

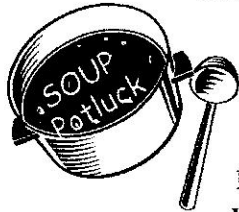
The Good News

of First Presbyterian Church for January 2017

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: his love endures forever.
(Psalm 107.1 [NIV])

Beat the Winter Blues

Soup potluck planned following worship on January 29



We are planning a time of fellowship and soup after the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 29 (approximately 12:20 p.m.). Please mark the date and start thinking about a soup you would like to share.

If you are the only one coming from your family, please plan to share a "pot" with another single or invite friends to come with you. Beverages will be provided.

If you usually come to the 11 a.m. service, we will have places to plug in crock pots and also have some spots on the stove to keep soup warm during church.

If you come to the 8:30 service and want to go home, please come back and join us for lunch. If you don't want to bring soup, please let the office or the Welcoming and Nurturing Committee know... we would be glad for some bread and fruit in addition to the soup.

Sign up in the atrium on Sundays January 15 and 22. Contact **Jane Murl** (529-1318) with questions.

~ Welcoming and Nurturing Committee

Budget needs estimated at \$798,734; available funds reach \$762,165

Thank you for your response to our pledge campaign for 2017. Your responses have been supportive and we appreciate it. We just need more responses returned!

Including both general and outreach budget pledges and non-pledged income, as of December 17 we had \$762,165 committed for 2017. To fund committees' current budgets and allow for some growth we need about \$798,734, leaving a negative income gap of \$36,569.

If you haven't returned your pledge card yet, please do it as soon as possible, even if you aren't planning to make a pledge at this time. Thanks!

More complete information will be available in the Annual Reports and in the February Good News.

Thank you again - you're VSP! (Very Special People)

~ Stewardship and Finance Committee

Annual Meeting presents "State of the Church"

Mark **Sunday, January 29** on your calendar. The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will begin at 9:40 a.m. in the sanctuary and end by 11 a.m. Nursery care for infants and Sunday school classes for children through 7th grade will be offered as usual. Youth in 8th grade and up will attend the Annual Meeting. Adult education classes are cancelled.

The budget for 2017 will be presented. Any matters pertaining to the life of the congregation may be raised.

Since many of you will already be in the building, either stay an extra hour or come an hour early; meet people who attend the "other" worship service; and hear about the work of the church in 2016 and plans for 2017.

Reports of committees and organizations of the church will be available beginning January 22.

Please join us for this important event in the life of our church.

Sunday, January 8 at 11 a.m. we will ordain and install those who were elected to the offices of Elder and Deacon at the congregational meeting in November. Mark your calendar for this important event in the lives of these people and of our congregation.

Deacon / Class of 2019

Karin Braun Sara Kluck Terry Whiting
Holly Ebel Anna Larson Vicki Wintheiser
Susanna Stone

Elder / Class of 2019

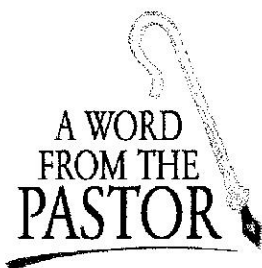
Joe Doppler Brent Kaslow Brad Narr
Bruce Fye Allyson Maurer Phyllis Schmid

Endowment Committee / Class of 2019

Eric Sorenson

Nominating Committee / Class of 2017

Jeremy Braun Gregg Erickson Ruth Saling
Rusty Brown Cindy Kunzman



by Rev. T. J. Parlette

January 2017

At this beginning of a new year, I thought I would share one of the poems that I included during the Christmas Day service. I especially like this poem because it was found in a Christmas letter from a Minnesota church office. The office thought its origin was a

hymn sung by a college choir at a Christmas concert – but the author remains anonymous. Notice especially the punctuation. The four sentences that compromise the middle of the poem are not statements, they are questions.

Here it Begins

Here it begins, in the dark before dawning.
Here, in a barn full of animal smells.
The warm breath of cattle, the sounds of the morning,
Here without tinsel or tolling of bells.

This is the Word Who was there at the Making?
This is the pure and unbearable Light?
Tiny and wrinkle-faced, squalling and shaking
Small fists at the vast and implacable night?

