



# *The Breath*

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Priest Lake Presbyterian Church  
"Take the Breath to Spread the Word"

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Priest Lake Presbyterian Church welcomes you home this Advent Season. In this special season let us come together in celebrating the miracle that, in Jesus Christ, God is *for us, with us, over us, beneath us, and before us*. May miracles abound for you this season!

## **2nd Sunday of Advent: December 10th**

- Message "Angels" - Luke 1:26-38
- The candle of Peace is lit by a PLPC member/family.

## **3rd Sunday of Advent: December 17th - Christmas Cantata**

- PLPC choir members present special music: "Sing Joy to All the World."
- The candle of love is lit by a PLPC member or family.

## **Christmas Food Box Delivery: December 16th**

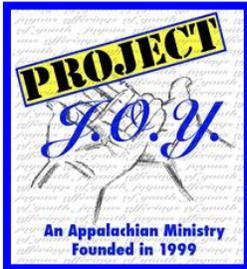
- All are welcome to gather at 8:00 a.m. to participate in delivering a box of food for a holiday meal to families in our area.

## **4th Sunday of Advent: December 24th**

- There will be both a 10:15 a.m. and a 5:30 p.m. service
- Both will have a message on the "The Messy Manger" -- Luke 2:1-7
- The candle of Joy and the Christ candle will be lit in both services.



Sharing food together is such a wonderful way to build and maintain a loving community. Tuesday, at PLPC'S **"Come to the Table"** we ate a wonderful homemade meal (thanks, Leesa and Maggie) and we had some fun with Christmas sweater contests. Jennie Harper won for most unique/tacky sweater contest. Margaret Newton won for prettiest/classic! The next lunch is February 6th @ 11:30 am. Come and join us!



## Project J.O.Y. 2017

This year after we had served all that came to the Armory to pick up food and clothing, we had the pleasure of delivering school supplies and laundry detergent to Harlan City & County Schools. While we were at the county school, Cathy (who is the county school counselor) & her husband took time to show us around her office. We were impressed to see how organized everything was. All of the school supplies will be divided between the schools in the county as needed.

There is a clothing closet sorted by gender and size. She also has a washer and dryer that she or the students can use if an accident occurs at school. She said when she gets clothing donated she sometimes has to wash them before she can put them in the closet. "I just can't give them clothes that don't smell clean", she said.

They also have a food pantry for kids to come by on Friday and pick up 'weekend backpacks' with enough food to get them through until Monday. The food pantry is donations only, they rely on churches and businesses to keep it stocked. Cathy said she has noticed an increase this year in the number of high school students that came to her office to ask for food.

This brief tour confirmed to us that the need is still there and the schools have come to rely on the generous donations from Project J.O.Y. We left feeling that this mission in some small way can and does make a difference. We are thankful for all that donate and support this mission.



## **YOU ARE INVITED!**

The Mission Team cordially invites YOU to participate in our annual Local Mission Project of the packing and delivery of Christmas food boxes for our neighbors in need in the Nashville area – most of which will be right in the church neighborhood this year. We are again working through the guidance counselors at Nashville Elementary Schools to find families in need.

This is an opportunity for ALL to serve whether through packing, a monetary donation for food purchase (make checks payable to PLPC and in memo line note – FOOD BOX MINISTRY), delivery or prayers for our families.

**We could use a couple of strong backs to meet at Aldi's on Saturday morning, 12/9 (time to be announced) to help pick up our food order.**

**We will be packing boxes on Wed. evening, 12/13 at 7:30 pm, immediately following the Advent Study, and, again at 10:45 am on Thursday, 12/14, immediately following the Advent Study.**

**We will deliver our food boxes on Saturday morning, 12/16. We need at least 8 drivers and a partner for each driver to help carry.**

We will gather at the church on 12/16 at 8:00 am for a short devotional and prayer and then head out from the church promptly at 8:30 am. Our families will be looking for us before noon on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Please email or text Nancy Loudermilk at [nancyloudermilk@tds.net](mailto:nancyloudermilk@tds.net) or 615-939-2717 if you can help with Aldi's pick-up on 12/9 AM and box delivery on 12/16. For box delivery, we will need to know if you can drive or be a delivery partner.

