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PASTOR'S PEN

"For Unto Us"



Quietly, subtly, and unobtrusively Jesus made his way into the world in a stable out back because there was no room in the Bethlehem hotel. This narrative has become such a familiar story that we don't always catch the nuances as this scene is played out. Long before the labor pains and contractions, the prophet Isaiah gives a hint that something special is coming. "For unto us a child is born, for to us a son is given and the government will be upon his shoulders. He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). Other Old Testament prophets like Zachariah and Micah drop hints as well that God will do something special to bring redemption and restoration to God's people, in an unexpected and unforeseen manner.

The people of God certainly had their expectations of what the Messiah would be...of a warrior like figure who would come with power and might to push back the oppressive Roman forces; of a new king who would reign over King Herod and his tyrannical tactics; of a new priest who would restore the religious importance of Jerusalem and its temple. They were expecting, even hoping for one who would come to right the wrongs and to bring not only redemption, but also retribution for years and years of oppression and persecution.

But the one who arrived in Bethlehem was much different than the one expected: born in a stable, not in a palace; born among shepherds, not among princes; born into a dysfunctional family, not among those with silver spoons and name recognition. All of this for us! No one can't say that Jesus doesn't relate to them. To paraphrase G.K. Chesterton, Jesus was born under us in order that all might be lifted up.

Within this incredible story we see the hand of God orchestrating and choreographing the details of this story. And at the root of this story are the virtues of humility, peace, and redemption. Amid the strife and toil that we face in our nation and world today, may we find in this story the One who still lives and reigns, the One who can make all things new, the One who can bring hope out of chaos and peace out of despair; the One who can bring resurrection from the grave and redemption to the lost.

It is a story that does not grow old. I would like to invite you back to this story once again this year and to see it with fresh eyes. Join us for our special Christmas Eve services on Sunday, December 24 at 5 PM and 10 PM.

For unto us a child is born and this child is names Jesus, the one who saves us and redeems us. Happy Advent and merry Christmas to you and your families!

—Pastor Dave

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

Christmas decorating on Saturday, December 2 at 4:00 PM
RMC Christmas concerts here on Sunday, December 3 at 3 PM and 7 PM
Youth Christmas party at the Dayton's house on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 6 PM
Christmas Eve services here on Sunday December 24 at 5 PM and 10 PM
Family Promise here from December 24-31. Set up will be Sunday, Dec. 24 at 9am

MEMORY JOGGERS FOR DECEMBER

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| The 3rd Preaching Dave Thompson Key Elder Jenice Fugere Greeters Bob & Norma Thiesen Ushers Robert & Cathy Culbertson Earl & Sharon Henderson Liturgist Coryn Martinez Van Driver Chuck Leggate Sound Booth David Bauer Communion Chuck & Cindy Leggate Gary & Judy Lohnbakken Dottie Hilger | The 10th White Out Sunday Preaching Dave Thompson Key Elder Chris Eriksen Greeters Bob & Linda Fedric Ushers Bud & Joanne Leuthold Peggy Wilson Charlie Reed Liturgist Shirley Shirley Van Driver Don Harr Sound Booth Chuck Leggate Flower Delivery Chuck & Cindy Leggate | The 17th Christmas Cantata Key Elder Carla Bracken Greeters Teena Bracken Carla Bracken Ushers Pat Clark Jo Albin Marjorie Stewart Megan Lorentz Liturgist Don Harr Van Driver Don Harr Sound Booth Jeff Gruizenga Flower Delivery Edna Carlson | The 24th 10:30 AM Carols and Scripture Key Elder Kathy Baskett Greeters Meghan Ascheman Edna Carlson Ushers Ed & Edna Stauber John Thompson Chris Eriksen Liturgist Heidi Duncan Sound Booth Robert Culbertson The 24th 5 PM Preaching Dave Thompson Greeters Ron Sperry Phyllis Brown Ushers Gary & Judy Lohnbakken Carla Bracken Teena Bracken Liturgist Bill Lorentz | The 24th 10 PM Preaching Dave Thompson Greeters Judy Cuff Betty Ann Nesmith Ushers Sharon Matthews Sandi Schoenberger Charlie Reed John Reed Liturgist Janice Fugere Communion Jim Hummel Paige Spalding Marv & Janet Brown Marlene Spencer The 31st Preaching Dave Thompson Greeters Robert & Cathy Culbertson Ushers Craig & Denise Hash John & Susan Stewart Liturgist Jeff Gruizenga | January 7th 2018 Preaching Dave Thompson Key Elder Chuck Leggate Greeters Bud & Joanne Leuthold Ushers Ken & Barbara Eichenberger Greg & Deb Wiens Liturgist Vicki Thompson Van Driver Chuck Leggate Sound Booth David Bauer Communion Beth Morrow Sharon Mathews Bill & Colleen Lorentz Lois Maris |
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Fall worship begins on Sep-
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Thompson-Raney
Accompanist: Sandi Rabas
Choir Director: Janie Sutton
Custodian: Kent Fellingham