Who can believe this impossible fable?
And He is stronger than all our sins.
A light in the darkness, a child in the stable.
Stronger than death itself, here it begins.

Here begins a new year indeed!

Peace, T. J.

Annual Reports due January 16

Each year our church activities are summarized in the "Annual Reports to the Congregation." This year these reports must be available to the congregation on January 22, the Sunday prior to the annual meeting on January 29. If you are responsible for writing a report on some facet of our church life, please note they are due Monday, January 16. The best ones are sent (prior to the deadline) to Carol via e-mail (fpc_carol@hotmail.com) or a Word attachment to an e-mail!

Thank you for your help!



Financial Statement November 2016

General Operating Budget

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Balance (10/31/16), Receipts (November), Disbursements (November), and Balance (11/30/16).

Stewardship Alive!

As we look for the first unsung heroes of 2017, some very special people come to mind—the elders, deacons, and other elected officers completing terms of active service in 2016. Your accomplishments are many and your caring unequaled.

We don't bid you farewell, but we do say "thanks" for jobs well done. You have enriched our lives by your faithfulness and we hope your lives have grown by the service you have given us. Thank you!

Elders / Class of 2016

Ken Aalderks Eileen Hay Dan Wentz
Jay Beck Gayle Jones

Deacons / Class of 2016

Marylynn Aalderks Judy Felten Charlotte Higgins
Rachel Beukema Jane Hallman Neil Shepard
Heather Harrer

Endowment Committee / Class of 2016

Robert Sixta

Nominating Committee / Class of 2016

Gayle Jones (lead elder), Jane Murl (elder), Karen Søssler (elder), Jeremy Braun, Ronald Kreinbring, Cindy Kunzman, Wendy Shannon, and Laura Smith (congregation-at-large members) and Neil Shepard (Deacon representative).



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The Good News is published the first of each month for members and friends of First Presbyterian Church (FPC).

The newsletter tells the story of the church, promotes its programs, and publicizes opportunities to live out one's faith.

Deadline for submission of material is the fifteenth of the preceding month.

Church Staff

Pastor Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette
Associate Pastor Jay P. Rowland
Director of Music Lee J. Afdahl
Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education Rick L. Morris
Office Administrator Susan K. Kruger
Facility Manager Harry E. Coleman
Custodian Vera B. Herr
Music Assistant Kathleen M. Kruger
Part-time custodians/security Steven Aug, Sally Evans, Tami Rinn, Margie Schaaf, Eric Schwartzbauer
Child Care Workers Kelly Bock, Woo-Jung Ra, Margie Schaaf
Newsletter Editor Carol J. Evans
Parish Associates

Anneliese Opitz, Roger Ring, Carol Shaffer, James Walker

Sunday services of worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Education classes: Sundays at 9:40 a.m.

Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Friday, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-noon

Visit our WEB site at www.FPCRochester.org.

The mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Rochester is to reflect God's love for all people by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Saturday, January 7 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Volunteers needed to "undecorate" the church



All good things come to an end and on January 7 it will be time to take down the Advent decorations. We will meet at 9:30. There are projects for all ages, and light refreshments will be provided. Please come and help us get the church ready for the next church season.

~ Bev Lewis and Ruth Walts
and the Welcoming and Nurturing Committee

Sitter Service resumes January 13

After taking a break in December, Sitter Service gets back on the schedule on Friday, January 13 from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Please sign up in the atrium Sunday, January 8; in the office by Tuesday, January 10; or contact Gayle Jones (993-2443).

~ Welcoming and Nurturing Committee

The mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Rochester is to reflect God's love for all people by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

To accomplish this, our church works

- † To nurture the members of the church with a strong worship experience and compassionate pastoral leadership
- † To encourage active participation in worship by individuals and families
- † To strengthen faith and commitment by promoting vital Christian education, music, and fellowship programs for all ages
- † To be a caring church community that ministers to individual needs
- † To recognize our unique opportunity to minister to the spiritual needs of visitors to the medical center
- † To share our faith through mission and social concern outreach in both the local and world community
- † To maintain strong ties with Presbytery, Synod and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and to fulfill our responsibilities toward these bodies.

