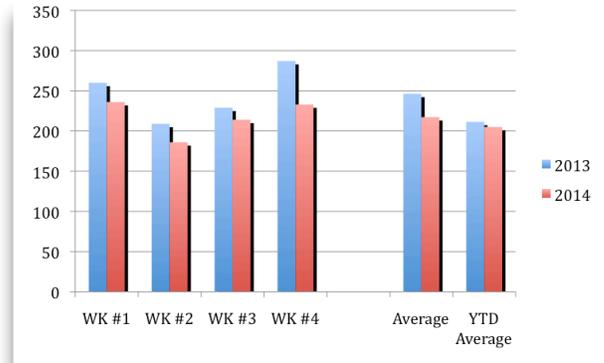
Congregational Meeting:

Save the time: On Sunday, December 14, starting at 11:30 in Brink Hall, our Consistory will ask for our advice on a proposed 2015 budget for our church. They will also present us with a single slate of candidates to replace those who are ending their terms on our Consistory. This is an important time in the life of our congregation, and your Consistory encourages your presence.

October Attendance:

We report our monthly worship attendance to encourage you to faithfully gather on the Lord's Day, and invite others to join you.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
October week #1	236	260
October week #2	186	209
October week #3	214	229
October week #4	233	287
October Average	217	246
YTD Average	205	210



Family Finance:

Each month we report our giving. Here's how we gave in October.

<u>GIVING</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
October	\$24,073	\$24,560	(\$487)	(2%)
Total for the Year	\$250,174	\$249,276	\$898	0%

Giving Stock:

Our church's brokerage account is Fenimore Asset Management of Cobleskill. If you give to your church by donating stock, please contact Church Treasurer Tom Lansing, 372-6082, Church Admin Assistant Kristen Shave, 370-4751, or Church Financial Secretary Bobbie Nelson, 377-7176, for the information that you need. Donating appreciated stock to your church in the proper manner may help you to avoid capital gains tax. Check with your own tax professional.

Milestones:

Here are some milestones in the lives of people in our congregation since the last issue of *The Messenger*.

New Address:

- MaryLou Erdman has moved to 229 Glen Eddy Dr, Niskayuna, NY 12309

We express our sympathy to:

- The family and friends of Karolyn Bekkering who died on October 4.

Circle Joanna Holiday Party:

Circle Joanna will hold their annual holiday party on Tuesday, December 2, at 11:30 in Room 1. If you wish to attend, please R.S.V.P. to Alicia Hermance at 374-6373 by November 25.



Old Timer's Work Week



Adirondack Artists Retreat



Winter Camp



Lent Retreats



Fowler Events:

Camp Fowler isn't just a summer camp for kids, but also offers retreats during the year. Check out the following opportunities! Register online at campfowler.org or call the camp office, 631-6789. Here are some upcoming Fowler events.

- **Old Timers' Work Week** Sunday thru Wednesday, November 23 - 26.

Director Kent Busman and Manager Mark Hughes lead this work week. The camp's "Honey do" list is extensive, and handy folk are invited to share their gifts in work projects at the camp. The cost is \$100 for meals and rooms in Chi Rho Lodge.

- **Adirondack Artists Retreat** (formerly the Psalm Retreat), Sunday thru Tuesday, January 18 - 20.

The cost is \$150 double occupancy, \$250 single occupancy, for rooms in Chi Rho Lodge, including meals and programming. Creativity abounds as we take time for our artistic endeavors in this beautiful winter setting. Scott Adams and Heather Moore Niver lead this loosely structured time together. On Monday evening we share our artistic endeavors.

- **Winter Camp** For kids in Grades 6-12, Sunday thru Tuesday, February 15- 17.

Can't wait for summer? Here you go - come to Camp in February. Youth live in Chi Rho Lodge along with returning summer staff and volunteers. Cost is \$135.

- There are retreats offered during Lent and again following Easter in 2015. Go to Fowler's website and click on "Contemplative Retreats." Speak to one of the Pastors, Youth Director Maggie White, or Coordinator of Christian Living Kristin Bodden to find out more or to learn about financial aid.

