

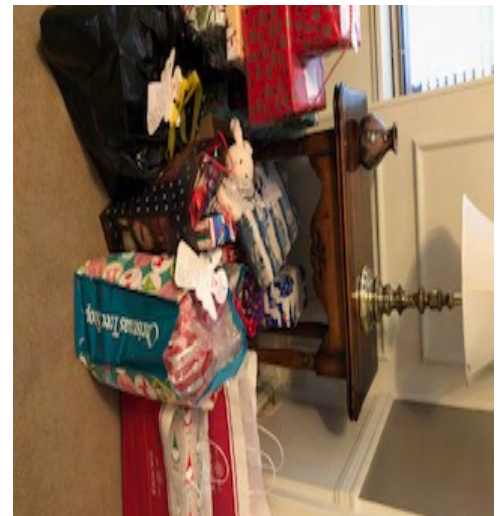
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JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2023

ANGEL TREE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Many thanks to all that took a name from the Angel Tree this year. What a blessing it is to see how everyone joins together to help make someone else Christmas a little brighter!



*Thank
You*

SPECIAL THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR ALL THEIR DONATIONS FOR THE SPECIAL FOOD PANTRY THAT IS LOCATED OUTSIDE. IT IS GETTING USED BY THE PUBLIC. (JUST A NOTE THAT DURING THE WINDER MONTHS PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY LIQUIDS OR ANY ITMES THAT COULD FREEZE!)

FROM THE PASTOR:

The Book of 1 John (not the gospel) is all about love. It's here that you find those familiar verses like, "God is love" and, "since God loved us, we ought to love one another". Our wedding included one of those verses – "Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God". All of which reminds us that love is central to our faith.

When we allow love to shape our lives, our behavior changes. We go the extra mile in order to care for people. We're more attentive to their feelings and emotions. We offer our help, our prayers, and our good wishes. When we live out our love, we make the world a kinder, gentler place.

I think all of you are aware that I lost my father a couple weeks ago. This has been a tough time for me and for my family. One thing that has been a constant through these weeks is the love of the congregation of the Auburn Presbyterian Church. I have felt and appreciate your thoughts and prayers. The flowers at the funeral were beautiful. The cards and letters of condolence were heart-felt and comforting. Thank you for making my world kinder and gentler these past days.

Thanks for these many signs of your love. They are important and really make a difference. I want to join some of the Apostle Paul's words with those that we find in 1 John. I want to encourage you to make signs of love a regular practice, even for those people you might not even like. I write this because these loving acts are so powerful. They are powerful enough to change the world.

The world is changed by our love because these acts of kindness have multiple effects. Our loving kindness touches others and they transform us. When we allow ourselves to love we become a little more vulnerable. When we care, we become more deeply invested in people or causes, we're more committed. The performance of loving acts touches others, but they they also change the way we look at the world.

Again, thanks for loving me through these hard times.

Shalom, Pastor David



NOTES FROM SECRETARY...

Officers and anyone who has to submit a report for our **2022 Annual Report**, please have it to the church secretary no later than January 29, 2023.



To the Congregation:

Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart for the Christmas gift. I can't say it enough how lucky I am to work for such incredible people. You make it so easy to love my job. God Bless you all! ~ Tracy

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN...

Presbyterian Women will meet on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. Judy Ditmars will provide the lessons four and five - Ruth 1-4. All Women are invited to attend.

NOTES FROM SESSION...

The Annual Congregational meeting of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, which normally takes place at the end of January will now take place in March of 2023.

Per Capita is assessed on the number of active members on the church's roll. Each governing body beyond our Session determines how much Per Capita it will assess the membership. For next year, our church Per Capita Apportionment is: **\$42.90 per member**. You may make your checks out to the Auburn Presbyterian Church and either mail to the church office or drop in the offering plate. Be sure to mark at the bottom of your check "per capita" so the treasurer will apply the funds appropriately.

INSTALLATION/ORDINATION OF NEW OFFICERS: January 15, 2023 is the date set for the installation/ordination of new officers. Please mark your calendars!

WORSHIP AND MUSIC NEWS AND UPDATES

2023 COMMUNION DATES

January 8 - Baptism of the Lord
February 19 - Transfiguration of the Lord
February 22 - Ash Wednesday
March 5 - 1st Sunday of the Month
April 2 - Palm Sunday
April 6 - Maundy Thursday
April 9 - Easter
May 28 - Pentecost
June 4 - Trinity Sunday
July 9 - Sunday after July 4 holiday
August 6 - First Sunday of the Month
September 10 - Sunday after Labor Day
October 1 - World Communion
November 26 - Christ the King
December 24 - Christmas Eve
January 7, 2024 Baptism of the Lord



Special Thanks to Jerri Imus for being our Head Usher for the whole year. With her dedication it makes things go so much smoother on Sunday mornings. If you would like to volunteer to be a liturgist during the 2023 year please call the church office.

USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

- 1: David & Cheryl John**
- 8: Joyce Phillips & Nancy Derrow**
- 15: Susan Buttermore & Jan Nagel**
- 22: Peggy Jones, Dick Reichard**
- 29: Ruth Randinelli, Joey Aiken**