Finally, if you know of a family in need, please let Nancy Loudermilk or Laura Bradford know.

Thanks and God's Blessing to you and yours during this Advent Season!

The Mission Team

Worship Leader	Greet (and usher)	Usher	Communion	
December 3 – Justin Greene	Gloria Kimbro & Belle Dahlman	Linda Anders Donna Nock		
December 10 – Jon Loudermilk	Savannah Loudermilk & Darla Horton	Dori Hutchison & Bonnie Shapbell		
December 17 – Jordan Greene	Terry Culp & Leesa Fields	Jonathan & Mariah Schwartz		
December 24 – Nancy Loudermilk	Cat & Laura Bradford	Karla & Frank Horton		
Christmas Eve Service-	Jon & Nancy Loudermilk  Jon Loudermilk serves choir		Prep communion: Jon & Nancy Loudermilk  Clean-up – Justin Greene	
December 31 – Lenna Allen	Bill Allen & Valerie Barton	Kristy Greene & Judy Aching		

If you are unable to serve in the capacity of preparing Communion, greeters, ushers, servers, cleanup or worship leader, please see Jon Loudermilk or you may contact him at 615-714-8751 or by email [JonLoudermilk@tds.net](mailto:JonLoudermilk@tds.net). If you would like to be included in our rotation, please speak to Jon.



Finding Peace at PLPC's Annual Ladies Retreat  
 PLPC Ladies...Please join us for the **Annual Ladies Ladies Retreat** on January 27-28 at the YMCA Joe C. Davis Outdoor Center. We are excited about another meaningful time of fellowship and friendship as we engage in study and activities around the theme of "Finding Peace." Watch for details coming soon, along with registration information.

Come for the day only or spend the night, but don't miss this!



**OPERATING INCOME**

Income during October 2017	\$15,664.90
Expenses during October 2017	\$14,759.69
Net Operating Income for October 2017	\$905.21
Year to Date Income Received through 10/31/17	\$138,238.41
Year to Date Expenses through 10/31/17	\$148,385.84
Net Operating Income through 10/31/17	<b>-\$10,147.43</b>

**ACCOUNTS BALANCES:**

Money in Checking at 10/31/17		\$20,597.82
General Funds	<b>-\$10,728.64</b>	
Missions Funds	\$3,911.67	
Designated Accounts	\$27,414.79	
Money in Savings at 10/31/17		\$27,984.32
A/C Fund	\$4,400.00	
Kitchen Renovation Fund	\$5,545.00	
Insurance Deductible Sinking Fund	\$10,000.00	
Nazarene Donation – Designated for PNC to use for Moving Expenses for New Pastor	\$5,539.00	
Capital Reserve Fund	\$2,500.32	



**Christmas Post Office**

The Post Office provides a quick and inexpensive way to send holiday Greetings to members of your church family. Here's how it works:

- 1) Pick up a roster from the table in the hallway
- 2) Address your cards...name only, no street address
- 3) Drop your cards in the "mailbox" located on the hallway table
- 4) Drop your postage donation in the container (.10 per card)
- 5) Pick up cards that have been sent to you from the table

The cards you "mailed" will be sorted for you and stacked on the table for people to pick up. How easy is that? The Post Office will operate through December. Postage donations will benefit the Pastor's Discretionary fund.

