



THE CHURCH'S LIFE  
 News of the First Presbyterian Church  
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## Christmas Joy Special Offering Received on Sunday, December 18

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and provides financial assistance to future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us...  
 —JOHN 1:14

CHRISTMAS JOY  
 SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
 LEADERSHIP, PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE  
 NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 18

May our gifts, and the leaders who receive them, point us always to the truth of the one whose birth we celebrate, Jesus Christ - the perfect gift. When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.



"The money you give goes directly to students and keeps them in college. Like me, many students often feel like they are hanging by a thread. Your donation fills in the threads and makes a rope — a lifeline of financial assistance."

Kyley Thompson,  
 Graduate, Stillman College,  
 Tuscaloosa, AL  
 Student,  
 University of Alabama,  
 Master of Library and  
 Information Science degree

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"How greatly we understand the uniqueness of the Presbyterian Church in its call to help people as Christ commands. And now, having so carefully laid out the importance of giving to the Christmas Joy Offering in the rural area congregations where Ben was pastor, we are so grateful to directly benefit from such financial assistance in our great need since Ben's stroke."

Helen Whitfield, wife of Rev. Ben Franklin Whitfield,  
 Honorably Retired, Rochester, IN

# Worship

## Christmas Cantata Presented during worship on December 18th

The 2022 Cantata will be a simpler, quieter presentation of the story of the birth of Jesus presented by the adult choir and narrators.

Readings from scripture will be followed by prayerful commentary and choral selections.

Please join us for Worship at FPC on Sunday, 18 December at 10:00am, to hear this account of the Messiah's arrival.

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service of Lessons and Carols Saturday, December 24th 7:00pm



Join us for a Christmas Eve "Service of Lessons and Carols" at 7:00pm!

The service will include scripture readings from the Old and the New Testament foretelling the coming of the Messiah. Many familiar carols will be sung as well, telling the story of Jesus's coming into the world at Christmas. And at the end of the service the lights will be turned down and candlelight will fill the worship space as we sing "Silent Night" together. Join us for this family-friendly service!

## No Worship Service on Sunday, December 25th

The Worship Committee and the Session have decided not to hold worship services on Sunday morning, December 25th, at 10:00am, as we will have worshipped on Saturday evening the 24th, and felt Sunday could be dedicated to spending time with family.

# Stewardship

## Thank You for Your Financial Support for 2023



A special thank you to everyone who has pledged their financial support to FPC in 2023! To date, \$109,940 has been pledged. If you have not made your pledge, please send your pledge card to the church as soon as possible or contact Dave at the church office ([info@fpcoregonwi.org](mailto:info@fpcoregonwi.org) or 608-835-3082), so we can finalize the church budget for 2023. You may also ask Dave to send you a pledge card if yours has been misplaced.

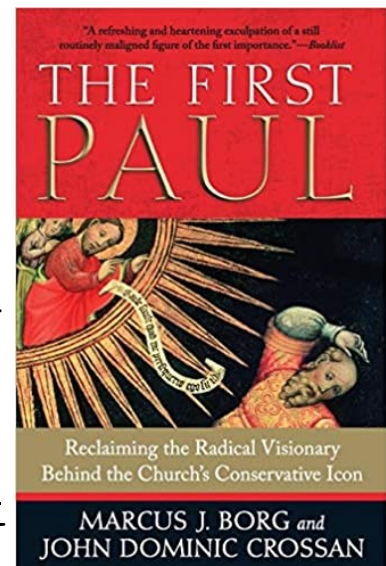
# Christian Ed

## Adult Bible Study - 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

The adult bible study course resumed this fall, and continues through December and January. George Jura has generously agreed to lead the group again. The group will meet via Zoom the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month.

This fall and winter we are reading:

The First Paul: Reclaiming the Radical Visionary Behind the Church's Conservative Icon by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan.



All members of the church, and friends, are welcome to participate. Please let Mike Fahey, [mikefaheywi@gmail.com](mailto:mikefaheywi@gmail.com), know if you are interested in participating.

# Mission



## PPOW for December

As many of you know, we are having a chili lunch and holiday cookie exchange on December 11 after church (see related article.) Please join us!

In October you donated 135 toothbrushes! Add that to 26 bars of soap and 23 tubes of toothpaste and we had plenty to give out to our PPOW families in November. Also, in November 30 cans of fruit were collected and will be given out with in December. The Oregon Area Food Pantry also gave us turkeys for Thanksgiving. Thank you OAFP!

From our PPOW families and the Mission Committee...thank you for your generosity throughout 2022! What will be collecting in 2023? Watch this newsletter for January's item!

## Chili Lunch and Cookie Exchange December 11th



December 4th was the last day to sign up on the fellowship board for lunch after church on December 11th. If you missed the deadline and want to attend, contact one of the people listed below as soon as possible.