Social Concerns Committee commends congregation for affirming Faith in Action

It is that time of year we Christians experience the wonder and awe of Christ's birth. We celebrate the birth of the Baby while at the same time celebrating the love of our family and friends through gifts, meals, and warm memories. We, the Social Concerns Committee (SCC) members, would like to thank the members of First Presbyterian Church for the generosity of their hearts and pockets as they have given freely to support the role of the SCC.

The Committee has been able to share that generosity with the community by providing Forums that address issues within the community, by advocating for the less fortunate and troubled families and individuals, and by supporting select agencies that carefully address the needs of those who may be in pain and suffering.

May the joy and peace of the season continue to be with you and your families as we move forward with our ministry to the needs of the community.

May the season and new year be filled with joy and love.

~ Ken Aalderks / Social Concerns Committee

Mission Committee supports Dakota Access Pipeline Protest

The Synod of Lakes and Prairies publicly supports the Standing Rock Sioux tribe and the water protectors who have been protesting the Dakota Access Pipeline for several months.

At its December meeting the Mission Committee of FPC approved a donation of \$500 to support the Standing Rock Sioux people in their protest. Money will be used for a legal defense fund as further action continues in 2017.

Some FPC members have indicated an interest in supporting this cause. Any donations may be given to Carol Evans to forward to the Synod.

~ Mission Committee

Lessons from a snowman

- It's okay to wear white well after Labor Day.



- Simply hanging out in your front yard can be fun.
- Accessories don't have to be fancy or expensive.
- We're all made mostly of water.
- You know you've "arrived" when a song is written about you.
- So what if you're a little bottom-heavy?

- Don't get too much sun.

- Sweating too much can be disastrous!

January - the new year arrives making positive changes in 2017



Nobody says that you have to have a New Year's Resolution, or that changes you want to make have to start on New Year's Day. But why not set a resolution this year?

Research shows that starting something new on a Monday makes it more likely for you to stick with it - and this year January 1 falls on Sunday, giving you a chance to "start fresh." New week, new year, new life!

Whether you start on January 1st, January 2nd, or any other day of the year, think about what change God is calling you to. Rather than focusing on things you don't like about yourself - your weight, your size - what are things you enjoy and want to focus on this year? Is it reading, expressing your artistic side, or volunteering with a particular organization? If you don't already exercise, that is always beneficial to your body, mind, and spirit. As Paul put it, "So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified." (1 Corinthians 9:26-27 [ESV]) If you need help or support in your exercise and weight loss goals, feel free to contact your parish nurse at fpcparishnursing@gmail.com.

~ Ariel Boswell / FPC Parish Nursing Advisory Council



Ministry of Music

Lee Afdahl, Director of Music
Katie Kruger, Director of First Players,
Cherub and Calvin Choirs

Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent.
(Victor Hugo)

Many people support programs during Advent and Christmas

Our thanks to all of the musicians: singers, ringers, orchestra members, recorder ensemble, brass players, First Players, accompanists, **Katie Kruger**, and music librarian and helpers... ALL who enriched the ministry through music in December! Your hours of sharing of time and talent means so much to the congregation and greater community. The Madrigal Christmas Feast, the services of Lessons and Carols, and Christmas Eve worship were especially enhanced through your sharing of God-given musical gifts. Blessings at the New Year!

~ Lee J. Afdahl / Director of Music and Organist

Singing and ringing schedule for January			
	8:30	11:00	Both
January 1.	One service of worship at 11 a.m.		
January 8.	Chancel Choir	Special music	
January 15.	Chancel Choir	Special music	
January 22.	Chancel Choir	Special music	
January 29.		Chancel Choir	Jubilate Deo

Opportunities abound for adult study, discussion

Adult education ~ Sundays / 9:40-10:45 a.m.

Members have asked for in-depth studies and here are several great opportunities covering a wide variety of topics and interests!