December 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	2 Iglesia Prayer Service – 5:00 Max Scruggs Karate – 9:30
3 First Sunday of Advent Lectionary Class – 9:00 Sunday School – 9:00 Seekers Class – 9:00 Worship Service – 10:15 Iglesia Worship Service – 1:00 WALK – 5:00	4 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 YAM – 6:30	5 Come to the Table – 11:30 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Narcotics Anonymous – 6:45 - Cabin	6 Bible Study – 9:15 Pauses for Advent – 6:00 Choir Practice - 7:00 Elizabeth Sadler	7 Pauses for Advent – 9:30 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	8 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	9 Iglesia Prayer Service – 5:00 Max Scruggs Karate – 9:30
10 Second Sunday of Advent Lectionary Class – 9:00 Sunday School – 9:00 Seekers Class – 9:00 Worship Service – 10:15 Iglesia Worship Service – 1:00	11 Pauses for Advent – 9:30 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 YAM – 6:30 Phil & Marilyn McGovern	12 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Narcotics Anonymous – 6:45 - Cabin	13 Bible Study – 9:15 Pauses for Advent – 6:00 Choir Practice - 7:00 Wendy Yarnall	14 Pauses for Advent – 9:30 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	15 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	16 Iglesia Prayer Service – 5:00 Christmas Food Box Delivery – 8:00 Max Scruggs Karate – 9:30
17 Third Sunday and Christmas Cantata Lectionary Class – 9:00 Sunday School – 9:00 Seekers Class – 9:00 Worship Service – 10:15 – Choir Cantata Iglesia Worship Service – 1:00 WALK – 5:00	18 Pauses for Advent – 9:30 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 YAM – 6:30 Mike & Kathy Howard	19 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Narcotics Anonymous – 6:45 - Cabin	20 Bible Study – 9:15 Pauses for Advent – 6:00 Choir Practice - 7:00	21 Pauses for Advent – 9:30 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Marilyn McGovern Cat Bradford Matt Hansel Avery Ann Hensley	22 <b>Office Closed – in lieu of Christmas Eve</b> Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	23 Iglesia Prayer Service – 5:00 Max Scruggs Karate – 9:30 Dyeann Hildebrand
24 – Christmas Eve Lectionary Class – 9:00 Sunday School – 9:00 Seekers Class – 9:00 Worship Service – 10:15 Iglesia Worship Service – 1:00 Christmas Eve Service – 5:30 Ray & Linda Anders	25 Christmas Day – <b>Office Closed</b> Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 YAM – 6:30	26 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Narcotics Anonymous – 6:45 - Cabin	27 Bible Study – 9:15 Choir Practice - 7:00	28 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 David & Elizabeth Sadler	29 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	30 Iglesia Prayer Service – 5:00 Max Scruggs Karate – 9:30 Dave Nock
31 Lectionary Class – 9:00 Sunday School – 9:00 Seekers Class – 9:00 Worship Service – 10:15 Iglesia Worship Service – 1:00 Drew & Barbara Norris Joyce Hereford Venge Nkosi	<b>Notes:</b>					



## Angaza Nuru – School Bells will soon be ringing!

Hello to all – While the Kenya team members are giddy with excitement about our trip which begins in just over 40 days at this writing, it is time to remember what our mission is all about with our school-age children in the village of Bodoi. In mid-January, our Kenyan children will begin a new school year.

For those who are new to PLPC, we offer scholarship and uniform support more than 130 school-age children in Bodoi. PLPC members and friends can sponsor a child for the year – for tuition and/or a school uniform.

**Tuition:** Your tuition sponsorships provide scholarships for students in primary and secondary schools. For the younger children who attend the Angaza Nuru School for free, your sponsorships pay for costs associated with running the school. In an effort to work to progress toward fair wages for our school teachers, we are raising the tuition fee by \$10 this year, making tuition \$60 per child for the school year. This additional scholarship money will help the primary and secondary students for related school fees.

**Uniforms:** The uniform fee for this year will be \$15 per child. This amount has actually decreased from years past due to an anonymous donation of shoes for all 130 kids this year! HUGE thanks to this loving heart! And, this is kind of cool, the shoes are called “The Shoe That Grows” and they have the capacity to grow 5 shoe sizes!

In summary, \$75 will cover tuition and uniform for one child for the year!

For those who have “adopted” specific children in the past, you will be able to sponsor the same child(ren) again this year if they are still in the program.

Beginning **December 10, 2017** and through **January 7, 2018**, the Kenya Team will have a table set up in the Narthex after worship with specific info on “our kids” complete with photos! We can answer questions and provide you with the info you need to participate in this wonderful ministry.

Many thanks for your support for Angaza Nuru in the past and for what God leads you to do in the future!

The Kenya Team



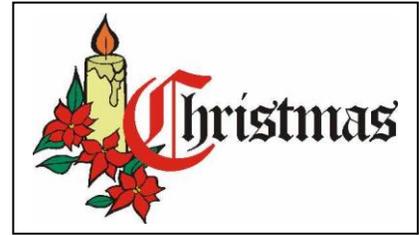
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