


ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER:

December 16th: Ladies Lunch at Minard's at 1pm.

December 17th: Pleasant Acres Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ⇒ A food sign-up sheet for our upcoming One Day Lectureship will be posted on the back bulletin board soon. The lunch will be soups and sandwiches.
- ⇒ The ladies will be having a December lunch at Minard's Spaghetti Inn next Saturday, December 16th at 1:00pm. If you would like to participate in the optional gift exchange, please keep gifts under \$10. Also, please let Natalie know if you plan on attending. Thank you!

Word 
SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the letters to form a Bible word!

T H O R E P I D E S

Clue: A man who loved to be first.

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December 10th, 2023

Who or What is Shaping Us?

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect” (Romans 12:2).

This time of year emphasizes just how special it is to be with family. Gathering around a table to enjoy food and fellowship is so uniquely powerful that it is difficult to describe adequately.

In our digital age, with an emphasis on screens rather than faces, it is easy to lose sight of just how our minds and hearts are being shaped and transformed. Samuel James, a writer who has spent a great deal of time researching and thinking about the proper use of technology, has offered the following warning:

Digital technology (social media) gives a public platform to many people who would otherwise not have it. But this blessing comes at a cost. Because of the Web's disembodied nature, things like evidence, reasoning, and expertise have become marginalized. Instead, the idea of truthfulness has devolved into a question of individual narratives. “My story is my truth” is one of the key mantras of the digital age. Traditional authority structures have given way to an ephemeral “equality” that means the random blogger is as powerful as the veteran preacher, or the anonymous Twitter account can demand deference merely with a powerful story. On the Web, we all have the power to “define” our reality, no matter how far that supposed reality may be from objective truth.



Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

The disembodied, narrative-based culture of the Web requires Christians to know and remind each other regularly what is really true. This is a big reason why we must continue to gather together in church. Being physically together as we sing, pray, and hear truth powerfully recalibrates our sense of reality to be more in line with eternity. God's story does not destroy our story—it transforms it, interprets it, and gives it meaning and purpose beyond "likes."

This holiday season, as we are blessed to gather with friends and family, let us be reminded of a few important matters:

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December Card Distributor: Susan Hartman

December Greeters: Karen (3rd) Evelyn (17th)

Baptismal Garments: Hannah Epler

Bible Class Locations

Adults– Main Auditorium

Young Adults (20s-30s)- Mark's Office

Children & Teens– Downstairs

Cradle Roll– Downstairs (coming soon)

Events for Bridgeport 2024

January 14th: One Day Lectureship

January: Ladies' Lunch at Apple Annie's

February 4th: Dessert Fellowship

February: Ladies' Mystery Dinner

March 3rd: Dessert Fellowship

March: TBD

April 7th: Dessert Fellowship

April: Family Hike at Cooper's Rock

May 5th: Dessert Fellowship

May: Friends and Family Day

May: Ladies' Tea Party at the Home of

Cheryl Kelch

June: VBS

June: FOP Ladies' Breakfast

Our Record:

Sunday Morning Assembly

82

Sunday Bible Class

50

Sunday Evening

27

Wednesday Bible Study

27

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$5,720

December Birthday / Anniversary List:

9-Rachel West 11-Terry & Yonnie Southall (A)
 12- Jerry Maxwell 14-Brenda Fortney, Daniel Black
 15-Adam Epler 17- Tom Tucker, Ann Black
 18-Tim Richmond 21-Kristina Riffle 22-Noah Hart
 23- Raymond & Debbie Anderson (A)
 24-Millie Cate Currey 24- Robert & Julie Armstrong
 (A) 25- Yvonne Maxwell/ Ken & Brenda Fortney
 (A) 29-Curtis Sleeth 29-Josh Carpenter
 30-Rick & Sherri Gallagher

Prayer Requests

For Our Congregation:

- **Our Shut-in's:** Jackie Moore, Helen Potts, Brenda Fortney, Yvonne Maxwell, Judy Garner, and Becky Britton
- **Jerry & Yvonne Maxwell:** Health concerns.
- **Debbie & Raymond:** Their friend passed away.

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- **Ed Jenkins:** Medications keeping the cancer stable.
- **Sharon Loy:** Infection from her spine has spread. Ed has been travelling.
- **Gene Wright**

For Our Family & Friends:

- **Teresa Kipp (Kathy's friend):** Going through her fourth round of chemo.
- **Leslie Family:** Comfort and care
- **Earnie Parsons:** Going through second round of chemo.

- **Sue Shocks (Don Riffle's friend):** Loss of a family member

