

**POINSETTIAS HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THE SANCTUARY
IN MEMORY OF**

Mr & Mrs A.P. Rueseler, from Ruth Knot

Charles Knot & Barbara Knot Head, from Ruth Knot

Charles, Sam & Mark Hopkins, from Dixie Hopkins

Our Parents, from Horton & Carol Miller

Austin & Martha Cairns, her parents from Jean Cairns

Mary Lou and Paul Bray, from their daughter, Nancy Bray

Our Parents, Mr. & Mrs. John L & Jessie Wescoat & Raymond & Helen Ritter and Son, John L Ritter, M.D. , from Dr. & Mrs. Raymond Ritter

Our Parents, Harry & Wanda Hecht, Byrl & Cleda Jarrett from Harvey & Lea Hecht

Our parents, from Don & Shirley Gibson

Tom Phillips & our Parents, from Willie Phillips

Jeanne Beaty, her mother, Dorothy Scott, his mother, from Sam, Lisa & Lauren Bishop

William Stover, from Evelyn & Family

Fred Goodwin, from Virginia Goodwin

My Parents, from Joyce Rayfield

Bev & Jim Hargrove, her parents, from Kathy Hargrove

Wesley & Leona Manuel, & Jack & Ida Perry, from Oliver & Caroline Manuel

David O. & Esther Benstson & Robert & Rogene Stroup, from Dave & Stephanie Bengtson

Betty Whitelaw Turner & Bruce Turner and parents Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Whitelaw

Lou Sewell, from Betty Sewell

IN HONOR OF

Sarah and Gregg Hopkins, from Dixie Hopkins

Our families, from Paul & Ruth Pautler

Our children & grandchildren, from Horton & Carol Miller

Our Children and Grandchildren, from Pete & Peg Hirschburg

My parents, Geno/Debbie Broeckling, from John, Kate, Ben, Emma Broeckling

Tolerance, from Pete & Peg Hirschburg

Barbara Calvin, from Charles & Judy Wiles

Shirley Sullivan, from Bruce Woods

Welcome in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ

We are pleased you have joined us for worship this Sunday morning. We are a faithful congregation of the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA) and within the bounds of the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery. Worship is one of the many ministries that are facilitated by this historic and active congregation. A small group of Presbyterians began this ministry in 1835 and we are called by God to continue their faithful witness of Jesus Christ to our community and world. Bible studies and mission projects punctuate our weekly activities. If you would like more information about our ministries and/or becoming a new member, please call our church office during the week or talk to our pastor after worship. *Visitors and members alike are encouraged to complete the registration pad located on the main aisle of each pew.* Your contact information is never shared with any other identity.



Lay Leader is Gina Thomas.

Visitor last Sunday was Brenda Nicolai, Jean Rausa



Ushers for this morning are Brian, Melissa, Elsie & Emily Harris.



Pastoral Care: Donne Williams, Ray Ritter, Jack Wyant, Barbara Calvin, Ruth Jean Field Lange,



In the Military: Michelle Bryan, CA; David Parkinson, Travis Air Force Base, CA; Jeff Parkinson, Elgin Air Force Base, FL. (Bob & Ann Parkinson's nephew); John Raimondo, Camp LeJeune, N. Carolina (Sharon Metcalfe's grandson); Ryan Bloomingdale, Ft. Campbell, Ky (grandson of Sharon Metcalfe) Eric Yocom, Air Force, Mountain Home, Idaho (Ray & Sandy Wilhelm's grandson)

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Children's and Youth Classes meet in their classrooms directly after the "Kid's Message" in the worship service. The Elementary Class (Kindergarten through Fourth Grade) will meet in the classroom next to the Nursery. Cherie Herbst and Kathy Woodfin will be teaching this class. The curriculum will continue to focus on "The Stories of the Old Testament" based on the *Read and Learn Bible*. The Middle School/Junior High Class will meet in their classroom upstairs on the second floor. Their lessons are focusing on a study of the 66 books of the Bible and on how to use the Bible as a part of their everyday lives. This class is taught by Kathy Brown, Melissa Harris, Sandy Wilhelm, and Laura Brown.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Please join us on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in the adult library. The Christian Outreach committee met in August with Sam Roethemeyer and he talked about the book "Pray Like Jesus" by John R. Brokoff. This is a great opportunity for us to learn to pray like Jesus. We will read a chapter on our own time and return on the next Sunday to discuss it. There are books available in the church office if you are interested. This is a study that will conclude by Christmas. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions please contact Nancy Bray or Melissa Harris.

