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| |  | | --- | | **The First Word                        December 17, 2018** |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mlsvc01-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/217c9019201/8287316a-b51b-4e52-8723-1e18bbc9601f.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | **Upcoming Events**  **First Presbyterian Church, Carlsbad, New Mexico**  **December 17-January 6, 2019**  **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**    **Wednesday's**  **7:00 p.m.     Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)**  **Sunday's**  **8:45  a.m.    Adult Sunday School (Parlor)**  **10:00 a.m.   Worship (Sanctuary)**  **11:00 a.m.   Fellowship (Parlor)**  **3:30 p.m.    Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)**  **Upcoming Birthdays**  **December**  **22nd  Lisa Cappell**  **January**  **1st  Shirley Maxwell**  **3rd  Kerry Hardy, Patsy Smith, Andrew Miller**  **Upcoming Anniversaries**  **December**  **20th Joseph & Tessa Ogden**  **21st  Bruce & Linda Faulk**  **22nd Willi Jung  & Tiger Lily**  **29th  Craig & Theresa Ogden**  **31st  Rick & Susie Coy**  **The First Word will not be published on December 25th or 31st.  The next edition will be published on January 7th!** |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | https://mlsvc01-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/217c9019201/9cc005cf-9364-42e0-957f-0c782c447da3.jpg | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif |   **Christmas Schedule**  **Dec. 23 - Worship at 10:00 a.m.**  **Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Worship at 7:00 p.m.**  **Dec. 30 - Worship at 10:00 a.m.**  **The church office will be closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 1st.  We will resume regular hours on Jan. 2, 2019**  **All year end contributions must be postmarked or in the church offering no later than December 31, 2018.** |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | https://mlsvc01-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/217c9019201/fa38830d-b8d1-499f-952d-97e57c491f30.png |   **Christmas Joy Offering**  **We will receive our Christmas Joy Offering on December 23rd.  Please pray about what you can give to this special offering!** |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | **Stewardship Campaign**  **There is still time to turn in your pledge for 2019.  We have received 16 pledges.  Don't delay, please turn yours in today!**  **If you are unable to attend church to leave your card in the offering, please either mail it to PO Box 39 or call Shelly in the church office and she will record your pledge.**  **If you have further questions, please contact Rick Coy or call the church office.** |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | **Committee Reports**  **Year end committee reports are due in the church office no later than January 14th!  If you have already completed your report you may disregard this notice.**  **We still need the following reports in order to assemble the year end report packet:  Christian Education, Personnel, Property, Stewardship, Fellowship, and Presbyterian Women.** |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | **Church Keys**  **As a security measure the church locks have been changed.  The Shaw St. entrance and the Education Wing entrance on Halagueno St. are now push pads with a code for entry.  All other doors now use one key.  If you previously had a key you may return your key to the church office or a property member and request approval for a new key or the code for entry.   Thanks for your cooperation.**  **A Note From the Church Office**  **Shelly Ryan has District Court jury duty for the rest of December.**  **We will be working to keep things running smoothly, however, the office may be closed for short (occasional) periods of time.** |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | **Adult Sunday School**  **The Adult Sunday School/Bible Study will meet in the Parlor each week at 8:45 a.m.  Everyone will take turns leading.**  **Come and enjoy the fellowship, Bible study, and a cup of coffee.** |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | **A Biblical Journey Through the Alphabet**  **X - X-ray  The X-ray was one of the first, if not the first technique, for seeing below the visible surface. All before MRI, CT, PET, etc. God has always had x-ray vision; he sees beyond the actions right into the heart, the thoughts and soul. Don't you wish that we had x-ray hearing so that we could hear beyond the words? Don't you wish that we had x-ray understanding so that we could understand what's behind the words? But now we see through a glass, darkly. That's the human side of the story. With faith we continue to be seekers of truth.**  **There are no "X" words (that I could find) in the Bible. So I'll just go for words that have "X" in them.**  **eXcellent...                                                                      eXalt...**  **eXamine...**  **eXhort...**  **Can you do better? Share your "X's" with Shelly. You may call (885-2715), email (fpccnm@msn.com), or use regular mail (PO Box 39).**  **W words from last week:  Wage, wail, waken, wander, wane, warning, waste, weak, weary, weep, whisper** |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | **Intentional Communal Prayer**  **The Session is asking everyone in our Church Family to join in an Intentional Communal Prayer every day. Join us by saying the following prayer - or a prayer of your choosing - at the start or the close of each day.**  ***Dear God, help us. Help us to be the light of Christ to the people of our community. Help us to be guided by the Holy Spirit to minister to those who need Your healing touch. Help us to grow in wisdom and faith; help us to grow in numbers. We praise and thank You for the strength to follow You on the path You lay before us. May our church be renewed and revived to do Your will. Amen.*** |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | **Chancel Choir**  **Choir meets at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the choir room, and 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings.  Consider joining the choir and adding your voice to the heavenly chorus.  The Bell Choir rehearses at 3:30 p.m. each Sunday.** |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | **November Finance Report**  **General Fund - Budget**  **Receipts              $14,415.72**  **Expenses            $ 8,234.18**  **Difference           $ 6,181.54** |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://static.ctctcdn.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | |  |  | | --- | | **Prayer Concerns**  Rich Adamson, Hillary Langlinais, Shirley Maxwell, Jack Melvin, Margie Harbaugh Rasmussen  **Homebound and Care facilities:**  Dodie Hendley, Dick Mansfield, Janie Patrick, Marianne Patrick, Elizabeth Zink  **Military:**  Mollie Navarrette Acuna, Rey Acuna, Cody Ogden-Stell, Will Bennett  **Members/Friends Serving Overseas:**  Carol & Leith Fujii (Thailand)  The Prayer Chain Coordinator is Phyllis Readel.  If you have a prayer request, you may call either Phyllis at (441-6036) or the church office (885-2715).  **At the beginning of each month we remove names that we haven't had a recent report on.  If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the church office.** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |

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