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NEWS TO PERUSE

The Official Newsletter of First Presbyterian Chruch of Hayfield

What's coming up!

Dec 5 **Hayfield Holiday Fest**
Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Dec 6 **Share Christmas items due**

Dec 9 **PFP & Session**

Dec 13 **Children's Program**
no AM worship service

Dec 24 **Christmas Eve Service**
5:30 pm worship

Dec 25 **Merry Christmas**



Children's Program December 13

4:00 PM Cookie Sale in the Pine Room

5:00 PM Worship & Children's Christmas Program

After the service: A Soup & Sides Supper
free will donation accepted



We are so grateful for the outpouring of Love from our community for Thanksgiving in a Bag. This year we had 51 Families eligible from the Hayfield Community School District register for Thanksgiving in a Bag. Seven area congregations participated. Whether you donated food items, money, or your time in volunteering it does not go unnoticed. We are thankful for YOU and we know that several of our local families will now have an enjoyable Thanksgiving!
Thank you for your generosity!



FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

We have reached that time of year again. Now what you call "this time of year" depends on your beliefs and traditions, of course. Some might call it the holiday season or Christmas season, but officially in the Christian Church it is the season of Advent. You might ask what date Advent starts on, and for this year that is November 29. It does not always start on that date though because it always consists of the four Sundays before Christmas, so that means it can be as short as 22 days and as long as 28 days.

Advent is mainly a season of anticipation as we look forward to the celebration of God coming to us in Jesus, but it is also more than just looking forward to that day because it is anticipation with purpose. Each Sunday of Advent we have a different focus that is represented in the candles that we light around the Christ candle in the front of the sanctuary. The particular order that is often used is Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

These are all good things to focus on each Advent season, but I'm wondering if I might suggest one more attribute that may need a little focus in some of our lives in this 'season'. That attribute, which also happens to be one of the Fruits of the Spirit, is patience. Patience is something that I don't think gets a lot of attention in our culture today, probably because no one has really figured out a way to make a product to monetize it.

I think most will agree that it is a character trait that is not easy to cultivate in our culture of speed and convenience. You might even wonder if it really that important at all since life is so much faster all-around these days. I want to suggest that it might even be more valuable of a trait in these times because of how fast everything is moving. In the past, someone might not have to work too hard at being a patient person because life sort of forced you into that way of being because everything took so long.

If we just look back a couple generations we can see that technology has made it possible to do almost everything faster. We can cook, clean, drive, write, shop, and even play faster than we ever did. Now I appreciate all of these technological advances, but it is curious that it doesn't seem to have made us feel more content or satisfied with life in general than the generations before us. At least part of the reason for that might be because we seem to never reach the end of our desire to do or achieve more. Our nature seems to be to quickly take for granted that many things in life happen faster and then wonder why it can't even be faster than that.

Often, the Advent season seems to speed us up even more with all the planning for family get-togethers and church programs and shopping to get done. My hope is that this year we all might be able to take time to enjoy some moments of quiet and reflection and gratitude which all can lead us to develop the fruit of patience in our lives. Maybe you'll find yourself in a line which can be a great time to practice all these things because lines still seem to take as long as they ever did.

Blessings,

Brad

Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS

December 6

Lay Leader	Sarah Gunderson
Usher/Greeter	Josh Jacobsen
Coffee Hour	David & Kayla
Counters	Jim & Nancy

December 13

Lay Leader:	Tara Becker
No morning worship	
Children's Program at 5:00	
Counters	Nancy & Kayla

December 20

Lay Leader	Astyn Kramer
Usher/Greeter	David & Judy
Coffee Hour	Jodi Good
Counters	Kayla & Tara

December 27

Lay Leader	David Johnson
Usher/Greeter	Mark Peterson
Coffee Hour	Jon & Kim
Counters	Tara & Kristi

Happy Birthday!

Dec 2 - Tom Kramer
Dec 4 - Vera Reese
Dec 5- Con Boekhout
Dec 6 - Harlan Buck
Dec 7 - Lynn Wanzek
Dec 9 - Grayden Gunderson
Dec 13 - Croix Johnson
Dec 16 - Kendall Olson
Dec 17 - Jackson Heydt
Dec 18 - Randy Stanton
Dec 19 - Tryg Kramer
Dec 24 - Evie Cole
Dec 27 - Patty Kvasnicka
Dec 29 - Kam Kramer
Dec 30 - Jenna Johnson

Happy Anniversary!

Dec 23 - Dave & Judy Livingston
Dec 28 - Tom & LaVae Kramer



DONATE ONLINE

Want to ring the bell for the Salvation Army on the afternoon of December 5? Contact Pastor Brad

Financial Information

General Fund

Last 4 Weeks
$6,945
Budget for 4 weeks
$8,878