

Our Daily Bread

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
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JANUARY 2025

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy new year! I pray that the new year will be a blessing for each of you. I know that some of you may have made New Year's resolutions. I never had any luck keeping New Year's resolutions for more than a few days. Then one year, many years ago, I made a resolution that I've kept ever since. I resolved never to make New Year's resolutions again.

While resolutions seem wonderful. The new year is like turning over a new leaf. It seems a perfect time to start something new. But the reality is New Year's Day feels just the same as New Year's Eve. The days go on without much change as the new year dawns.

While I'm not a fan of resolutions, January is a good time to review our habits, both good and bad from the last year. And doing so you may find that you spend too much time on social media (not me!), not enough time with family, or not enough time spent reading scripture.

I encourage you to find time to study and reflect on God's word. And January, when the weather is often bad and outdoor activities curtailed, is an excellent time to start. You will be glad you did.

Janet

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I am acknowledging those of you who participate in the Worship Service each month. We would love to have everyone who worships here be a part of the Worship Service.

Special thanks in December go to:

1. The liturgists –Pat Nash and Thomas Boyanton
2. The greeters – Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
3. Those who brought snacks for after worship –Pat Nash, Elizabeth Price, Steve and Alice Anne Perry
4. Lori Gast for being the Gatekeeper
5. Lori Gast for filling the candles with oil
6. The after worship refreshment time is hosted by Church Life with help from Steve Perry and Pat Nash
7. Pat Nash for preparing the communion
8. William Boyanton for helping clear off the communion table and taking the dirty dishes to the kitchen.
9. Elders serving communion: Pat Nash and Joe Alexander
10. The Ushers –Ivan Yuhanna and Joe Alexander
11. Heidi Yuhanna for our music, and for leading the choir for our Anthems
12. William Boyanton for being the acolyte

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 1 Jackie Holley
January 1 Sonia Wills
January 3 Jim Enoch
January 9 Ivan Yuhanna
January 10 Michelle Kalu
January 18 Joe Alexander
January 22 Amanda Yuhanna
January 26 Lori Gast

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our leaders, our Presbytery, our church, the Session, our troops, Lorrinda and Joe Alexander, Makia and Mireille Epie, Martha Brashear, Thomas Alexander, continued prayers for Bryson, the church and nation of Ukraine, Makia's people in Cameroon, DeSoto Food Pantry, Max Jewell is at home, but needs continued prayers, the natural disasters that just keep coming – prayers for the people affected by them, immigrants at the borders, travel mercies for all our members traveling. Chikezie is very weak, Christians in Pakistan, the Hamas-Israel War, prayers for those who are hungry and cold, Janet Boyanton, Joan Christy is still recovering in a nursing/rehabilitation facility, Bill Gast, Nym had double pneumonia, fires on each coast, travel mercies for all our friends traveling this holiday season, Johanna Fleenor, Lorrinda Alexander, Bryan Booth-Krueger, Manfred Enoch, family members and friends who are sick

CELEBRATIONS

We would like to thank Joe and Russell for all the hard work they did on the building after a tree fell on part, we are celebrating our staff, Janet thanks Heidi and all the children of every age who put on the pageant, Michelle will be going back to school soon – and she'll be graduating in June, Spencer and Brayden will be going back to school in early January

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following is the new treasurer's report.

November 2024

Bank balance	\$25,555
Expenses	\$6,310
Dedicated Funds	\$10,551
Available Funds	\$15,504

Plus there are investments totaling \$77,587 not immediately available to us and are volatile. The figure to hang our hats on is the **available funds**.

Please continue to support the church with the 3 T's – Time, Talent, and Treasure. Thank you,
Respectfully submitted,
Lori Gast, Treasurer.

STATED SESSION MEETING

Our next Stated Session Meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2025 at 12:15 p.m. in the Rainbow Room. Lori Gast is going to lead the devotional and opening prayer. If you cannot make it, please let Lori Gast know – (214) 218-7784.

Isaiah 41:10 (MSG)

“Don't panic. I'm with you. There's no need to fear for I'm your God. I'll give you strength. I'll help you. I'll hold you steady, keep a firm grip on you.”

Dear God, please help us to have a healthy appreciation about fear. Let it spur us to action when necessary, and let it always prompt us to seek you in prayer and keep us closer to you. Amen.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 10:30 AM Un-Decorate the church
5 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service w/ communion	6	7 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	8	9 10:00 AM Art Group	10	11
12 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service with Installation of new Ruling Elders	13	14 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	15	16 10:00 AM Art Group	17	18
19 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:15 PM Stated Session Meeting	20	21 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	22	23 10:00 AM Art Group	24	25
26 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service	27	28 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	29	30	31	