SESSION MEMBERS

Clerk of Session: Marlene
 Spencer

Class of 2018

Kathy Baskett
 Marv Brown
 Jeff Gruizenga
 Sandi Schoenberger

Class of 2019

Chris Eriksen
 Jenice Fugere
 Chuck Leggate
 Heather McLean

Class of 2020

David Bauer
 Carla Bracken
 Ken Eichenberger
 Sharon Lincoln

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

Our church was one of the first churches in Billings to designate a monthly Food Bank Sunday. We invite you to bring some non-perishable food items with you on the first Sunday of each month as we help local people in need. Our next Food Bank Sunday will be held on Sunday, December 3. Thanks to all who brought food last month!

Session Notes: At its November 14 stated meeting, the session voted to receive the following individuals into the membership of First Presbyterian: Richard and Lynne Bailey, Donna Bowersox, Jerry and Linda Broderson, Craig and Leslie Carse, Kenton Collins, Richard and Martha Davidson, Tamara Lucht, and Len and Bonnie Richards.

Pastor Dave was given permission to baptize Tamara Lucht during worship on Sunday, November 19.

At the request of the property committee, it was voted to install a stained glass window in memory of Harry Cuff.

A motion was passed to have our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, January 28, 2018 immediately following worship.

Financial snapshot

| 2017 | Income | Expense | Net |
|----------|------------|------------|------------|
| November | \$ 43,322 | \$ 27,620 | \$ 15,702 |
| YTD | \$ 531,150 | \$ 337,515 | \$ 193,635 |

Pledge cards for 2018 are being received to the church office.
 We appreciate the financial support you provide to our church which allows us to share God's grace and love in our community and beyond Billings.

| NOVEMBER | 2017 |
|--------------|------|
| 5TH | 201 |
| 12TH | 204 |
| 19TH | 212 |
| 26TH | 179 |
| 2017 Nov Avg | 199 |

Sermons available on-line

Did you know that you can listen to sermons on-line at our website at www.fpcbillings.org? Just click the “Listen to Sermons” tab on the upper right front of our church’s homepage. Stay connected even when you are away. Sermon for the past twelve weeks are archived on our church’s website.

Church Mice:

For many years, the church mice have watched Bob Culbertson perform random acts of kindness and give generously of his time, energy and resource to First Presbyterian Church. We have been fortunate to have Bob as a Deacon, member of the Pastor Nominating Committee, Head usher and working the sound booth. Bob also serves on the Nominating Committee for the Yellowstone Presbytery and on the search committee for the vacant chaplain position at MSU-B. Thank you Bob for many years of serving God and the church community.



FLOWER SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Our flower sign-up sheet is located on the back table in the narthex. We invite you to sign up for a particular Sunday to sponsor the flowers either in honor or memory of someone or a special event such as an anniversary, birthday, etc. Suggested donation is \$30. Special thanks to those who donated flowers during the month of November. They are Peggy Jo Wilson in appreciation for family, faith, and friends; Juli Dufresne and Jody Mercer Wallace in appreciation to Chris Eriksen; and Ken & Barb Eichenberger in thankfulness of the many blessings in life.

Following worship each Sunday, the flowers are distributed to church members and friends in the hospital, nursing homes, or among those who are unable to attend church.

Welcome new members!

