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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASONS

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE IN OUR FAMILY OF FAITH

LET US MAKE A JOYFUL MOISE UNTO OUR GOD

DECEMBER 5: The second Sunday of Advent will be celebrated with the lighting of the second advent candle and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. There will be church school.

DECEMBER 10: The third Sunday of Advent and the lighting of the candles. Rev. Nelson will be using a wee bit o drama and will do a "character monologue" as our sermon. There is church school.

DECEMBER 10: 5:00 P.M. WORSHIP!

HANGING OF THE GREENS

A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS IN LESSONS
AND CAROLS AND DECORATIONS

This is something new for us! It is a very old tradition. The Hanging of the Greens is a celebration for the whole family. As we sing and tell the story of the birth of our Lord, we will be decorating our **sanctuary**. This one will be a real **blast...we** have our own Sanctuary to decorate for the first time in 6 **years**. Dress is casual of course.

DECEMBER 18: THE CHRISTMAS PLAY!

Our morning worship will feature a presentation of the Christmas Story by the our young people. There is no church school, nursery •care provided.

DECEMBER 24: 6:32 CHRISTMAS EVE!

Carols, Scripture, Story, Communion and Lighting the Christ candle **and** sharing the light make this a beautiful and wonderful experience. All ages are welcome. This service is perfect for those who prefer **an** informal atmosphere and a time that the whole family can worship **as well** as those who love the traditional "candlelight service".

DECEMBER 25 11:16 CHRISTMAS DAY!

Yep, it only happens every so. often and this year is the year ... Its Christmas on a Sunday. Wow, • perfect time to atone for all those thoughts you had while putting that gift together last night. It **is** a service full at carols and stories and fun for all ages. The wee ones are welcome and there is no nursery.

JANUARY 1, 1989; 10:00 NEW YEARS DAY

Start the New Year off with worship. Kids, wake the parental units up bright and early on New **Years Day** and say, "RISE AND SHINE ... WE'RE GOING TO WORSHIP." The service is for all ages and no church school **or** nursery will be available.

JANUARY 6, 10:00 EPIPHANY!

Epiphany is the celebration of the wisemens visit to baby Jesus. I would count on some very **special** guests and a surprize or two. **Church** School gets going again.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP HAPPENINGS

CHRISTMAS CAROLING ...

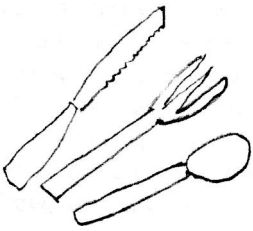
DECEMBER 11, 6:28 P.M. (Following the hanging of the greens)



Take off into the streets of greater Tualatin to carol to your hearts content. In years past, we have had a riot doing this and we invite you to join those of hearty voice and spirit and sing. **Dress for caroling and bring a flashlight.** We will be going on foot, off the cuff and with you on hand ... we hope!

PROGRESSIVE DINNER ...

DECEMBER 10, 6:00 (Hope you signed up for this)



We dine progressively again this year. We will begin with scrumptious morsels to whet the appetite at church from 6:00 to 7:12. Then, we hop into our cars and head for our second stop ... MAIN COURSE. You will be with 12-14 people for this part of your feast and will be a guest in one of our host homes. Pushing back from the table, you ask where's dessert? Off you go to course three in yet another home. It promises to be another night of food-fun Tualatin Pres. style.

COOKIE EXCHANGE ...

DECEMBER 18, FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE



Each year, at Christmas time, holiday bakers across this great land of ours lament over the same problem. "I love to bake one kind of cookie until they **are** coming out of my ears; but to change ingredients, **wash** the bowls and start on a different batch ... I can't even think about the hassle without going cross-eyed". What **are** the options?...Don't bake' Or, bake only one kind of cookie (like 4-10 dozen of those beauties) and package them in one dozen lots and bring them to the COOKIE EXCHANGE ON DEC. 18. Sounds pretty great'

FREE BABYSITTING FOR PARENTS WHO NEED TO SHOP:

YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT FROM THE JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP:

DECEMBER 18, 12:00-2:30 (RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP)



The Junior Highs have a gift for you! They **will** sit for your children at church while you go shopping. You just bring a sack lunch for your little darlings and off you go. Wow' If this isn't proof of Divine Existence, I don't know what is. Thanks Kids!!!!