Mission committee will provide chili and the fixings in exchange for a minimum of four dozen *freshly baked* cookies/bars.

*Freshly baked* can be homemade or bakery bought; but please, no mass produced packaged cookies like Oreos.

We will first fill containers for our 12 PPOW families, then will enjoy the rest onsite and divide up the remainder to take home ourselves!

As always, we so appreciate your support of our PPOW families!

## Bell Ringers Needed!



The Salvation Army is looking for bell ringers to help bring in funds over the holiday season. There are a number of locations in the area - including Oregon, Stoughton, and McFarland -- with some being inside, some outside. There are time slots for 1 hour and 2 hour shifts. It's fun to do it with a friend or family member, and it's great to see one's neighbors as they go about their shopping.

It is very easy to sign up online -- Visit <https://www.registertoring.com/default.aspx> where you can choose your location, date and time. The campaign goes through Saturday, December 24.

Let us know how it goes! The Salvation Army is a Mission Partner of First Presbyterian Church, Oregon. If you have any questions please contact Nancy Freeman Wallace at 608-212-4140.

## Birthday Party!



The family of Inez Toepfer invites the members and friends of FPC to this birthday celebration:

Please join us for  
**Inez's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party**  
Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>  
Halverson's  
1965 Barber Drive  
Stoughton, WI  
5:00pm  
Dinner and cake will be served  
No Gifts Please



## Year-end Pledge Update

Thank you for being a faithful giver this past year! You should have received a statement of your giving to FPC through November, 2022. Please be sure to complete your financial pledge for 2022 to FPC this month, as you are able, so we can close out the year on a positive financial note.

Announcement from People's United Methodist Church:

**All Are Welcome!**

## **Wednesday Night Community Suppers**



**Wednesdays 5pm-6:30pm**

Come as you are, no reservations needed!  
Healthy and Homemade  
Family Friendly Meals  
Food, Fun, and Fellowship  
Free! Donations appreciated but not required!

### **December & January Menu:**

Dec. 7th—Chicken & Rice

Dec. 14th—Beef Stew with Biscuits

Dec. 21st & 28th—NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Jan. 4th—Enchiladas

Jan. 11th—Meatloaf Mania

Jan. 18th—Pigs in a Blanket with Mac & Cheese

Jan. 25th—Mexican lasagna

Wednesday Night Community Suppers are served every Wednesday throughout the school year when school is in session at:

**People's United Methodist Church  
103 N. Alpine Pkwy.  
Oregon, WI 53575**



## December

Dec. 1 Jeff Jones  
 Dec. 2 Preston Baker & Chuck Ledin  
 Dec. 4 Doris Gerry

Dec. 6 Kathy Danielson  
 Dec. 8 Martha Stromquist  
 Dec. 9 Nolan McDermid  
 Dec. 11 Inez Toepfer  
 Dec. 13 Rebecca McDermid  
 Dec. 17 Nancy Sheldon  
 Dec. 19 Dale Gregory  
 Dec. 22 James Manson & Lisa Mastny  
 Dec. 28 Eric Teeter  
 Dec. 31 Karen Baker

# October Financial Snapshot

First Presbyterian Church of Oregon				
Monthly Financial Summary				
as of	October 31, 2022			
		Monthly	Year-to-date	Year-to-date
		Amount	Actual	Budget
Pledges Committed (Annual Budget \$128,420)				
	Operating Cash Revenue from Pledges	\$ 7,917	\$ 93,054	\$ 107,017
Operating Income				
	Total Income	\$ 9,247	\$ 113,442	\$ 119,400
	Deduct: Total Expenses	\$ 12,035	\$ 123,425	\$ 119,910
Adjustments to Cash:				
	Add: Transfer from Current Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Deduct: Transfer Memorial Fund Donations	\$ -	\$ 4,175	\$ -
	Deduct: Principal Payment on Debt	\$ 776	\$ 7,720	\$ -
	<b>Net Operating Income (Loss) ADJUSTED</b>	<b>\$ (3,564)</b>	<b>\$ (21,877)</b>	<b>\$ (510)</b>
Cash Balance-Operating Fund				
	Beginning Balance	\$ 23,772	\$ 40,994	
	Ending Balance	\$ 20,693	\$ 20,693	
	Increase in Available Operating Funds	\$ (3,079)	\$ (20,301)	

**Per Capita for 2022** — If you have not yet paid, please complete your Per Capita payment for 2022, as you are financially able. You have three ways to make your payment: a check to the church left in the offering plate on Sunday, a check mailed to the church, or via our online giving page. The amount this year is **\$33.70 per church member**, including children who may no longer be living at home. Payment of your per capita is much appreciated by the church and helps meet our budget.