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Thank you for serving coffee hour this month!

December 3: The Will Schmick Family

December 10: Fellowship Team

December 17: Cathy Stevens

December 31: Jeremy & Wendy Poteet

## *From The Pastor's Desk*

### *“Advent & The Prince of Peace”*

Advent is a time of celebrating when the Lord God Almighty came into our world. As Eugene Peterson put it in the The Message Bible, “he (Jesus, Son of God) moved into our neighborhood.” More importantly Advent is a time of looking forward to him coming again to complete the work of the Kingdom of God. So what will this Kingdom be like? One passage that is typically read during the season of Advent gives us a ‘glimpse’ of the nature of this new Kingdom. Isaiah 9:6 tells us, “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” We believe this passage was pointing forward to the Lord Jesus as the Messiah. There is a lot packed into this verse, but our emphasis on peace this Advent pleads with us to take a closer look at the last three words, “Prince of Peace.” The Hebrew ‘sar’ that is translated prince is usually used to describe a commander or captain of an army. This is a person who is in charge. He is in charge of those who have made the choice to make him the commander of their lives. The Hebrew ‘shalom’ that is translated peace means completeness, wholeness, soundness, welfare, or peace. The Lord Jesus is commanding a group of people bringing a fullness and wholeness. We are not whole without the One we were designed to be in a day-to-day relationship with.

What we seek to do as a church family is to give people a glimpse of the wholeness or fullness of the life that is found in the Lord Jesus Christ. When we give and deliver Christmas gifts to families from Whitstran on Sunday, December 17 we give them a glimpse of God’s goodness and love. When we use our artistic gifts to put on a Christmas Eve service it shows people that the Lord Jesus is worthy of worship and that beautiful artistic expressions are a central part of the wholeness and fullness found in the Lord of All. When we have a special Sunday like Candy Cane Sunday, December 10 it reminds us and all our guests that the joy of the Lord is central to the very nature of the Lord and his Kingdom. When you invite your friend, neighbor, or co-worker to join you in any of this you give them the chance to get a little glimpse of the wholeness or fullness of life that the Lord Jesus intends for them. Something worth praying and thinking about.

Blessings, Pastor Paul

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Peace  
on  
Earth

December 3  
Pastor Paul Fredericks

December 10  
Pastor Paul Fredericks

December 17  
Pastor Paul Fredericks

December 24  
No Sunday Morning Worship  
Christmas Eve Service @ 5p

December 31  
Pastor Jacki McNair

## Home-bound Communion

The first Sunday of every month is an opportunity for our church family to celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ through partaking in the Lord's Supper. We want everyone who has placed their faith in Jesus Christ to have the opportunity to participate, but we are aware that some in our family are not able to get out due to bad weather or physical problems. However, our Deacons will be available to bring Communion to those who want to receive it on that Sunday. Please call the church office (786-1594) and let us know if you aren't going to be able to be in church and would like to have Communion in your home.



YEAR-END  
GIVING

## Year-End Giving Opportunities

At this time of year people are thinking about giving. With this in mind, we, as a church, would like to provide a couple ways for people to be generous beyond their regular giving.

## Camp Ghormley Scholarships

Summer camp is the highlight of many kids' summer but is quite expensive for families. Camp costs between \$300-\$500 per camper. Would you consider "sponsoring" a camper to be able to attend camp next summer? Any amount towards camp scholarships is helpful.

## RENOVATE Building Loan

We are excited to share that our renovate loan balance is down to **\$46,404**. We are almost to the finish line because of your generosity! We want to continue to focus on paying off our only debt and we look forward to celebrating that. Any amount towards the renovate loan gets us a step closer.

Thank you for considering these giving opportunities! Please write in the memo line of your check the project that you would like to support and feel free to drop your check in the offering plate, bring to the church office or mail it to the church.