On Sunday, November 19, we welcomed our newest group of members to the church. We are so glad to have them with us and many of them have jumped right in and have become involved with our church family. Our new members are: Dick and Lynne Bailey, Donna Bowersox, Jerry and Linda Broderson, Craig and Leslie Carse, Kenton Collins, Dick and Martha Davidson, Tamara Lucht, and Len and Bonnie Richards. Lets all welcome them to our church family!

Israel trip planned next June

Our church is planning an incredible trip to the Holy Land from June 11-22, 2018. The cost will be \$4,109 per person. Sights will include Jerusalem, Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes, the Sea of Galilee, Masada, the Dead Sea, and Jericho. The price is for double occupancy and includes airfare, lodging, transportation, and many of the meals. The deadline to sign up is not until later this fall, but space is limited. Let Pastor Dave know if you are interested in this trip.

Our Church's Leadership Team

Moderator of Session: Pastor Dave Thompson

Clerk of Session: Marlene Spencer

Class of 2018

Kathy Baskett (2)
 Marv Brown (2)
 Jeff Gruizenga (2)
 Sandi Schoenberger

Class of 2019

Chris Eriksen (2)
 Jenice Fugere (2)
 Chuck Leggate
 Heather McLean

Class of 2020

David Bauer (2)
 Carla Bracken
 Ken Eichenberger (2)
 Sharon Lincoln (2)

Deacons:

Class of 2018

Janet Brown (2)
 Pam Gore (2)
 Ruth Kaufman
 Charlie Pinnick

Class of 2019

Peggy Cluff
 Dodie Cox (2)
 Bob Fedric
 Janice Ward

Class of 2020

Kathy Ramage (2)
 Lorrie Rimpe
 Paige Spalding (2)
 Marjorie Stewart (2)

(2) denotes a second consecutive terms that is currently being served.

We appreciate Kathy Baskett, Marv Brown, Jeff Gruizenga who terms on session will expire in January. Sandi Schoenberger has agreed to come back and serve a second term on session.

Special thanks to Janet Brown, Pam Gore, and Ruth Kaufman whose terms will expire on the deacons in January. Charlie Pinnick has agreed to come back and serve a second term.

Support groups continue to meet monthly

Two support groups meet at our church on a monthly basis. They are:

1. Our Grief Support Group meets the first Wednesday and the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM and provides help, hope, and healing to those dealing with grief and loss.

2. Our RLI Group deals with “Real Life Issues” and meets the second Wednesday of every month at 10:00 AM This group meets to discuss issues pertaining to end of life, death and dying, and spiritual questions.

Both groups are open to anyone in the church and community and maintain a high level of confidentiality. Both of these groups meet in our new conference room.

For questions about any of these support groups, please talk with Dr. Don Harr or Pastor Dave. Dr. Harr is a retired psychiatrist with a lot of years of experience in helping people cope and grow through their loss. We are especially grateful for Dr. Harr and giving of his time and expertise to these groups and helping people cope with many issues.



On a Personal Note



Marilyn Mahan passed away at West Park Village on November 19. Funeral arrangements are pending at this time.

We extend our sympathies to the family of Jim Bateman who passed away on November 18. His memorial service was held in our church on November 29.

We extend our condolences to the family of the Rev. Leon Rathbun, retired pastor from Terry, who died last month of esophageal and liver cancer. A memorial service was held in Terry on November 25.

Sonja Bennett was recently hospitalized at St. V’s with spinal cord issues.

Cheryl Nagel is home after having two surgeries in Denver to remove a cancerous spot on her eye.

Jo Bartels is home after falling and breaking a vertebrae in her neck last month.

Charlene (Rich) Switzer’s health continues to decline as a result of ALS disease.

Congratulations to Tamara Lucht who was baptized during worship on Sunday, November 19.

Fred Reinhart has returned home after being hospitalized at St. V’s several weeks ago with respiratory concerns.

Cindy Leggate was hospitalized last week at the St. V’s with heart issues. She is now home and is doing better.

Singles group to meet on Saturday, December 16

Our church’s singles group will be meeting on Saturday, December 16 at 10 AM at the downtown Perkins Restaurant, located on 27th Street. Our singles group meets monthly for various activities. For more information about this group, please contact either Tom Erskine or Phyllis Brown.