Bible Study (South Fireside) <i>Kerygma</i>	The Kerygma Class will continue their study of the Gospel of <i>Matthew</i> . The class is led by Jane Goodfriend and Ruth Walts .
Current Issues (Lounge)	<i>Current Events: the Pros and Cons</i> is the overall theme for the 2016-2017 year. The Current Issues discussion is led by Al Depman .
Parenting Support Group (Room A-103)	The Parenting Support Group is taking a break and will resume class in January. Watch for further information.
Bible Study ~ Wednesdays / 6:30-7:30 p.m.	
Bible Study (Sheldon Jackson Lounge)	January 4: The Book of Job January 11, 18, 25: Book study of Timothy Keller's <i>The Reason for God</i> . All are invited and books are provided. The Bible Study is led by Al Depman .

A Festival of Music Coming on February 12

Unison Piano Duo
Du Huang and Xiao Hu
Luther College / Decorah, Iowa

* WEATHER ADVISORY *

If we need to cancel services due to extreme weather conditions, we will send that announcement to KTTCTV, KTTCTV.com, put it on our WEB page FPCRochester.org, put it on the church's answering machine, and, if possible, send you an e-mail. Whenever canceling is a possibility, please check these sources for up-to-date information.

* SAFETY ADVISORY *

In the coming winter season when conditions can create slippery walkways, we ask all members to be responsible and wear appropriate footwear made for snow and ice and choose the safest path from your car into the building. The staff aims to keep the church walks as clear of snow/ice as possible, but each of us must also do our part for safety by exercising caution and discretion. Here's to a safe winter season!



Per Capita assessed at \$33.75 per member for 2017

As local church members, we have an obligation to support our higher judicatories. This per capita assessment supports overhead expenses of our church, including presbytery, synod, and general assembly.

The amount due each judicatory is set at the particular unit's meeting during the summer and is based on membership on December 31 of the previous year. Our membership on December 31, 2015 was 728. The assessment per active member includes \$20.95 for presbytery, \$5.30 for synod, and \$7.50 for general assembly.

Even if you choose to not pledge, we urge you to consider making a donation of at least \$33.75 per member to help us underwrite this budget item of \$24,570.00. Thank you!

Pick up your pledge envelopes

Please pick up your pledge envelopes in the social hall by January 31. Envelopes are prepared for adults who contribute regularly (unless you told us you don't want envelopes or you use ACH), for new members, and for children (pre-kindergarten through senior high) who want them.

Because many of you don't use offering envelopes, we've cut down the number we order. If we inadvertently left your name off the envelope list, please let us know. It's actually more cost efficient for us if you use envelopes.

If there isn't a box with your name and you would like one, if you've never used envelopes and you'd like to, or if your children would like a box, we have extras and would be happy to give you one.

Join a committee, be part of the action

Begin your life in the church by getting involved in the work of a committee! We encourage anyone who would like to serve to let us know. Call the church office (282-1618) and we will put you in touch with someone who will be glad to sign you up.

Positions on Building and Grounds, Christian Education, Evangelism, Mission, Social Concerns, Personnel and Administration, Stewardship and Finance, Welcoming and Nurturing, and Worship and Music are open.

There is more than enough work to go around and we need your participation to make the circle complete.

Statements will be mailed second week in January

We will mail final statements for 2016 about January 9. The statement format will list each charitable contribution made to First Presbyterian during 2016. For those who itemize deductions on their income tax return, this format meets the IRS requirement for substantiation of contributions.

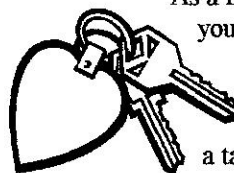
Deacons underwrite cab service for members to attend church activities

For several years the Board of Deacons has offered a cab service to bring members to *ANY* activity at FPC, e.g. Sunday worship, Ash Wednesday or Maundy Thursday services, Festival of Music programs, special fellowship events, or Circle activities. To use this service you need a voucher available in the church office. You make your own arrangement with Med City Taxi and then give the voucher to the cab driver instead of cash.

You are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to get to church the easy way, especially when winter sets in and driveways become icy and roads snowy.

See you in church!

Using the church parking lot on weekdays



As a member of First Presbyterian Church, you may park in the church lot during the week. If you do, you need a church identification hang-tag on your rear-view mirror. You may get a tag in the church office from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

Because of the continuing use of the lot by unauthorized people, we periodically ticket and/or tow cars that do not have the proper identification. You may use the lot during the week, but it is your responsibility to be sure your car is properly identified.

