

# PRESBY-NOTES

December 2024



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.

## Advent theme is based on "Words for the Beginning"

*"Advent is a season of endings and beginnings. As the calendar year comes to a close, a new church year begins. Christ's birth ushers us into new ways of living and loving; and yet, the world as we know it spins madly on. In many ways, pregnant Mary was surrounded by endings-large and small, personal and political. But Mary proclaimed hope in a God who was and is making all things new. Christ's birth offered a beautiful new beginning for shepherds and Magi alike-all the while, King Herod tried to bring Christ's story to an end. When we ourselves navigate seasons filled with endings and beginnings, we need reminders. We need words that can feel like steady ground, like a path for our feet to find as we step forward into the unknown." A Sanctified Art*

I invite you to enter this Advent season as if you are entering a new chapter, holding fast to the reminders that will bolster you for the year ahead. May you find words for beginning again. For no matter what you are facing, no matter what this new day brings, love is your beginning.

You are also encouraged to share pictures of these words. On page 2 you will find a chart with 25 words. I encourage you to pick one, two, three or all of them to share a picture to go with the word. They will be shared on Facebook.

The picture of the red violin is the one I am sharing for Dec. 1. The word for the day is BEGIN and hanging this violin is the way I begin each Advent season. My son, Lucas, played it during Advent programs and it reminds me of the joy he brought to my life.

For Dec. 8 I am sharing a picture of the wonderful quilt Julie Hay created for us to use this Advent. It is not yet finished in this picture but clearly illustrates the word for Dec. 2, BLESS. She was blessed with the ability to quilt and we are blessed by her willingness to share her skill with us.

I look forward to sharing your pictures. Please send them to our email, [presbybeatrice@gmail.com](mailto:presbybeatrice@gmail.com), or text to my phone, 402-223-9653. Include a short description of the picture and the word it illustrates. Please see page 2 for the word for each day.



# Members encouraged to submit pictures

Please submit your pictures to [presbybeatrice@gmail.com](mailto:presbybeatrice@gmail.com).



## **ADVENT PHOTO-A-DAY CHALLENGE** @sanctifiedart

*For each day of Advent, we invite you to take a photo inspired by the word of the day. Share your daily photos on social media along with the words that inspired them.*

Dec.1 <b>BEGIN</b>	Dec.2 <b>BLESS</b>	Dec.3 <b>COURAGE</b>	Dec.4 <b>POSSIBILITY</b>	Dec.5 <b>REMEMBER</b>
Dec.6 <b>MARVEL</b>	Dec.7 <b>GO</b>	Dec.8 <b>TOGETHER</b>	Dec.9 <b>EMBRACE</b>	Dec.10 <b>JOURNEY</b>
Dec.11 <b>PEACEMAKER</b>	Dec.12 <b>CONNECTION</b>	Dec.13 <b>ENOUGH</b>	Dec.14 <b>GOODNESS</b>	Dec.15 <b>WORTHY</b>
Dec.16 <b>REPAIR</b>	Dec.17 <b>MAGNIFY</b>	Dec.18 <b>MERCY</b>	Dec.19 <b>DREAM</b>	Dec.20 <b>HOPE</b>
Dec.21 <b>RISK</b>	Dec.22 <b>GRACE</b>	Dec.23 <b>JOY</b>	Dec.24 <b>LOVE</b>	Dec.25 <b>AMAZEMENT</b>



An Advent Study will begin on December 4th at 6:00 with a soup supper. We will be using the book “The Journey” by Adam Hamilton.

The PW will be having quilt display during the Christmas season.

Hanging of the greens will take place during the service on December 1st.

The youth Christmas program is December 15th during worship with a soup luncheon to follow.

The Finance Committee is working on getting a lift for the church.

The Beatrice Holiday parade is December 7th at 5:30, we will be serving hot chocolate outside the church again this year.

We served 119+ at Warren’s Table on November 5th we serve again on January 7th.

The Sweet Dreams bed ministry delivered six more beds and have an application for one more.

We will be having a mitten and hat drive and a diaper drive during December.

The next stated meeting will be December 16th at 6:45pm.



PRAYERS: PRAYERS: Dorothy Rockemann, Sharon Langvardt; Bruce Greenwell; Ellen Greenwell; Connie Dake; Diane Mayer; and Norma Jean McNamee.

Also: Shannon Fanning; Steve Arneal; Hope Johns (Maxie Arneal’s great granddaughter); Imogene Johnson (Connie Dake’s sister); Norma Mitschler (Frank’s sister); Janet Parde; Alyssa Lock (Kristin Jurgens' granddaughter); Jodee Bolli (Jesse & Betsy’s sister-in-law); and Erin Blake.