Consecration Sunday:

Thanksgiving Sunday, November 23, is our church's Consecration Sunday. Consecration Sunday is the day in the life of our church when we consecrate pledges for next year's giving as an important part of our worship. After the sermon that day we take our pledge cards and parade them up to the communion table, placing them there in an act of consecration. Thinking intentionally about our giving, and then making and consecrating our pledges helps us grow in faith. Consecration Sunday is a time to reflect on the blessings we've received, and consider how we will give back to God in a very tangible way.

Parents, this is a good time to speak to your children about giving, and help them develop their own discipline of regular, systematic giving. Each year on Consecration Sunday we have a celebration because every year many of us do make deliberate, faith-building decisions. We serve a soup and sandwich luncheon right after 10:00 worship that day. Make Consecration Sunday a significant part of your own faith and growth in Christ. And, 10:00 worshippers, make sure you stay for lunch!

Women's Epiphany Retreat:

Come to Fowler on **January 2-4, 2015**, to the comfort of Chi Rho and inspiration of the Adirondacks, and let's be intentional about discovering the gifts we own, naming the talents of our amazing, diverse sisterhood and consider how powerful our collective potential can be! Laurie Cooper will lead us in this fellowship of our First Reformed Scotia Women! Save your spot today. There is still time to sign up! Cost is **\$135** per person, meals are included. Assistance may be available. See Kristin Bodden for further information. **Sign up by December 1, 2014.** Make checks out to "First Reformed Church of Scotia."

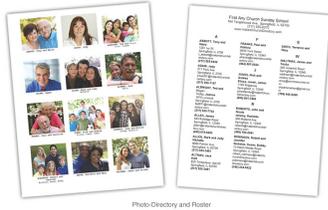


Photo-Directory and Roster

Photos/Online Church Directory:

Our Congregational Care Council is creating an online church directory for us. An online directory is just what it sounds like: photos, names, telephone numbers and email addresses for all of our church's members and friends. A church directory is a very helpful tool for keeping us connected with one another at church.

There are real advantages to an online directory compared to the commercially printed directories we've used in the past.

- We can keep an online directory up to date. The commercially printed directories are often already out of date when we take delivery of them. But with an online directory we can make changes whenever we want – when a child is born, when an address or phone number changes, or when someone dies. Any changes we make become effective immediately.
- Not only can you access the directory from your computer, but you can also access it from your tablet or smartphone.
- For those who don't use computers, we can print up to date directories whenever we want with our office photocopiers.
- After you have your picture taken, no one asks you to purchase prints or Christmas cards. Moreover, the cost to the church is minimal.
- You can change your picture whenever you want just by bringing or emailing an electronic picture you like better to the church office.

Security is a major concern in our day. Some will wonder whether or not information about you and your family is safe on the internet. Yes, it will be safe. Our online directory will be double password protected. Each participating household will get its own unique password that will give access to the server that hosts our directory. Those without a password cannot access this server at all. Once connected to the server, you will also need the password for our church. Internet search engines that "crawl" for data will not have access to your information.

We will take pictures for our online directory on Sundays November 9, 16 and 23. Our own Kristen Shave, whose undergraduate major was photography, will be taking photos. You can have yours taken after either the 8:00 or 10:00 service on November 9 or 23, or after the 10:00 service any of the three Sundays.

No matter whether you are a member or friend of our church, no matter whether or not you've been here for a long time or not long at all, make sure that we get your photo.

Question Of The Month - ANSWER:

The answer to this month's two-part Financial Question of the month is:

Part A: \$1,467 Part B: \$1,000

Learn what this month's two-part question is in the Family Finances article found elsewhere in this issue of *The Messenger*.

Kids Hope USA:

Fall is an incredibly busy time of year; days are filled with school, work, church, and extracurricular activities. It is easy to become swept away with the busyness of it all, isn't it? Amidst a flurry of daily activities, God offers us a simple idea to counteract frenzied feelings...prayer! Kids Hope USA has designated November as National Prayer Month. This provides opportunities for the KHUSA nationwide community to join together and pray specifically and intentionally for the KHUSA ministry as it is happening in your church, your community, and across the entire country.

