

# The PresCryterian

*Giving of Ourselves and Caring for one another.  
Shawnee Presbyterian Church Worships, Learns, and  
Serves our needy world together.*

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## **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Every  
Sunday  
10:30a.m.

## **OFFICE HOURS**

M-Th  
9am-12:30pm

## **CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Craig R. Gibson, Pastor  
Rob Mance, Choir Dir  
Andrew Morris, Organist  
Vonda Norman,  
Adm. Assistant

*The next issue of the  
PresCryterian will be  
published on*

*January 23rd*

*Please submit your  
materials by*

**Monday, 1/21**

*for*

*inclusion in the next  
PresCryterian.*



I love the Advent and Christmas Season. Thank goodness we have the Advent part to help us prepare for what comes next. In our busy lives preparing for parties, families, gifts, and food we suddenly find ourselves at Christmas Eve realizing that Jesus comes no matter our level of preparation. How wonderful it is to see our sanctuary full with family, friends, and strangers all worshipping together making the last preparations in our heart for when the candles are lit, Silent Night is sung, and we raise those candles stating and celebrating that our Lord and Savior has come for us. Now we can turn our attention back to the celebration, the gifts, and the food.

Twelve days later is the celebration I really like. Epiphany comes and once it is over the decorations can come down. Our churches can return to normal and our homes can be reclaimed and re-cleaned for our regular daily life. The stores never wait this long to move past the Christmas celebration and we almost miss Epiphany if we are not careful. The coming of the Wise Men, the Magi, and Princes from the East coming to find the one the star has led them to. The Magi come following a star and come to worship the one they have heard a bit about and come to bow before bringing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These wise men come to celebrate a baby born into royalty and provide too for this little one's impending death even at such a tender age. What do these princes know that we so often miss in our traditional celebration?

Certainly our story turns toward Easter once Christmas is complete, but there is more here than that. In our story of newness and hope those gathering and recognizing the baby Jesus don't all belong as the story might have us believe. The Wise Men are foreigners who have traveled great distance and argued with national leaders to get to the child, and they are welcomed. In our celebration this year have we been keeping our eyes open for the stranger and the one this baby would want us to welcome in? Did we only look for those who would be comfortable in our homes and church or did we by chance reach out and welcome one who might normally belong in this celebration? From the very beginning Jesus opened the message of hope and grace and mercy to all. It was not just the Jews who found him, actually they were not looking for him much at all. It was the shepherds who did not have time or clothing to attend church and the Wise Men who came with great intent who found the babe lying in the manger, an animal feeding box.

I am betting you have already thought of who belonged and need to be welcomed into the story this year. It's not too late. It's never too late. The Christ Child has come. We have a wonderful story for the world around us. We have great things to show others who do not know and understand this story. Don't rush to clean up. Celebrate! Remember our closing song each Christmas Eve is Joy to the World! I bet that tune and those words would be well received in a world full of doubt, hurt, concern, and pain.

Hope to you, Peace to you, Joy to you, Love to you, Christ to you.

Merry Christmas and Happy Epiphany! Pastor Craig

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY GIVING; SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

5th Sunday giving in December to Christmas Joy denominational offering which helps ministers in the Presbytery with things such as \$1000 for minister's kids going to college, college student loan assistance, and also for retired ministers that for extenuating circumstances have a shortage in covering needs with their pensions. Pastor Craig indicated that his family has been the recipient of the college amount. The monies for Christmas Joy should be put in the offering plate designated for "Christmas Joy".

**fifth**  
Sunday

### Shawnee Presbyterian Church

Will be CLOSED

Tuesday, Dec. 24th through

Sun., January 6th.

Vonda will be in the office periodically.  
If you need to drop something off,  
Meals on Wheels is here daily.



## Food Collection

### Food When We're Fed

is a time to remind ourselves to bring food for others every time we gather for communion.

To make this even easier, communion is now shared the first Sunday of every month. The next Food When We're Fed will be

**Sunday, January 6th**

Let's take this opportunity to make a difference in the world around us.

**Annual Reports** will be due  
on

**Sunday, Jan. 6th.**

Please email to  
[office@shawneepres.org](mailto:office@shawneepres.org) in  
Word.

Thank you!

## THE NEXT SENIOR ADULT

LUNCHEON WILL BE ON

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 8TH**

Senior Adult Luncheon (SAG) will be held the first Tuesday of the month (EXCEPT January 2019) in the Fellowship Hall.

11am—Program;  
Noon—LUNCH!