We lease out 18 spaces - all the north row and 6 marked spaces in the second row. Do not park there! When you are not on church business, please park your car on the west side of the lot and leave the area closest to the church for those who are at the church on church business.

There are occasions when we ask you to not park in the lot: when we expect a large gathering at the church, on third Wednesday mornings when Priscilla Circle meets, on Wednesdays during Lent unless you are attending the Lenten Organ Recitals, and when there's a funeral at the church. We appreciate your compliance with these requests. Thank you!

"Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face."
- Victor Hugo

It's the little things that count ...

"I didn't know that!"

A new year is beginning and it seems an appropriate time to remind you of the little things in the life of a church that help keep that life running smoothly.

...Communicating with the staff

The church office is open from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, and 9:30 a.m.-noon Saturday. You can reach the office by calling 282-1618. If we do not answer the phone when you call, please leave your message on the answering machine and we will get back to you as soon as possible. You can reach us by e-mail at RochesterFPC@msn.com. Most of the staff also have individual e-mail capabilities.

...Watch your purse!

The church may seem like a safe place, but it is important to keep your purse with you or out of sight when you're working in the building. The building is large and it's easy for strangers to wander through and pick things up.

Please - any time during the week - protect your possessions by putting them away. Similarly, don't leave house and car keys in pockets of coats hung on the coat racks.

...Keeping up with technology

We're on the WEB! Our address, www.FPCRochester.org, will take you to our web site that includes general information about the church, a calendar of the current month's activities, youth programs and pictures of past activities, the most recent sermon, an archive of past sermons, and current and past issues of the Good News and Good News in Brief. Check it out.

Sign up for the Good News in Brief. Get a weekly update of the news at First Presbyterian by signing up for the Good News in Brief, an e-mail newsletter we send out every Wednesday or Thursday. Send your e-mail address to evans.carol512@gmail.com. You'll be on-line with us.

...Lost and Found

Yes, the church does have a lost and found box. Right now it is overflowing with car and house keys, umbrellas, earrings, eyeglasses, children's jackets, and a few gloves. If you are missing anything which might have been lost in the church or the parking lot, please check for it in the church office. Many of the umbrellas and jackets are on the coatracks in the foyer or narthex.

...Do you have the scoop?

We need your help! The church office depends on members of the congregation to supply us with the announcements and information necessary to make our weekly bulletins and monthly newsletter as complete as possible. Please help us by submitting your material in writing by the following deadlines: by Tuesday afternoon for the bulletin and by the 15th of the month for the newsletter. Thank you!

...Going to the hospital?

If you are hospitalized, please let the church office know. The staff tries to visit all our hospitalized members, but the **only** way we know you are in the hospital is if you or a family member tells us.

If you are ill and want to be named in a request for prayer, please let one of the pastors know so that we can include you.

We want to be with you and support you in time of illness, through both the power of prayer and presence. Thank you for helping us do that!

...From the office staff

The secretarial staff is happy to help you with church business. However, because of the amount of regular and special work they do, it isn't always possible to give you immediate service. Please, submit anything to be typed, copied, or mailed at least three days before you need it!

Similarly, we cut checks on the 15th and last day of the month. Please, when you bring in a bill or request for payment, don't ask us to do it "today" or "tomorrow" unless "tomorrow" is the 15th or last day of the month.

...Tales of a lonely job jar

Have you seen anything around the church that needs fixing? When you find something, please let us know. We have a Job Jar in the office for that purpose.

The facility manager, custodian, or the Building and Grounds Committee will take care of the problem or find someone to do it for us.

...Session encourages your input

Session meetings are open to all members of the congregation and you are welcome to attend at any time. Meetings are usually held the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the south fireside room. Come and share your ideas and concerns with the members of the Session. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 17.





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News from Presbyterian Women

* Sylvia Swede, facilitator

Circles always welcome visitors and new members! Join us for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. The 2016-2017 Bible study is *Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*.