## Giving options:

- bring to worship on Sunday's
- mail your check (we have a secure, locked mailbox)
- drop your check off at the office
- set up bill pay through your bank
- go to our website and look for the giving tab



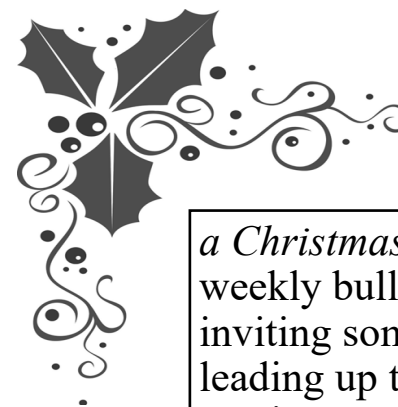
January -November 2023

Actual Income: \$273,105.01\*

Actual Expenses: -\$279,720.84

**Shortfall \$ -6,615.83**

\*denotes that 5 pledges are paid in full for 2023



*a Christmas of Peace* invitations are available in your weekly bulletin and in the narthex. Please pray about inviting someone to our special Christmas services leading up to Christmas as well as our Christmas Eve service.

2023 Giving

Reminders:

Sunday, December 24 we will not have a morning worship service. If you normally give on a weekly basis please make other arrangements to drop off that weeks giving. Thank you. If you would like your donations listed on this years giving statement all donations need to be dropped off by Sunday, December 31 or postmarked by December 31.

RMD

A **required minimum distribution** (RMD) is the amount of money that must be withdrawn from an employer-sponsored retirement plan, traditional IRA, SEP, or SIMPLE individual retirement account (IRA) by owners and qualified retirement plan participants of retirement age. Please talk with your financial advisor or accountant.

RENOVATE

RENOVATE 3 YEAR GIVING TOTAL (2018-2020):  
\$432,041.40 (96% of pledges were fulfilled)

RENOVATE EXTENSION (1/2021-6/2023):  
Total Received: \$139,872.00

TOTAL RECEIVED SINCE 7/1/23: \$44,400

LOAN BALANCE 11/30/23: **\$46,404**

## Giving Tree Update, Gift Cards & Delivery Teams

A huge thank you for your help with monetary donations so that we could purchase the Thanksgiving Walmart gift cards! Thank you for your incredible response to checking out all of the gift tags on the tree! All **83** gift tags plus the family tags have been checked out and the gifts are starting to come back in. This is such a blessing to see the generosity of our church family. *A reminder that all the gifts need to be back to the church wrapped and with the tag on top by this **Sunday, December 10.*** Thank you!

We have purchased 13-\$150 Walmart grocery gift cards to help our families during this Christmas holiday. By giving them a gift card they are able to buy what fits the needs of their family.

We are looking for 13 people and a partner (we don't want anyone going by themselves) to be willing to deliver Christmas gifts to each of these families on **Sunday, December 17 after church.** If you are interested please sign up at church or call Bonnie. We will have clear and exact directions for you.

Please keep these families in your prayers, thank you & Merry Christmas!



**MARKET STREET KIDS**  
**Wednesday's 4:30-6:30pm**

**YOUTH GROUP**  
**Wednesday's 5:30-7:30p**

**No MSK or Youth Group December 20 & 27**



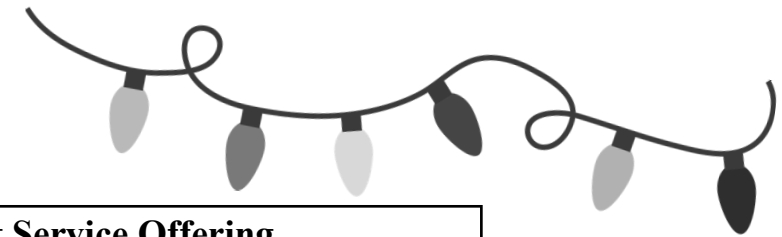
Your journey from mourning to JOY  
Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse,  
child, family member, or friend.

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place  
where people understand the difficult emotions of grief.  
At GriefShare you'll receive valuable guidance and tips,  
leading you to relief, comfort, and peace of mind.

**This Bible based, 13 week ministry will meet**  
**Tuesdays 6:00 - 8:00**  
**January 9<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

If you would like information for yourself, family  
member or friend, please call Jacki @ 786-1594

Learn more about GriefShare at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org)



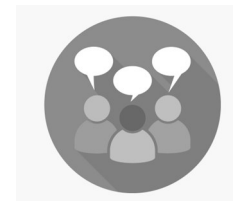
**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Offering**

We have chosen Prosser Family Emergency Fund which is  
our in house emergency funds. We have helped families  
with food, rent, appliances, fuel and more.

Thank you to all who have served as ushers,  
greeters, and coffee hour hosts. These are  
important ministries in the life of our church.

