



The Breath

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

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Trust God.

*As I look into the future
there is much I can fear,
unless I remember,
that God is always near.*

*A life without hope
is no life at all,
but with faith in God
there is help when I call.*

*When I pray each day
God hears my needs,
and in time God responds
through so many deeds.*

*I can see God at work
in my life each day,
for God gives me guidance
as I go along the way.*

*God is there with me
when I get out of bed,
and with faith in God,
I am wisely led.*

*Although the way seems dark
and the pathway unsure,
I can make it through life
for with God I am secure.*

*As we look into the future
there may be much to fear,
unless we trust in God
for a Happy New Year!*

*And that is the Good News!
Pastor Jimmie*

Period November 1 – November 30, 2016
(Operating accounts only)

CHURCH FUNDS:

Revenue:	
Pledge Contributions	\$106,229.20
Loose Offerings	\$26,604.80
All Other	\$15,185.37
Total Revenues	\$148,019.37
Expense:	
Missions	\$15,622.90
General Expenses	\$7,649.21
Properties	\$33,757.67
Committee Expenses	\$5,022.28
Personnel	\$99,268.20
Other	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$161,320.26
Shortfall as of 11/30/16	-\$13,300.89

MISSION FUNDS:

Mission dollars carried over from 12/31/15	\$4,681.65
Mission dollars accrued as of 11/30/16	\$16,191.45
Mission dollars transferred to Designated Accounts	\$0.00
Mission dollars spent as of 11/30/16	-\$16,243.65
Mission dollars available at 11/30/16	\$4,629.45

DESIGNATED FUNDS:

Designated dollars carried over from 12/31/15	\$11,869.76
Designated funds received as of 11/30/16	\$21,645.54
Designated funds spent as of 11/30/16	-\$24,233.36
Designated funds transferred to Savings	\$0.00
Due to designated funds as of 11/30/16	\$9,281.94

ACCOUNTS BALANCES:

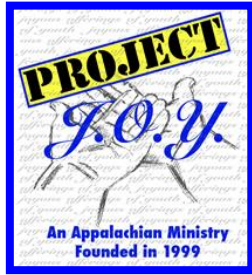
Money in Checking at 11/30/16		\$16,565.38
General Funds	\$2,653.99	
Missions Funds	\$4,629.45	
Designated Accounts	\$9,281.94	
Money in Savings at 11/30/16		\$28,970.07
A/C Fund	\$4,275.00	
Kitchen Renovation Fund	\$4,200.00	
Insurance Deductible Sinking Fund	\$10,000.00	
Nazarene Donation – Designated for PNC to use for Moving Expenses for New Pastor	\$8,000.00	
Capital Reserve Fund	\$2,495.07	

Worship SCHEDULE

Jan 1	Worship Leader	Pastor Jimmie
	Communion set up	Bob & Susie DeBerry
	Greeters/Ushers	Cat & Laura Bradford
	Ushers	Jill Lancaster Mike Howard
	Serve Choir	David Sadler
	Communion cleanup	Bob & Susie DeBerry
Jan 8	Worship Leader	Elizabeth Sadler
	Greeters/Ushers	Ollie & Dyeann Hildebrand
	Ushers	Bill & Lenna Allen
Jan 15	Worship Leader	John Buwalda
	Greeters/Ushers	Chad & Valerie Barton
	Ushers	Linda Anders Bonnie Shapbell
Jan 22	Worship Leader	Justin Greene
	Greeters/Ushers	Steve & Kristy Greene
	Ushers	Crystal Caviness Leesa Fields
Jan 29	Worship Leader	Nancy Loudermilk
	Greeters/Ushers	Phil & Joyce Hereford
	Ushers	Justin & Sarah Greene

*Note: If you are unable to serve in the capacity of preparing Communion, greeters, ushers, servers, cleanup or worship Leader, please see Mike Howard or you may contact him at 615-941-1454 or by email mikehoward@united.net. If you would like to be included in our rotation, please speak to Mike.

January 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 – New Year's Day Lectionary Class – 9:00 Sunday School – 9:00 Seekers Class – 9:00 Worship Service – 10:15 Iglesia Worship Service – 1:00 WALK – 5:00	2 Office Closed – In lieu of New Year's Day Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 YAM – 6:30	3 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Narcotics Anonymous – 7:30 - Cabin	4 Bible Study – 9:15 WALK – 6:00 Choir Practice - 7:00	5 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Iglesia Prayer Service – 7:00	6 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	7 Iglesia Prayer Service – 5:00 Max Scruggs Karate – 9:30
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15 Lectionary Class – 9:00 Sunday School – 9:00 Seekers Class – 9:00 Worship Service – 10:15 Stated Session Meeting – following Worship Iglesia Worship Service – 1:00 WALK – 5:00	16 Martin Luther King Day – Office Closed Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 YAM – 6:30	17 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Narcotics Anonymous – 7:30 - Cabin	18 Bible Study – 9:15 WALK – 6:00 Choir Practice - 7:00	19 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Iglesia Prayer Service – 7:00	20 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	21 Iglesia Prayer Service – 5:00 Max Scruggs Karate – 9:30
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The Faces of Harlan 2016 – Part 2

The story of those in Harlan continues as we enter into the season of Advent. On that dark and chilly morning, we continued to hear prayer requests of those with a strong faith in God mixed with those who would reply, when asked for prayer requests, “Oh we’re good.”