Brian Daake	1
Suzanne Byler	5
Matt McConnell	5
Richard Scheideler	6
Kristin Jurgens	7
Colten Daake	12
Linda Nuismer	16
Hayes Engler	28
Melissa Sohl	30



Westminster Guild



Westminster Guild will meet Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 p.m. in the church parlor for a pot-luck supper and fellowship as usual-unless-other activities at the church or weather prevent this gatherings. Info forthcoming.

*Happy Holidays*



PW will enjoy the annual Christmas Tea on Thursday, December 19, from 2-4 p.m. at the PEO Home.

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Children and Youth will meet Wednesdays December 4, 11, & 18, at 6:00 p.m. for supper and Adve Kids/Christmas program practice 6:30 p.m.—7:15 p.m.

The Children and Youth Christmas Program "The Road to Christmas" will be held on Dec. 15 during worship.



Join us for soup and conversation following the program in Fellowship Hall.

There will be no Sunday School for children on December 22 & 29.

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Warrens Table was held on November 5th and the following Presbyterian members eagerly volunteered to help make it a success. The casseroles were made during our church service on the October 27th. The following members agreed to baked those casseroles: Lynn Carothers, Julie Hay (2), Sue Jedlicka, Renee Jones (2), Kristin Jurgens, Ardys Milke, Sandy McConnell, Ardyth Orwen, and Bette Anne Thaut. The cookies were supplied by: Betsy & Jesse Bolli, Suzanne Byler, Shirley Haner, Connie Harmon, and Louann Weaver. Fran & Gene Martin Martin delivered garlic bread and salad. The church members that helped serve to make the dinner successful and fun were: Suzanne Byler, Lynn Carothers, Don Harmon, Julie Hay, Renee Jones, Doris Martin, Gene and Fran Martin, Shirley and Frank Mitschler, and Ardyth Orwen. We would also like to thank all the members of the Episcopal Church that help guide us each time. We served 119+ meals.

There will be a Christmas tree set up in the parlor to collect hats, mittens, and scarves for the Little Pantry.

We will be serving "Hot Chocolate" during the Christmas Parade on December 7th. Help would be appreciated.

Sweet Dreams ministry also delivered a bed, bedding, throw and book for a 11 year old boy. We have delivered 59 beds! We are so fortunate to have many of our church members provide the bedding and give their time to help make the beds.

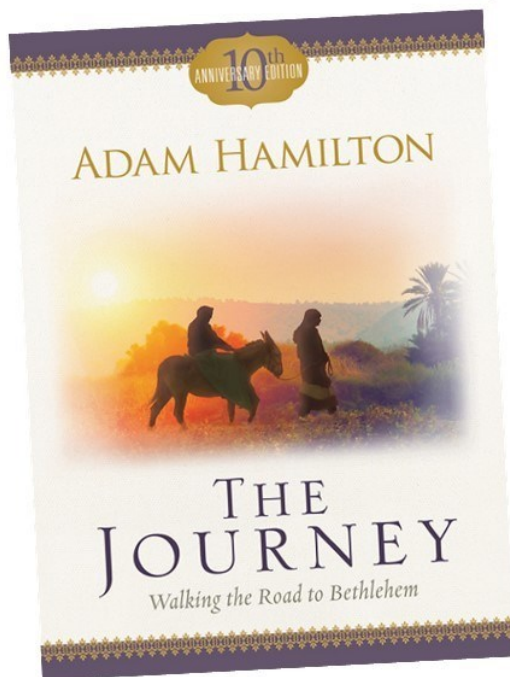
The Outreach & Evangelism committee would also like to say "Thank You" to our members for all the food you donate to the Little Pantry. Our pantry is being used extensively and any help or donations you give to help others that don't have the same resources that we personally have.

We also appreciate all the help to unload and put food on the shelves in the Little Pantry when grocery shopping is completed. Thank you to Jane Murphy who has volunteered to help with picking up, unloading and organizing the food to be put on the shelves. A big shout out to Rita Maguire who does the grocery ordering on line for us.

Shirlie Brunell continues to make hats for our Little Pantry. She would love to hear from you. Her address is Homestead House, 2300 Lincoln Street, Room 8.



## Advent Bible Study begins on Wednesday, Dec. 4



Advent Bible Study will be held on the first three Wednesdays in December at 6 p.m. The dates are Dec. 4, Dec. 11, and Dec. 18. "The Journey" by Adam Hamilton will be used.

In *The Journey*, Adam Hamilton travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in a fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. He also wrote the study we used for Lent last year. Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heart-felt as we walk along this road.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. with the Bible Study to follow.

If you would like to participate please call the church office and we will get a book ordered for you.