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Deadline for January Newsletter is  
December 28 - looking for articles

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**Christmas tree in the church foyer is for mittens, caps, scarves, and socks for the Cheer Box to be delivered by December 13th.**

### December Calendar

December 2 - Parish Council

December 6 - Pastor Carol

December 13 - Doug Bremner

December 20 - Pastor Carol

December 27 - Pastor Carol

The church is open to the other groups using their desecration as of now.

### Annual Meeting ??

If you have a report please submit it by December 28. Reports will be short because of the year and they maybe emailed out or picked up if necessary.

Hopefully in 2021 things will be getting back to normal.

Happy Holidays!!!

# Up Beat

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## The Ten Commandments for Christmas

The following item appeared in a church newsletter and contains some good advice that will help us keep selfishness in check this Christmas:

- I. Thou shalt not leave "Christ" out of Christmas, making it "Xmas." To some, "X" is unknown.
- II. Thou shalt prepare thy soul for Christmas. Spend not so much on gifts that thy soul is forgotten.
- III. Thou shalt not let Santa Claus replace Christ, thus robbing the day of its spiritual reality.
- IV. Thou shalt not burden the shop girl, the mailman, and the merchant with complaints and demands.
- V. Thou shalt give thyself with thy gift. This will increase its value a hundred fold, and he who receiveth it shall treasure it forever.
- VI. Thou shalt not value gifts received by their cost. Even the least expensive may signify love, and that is more priceless than silver and gold.
- VII. Thou shalt not neglect the needy. Share thy blessings with many who will go hungry and cold unless thou are generous.
- VIII. Thou shalt not neglect thy church. Its services highlight the true meaning of the season.
- IX. Thou shalt be as a little child. Not until thou has become in spirit as a little one art thou ready to enter into the kingdom of Heaven.
- X. Thou shalt give thy heart to Christ. Let Him be at the top of thy Christmas list



# If Jesus Came to Your House

If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two,  
If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do.

Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room to such an honored Guest,  
And all the food you'd serve to Him would be the very best.

And you would keep assuring Him you're glad to have Him there,  
That serving Him in your home is joy beyond compare!

But when you saw Him coming, would you meet Him at the door,  
With arms outstretched in welcome to your Heavenly Visitor?

Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in,  
Or hide some magazines and put the Bible where they'd been?

Would you turn off the radio and hope He hadn't heard-  
And wish you hadn't uttered that last, loud, hasty word?

Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out?  
Could you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about?

And I wonder- if the Saviour spent a day or two with you-  
Would you go right on doing the things you always do?

Would you keep right on saying the things you always say?  
Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?

Would your family conversation keep up its usual pace?  
And would you find it hard each meal to say a table grace?

Would you sing the songs you always sing and read the books you read,  
And let Him know the things on which your mind and spirit feed?

Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you'd planned to go,  
Or would you, maybe change your plans for just a day or so?

Would you be glad to have Him meet your very closest friends,  
Or would you hope they'd stay away until His visit ends?

Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on,  
Or would you sigh with great relief when He at last was gone?

It might be interesting to know the things that you would do  
If Jesus came in person to spend the holidays with you.

Sympathy is extended to the Kyle and Patterson families.

## United Parish Building Fund

Floyd Hunking - Ron & Marsha Martin

Marlys Kippen

Ken & Nora Bangs

## Presbyterain church

Patsy (Patterson) Vedquam- Karol

Patterson

Floyd Hunking - Faye Bernstein

Doug Bremner

Karol Patterson



## We are encouraged to be the light

Howard Thurman's classic poem — "I Will Light Candles This Christmas" — says that the light that burns brightly is the light of Christ shining through us. It's a light that dashes away sadness with joy, replaces fear with courage and banishes despair with hope.

This year has indeed been one in need of light. It's been a year of pandemic, coupled with racial and political unrest. It's been an unprecedented year that has pushed, dragged, budged and kicked us into speaking boldly and truthfully. It has dared us to step away from the comfort of doing things in the old familiar way and to try something new in our ministries.

*Presbyterians Today's* Advent and Christmas devotional for 2020 is no exception. This year's devotional is online only and is available for free at [pcusa.org/2020advent](https://pcusa.org/2020advent). Churches are encouraged to share this link with members by clicking any of the social media share buttons. You can also download or print a PDF of each week's section.

# Happy Birthday

2 – LeAnn Bremner

2- Clairen Jostad

4 – Lucy Mercer

5 - Riley Bremner

6 - Julie Russell

11 – Helen Patterson

12 – Karol Patterson

15 – Skyler Patterson

22 – Edna Peterson

25 – Peggy Marsden

27 – Rhonda Mund

28 – Beth Sluder

30 – Milla Cote

31 – Charlie McKay



## *Anniversaries*

5 – Paul & Rhonda Milbrath

27 – Ron & Marsha Martin

## Three Wise Women



ou do know what would have happened if it had been three wise WOMEN instead of men, don't you? They would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and brought disposable diapers as gifts!