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | | | | 1 9-1 Preschool 12 Lessons & Carols rehearsal | 2 Basket- ball clinics 4 Christmas decorating |
| 3 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship Communion 11:00 West Park worship 3 & 7 RMC Christ- mas Concerts | 4 | 5 9:30 Women’s Bible Study 12noon Property Committee Meet- ing | 6 9 BSF Leaders 10 Grief Support Group 12noon BLT 7 Choir Rehearsal | 7 1 Mission Commit- tee meets 7 CE Committee | 8 9-1 Preschool 12 United Church Women Mtg | 9 Basketball clinics |
| 109:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship Whiteout Sunday 11:00 West Park Worship | 11 9-1 Preschool 10 Worship Com- mittee 12 Men’s Group 7 Foundation Mtg | 12 9:30 Staff Meeting 9:30 Women’s Bible Study 7 Session meeting | 13 9 BSF Leaders PW Circles Meet 10 RLI Group 12noon BLT 6 Youth Group 7 Choir Rehearsal | 14 9 Bible Study Fel- lowship (BSF) | 15 9-1 Preschool Last day until Jan- uary | 16 Basket- ball clinics 10 Singles group @ Per- kins |
| 179:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship Christmas Cantata 11:00 West Park Worship | 18 No Preschool Newsletter Deadline | 19 9:30 Staff Meeting 10 Grief Support Group | 20 No Preschool 12noon BLT 6 Youth Christmas Party 7Choir Rehearsal | 21 12 Congregational Care Team | 22 No Preschool | 23 |
| 24 Family Promise Set up at 9am No Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11 West Park Christmas Eve ser- vices at 5 & 10 PM | 25 Family Promise | 26 Family Promise No Women’s Bible Study No Stephen Minis- try Supervision | 27 Family Promise No Preschool 12noon BLT No Youth Group No Choir Rehears- al | 28 Family Promise | 29 Family Promise No Preschool | 30 Family Promise |
| 31 Family Promise Cleanup at 9am No Sun School 10:30 Worship | | | | | | |

Presbyterian Women



Are you a woman who attends First Presbyterian Church?

If so, you are a Presbyterian Woman! The PW organization in our church has five different groups which meet monthly for study, fellowship, and often food. We offer groups that meet in the mornings, afternoons, and evenings. Consider joining one of our groups to grow in your faith in God and one another. For more information about the PW organization in our church, please talk with either Sandi Schoenberger or Marlene Spencer. PW groups will be meeting on Wednesday, Decem-ber 13. Please note that this is a week earlier than normal due to the Christmas season.

The PW Christmas luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 6 at 12noon in the church’s fellow-ship hall. If you would lie more information about this special luncheon, please talk with Marlene Spencer.

Sunday school classes continue

Sunday school for all ages continues each Sunday for children, youth, and adults. Lots of great clas-ses are provided for all ages! Hope you all with join us!

Classes for Kids:

Middle School and High School: Youth meet in the downstairs youth coffee room with Russ and Heidi.

Sunday school for children grades K-5 is held during our worship service continues for children ages kindergarten through the 5th grade.



Special Class for Advent:

Join Pastor Dave beginning on Sunday, December 3 at 9:15 AM in the Fireside Room for a special class titled, “Moments in the Margins.” This three week series will help us take a look at the birth stories of Jesus and how important Jesus’ coming is to our world and lives today. Amid hatred, sadness, violence, and prejudice, Jesus entered our world long ago to bring peace and redemption to our lives. Join Dave as we explore this relevant topic to see how Jesus can once again transform our lives by his grace and peace.

Church and Society Class Schedule for December:

DECEMBER 3 Dr. Bob Wilmouth, President of Rocky Mountain College. How RMC fits into our Community. With support from 3 denominations, including the Presbytery, Bob will discuss the role of the college chaplain. Also, what is the future of higher-education and how do RMCs new initiatives play a part in the years ahead?

DECEMBER 10 Dr. Charlotta Eaton, Alzheimers and Communication The Challenges. As Alzheimers and other de-mantias progress, communication skills of the person with the disease of dementia decline. Eventually he or she will have more difficulty expressing thoughts and emotions. Challenges associated with communication can lead to frustra-tion. It can be helpful to understand what changes occur so you can prepare and make adjustments. Anticipating these changes and knowing how to respond can help everyone communicate more effectively. Dr. Eaton will take you through changes in communication from the early through late stages of dementia and Alzheimers.