CALENDAR

Sunday 12/18	10:30 am	Worship Service
Wednesday 12/21	6:30 pm	Worship & Arts Meeting
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday 12/23	11-2 pm	Church office open house
Saturday 12/24	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
Sunday 12/25	Pray for	Vonda Slinkard (birthday)
	10:45 am	Worship Service at Westminster Church



Flowers for Worship: Flowers for worship may be shared to celebrate your anniversary, someone's birthday, or in memory of a loved one or friend. They can also just say "Thanks, God!" Please call the church office (335-2579) to sign up for flowers.

The rose on the baptismal font today is in honor of the birth of Aria Claire Waller, daughter of Margery Ann Wickham Waller and John Paul Waller. She was born on Saturday, November 26, 2016. Aria's Mother Margery is a current member who grew up in this church and is the daughter of member Sharon Wickham and the late William Wickham, Jr., longtime Scoutmaster of our Troop 4. The Wallers live in Jackson. Margery teaches elementary music in Charleston, MO, and her husband is an Outback employee.



Prayer Emphasis for December The Christian Outreach Committee continues to encourage us in prayer. For December we hope you'll remember these things in your prayers:

The week of December 18th we focus on Love, often translated in the church as Charity. Please pray for those in need. Many in our community are in need of physical and spiritual nourishment. Pray about how you can help meet the needs of those less fortunate than yourself.

The week of December 25th the emphasis is on Peace. This week recount your blessings in 2016 and give thanks to God. Then consider how God is calling you to spread hope, joy, love, and peace in the new year.



In support of our local FISH Food Pantry, the December Meal a Month- 2 cans white beans, 2 package Jiffy type cornbread mix, Can of fruit of choice. Please put in the box in the Narthex



The Second Tuesday at the Chateau will NOT meet in December. We will resume after New Year's, meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2017. More details will be available in the January newsletter.



The Book Club will not meet in December. The January gathering will be on January 12, 2017 at the home of Ruth Needle. The book for discussion is "*The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*" by Rachel Joyce.



The First Presbyterian Church Office is having a Christmas Open House on Friday, December 23rd from 11-2 pm. Please come by for finger foods, fellowship, friends and fun. If you would like to bring something to share, call the office 335-2579.



You are invited to a baby shower for Margery (Wickham) Waller. (Margery is the daughter of Sharon and Bill Wickham) Her daughter Aria Claire was born November 26. The shower will be Sunday, January 8 from 1:00p.m. - 3:00p.m. in the parlor. We hope to see you there. Please RSVP to Melissa Harris

SUNDAY SCHOOL VACATION DAYS-- Our Sunday School classes will be taking a break on the following Sundays: Dec. 18th, Dec. 25th, and Jan. 1st. Classes will resume on Sunday, Jan. 8th.

THE FARMINGTON CHILDREN'S HOME CHRISTMAS PROJECT--This year all of our donations for the Farmington Children's Home will be used to provide Walmart gift cards. When we contacted them they said that they only have 6 cards left to use for the children's needs. The cards are always needed to provide shoes and clothing for new children entering the home all year round. At this time of year they are needed to provide Christmas presents for new children that come to the home after their list of children's needs are sent out to churches. Since these children were not on the lists they would not receive any gifts. The gift cards will provide Christmas gifts for these children. Please mark "Farmington" on any donations whether it is cash or a check made out to the church.

Your giving envelopes are in the Narthex. They are in alphabetical order.

In observance of Christmas, the office will be closed Monday, December 26th.



NO CHURCH SERVICE AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON DECEMBER 25, IT WILL BE AT WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT 10:45 AM.