Please bring a side dish, or dessert of your choice. Thank you!



**SENIOR ADULT  
LUNCHEON**

## EARLY BIRD BIBLE STUDY

We will resume at 9:00 am on Tues.  
Jan. 15 in the Parlor.

### Children's Sunday School

Sunday school for the children will meet during the worship hour following the Pastor's time with the Young Disciples.

### Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday school is held every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Parlor.



**HANDS ON**

**"HANDS-ON, SITTING-DOWN";**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9TH AT**  
**10:00 AM**

We would love for you to help us or just stop by for a few minutes to say "Hi!" If you want to become better acquainted with each other while working on projects to help others, this is the perfect opportunity. We do 'hands-on' mission projects that can be done while 'sitting-down'.

Thank you! Mission Committee

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**Pastor Craig can be reached at**  
**913-631-6689 Ext.11 OR**

[pastor@shawneepres.org](mailto:pastor@shawneepres.org).

If you have a **pastoral emergency**, call  
Pastor Craig at 918-346-0839.

Please call the office at 913-631-6689  
or email the office at

[office@shawneepres.org](mailto:office@shawneepres.org).



Welcome!!!

Visitors:

12/2

Ellen Gaebe

12/9

12/16

Jackie Eggers  
Rob and Diane Cook  
Debbie Bruce  
Beth Rosas  
Don Wernes  
Travis Wernes  
Kaelea Hix  
Megan Hix  
Madylen Hix  
Keith Hix  
Sherry Hix  
Donald Wernes, Jr.

**THANK YOU!!!**

145 hats, gloves, socks, and underwear were delivered to Nieman Elementary School AND \$1,450 in Gift Cards were delivered as well.

Thank you for caring and sharing for our community!!



Your generous giving changes lives



Thank you for your generous donations every month.

Noisy Offering  
December  
donations totaled  
\$153.72!

THANK YOU!!



**January**

**Birthdays**

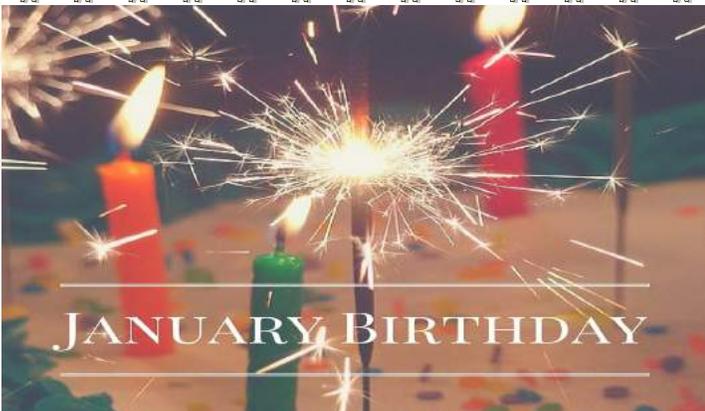
**1/8—Martha Cunningham**

**1/9—Gleneta Jefferson**

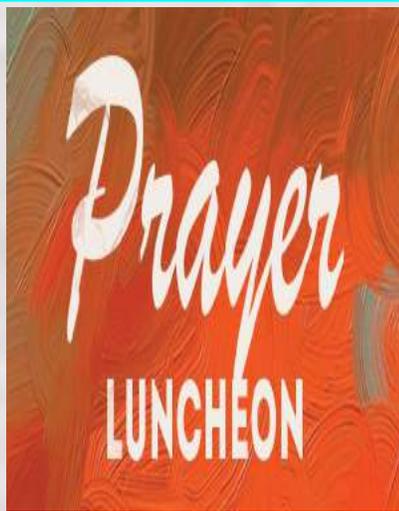
**1/15—Dorothy Morris**

**1/21—Ruth Jones**

**1/28—Bette Hamilton**



JANUARY BIRTHDAY



**LADIES PRAYER GROUP NEXT MEETING;**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16TH AT 11:30AM**

If you have not joined us, the Prayer Group  
is meeting the  
***3rd Wednesday of each month***  
at **11:30 am**

**Eggtc 7182 Renner Road Shawnee, KS**

We eat, talk, and go over who is in need of prayers and cards.  
The 16+ women who attend regularly, will welcome you warmly.  
Hope to see you too! God Bless!