As the First Reformed Church of Scotia Kids Hope mentors reunite with their students and meet new students this school year, we confidentially learn the needs of these children and their families. Kids Hope USA is especially powerful in their lives and the mentor's lives as the entire program is wrapped in a blanket of prayer. Nineteen prayer partners will regularly devote themselves to faithfully praying for individual stories and students' needs. Kids Hope USA even offers a prayer blog at <http://khusaprayer.wordpress.com/> to offer additional thoughts and guidance for prayer.

You don't need to be a mentor or prayer partner to pray for Kids Hope USA! Please consider November as a time to consider the program, its children and the mentors prayerfully. Research has consistently proven prayer to be one of the most successful, significant aspects of all Kids Hope programs nationwide! Want to know more? Contact Tee Munson, Director of Kids Hope, at frcstmunson@verizon.net or call 370-4751.

Violin/Piano Recital:

Save Saturday afternoon, November 15 at 4:00 for a piano recital that also features our own Olivia Munson on the violin and our Church Organist Justan Foster.



As a violinist in the Empire State Youth Orchestra for three years, Olivia Munson has played venues including Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Tanglewood and Carnegie Hall. This past summer, she was one of 95 students selected through rigorous audition for the New York State School of Orchestral Studies at Skidmore College. In addition to her role as the Principal Second Violin for the orchestra, Olivia was part of a group selected to work with Philadelphia Orchestra musicians through Project 440. Currently a junior at Duanesburg High School,

Olivia is hoping to pursue music performance and environmental studies in college.



Justan Foster has served as Organist at the First Reformed Church of Scotia since March of 2011. A graduate of the University at Albany and Columbia-Greene Community College, his academic career is focused on Literary Theory & Criticism and U.S. Public History. Justan has studied piano with Robert Nussbaum, of the Kingston Conservatory of Music, and Victoria von Arx, of the University at Albany. Justan has studied organ with Lonnie Kulick, also of the Kingston Conservatory of Music, Craig S. Williams, Organist at the West Point Cadet Chapel (USMA), Peter Mahigian, and noted composer Alfred V. Fedak, of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany, NY.

Justan writes the following: In 1757 Edmund Burke wrote his now famous treatise on how we interpret our polarized (even then!) world: sublime vs. beautiful. This fall I will present a piano recital featuring compositions that challenge the senses to determine the difference between tragedy and beauty – or decide if they are one and the same.

The program will feature works of Bach, Brahms, Liszt and Grieg, plus a few surprises. The program will also feature ESYO Violinist Olivia Munson. We hope you can attend and bring a friend along for the journey!

Stephen Ministry Moment:

Pastor Jan Hoffman writes our November Stephen Ministry Moment.

No Act of Love Is Ever Wasted

No Act of Love is Ever Wasted, a book by Jane Marie Thibault and Richard Morgan, has the subtitle, “The Spirituality of Caring for Persons with Dementia.” The book is written especially for those who love and care for people with dementia. Our church’s Stephen Ministers have read this book, and I use the book with the Caregivers Group that meets monthly.

My parents both died with Alzheimer’s Disease. It was very hard to watch them lose contact with their surroundings, with their beloved children, with long-developed habits and routines. When my dad cared for mom, he would sing old hymns and say the Lord’s Prayer with her. She’d be able to respond, and often joined in on a word or a phrase. We are grateful their pastor visited them frequently, and God seemed very present to both of them.

But church members sometimes lose touch with those who are no longer able to get to church, or those who cannot participate in church life in the same way they previously did. We find it hard to visit and we make excuses not to see people with dementia.

Yet there is a deep spiritual need that our friends are yearning to find or continue. This book gives very real answers and ideas to caregivers as they minister to the spiritual needs of family or friends. People need to know God’s love for them, and they need to know human love. That love transcends any illness.

There is also clear information for caregivers on the reality of dementia and the reality of caring for those with dementia. A chapter entitled, “Spiritual Needs of Caregivers” includes eight specific needs of care providers, including the first one:

Caregivers need to know that no act of love is ever a waste of time for them or the one they are caring for. They need reassurance that caring is important spiritual work, even if it is demeaned by society.

Our congregation is recruiting new Stephen Ministers, people who are trained to walk one-on-one with those who are undergoing life changes. Stephen Ministers know that we all need to be reminded of God’s love for us, no matter the situation.