CHRISTMAS PLAY CASTING CALL

ANYONE INTERESTED IN BEING IN OUR CHRISTMAS PLAY ON DECEMBER 18 DURING WORSHIP MUST ATTEND A SHORT MEETING THIS SUNDAY FROM 11 :45-12:00. ALL ACTORS AND HELPERS MUST BE ABLE TO REHEARSE DECEMBER 11TH, 12:00-1:00 P.M. AND DECEMBER 17, 10:00-12:00. ACTORS MUST BE FIRST GRADE AND ABOVE (THE PRESCHOOL CLASS IS ALREADY IN OUR PLAY AND WILL REHEARSE DURING CHURCH SCHOOL.). IF YOU'RE UNABLE TO BE HERE ON SUNDAY THE 4TH, BUT WOULD LIKE TO BE AN ACTOR, PLEASE CALL THOM OR CINDY NELSON IMMEDIATELY. CASTING WILL BE COMPLETED SUNDAY THE 4TH OF DECEMBER.

SINGLES GROUP MEETS MONTHLY

THE SINGLES GROUP MEETS EACH FIRST SUNDAY FOR BRUNCH AT CHARLIE'S IN TUALATIN. THIS MONTH'S HOST IS NANCY CAMPBELL. ALL SINGLES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. CALL NANCY FOR DETAILS.

MARINER SHIPS PROVE SEAWORTHY

AVAST ME HEARTIES. NEWS FROM THE POOPDECK IS THAT ALL THREE SHIPS ARE AFLOAT AND FLYING THEIR COLORS. MARINERS ARE OUR THREE FELLOWSHIP GROUPS. ALL THREE HAVE CHOSEN NAMES. GET ALOAD OF THESE NAMES ... "LIGHTS IN THE NIGHT", "THE FILET OF SOULS" AND THE "FLOUNDERS". NEW CREW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME ... JUST CALL THE OFFICE OR CATCH HOLD OF ADMIRAL MIKE "POOPDECK" GEHLEN.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 1989

JIM TWEEDIE AND BILL FRELK ARE FINISHING UP THE CAMPAIGN. THE SESSION WILL BE BUDGETING FOR 1989 AT THE DECEMBER MEETING AND REPORTING TO YOU IN JANUARY. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO RESPONDED WITH GIFTS

TO OUR SHARED MINISTRY T.P.C.
IF YOU HAVE NOT YET RETURNED A PLEDGE CARD, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS YOU CAN.

YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

JUNIOR HIGHS:

DECEMBER 4, 1:00-4:00

ICE SKATING!

BRING A LUNCH TO CHURCH AND WE WILL LEAVE AT 1:00 FOR LLOYD CENTER. COST TO SKATE: \$3.50. WE WILL RETURN TO THE CHURCH BY 4:00. BRING A LUNCH TO CHURCH AND WE CAN EAT BEFORE WE GO,

DECEMBER 10, 1:00-3:00

XMAX TREE CUTTING

JOURNEY TO THE WAHL FOREST TO SELECT AND CUT THE CHURCH'S CHRISTMAS TREE. GOODIES AND HOT COCOA FOLLOW.

DECEMBER 18, 11:45-2:30

BABYSITTING

BE HERE TO TAKE CARE OF CHILDREN FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT TO THE CHURCH. BRING A LUNCH WITH YOU.

CALL CINDY NELSON FOR DETAILS ON ANY OF OUR ACTIVITIES.

AFTER • THE 18TH THE GROUP WILL NOT MEET UNTIL JANUARY 8.

SENIOR HIGHS:

ORNAMENT AND DESSERT PARTY

5:30 DECEMBER 4, AT CHURCH. WE WILL MAKE THE ORNAMENTS FOR THE TREE AND FEAST UPON DESSERTS, JASON AND STACIE WILL BE DOING STAINED GLASS ORNAMENTS AND CINDY WILL BE **DOING** DOUGH ART WITH US.

