

December 2015



Oasis Christmas
Celebration
December 9th
*Oasis will
resume
January 13, 2016

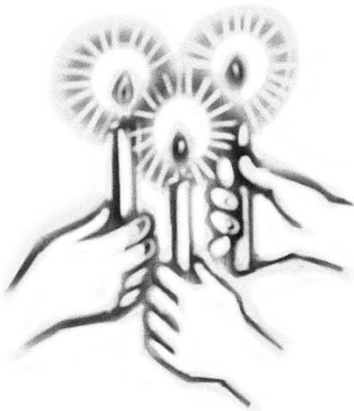
Special
OFFERING

JOY Offering
Dec. 13th & Dec. 20th



December Guest Speakers:

6 = Pastor Lee McReynolds
13 = FPC Session
20 = Carrie Munson
24 = TBD
27 = TBD



December 24th
7:00PM
Candlelight
Communion Service



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christian Education

by Barb Mayfield

It's not too late to join Sunday School

Adult Sunday School meets on Sunday mornings starting at 9:00AM. We are using a study titled: "Believe."

This video based curriculum covers the basic beliefs of the Christian faith. It is written for new as well as "old" believers. We are spending two weeks on each lesson. Books and study guides are available. Please join us!

BELIEVE

LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS



Oasis



Come and see...

Jesus invited people to come and see. We invite anyone in the congregation who is curious about what goes on here on Wednesday evenings to

"come and see." Feel free to join us for dinner, come for our worship time from 6:40-7, or come hang out with one of our groups, including one especially for adults.



We are having a Christmas celebration for Oasis families on Dec. 9th and then will break until January 13th.

YOU can be a part of this ministry!

If you are able to help prepare, serve, and/or clean-up a meal, please refer to the sign-up sheet on the counter in the fellowship room or talk to Laurie Brower or Donna Sholty.



If you would like to donate towards the cost of meals and other special events, designate "Oasis" in the memo line on

your check to the church. Oasis is possible because of generous people like you!

Thank you from de la Croix:

We received this wonderful note of thanks....

"Dear Flora Presbyterian Church ~

Thank you so much for hosting us at your church.

We had a LOVELY time with the Oasis kids and at the Sunday morning worship!

We so appreciate the support to our ministry and our family! God bless you! Hope to see you soon."

In Christ ~

Tim, Danielle, Dylan, Cyrus & Sydney



If you are interested in supporting the Fontaine's band, de la Croix, further, you may contact them at:

4418 Pleasant Valley
Oakdale, CA 95361

Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

The Mary-Martha Circle met for the last time in November until March. At that meeting, the Thrift Shop account contained nearly \$2,000.00 and disbursements were made to the Food Pantry, Helping Hand Fund, Oasis, Kokomo Rescue Mission, Christmas Baskets, Thank Offering, and Presbyterian Overseas Missions which included chickens, seeds, tools, etc.

The Thank Offering will be received November 29 -- last chance on December 6. Don't miss this opportunity to send your caring to those who struggle around the world.

Thrift Shop Schedule for December

Thurs. Dec. 3.....Jane Kearns..... Sort & Mark
Sat. Dec. 19.....Laraine Mac Tag
Sat. Dec. 26..... CLOSED..... Perhaps

Worship Committee

by Terry Langston



Communion will be held on December 24th at the Christmas Eve Candlelight service.

Our guest speakers for the month are:

- Dec 6 – Pastor Lee McReynolds
- Dec 13 – FPC Session
- Dec 20 – Carrie Munson
- Dec 24 – TBD
- Dec 27 – TBD



In my November Pulse article I had asked for help with Christmas Poinsettias, and I didn't receive any responses. Therefore, I will purchase a few to place throughout the church.

If you would like your loved one/s name put on the memorial list, please let me know if there are any changes from last year. I have a list with the names, so see me if you are interested.

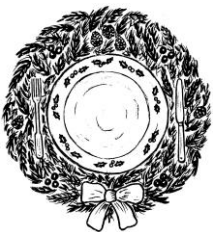
Lay leaders are needed for all Sundays. If you have any questions regarding this, please talk to me. It would be a great help to me if there were volunteers for this part of worship.



Clerk of Session

by Laurie Brower

Deer Creek Presbyterian Church is hosting a Christmas Dinner on December 25th. They are asking for volunteers to assist with the preparations from 8-11 AM. Dinner is open to everyone and will be served from 11:00 - 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall.



Christmas Dinner

Geneva Center has been in operation for 50 years and moving into the future by becoming an independent not for profit organization. The center will no longer be operated by the Presbytery of Wabash Valley, but guided by a Board of Directors. Their values, goals, and programs will remain Christian and welcome all persons of faith communities. Taking this step is huge and they cannot move forward in this future without proper funding. Geneva Center, Inc. is in need of \$200,000 for startup costs. They are asking for donations to help raise these funds.



If you would like to help, please send your donation to:

Geneva Center, Inc.
5282 N Old Highway 31
Rochester, IN 46975

Session: The next Stated Session Meeting will be January 10th at 12PM.

PNC Report: The PNC is continuing to review PIFs from potential candidates and completing by following up with candidates that seem like they may be a match to us. Additional PIFs are posted weekly and pulled down as the PNC completes a review of the current group they are working with.