Esther Circle: January 16 at 1 p.m. in the lounge.
Hostesses: **Kiyomi Takekawa** and **Elizabeth Remfert**.
Bible study: **Marcia Dollerschell**. YOU are invited!

Priscilla Circle: January 18 at 9:15 a.m. in the lounge.
Hostesses: **Leslie Litwiller** and **Jeannine Karnes**. Program: "Little Dresses" by **Steve Johnson**. Project: Paper products for Hope Lodge.

Ruth Circle: January 21 at 10 a.m. in the lounge.
Hostesses: **Britta Youmans** and **Ruth Saling**. Devotions: **Mary Huie**. Program: **Phyllis Schmid** (lesson #5 in the Bible study "Who Is Jesus?")

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Join us Thursday, January 12 at 1 p.m. in the lounge for an afternoon of knitting, crocheting and fellowship! Please contact **Elizabeth Remfert** (269-5272) or **Susie McClocklin** (288-7772) if you or someone you know would find comfort from a prayer shawl.

January is FPC's month to furnish paper products and other requested items for Hope Lodge. A list of needed items and a box in which to put your contributions are in the foyer. Thank you for your help.

For everything a season

Wanting his sons to learn not to judge too quickly, a man sent each, in turn, on a quest to look at a pear tree far away and report what he saw. The first son went in winter, the second in spring, the third in summer and the fourth in fall. Finally, the father gathered the young men together. "What did you see?" he asked.

The first son reported seeing an ugly tree, bent and lifeless. The second disagreed, saying it was budding with fresh new life. The third son reported finding a tree laden with sweet-smelling, beautiful blossoms, while the fourth insisted it drooped with ripe fruit.

The father said his sons were all correct, for they'd seen the same tree, though at different seasons of its life. "Don't judge a tree — or a person — based on just one season of life," he counseled his children. "Who they are can only be known at the end, when all life's seasons have been lived.

"Furthermore," he added, "don't give up on your own life if you experience a hard season, such as winter, or you'll miss out on the renewal of spring, the joy of summer, the fulfillment of autumn."

Church Family News

Anniversaries

Congratulations to **David and Char Ellefson** who will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary January 11.

Congratulation to **Robert and Ann Groover** who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary January 12.

Congratulations to **Gordon and Sondra Danielson** who will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary January 21.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to **Marie Bolton** who will celebrate her 93rd birthday January 3.

Happy Birthday to **Jane Irving** who will celebrate her 94th birthday January 6.

Happy Birthday to **Pat Gastineau** who will celebrate her 92nd birthday January 23.

Death

We extend our condolences to **Lynn and Bette Ferschweiler** and **Tami Busby** on the death of Lynn and Bette's daughter and Tami's twin sister, **Teresa Ferschweiler Harding**, December 6 in Harvest, Alabama. Teresa was a confirmand at FPC in 1980.

Crafter's Group welcomes young and old!



Crafter's Group will meet Wednesday, January 18, from 3:00 to 5:30. Come join us as we make cards for the Church's C.A.R.E. members, with all supplies provided, or bring a project of your own. We'd love to see you!