ICE SKATING

WHAT A CHRISTMAS KIND OF THING TO DO ... STRAP ON THE BLADES AND FEEL THE COOL BREEZE IN YOUR FACE. TIME WILL BE DECIDED AT OUR ORNAMENT PARTY.

CALL THOM FOR ANY DETAILS. BRING A FRIEND'

WE WILL NOT MEET AGAIN UNTIL THE 8TH OF JANUARY.

BIRTHDAY CHICKENS

One, two, three ... the pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters hit the bottom of our chicken basket as the congregation counts out the years. Our birthday dedication will not be found in any of the directories for the corporate worship of God, but this has become an important part of our T.P.C. liturgy. It is not only fun, it is meaningful and also produces results. It is meaningful because it reminds us that another year is a gift from God to be dedicated as such. It brings results because the money goes to Heifer Project International. Heifer Project is a World-wide Service Organization. The idea started with a Korean Missionary who came up with a way to help people toward self-development without creating a welfare system. Heifer Project deals in pigs, cows, rabbits etc., but we buy chickens because they are "cheep". A chick costs fifty cents. Once a need is identified, a starter flock of chicks are given to a family. They raise this flock until it supports them with eggs and money from the sell of eggs and chickens. They then, in turn, give a starter flock to someone else. Sometimes our money goes to far off places world-wide other times we have helped people in this country. So, when you celebrate a birthday the joy is not just yours, or ours, but a joy that spreads in a wonderful way.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY TO THE P.C. (USA) CHRISTMAS OFFERING. THE OFFERING GOES TO SUPPORT THOSE WHO DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MINISTRY IN THE P.C. (US) AND IN RETIREMENT LIVE WITHOUT PENSIONS OR ADEQUATE INCOME. THE OFFERING ALSO SUPPORTS MINORITY EDUCATION AT OUR VERY FINE Presbyterian COLLEGES. SO BE KIND AND GENEROUS. MAKE THE CHECK TO T.P.C. FOR "XMAS OFFERING". THANKS

*Merry Christmas
John*

DR. JOHN CONCLUDES CLASS

THE DOCUMENT "RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHRISTIANS AND JEWS", A STUDY PAPER FOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES, WAS A FUN AND THOUGHT PROVOKING PROCESS. DR. ANDERSON WAS GREAT. THERE IS SOME CONTINUING TALK ABOUT A SMALL GROUP STUDY TO DEAL NOT ONLY WITH THE AFFIRMATIONS BUT WITH THE EXPLICATIONS OF EACH OF THE SEVEN AFFIRMATIONS. WE WILL LET YOU **KNOW** IF WE CAN PULL THIS OFF.

MORIAH IS COMING

MANY OF US REMEMBER THE SUNDAY **WHEN** THE DIRECTORS OF THE PLAY "**MORIAH**":

GRACED OUR WORSHIP. REMEMBER I TOLD YOU WE WOULD ATTEMPT TO GET THE WHOLE PLAY HERE ... BUT IT WOULD BE A REAL COUP IF WE COULD. WELL, MORIAH MEANS GOD WILL PROVIDE, AND "MORIAH" IS GOING TO BE HERE AT THIS CHURCH ON APRIL 16 FROM 6-9 P.M. CALENDAR THIS ONE GANG. IT IS WONDERFUL AND WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE IT HERE.

To The Saints

In the past few weeks, 3 wonderful people in our congregation have died, two new babies have been born, and we have learned that the Prindivilles will be leaving for North Carolina. I caught my first Salmon on a self tied fly. I have had strep-throat, "the cold" and God knows what else that makes me feel like I did last Sunday. But, "Moriah" is coming.