DECEMBER 17 Rev. Matthew Lundgren, Executive Director, Friendship House of Christian Service. Friendship House of Christian Service has been serving as a Christian Community Development agency in South Billings for 60 years. Our work includes building relationships and delivering life changing programming for people age 4-104. As a faith based nonprofit, we work to move people out of poverty and brokenness and into health and wholeness through ed-ucation, empowerment and leadership development. Come to the Church and Society class to see how First Presbyterian and Friendship House have worked together to make a difference in our community.

December 24 and 31 No Church and Society class

Congregational meeting coming on Sunday, January 28

Our annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28 immediately following our worship ser-vice. The purpose of this meeting is to elect a new class of elders and deacons, elect a nominating committee for the coming year for the selection of elders and deacons, review the 2017 financial statements, hear reports from the past year, and to review the 2018 proposed budget.

We appreciate everyone who helped to make 2017 a great year for our church and who assisted in the ministry we carry out in the name of Christ. We accomplished much during this past year and without the time and talents of many of our members and friends of the church, this would not be possible. Annual reports will be available on Sunday, January 21, a week prior to the meeting. We invite you to take a report and look it over prior to the meeting on Sunday, January 28.

Youth News:

December will be a busy time for FPC Youth Ministry. Sunday School will be held December 3, 10 and 17 before the Christmas/New Year break. Dani Repka, Tamara Lucht, Hunter Skov and Lexi Freitag have led our Sunday School during the Fall term as interns. We appreciate all their time and efforts with dedication to our FPC children.



The college group under the leadership of Russ Kline, Jody Ferestad and Lee Webber will meet December 3 and 10 and break for the Holidays and resume with the start of the Spring term. They can participate in FPC’s December 6 Christmas party for Jesus and attend the youth ministry Christmas party hosted by Shari and Bob Dayton on December 20. They also can participate in the December 13 dinner and Christmas caroling at West Park Village.

The middle and high school youth groups are hosting the FPC’s birthday party for Jesus on December 6 at 6 pm in the Sanctuary. Performances by Pastor Dave and John Reed, Emma McLean and the youth, Heather McLean and Erin Thompson, Isaiah Murch and Tensey and Coryn Martinez of “Songs, Story, Scripture and Prayer” will provide a wonderful and fun party celebrating Jesus and his birth nearly 2050 years ago. Cake and ice cream with goodies will be shared by all. A bus will pick up anyone at Mission Ridge at 5:30 pm.

On December 13 after dinner the youth will Christmas carol at West Park Village and on December 20 attend their Christmas auction and party at the Dayton’s home. On December 24 they will set the cross and time capsule, under John Thompson, they have worked on this term. “Ginger Bread” homes made under the direction of Emma McLean, Coryn Martinez and Grace Steppe will be delivered to children with less on December 24. The youth will then break until 2018.

The “We Believe” basketball clinic’s league games are December 2, 9 and 16. The participates with the FPC youth groups and Sunday school children will perform at the December 10 “White Out Celebration.” They will also be recognized and awarded for their clinic participation and invited to Sunday school after their performance and celebration. The white “Jesus Loves Me” shirts for the event are being sold by the FPC youth and we encourage you to get your shirt early. Pick up a “Jesus Loves Me” cap too. They make a great Christmas gift.

Christmas decorating to be held Saturday, December 2

We invite you to join us to decorate the church for Christmas on Saturday, December 2 at 4:00 PM. We will be decorating trees, hanging wreaths, arranging the nativities, and placing our Christmas banners around the church. A free meal will be served. Please join us!

Men’s group

Our men’s group is meeting the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 12noon in the Fireside Room. Join other men for a time of encouragement, fellowship, prayer, and study. This group is currently studying the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy which addresses the history of Moses and the people of God. For more information about this group, please talk with Pastor Dave. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 11 at 12noon. All men are invited.