**Sunday,**

**January 27th**

**Shawnee  
Presbyterian  
Church**

**will hold it's  
ANNUAL MEETING  
after Worship in  
the Sanctuary.**

**ANNUAL  
MEETING**



**A Few Extra Coins for the 'Noisy Offering' the 4th Sunday of every month Noisy Offering Sundays are making an Impact!**

**\*Sunday, January 27th, 2019\***

Thanks to the donations of pocket change by members and visitors to SPC, donations have been sent to both Hocker Grove Middle School and Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, through our "Love Fund" program for these schools. School Counselors at both schools use these funds to help students who are unable to pay for lunches, are in need of clothing items, are unable to pay a fee or purchase an item required for a class, are in need of funds for a school activity, or do not have the basics for a school day, such as paper/pens/pencils. We will continue to collect the Noisy Offering on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month, and help to keep the "Love Fund" for these schools going strong. Again, the participation of the members, visitors, and friends of SPC are making a positive impact on our community.

**THANK YOU!**



# January 2019

| January 2019 |    |    |    |    |    |    | February 2019 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Su           | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | Sa | Su            | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | Sa |
| 6            | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 3             | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 13           | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 10            | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 20           | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 17            | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 27           | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    | 24            | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |    |    |

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY                                      | SATURDAY                                     |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| Dec 30   | 31  | Jan 1, 19  | 2  | 3   | 4   | 5  |
| Annual Reports are DUE<br>9:00am Adult Sunday<br>10:30am Worship<br>10:30am Food When We<br>10:45am Children's | 6:00pm Beyond Sobriety (Upstairs Yellow Room)<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts #185 (MPR)                           | 9:00am Craig out of office<br>11:00am Senior Adult Luncheon (FH) | 9:00am Craig out of office<br>6:30pm Girl Scout Service Unit Meeting (Fellowship Hall)                           | What's Happening?<br>9:00am Craig out of office<br>6:30pm Men's A Cappella Ensemble | Office Closed<br>9:00am Craig out of office | 2:30pm Chinese Dance Class (Fellowship Hall) |
| 6  | 7   | 8  | 9  | 10  | 11  | 12   |
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| 13   | 14  | 15   | 16   | 17  | 18  | 19   |
| 9:00am Adult Sunday School (Parlor)<br>10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)<br>10:45am Children's                       | 6:00pm Beyond Sobriety (Upstairs Yellow Room)<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts #185 (MPR)                           | 9:00am Early Bird Bible Study (Parlor)                           | 11:30am Ladies Prayer Group (Egylet 7182)<br>4:00pm Chinese Dance<br>5:30pm Bell Choir<br>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal | What's Happening?<br>6:30pm Men's A Cappella Ensemble (Fellowship Hall)             | Office Closed                               |  |
| 20   | 21  | 22   | 23   | 24  | 25  | 26   |
| 9:00am Adult Sunday School (Parlor)<br>10:30am Worship<br>10:45am Children's<br>5:30pm Chinese Dance           | 6:00pm Beyond Sobriety (Upstairs Yellow Room)<br>6:30pm Session Mtg (Narthex)<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts #185 | 9:00am Early Bird Bible Study (Parlor)                           | Presbyterian<br>5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)<br>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)                    | What's Happening?<br>6:30pm Men's A Cappella Ensemble (Fellowship Hall)             | Office Closed                               | 2:30pm Chinese Dance Class (Fellowship Hall) |
| 27   | 28  | 29   | 30   | 31  | Feb 1                                       | 2  |
| 9:00am Adult Sunday<br>10:30am Worship<br>10:30am Noisy Offering<br>10:45am Children's<br>11:30am Worship      | 6:00pm Beyond Sobriety (Upstairs Yellow Room)<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts #185 (MPR)                           | 9:00am Early Bird Bible Study (Parlor)                           | 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)<br>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)                                    | What's Happening?<br>6:30pm Men's A Cappella Ensemble (Fellowship Hall)             |   |  |

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## *Joys & Concerns*

\*Prayers for Jack Watkins, who is missing a wonderful day of music because he is sick with a virus. Jean Watkins

\*Prayers for Megan, a young friend, who has epilepsy and the medication is not controlling her seizures. Jean Watkins

\*Prayers for Gerald Hodges, my son-in-law, who is in the hospital due to the effects of treatment for brain cancer. Judy Allen

\*Prayers for Beverly Deckard and her family, who are going through a difficult time. Jackie Rozine

\*Prayers for Jon Hake, who suddenly lost his best friend. Brooke Meyers

\*Prayers for Betty Wilkinson, who is out of the hospital but in very bad condition. Martha

\*Celebration for Bill and Sharon Arndt who celebrated their 53rd Wedding Anniversary on Tuesday, December 18.