Stephen Ministry is a ministry of one-on-one Christian caregiving in which a trained Stephen Minister confidentially comes alongside a person going through a life crisis or hard time in order to listen and be present for as long as necessary. For more information contact Stephen Ministry Leader Cheryl MacNeil, 382-8279, or speak with one of your pastors.



Christmas Pageant:

This year we’re excited to celebrate Christmas with a pageant at our 5:30 Christmas Eve service. We’ll have parts for anyone who is interested in helping create the Christmas Story in our very own congregation. Our pageant this year will include drama, movement and music! If you would like to be a part of this year’s program, sign up during coffee hour in Brink Hall or contact Kristin Bodden CCL for more information: 703-1327, frcskbodden@verizon.net.

Advent Resources:

This year we're thrilled to offer a collaborative devotional created by our talented, creative congregation. Thanks to Dave Walsh, we're able to put together a very special and unique resource for daily devotions this Advent season. Copies will be available at the end of November. We will also offer children's devotional resources as well as a variety of online options to help us all contemplate and understand Advent.

Advent Study:

Jan Hoffman will be facilitating a group devotional study this Advent, using the book *The Uncluttered Heart* by Beth A. Richardson. This resource helps us remember God in our lives, hearts, minds and spirits and reflect on the purity of the season from Advent to Epiphany. Pastor Jan will be offering two sessions for this study; Wednesday evenings at 7:15 and Sundays at 11:30. Sign up on the board by Pastor Craig's office. You can order your own text (available on amazon.com), or we can order it for you. Classes start the week of November 30.

Operation Christmas Child:

We'll be getting into the Christmas spirit a little early this year! Operation Christmas Child, the "shoebbox project" of Samaritan's Purse is a great way to help create a warm, happy Christmas for a child in need. Here's how it works: you grab a shoebox; fill it up with small toys, school supplies, and/or personal hygiene items; add a personal note; then drop it off at church. (There are flyers with suggestions of gifts for a boy or girl.) You can even track your box as it is shipped across the world to make a child's Christmas that much brighter.

We will have some shoeboxes available or you can use your own. All boxes should be back at church by November 23 so that we can send them out for the children to get in time for Christmas!

We ask that you include the \$7.00, if you are able, for the cost to ship each box. Any questions or assistance with shipping costs, see Kristin Bodden, Coordinator of Christian Living, 703-1327 or frcskbodden@verizon.net.



Giving Back During The Christmas Season:

Here are ways to include your church's missions in your Christmas gift-giving plans.

Our Missions Council will again have a Mitten Tree to collect hats, mittens, scarves and toys for the Salvation Army. Toys are for children through 12 years of age. The Salvation Army will distribute them through their gift-giving program. Please don't wrap your gifts. The deadline for bringing them to the church is Sunday, December 7 for delivery December 12. But why not bring them with you to our Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, November 30? It will add to our festivities if we remember others in our community.

The Salvation Army also needs volunteers. Call 346-0222 to sign up to help sort the toys for distribution on December 17 and 18, to ring the bell at the Christmas Red Kettles, or to help on Thanksgiving and Christmas day packing meals for needy senior citizens Meals on Wheels program. *Evangeline Booth Miracle Home* – A 21-bed shelter for homeless women and children is in need of towels and washcloths, feminine hygiene products, sheets, blankets and other linen for single beds.

The City Mission of Schenectady offers a Christmas Toy Store to families in need. The Toy Store needs volunteers to sort and wrap gifts. Call 346-2275 to volunteer.



BIRTHDAYS!

Carol Arnold	2
Susan Bogardus	2
Sue Penn	3
Karl Griffith	5
Rebecca Carpenter	9
Cathy Deamer	9
Mark Lansing	10
Kathy Reynolds	10
Glenda Lewis	11
Bob Hummer	12
Tim Monaghan	12
Donna Ahnert	13
Debra Griffith	14
Bob Cooper	15
Emil Jarczynski	15
Kelly Kilgallen	15
Faith Libby	18
Opal Oaks	18
Ed Naumowicz	19
Dorothy Horstkkotte	20
Margaret Walker	20
Michael Carpenter	21
Bob Atwood	23
Nelson Corby	23
Richard Crisi	23
Dorothy Brooks	24
Steve Eddy	25
Natalie Monaghan	25
Henry Kohout	27
Milton Barton	28
Sarah Hoffmann	29
Pat VanPatten	29
Mike Atchley	30
Mike Torelli	30
Richard Doyle	31
Beth Vaccaro	31

ANNIVERSARIES!