Upcoming Committee Meetings in September

(All meetings are in the Fireside Room)

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| Property Committee | Tuesday, December 5 at 12noon |
| Mission Committee | Thursday, December 7 at 1:00 PM |
| Christian Education | Thursday, December 7 at 7:00 PM |
| Worship Committee | Monday, December 11 at 10:00 AM |
| Session Meeting | Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 PM |
| PW Board Meeting | Wednesday, December 13 at 9:30am |
| Deacons Meeting | Monday, December 18 at 4:00 PM |
| Congregational Care Team | Thursday, December 21 at 12noon |
| Fellowship Committee | Thursday, January 4 at 11:00 AM |

Stephen Ministry Update

We have an active group of Stephen Ministers who are working to help others in our church and community. Each of our church’s Stephen Ministers are assigned a care receiver with whom they provide one-on-one skills of listening, encouragement, and spiritual help. Stephen Ministry supervision is scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM and includes time for continuing education and support. More information about Stephen Ministry is available through one of our church Stephen Ministry leaders who are JoAnn Jones, Doris Backus, Shirley Shirley, or Pastor Dave.

December Birthdays

| | |
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| 1 David Marshall | Teri Pattee |
| 2 John Limbach | Edna Carlson |
| Judy Wallinder | Haley Kouba |
| Dorothy Leeds | 22 Gary Schneider |
| 5 Lowell Butler | 23 Jane Myhre |
| 6 Jim Graff | Louise Graff |
| Sam Cormier | 26 Bob Muir |
| 8 Bob Dayton | 27 Tim Janiak |
| 10 Shirley Shirley | Doris Backus |
| 11 James Haefer | 28 Cathy McLean |
| Jeanie Hekkel | 30 Erin Bean |
| 16 Tom Kreger | Sue Bentley |
| 19 Ann Chase | Jessica Grabow |
| 20 Ed Dakolios | Kurt Grabow |
| | Jay Kouba |

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|--------------------------|
| 31 Jenanne Luse |
| 31 Allison Dubs |
| Anniversaries |
| 19 Marv & Janet Brown |
| 20 Aaron & Lis TenHarmse |
| 27 Chuck & Lois Maris |
| Bob & Barbara Muir |
| 28 Bill & Amy Letson |
| 29 Jim & Louise Graff |
| Ed & Edna Stauber |



Mission News



We are so very thankful for the generosity of our wonderful congregation. With your time, talent, financial, and other contributions, we have been able to help so many this year. We have given locally as well as internationally.

We are helping two women financially through a micro loan program called Kiva. Kiva envisions a world where all people hold the power to create opportunity for themselves and others. Kiva is an international nonprofit, founded in 2005 and based in San Francisco, with a mission to connect people through lending to alleviate poverty. They celebrate and support people looking to create a better future for themselves, their families, and their communities.

The first woman is Rebeca who lives in Bolivia. We are helping her buy wool in bulk so she can make and sell blankets to help support her husband and three children. The second woman is Furaha in the Congo. She buys traditional cloth to sell. So far she has earned enough to pay for her children to go to school. She paid a previous loan back before it was due.

Locally we continue to help Peace Lutheran Church financially with their food pantry. Pastor Dave has sent hungry people to them for help.

On November 30 we had a work day at the new Habitat house in the Heights. Our church is one of 12 organizations who are coming together to sponsor the building of a house for Jim Brown. The house dedication should be sometime in January. Thanks to all who helped with this special work project.

We are collecting new warm socks in all sizes from November 19 through December 15. They will be distributed by the Salvation Army.

We thank everyone who shopped at the Global Village tables.

Thanks to you all, the “Pay it Forward” program has been a great success helping so many in our community and beyond. Lots of creative ideas have been shared about how people used their \$10 to help others.

Over 500 pounds of clothing, shoes, and winter wear was collected in November for Family Service, Inc. Thanks to all who brought cloths for this special drive and to Lois Dalton for organizing this drive.

Special thanks to Carla Mahan, Carol Harr, C.J. Johnson, Linda Haden, and Beth Morrow who baked 12 pumpkin pies for the HUB last month. The homeless and transient population served by the HUB certainly appreciated this kind gesture.

The angel tree is up and has names on it for you to take so you can shop for youth who are served by Tumbleweed and those living at Ponderosa Pines. Our gifts are the only thing that most of them get for Christmas. Please return the gifts in a gift bag to the tree by Sunday, December 10. Special thanks to Sue Bentley for organizing our Angel Tree donations once again this year.

The Mission committee looks forward to helping God’s children in 2018. We want each and every one of you to help however you can. We are so thankful.