Life has its up and downs... Sometimes you feel like a million bucks and sometimes you feel like a thief has stolen your very soul. Sometimes I feel blessed beyond joy and others just plain ripped off. Isn't there a message somewhere in the rush of Christmas that tells us "even when the world looks to be dying ... life will bloom again.?" God is an old hand at this stuff by now ... but God continues to teach us that love has the final word, no matter what we may think. I am blessed to share life with 'you, my faith family, and wish for us the joy of Christmas. May we see 'God descending the stairway from heaven with a baby in God's arms.

church family news

WE LIFT OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS TO GOD

DIANE BARRY welcomed her parents for Thanksgiving. **Lynne Bolton's** mom continues to do pretty well while undergoing treatment for cancer. **Don Bond** has a new job. **Da n and Becky Rodes Bruns** ready themselves for their move to Seattle. **Pam and Scott Cameron** welcomed daughter Shelley home for Thanksgiving. **Susan Collier** has moved into her new digs at Charbonneau. **Matt Crall** has made the academic olympic team at Tigard High. **Marge and Walt Dean and Erv and Esther Hueckstaedt** are off to Fla. for a vacation. **Regina Dobson** has a new job. **Teresa and Gary Gaskill** are the parents of a brand new baby boy ... **Alexander**. **Dave Graham** has taken a job in Eugene. It sure is great having **Kay Hopkins** back with our family of faith. **Jane and John Lawler** are expecting a baby. **The Prindiville Family** is moving to **Ashville, N.C.** Wayne has accepted a job as pilot for a paper company. He begins Dec. 1 but the rest of the Prindiville clan will be around for a while more. Great to have **Trudy Voogd** back and thanks for the guitar playing in worship Trudy. **Jane Hortons father**, who struggles with cancer, is home. He continues to slip ... keep Jim and Jane and the family in your prayers. **Janet and Gordie Winterrowd** are the beamingly proud parents of a new daughter named **Molly**. **Molly and Alexander Gaskill were born the same day.** (this kind of planning make hospital calling very easy, thanks...the management)

IN MEMORY OF THE SAINTS

WE DO NOT MOURN, AS THOSE WHO HAVE NO HOPE BUT OUR SORROW GIVES WAY
TO THE JOY GRANTED IN THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

William (Bill) lachow's life was celebrated by family and friends in a witness to the resurrection service conducted by Rev. Nelson. Bill, the father of **Herb Zachow**, has been a long time friend of this congregation. A memorial fund for- the new P.A. system has been established in memory of Bill.

Shirley Elings died following surgery at OHSU. Shirley fought systemic Lupus for many years and was a member of our church. Her faith and zest, in the face of adversity, is a great testimony to the God of grace and glory. Shirley was an occupational therapist and a very fine musician. The memorial service was conducted by Rev. Nelson and was a real celebration of Shirley's life and the resurrection in Christ. Our prayers continue for her mom Sonja and her step-dad Lowell, both longtime friends of our family of faith. Memorials may be given to T.P.C. "Shirley Fund" to be used for our music program.

Norman Remington died in Meridian Park Hospital last Tuesday evening. Norm was a member of our church. He and his. wife **Helen**, both in their eighties, loved our church and especially all the kids. They became our congregational grandparents. Norm had leukemia and battled it for the past six months. Helen's kids are both here and she is doing well.

MEMORIAL SERVICE OF NORMAN REMINGTON IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 AT 1:00 P.M. IN OUR SANCTUARY. Memorial gifts may be given to T.P.C. for our new P.A. system.

<u>SUNDAY</u>				1	2	3 1:00 MEMORIAL NORM REMINGTON	D E C E M B E R 8 8
MENS' BRKFST 4 WORSHIP 1:00 J-H. SKATING 5:30 S-HIGH	5 6:45 JOYFUL NOISE 7:30 BIBLE	6 7:30 FELLOWSHIP	7 BIBLE STUDY 9:30	8 7:30 CHOR	9 7:30 WORSHIP COMM.	10 1:00 J-H. TREE PARTY 6:00 DINNER PROGRESSIVE	
WORSHIP 11 12-1 PLAY PRACTICE 5:00 HANG GREENS CAROLING	12 7:30 BIBLE STUDY	13	14 BIBLE STUDY 9:30	15 NO OUTREACH COMM.	16	17 10-12 PLAY PRACTICE	
MENS BRKFST 18 WORSHIP XMAS PLAY JR-HG. SITTING	19 7:30 BIBLE	20	21	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP 6:32	
25 11:16 WORSHIP CHRISTMAS	26	27	28	29	30	31 1ST SUN WORSHIP 10:00	

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