Bill and Natalie Monaghan	1
John Sr. and Emily Pierce	10
Kurt and Donna Ahnert	11
Don and Maureen Bekkering	26
Dirk and Linda Francois	28
Tom and Karen Pirigyi	28
Jim and Kim Pierce	29
Duane and Pat VanPatten	29

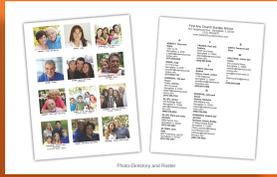


Please note: We list the birthdays and anniversaries of our church's local active members and friends. If we missed yours, please call the church office, 370-4751. Thank you.

November 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 7:00 PM Yoga Class w/ Nancy Tobieszen 7:15 PM Congregational Care Council	27 7:00 PM Yoga Class w/ Nancy Tobieszen 7:15 PM Congregational Care Council	28 10:00 AM NBTS Coffee - Memorial Lounge (Jan)	29 6:30 AM Bible Study AM - ML 12:15 PM Bible Study PM - LH 7:15 PM Kerygma Psalms Series - Heather Kramer - LH	30 9:00 AM Morning Bells - BR 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal - S	31	1 BUILDING &...Fall Work Day
2 COMMUNION	3 6:00 PM Fowler Harvest Gathering, Glen Sanders Mansion 7:00 PM Yoga Class w/ Nancy Tobieszen	4 7:00 PM Christian Ed Meeting-ML	5 6:30 AM Bible Study AM - ML 12:15 PM Bible Study PM - LH 7:15 PM Kerygma Psalms Series - Heather Kramer - LH 7:15 PM Admin Council	6 9:00 AM Morning Bells - BR 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal - S	7 TBS 5:00 PM WEDDING RE-HEARSAL	8
9 MEMBER PH...OTH SERVICES 11:30 AM Jan- Mission Trip Meeting - ML	10 9:30 AM Tee- Trainging-Kids Hope 7:00 PM Yoga Class w/ Nancy Tobieszen 7:15 PM Consistory Meeting	11 VETERANS DAY 11:30 AM Caregivers Meeting - ML 7:15 PM STEPHEN MINISR-TY - ML	12 6:30 AM Bible Study AM - ML 12:15 PM Bible Study PM - LH 6:00 PM Safe Driving Course	13 9:00 AM Morning Bells - BR 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal - S	14	15 4:00 PM RECITAL-JUSTAN & OLIVIA MUNSON
16 MEMBER PH...DURING 10am RCA mission...lyn Otterness	17 7:00 PM Yoga Class w/ Nancy Tobieszen	18	19 6:30 AM Bible Study AM - ML 12:15 PM Bible Study PM - LH 1:30 PM Sharing & Caring - ML 6:00 PM Safe Driving Course	20 9:00 AM Morning Bells - BR 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal - S	21	22 9:00 AM FROGS Meet - Kitchen
23 MEMBER PH...OTH SERVICES	24 7:00 PM Yoga Class w/ Nancy Tobieszen 7:15 PM CONGRESSIONAL CARE	25 7:15 PM BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - ML	26 6:30 AM Bible Study AM - ML 12:15 PM Bible Study PM - LH 7:30 PM Worship	27 THANKSGIVING-CLOSED	28 CLOSED	29
30 HANGING OF...BRINK HALL FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 11:30 AM Uncluttered Heart Advent Sturdy - LH	1 7:15 PM Admin Council	2 11:00 AM Circle Joanna Holiday Party - Rm 1	3 6:30 AM Bible Study AM - ML 12:15 PM Bible Study PM - LH 7:15 PM Uncluttered Heart Advent Sturdy - LH	4 9:00 AM Morning Bells - BR 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal - S	5	6 9:00 AM KRANKEN-BOESSKERS

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**Hanging Of
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