Nomination Committee: The Nomination Committee is still seeking members to participate on the Session as we have three elders that will move off this year. If you feel the call to participate, please contact Laurie Brower or Kevin Clark.

Stewardship/Mission

by Joe Mayfield

I want to thank everyone for their generosity for this year's stewardship activities. We are still waiting on some pledges to come in, but have already reached 73,000 dollars. Again Thank You!



Remember if you would like to give a donation to a mission organization, instead of presents to someone on your list, all the information you would need is on the table in the back of the sanctuary. As is always our tradition, we will again be taking a JOY Offering in December. Expect to hear more about it the first Sunday in December.

The Stewardship and Missions Committee is praying for each of our members and friends to have a very special Christmas this year. We are asking that each of you take a moment each day to pray for our world. Pray for each leader



to find the presence of mind to set aside differences and come together to work for peace. For we know nothing is impossible with God.

Have a very Merry Christmas and may God Bless You.

Small packages, big things!



Remember that candy commercial declaring, “Big things come in small packages”? The prophet’s message to tiny Bethlehem is similar: “Though you are small among the clans of

Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel” (Micah 5:2, NIV).

We’ve all felt too small for a certain role: too little to play with the big kids ... too skinny to make the football team ... short on the skills needed for a choice assignment. Perhaps we fear our gift of money is too little to make a difference, or the small amount of time we can volunteer isn’t even worth it.

But God brings big things out of “small packages.” From a newborn baby — merely six to eight pounds of helplessness — God brought salvation for the whole world. Rest assured, he’ll do big things through you, too.

The wonder of Christmas

At Christmas, shivers in the spine have nothing to do with climate. Songs are sung not with the lips but with the heart. And light comes not from utilities but from the heavens.

—Author unknown

Christmas To- Do List

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among brothers,
to make music in the heart.

—Howard Thurman



The Greatest Gift

...came in such a small package.

Choir Practice 9:30; Worship 10:15; Sunday School as announced

B=Birthday N=Nursery SR=Scripture Readers U=Ushers

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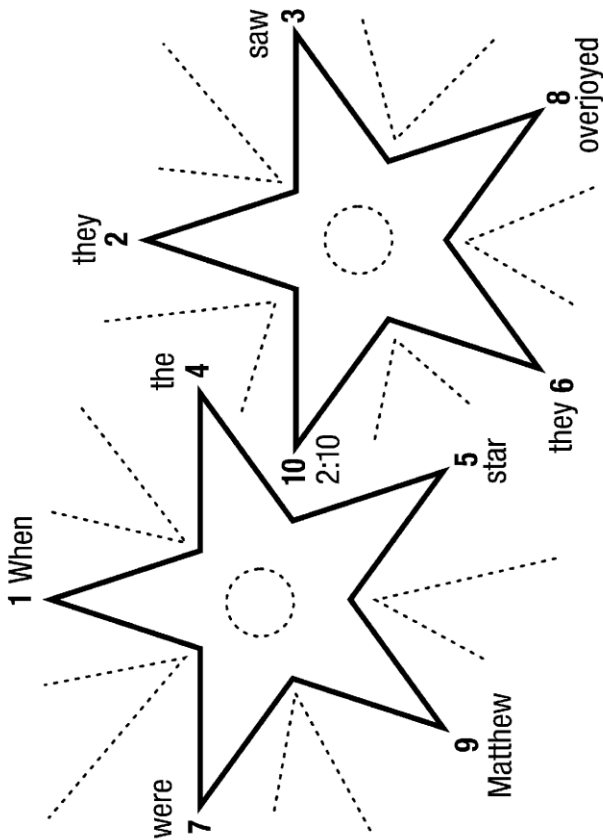
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6:00PM Oasis	3 B=Janis Beck	4	5 B=Kent King
6 2 nd Sunday of Advent 9AM Adult Sunday School N=Laurie Brower SR=Marlene Smith SR=Susan Hollis U=Susan Scholl Maggie Scholl	7 B=Libby Sparks	8 B=Mike Kearns B=Jenne McMillin	9 6:00PM Oasis Party 	10	11	12 B=Julie Catron
13 3 rd Sunday of Advent 9AM Adult Sunday School N=Laurie Brower SR=Joe Moss SR=Kevin Clark U=Terry Langston Marlene Smith	14	15	16 NO OASIS !	17	18	19
20 4 th Sunday of Advent 9AM Adult Sunday School N=Laurie Brower SR=Barb Mayfield SR=Ann Brown U=Ron & Angie Austin	21	22 B=Betty Peterson	23 B=Bill Kearns NO OASIS !	24 B=Murray Langston 7:00PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service	25  <i>Christmas Day</i>	26
27 9AM Adult Sunday School N=Laurie Brower SR=Joe Mayfield SR=Sally Schmidt U=Joe & Tammy Moss	28	29	30 B=Kevin Clark NO OASIS !	31	Jan 1  New Year's Day 2016	Jan 2



The star of Christmas

When Jesus was born, a star led the wise men to him.

Directions: Place the words in order, by their numbers, on the blanks below to complete Matthew 2:10, NIV.



“ _____
_____ ,
_____ ”
_____ : _____ , NIV

Answer: “When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.” Matthew 2:10, NIV

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