~ Mary Huie (282-9712) /
Crafters coordinator

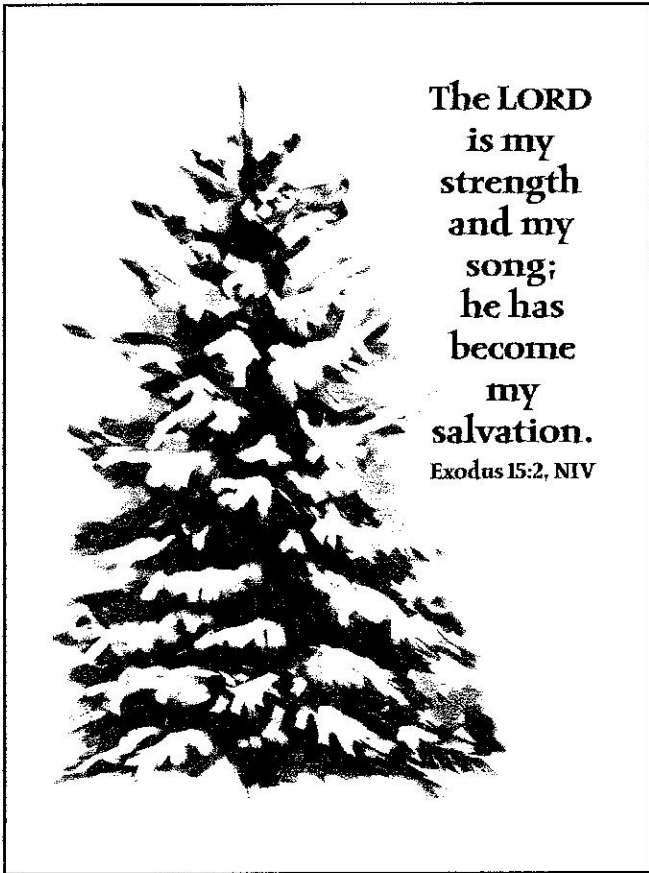
Al Depman offers a bit of history

Do you have a relative, friend or acquaintance who served in World War II in the Pacific theater? I've acquired a set of YANK - Down Under Armed Forces publications for the years September 1943 through August 1944. These weekly magazines are packed with names of those serving, stories about operations in Australia, New Guinea, Guadalcanal and other points in the South Pacific. There are also weekly updates of hometown news.

I'm reading through these publications and would be happy to keep my eyes open for anyone you might think would be mentioned. Send the name(s) to me at aldepman@aol.com. If I find a possible match, I'll snap a picture and share a bit of history with you

"I know nothing except what everyone knows --
if there when Grace dances, I should dance."

- W.H. Auden



The LORD
is my
strength
and my
song;
he has
become
my
salvation.
Exodus 15:2, NIV

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Happy New Year! Worship 11 a.m. only! Communion	2 Church closed No school / Winter bre...	3 School resumes Most committees meet/ check w/lead elder 9:30 AM Staff meeting	4 Bells/choir/youth grps - as usual FPC@Friendship Place 1:00 PM Charter House worship and communion 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	5 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	6 Epiphany Mail 2016 year-end statements	7 9:30 AM "Undecorate" the church party
8 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) 8:30 AM Chancel/Yth Chr sings 9:30 AM New officer orientation 11:00 AM Ordination/Installation of officers	9	10 9:30 AM Staff meeting 7:15 PM FOM Cmte/north fireside	11 Bells/choir/youth grps - as usual FPC@Friendship Place 1:00 PM Kitchen Guild 6:30 PM Bible Study/ lounge	12 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	13 5:30 PM Sitter Service (5:30-9:30 p.m.)	14
15 Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) 8:30 AM Chancel/Yth Chr sings	16 <i>All annual reports due</i> Newsletter items due 1:00 PM Esther Circle/lounge No School/MLKing D... Church closed	17 9:30 AM Staff meeting 5:30 PM Deacons&Session meet for supper follow- ed by monthly meetings	18 Bells/choir/youth grps - as usual FPC@Friendship Place 9:15 AM Priscilla Circle/lounge 3:00 PM Crafters Group/SHall 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	19 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	20	21 9:00 AM Presbytery/ Kwanzaa Mpls 10:00 AM Ruth Circle/ lounge
22 <i>Pick up Annual Reports</i> Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) 8:30 AM Chancel/Yth Chr sings	23	24 9:30 AM Staff meeting	25 Bells/choir/youth grps - as usual FPC@Friendship Place 6:30 PM Bible Study/ lounge	26 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	27 No school	28
29 Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Jubilate Deo (both) 9:40 AM Annual Meeting 9:40 AM SS/through gr 7 only 11:00 AM Chancel/Youth Choir sings 12:00 PM Cabin Fever Song potluck (W&N Cmte)	30 7:00 PM Endowment Cmte	31 9:30 AM Staff meeting 1:00 PM Chancel Guild	Sunday worship schedule Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday school / all ages at 9:40 a.m. Cherub Choir at 10:20 a.m. Calvin Choir at 9:40 a.m.			
			Wednesday youth schedule 4:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers (grades 2-5) 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir (grades 6-12) 5:45 p.m. Middle and High School youth 7:00 p.m. Joyous Praise bells (intergenerational)			