Carol Dean was a soft spoken, small, older lady, who when asked, responded “for our granddaughters that we are raising.” Then she added “and for our daughters, Sonya and Tonya, who are drug addicts.” Her husband Gene, who had been quiet, turned and said to me, “We have something in common.” It turns out that we are both recovering alcoholics. Gene went on to tell me about his love for God and how “God had saved him from himself.” He also talked about his prayers and concerns for his two daughters. We embraced several times and prayed for each other.

Betty Brown, also a quiet spoken lady, asked for prayers for her family and for her upcoming surgery for fibrous tumors on Tuesday. Mary asked for prayers for her two kids, ages seven and four, who “have bad livers.” Crystal asked for prayers for a healthy pregnancy for her third child. A prayer request was given for Amber who was serving in the military. Charles Langley asked for prayers for his family.

Then there was a request for Tammy Thomas. She had been out of jail for four days after serving time for drug related charges. Tammy had lost custody of her four kids. So far she had not used drugs since being out of jail, and the request was “that God give her the strength to continue to stay off drugs.”

Margie is sixteen years old and is facing ovarian surgery in the next week. She is very afraid but she is “trusting God to take care of her.”

As we enter the season of Advent, may we take time to pray for and remember those who are less fortunate than we are. Please pray for those individuals in Harlan; their struggles, their pain, their health and their life. Mike Howard, Elder



The Priest Lake Presbyterian Church staff wishes to thank the congregation for the Christmas checks, which were deeply appreciated. Most of all, we want to thank all of the people for your partnership with us in ministry, for you make this congregation to be a loving and nurturing place. Happy New Year!!



Thank You from Kathy

The beautiful plant received from my church family is doing very well in the living room. It constantly reminds me how much Bob was loved and how much love and support is given to me every day through prayers I feel.

God continues to support me with His guidance and strength in this grief path, one I would never believe was God's will. However, I trust Him to lead me forward.



I would like to personally thank the Session Elders for my raise which will be effective 1/1/17. I also would like to thank my Session elders who will be rotating off the Session as soon as replacements are named. I appreciate your dedication and for putting up with me! I want each of you as well as the congregation to know how much I love my job and every one of you.



Thank you so much from the Missions Team to everyone who helped make the Christmas Food boxes a success again this year. This ministry is a true team effort and we greatly appreciate everyone who was involved; from planning, calling families and helping pack boxes, to driving boxes to families. We were able to bless over 50 families with young children this year, delivering a food box, turkey breast, and warm Christmas greetings. As one of our drivers put it, "My heart is full. Every single person we delivered to needed, appreciated, and blessed me greatly". Thank you everyone for helping us make this blessing happen!



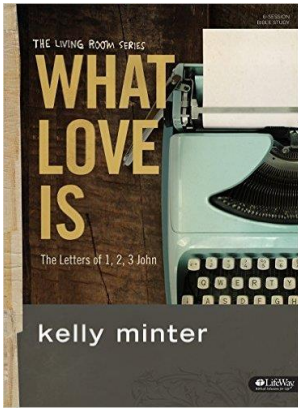
PLPC Ladies Retreat

Join us for the PLPC Ladies Retreat January 28th-29th

The 2017 PLPC Ladies Retreat has been scheduled for January 28-29th at the YMCA Outdoor Center! Join us for this time of spiritual rejuvenation and fellowship. The retreat will begin at 8 am Saturday and end at noon on Sunday. Day camp options are available.

Please watch for details and registration forms coming soon.

For more information, contact Crystal Caviness at crystal.caviness@gmail.com or 615.306.3401.



WALK discovers 'What Love Is' and studies Luke in January

The Sunday WALK begins a new study on January 8 titled "What Love Is." The group meets weekly from 5-6:30 p.m. The seven-week series by Kelly Minter features DVD segments and personal study chapters between sessions.

A description of the study is below:

The letters of 1, 2 & 3 John were written to encourage followers of Jesus to remain faithful to the truth. Believers are challenged to look at contrasting themes such as walking in the light instead of darkness, truth versus lies and deception, loving God more than loving the world, and the meaning of true fellowship and community rather than shallowness. This seven-session study reveals not only the heart of John but also the heart of Jesus.

Member books, which cost between \$13-\$15, may be purchased at Lifeway stores or online.

The Wednesday WALK group, meeting each week from 6-7 p.m., is studying the Gospel of Luke, using various study guides and commentaries to move verse-by-verse through the chapters. The Wednesday WALK will resume its 2017 schedule on Wednesday, January 11.

WALK, in its seventh year, has grown into a supportive group of women who pray and care for one another as we each seek God's Will for our lives. For more information, contact Crystal Caviness at Crystal.caviness@gmail.com or [615.306.3401](tel:615.306.3401).



A new school year starts soon in Kenya

PLPC currently is in its fourth year of sponsoring tuitions for approximately 100 children living in Bodoi, Kenya. If you are sponsoring a child for the 2017 school year, please turn in your tuition payments by Sunday, January 8th.

If you have sponsored in the past, you should have received an envelope with updated information about your sponsored child, as well as a commitment card asking for your 2017 plans. If you are new, please check out the Angaza Nuru bulletin board for a list of children on the waiting list as well as details about the program.

Education is a No. 1 priority for Bodoi families. With the new school year beginning in mid-January, our gifts ensure that many of the children in Bodoi can start school on time and continue throughout the year without the stress of paying school fees. Thank you for your generosity!



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