

BEULAH & MONTEREY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

e-Newsletter

DECEMBER 2024



December Celebrations

Birthdays

December 10 - Ava Frayer

December 16 - Marlene Reynolds

December 18 - Laura Warner

Anniversaries

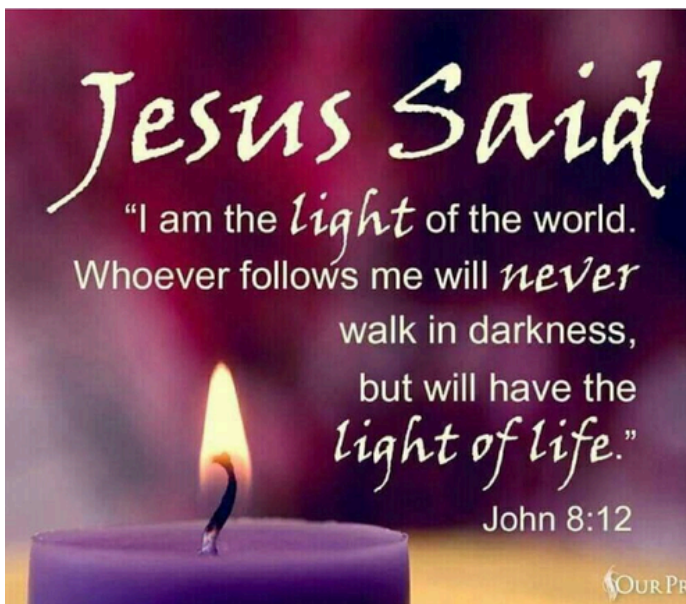
December 20 - Tim & Karen Allen

December 24 - Dale & Patsy Simmons



Mark Your Calendars!

- **December 1 - Holiday Decorating/Soup & Salad Luncheon** at Monterey Presbyterian immediately after worship. The congregation is asked to provide desserts.
- **December 14: Cookie Plate Assembly & Delivery, 10am.** Monterey Presbyterian is partnering with McDowell Presbyterian to provide cookie plates to those who need cheer. Cookie delivery, plate assembly, and delivery will take place at McDowell Presbyterian at 10am. Questions should be directed to Tate Dunn.
- **December 15: Glory Bells Performances** during worship at Beulah and Monterey Presbyterian Churches and at the 3pm Holiday Concert at The Highland Center.
- **December 24: Christmas Eve Service, 5pm** at Monterey Presbyterian Church.
- **December 29: 5th Sunday Hymn Sing, 11am** at Beulah Presbyterian Church. Lunch will follow the hymn sing.



Before Christmas we celebrate Advent – a time of expectation and preparation for the birth of the Lord. The word “Advent” derives from the Latin word “adventus,” which means “coming,” and is associated with the four weeks of preparation for Christmas.

Hope is a predominant theme of Advent. The Israelites hoped for a Messiah to come, and Christ entered the world. We are hopeful for the arrival of Christ again into the world.

Advent also focuses on light as opposed to darkness.

We light candles each week during Advent to represent the concepts of hope, peace, joy, and love but also to remind us that Christ enters our dark world and casts away the darkness of sin to redeem us. He will come again as the light of the world.

The liturgical colors of Advent are purple, deep blue, and pink. Purple, the traditional color for Advent, represents penitence and the sovereignty of Christ. Deep blue symbolizes Christ as the “Dayspring” and the church’s wait for Jesus’ birth. And, lit on the third Sunday of Advent, the pink candle represents joy and marks the shift from penitence to anticipation.

Leading Our Worship in December

- December 1: Rev. Chris Scott
- December 8: Will Cox, Lay Leader
- December 15: Rev. Adam White
- December 22: Rev. David Hindman
- December 29: 5th Sunday Hymn Sing



Prayer List

Jim White, Patricia Donaldson, Chris Weaver (Christy Fields’ mother), Keith Beumer, Tim Duff, Claudia Bedwell, Miles Johnston, Herman and Ann Puffenbarger, Becky Magee, Marlene Reynolds, Barbara Hevener, Ray Mueller, Bill and Mary Lou Cox, Amy Vaus, Andrea Lewis, and Mike Armstrong.

On November 17, Monterey Presbyterian hosted lunch and a mission packing party to pack gifts and make cards to be distributed locally and globally. During worship, Rev. Hindman bestowed a special blessing on the Chambers family as they prepared to relocate.