**Family Christmas Photo Opportunity**

Looking for a place already decorated for a family photo? Feel free  
to use the church for your Christmas photo. You can stop by during  
office hours or snap your family photo after church. Or contact  
Warren who is more than willing to take your family photo.



**Social media platforms to keep connected:**

Instagram: [prossercovenantpres](https://www.instagram.com/prossercovenantpres)

Twitter: [@PCovenantPres](https://twitter.com/PCovenantPres)

Church website: [www.prosserpres.org](http://www.prosserpres.org)

Find us on Facebook too!

**509-786-1594**

**WWW.PROSSERPRES.ORG**

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## Advent Schedule:

Special Christmas Services:

Sunday's, December 3-December 17 at 10am

Sunday, December 24 No morning worship

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5pm



We have a variety of *Advent/Christmas devotionals* available in the narthex. We encourage you to pick one up (& one for a friend) as this is a great way to begin your day, start a meal, or right before bed.

Cheri Eisen, is a licensed physical therapist that has offered Wellness classes here at the church for the last 4 years. She has some changes coming up where she has the opportunity to move closer to family. Cheri will no longer be offering these classes and we will miss her. She had an amazing ministry here but we wish her the best and grateful for the time she spent with us. Thank you Cheri!

Thank you so much for the lovely service and the life long support of our mom, Glenda Miller. The "church basement ladies" do an amazing job. They are so essential and provide such a valuable service! Thank you, Kelly Pearson and the Miller Family

## Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Coffee hour is simply providing the treats. Treats can be store bought or homemade. We provide the paper goods and will make the coffee.

Please sign up at the coffee bar-thank you!



## WINTER CLOTHING NEEDED & THANK YOU!

Thank you for an amazing response for kids' gloves and hats. We will continue to collect the following items for Whitstran Elementary School kids to get them through the cold winter.

\*winter gloves for kids

\*winter hats for kids

\*winter coats for kids (maybe you will see them on sale)

Please drop them off in the church narthex. Thank you!



**Candy Cane Sunday, December 10** the Fellowship Team is planning a little extra fun! Candy Cane themed coffee hour, Childrens' sermon, and the kids get to take a special treat home. We are asking you to wear red & white, or red, or just white. Join the fun!

Everett & Joyce Van Corbach are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 10. You are welcome to bring a card for them, a basket will be available. Special treats will be served too!

Heather Askew, with Jojo's Sanctuary, will be with us Sunday, December 17. We are excited to spend time with her, receive updates on her ministry in Thailand and hear how Isaac is doing. Hope you plan to join us!

December Birthdays:

- 12/01 Wyatt York
- 12/01 Alisa Groenen
- 12/02 Jacki McNair
- 12/04 Chris Friberg
- 12/05 Jeremy Poteet
- 12/05 Casey Jensen
- 12/05 Sadie Andrews
- 12/07 Abby Jensen
- 12/10 Cathy Stevens
- 12/18 Randy Taylor
- 12/19 Chris McNair
- 12/23 Sofia Martinez
- 12/23 Olivia Jensen
- 12/28 Adrienne Rainer
- 12/28 Dennis Pleasant
- 12/28 Danielle Weaver
- 12/29 Greg Robertson
- 12/29 Lois Lyon
- 12/29 Abby Fitzgerald
- 12/30 Robin Humberstad



January Birthdays:  
1/02 Carl Moore

December Anniversary:

- 12/08 Everett & Joyce Van Corbach (70th !)

# DECEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9:30a Ladies Christmas Breakfast
3 ADVENT 10a WORSHIP Nursery Available Promiseland Pastor's small group	4	5 10a Sun Terrace Bible Study	6 430-630p MSK 530-730p Youth Group	7	8	9
10 ADVENT 10a WORSHIP Nursery Available Promiseland Pastor's small group	11 530p Team Mtg 6p Session Mtg	12 10a Sun Terrace Bible Study	13 430-630p MSK 530-730p Youth Group	14	15	16
17 ADVENT 10a WORSHIP Nursery Available Promiseland Pastor's small group Christmas Delivery	18	19 10a Sun Terrace Bible Study	20	21	22	23
24 No morning worship 5p Christmas Eve Service	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 10a Sun Terrace Bible Study  OFFICE CLOSED	27	28	29	30
31 10a WORSHIP Nursery Available Promiseland Pastor's small group						

Heather Askew Candy Cane Sunday