



PRESBY-NOTES

January 2023

It is the mission of First Presbyterian Church of Beatrice to know Christ, to make Christ known and to exhibit Christ's love through worship, education, and service.

PASTOR'S PEN

December, a busy month for First Presbyterian



December was a busy month for First Presbyterian. Session met on Dec. 4 to discuss the surveys you completed and offer ideas for a Strategic Plan to guide us for the next three to five years.

On Dec. 10 the children and youth presented a wonderful program reminding us all about the real reason for the season. Thank you Karen and all that made the program and soup luncheon a success.

About 20 people participated in the Advent Bible Study using the book, *Making Room, Sharing the Love of Christmas* by Ed Robb. I hope we continue to explore ways to reach out to our neighbors and share the good news with them.

I would like to share something I read this week which, I felt, summed up what we took away from the book. "The inn was full... There are many of you who think to yourselves: "If only I had been

there! How quick I would have been to help the baby!" Why don't you do it now: You have Christ in your neighbor. You ought to serve your neighbor, for what you do to your neighbor in need you do to the Lord Christ himself."

The Christmas Eve service was well attended, so well attended that I thought we might run out of the elements. But I did not have to worry because a member of the Worship Committee was standing nearby with more supplies. It was wonderful to have so many worship with us.

Two new members, Julie Hay and Carol Wolter, were elected to session at a congregational meeting on Dec. 17. Two current session members, Suzanne Byler and Fran Martin, were re-elected to serve another three-year term.

Sweet Dreams Bed Ministry delivered beds 36, 37, 38 and 39, on December 19 and four children now have their own

bed. Julie Hay and Greg Weaver helped with this delivery. We also received donations from two organizations.

Our dedicated volunteers kept the Little Pantry stocked and continue to search for funding sources.

December was indeed a busy month and I appreciate all each of you did to make it a success.

As we look to 2024 I hope you are as excited as I am to continue to be willing to try new ways to worship and reach out and be a light to our neighbors. May we always remember John 8:12, "When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'"

*Happy New Year
Pastor Doris*

- * The Advent Bible study has gone well and has been well attended.
- *Coffee hour sign up sheet for 2024 is available during coffee hour.
- *A called Congregational meeting was held December 17th to elect new Elders. Those elected were Julie Hay and Carol Wolter, Suzanne Byler and Fran Martin were re-elected for another term.
- *The youth Christmas program was a success. Thank you to Karen and all those involved in making it a success.
- *The annual Congregational meeting will be on January 28th following the worship service.
- *Warren’s Table will be served January 2nd, if you would like to volunteer to help contact Fran Martin.
- *Four new beds will be delivered before Christmas.
- *Christmas cards were sent out to thank all those who signed up to win one of the Nativity sets at the parade.
- *The next stated meeting is January 15th at 6:45pm.



PRAYERS: Bruce Greenwell; Ellen Greenwell; Hal Thaut; Maria Ojeda; Connie Dake; Diane Mayer; Bob Hancock; Judy Prebyl; Barb Harrison; and Norma Jean McNamee.

Also: Alyssa Lock (Kristin Jurgens' granddaughter); Shannon Fanning; Vera Lyons; Elmer Cook; Linnel Rials; Skylar Nicola; Elizabeth Shotkoski-Jurgens; Pat Morris; Steve Arneal; Lori Eckert; Mike Willet; Stan Martin (Gene Martin’s brother); Nancy Chalupa; Hope Johns (Maxie Arneal’s great granddaughter); Imogene Johnson (Connie Dake’s sister); Norma Mitschler (Frank’s sister); Janet Parde; and Arlene Tieszen, (LouAnn Weaver's mother).



Emily Thavenet	11
Avis Brinkman	22
Karen Schlueter	25
Adam Engler	26
Denise Cook	28
Frank Mitschler	30



Sunday School and confirmation resumes on
January 7, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.



Westminster Guild



Westminster Guild will not meet
January 1st as this is New Year’s Day. However,
most Guild members will be preparing and or serv-
ing the meal at Warren’s Table the evening of
January 2nd at the Episcopal Church.

“Happy New Year 2024”



PW will meet January 10, 2024 in the parlor for a
business meeting at 9:30 a.m., followed by Bible
Study at 10:00.