



# THE BEACON

## FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

DECEMBER 2025



### *In Our Prayers*

Family and Friends of Barbara Sawyer

Family and Friends of Ginney Neff

Ed Bugby

Bob Beck

Sandra Peterson

Lonnie Bobo

Della and Fred Ryder  
(Cousin of Pat Flaga)

Zelma (Darlene Key)

Mark Hall

Nancy Gaylor

Jane Mitchell

Lynette Hayes  
(Bugby)

Flora and Lisa  
(Nancy Gaylor)

Alyx Powell Dobie

Zayne Carrington  
(Dennis Laughlin)

Mary Kay Foster  
(Donna Parker's  
Mom)

Nico (Harris)

Angela Hatcher  
(Bird/Walkingstick)

Tami Ross  
(Bennetts)

Ken Jones (Esther  
Houser)

Bill Lockman (Bob  
Beck)

Marie and Dennis  
Lynch (Robin Ross)

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**Veterans**

Armed Services

Deployed & Stateside

## DEAR FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

As we approach Christmas, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the recent losses within our congregation and invite you to lean into this season of Advent. It is a time of introspection and longing - longing for the light of Christ in the midst of the darkness of the world. This Light has the power to bring hope, peace, joy and love into the heaviness of even great loss.

There are many opportunities to live into the growing light:

### **Sunday, 12/7**

- Youth Christmas Program – 10:45 AM

### **Wednesday, 12/10**

- PW Annual Christmas Luncheon & Cookie Exchange – 11:30 AM
- Christmas Caroling Caravan (includes dinner) – 5:30 PM

### **Sunday, 12/14**

- Christmas Luncheon following worship

### **Wednesday, 12/24**

- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 6:00 PM

May God be with each of you as you journey through this season and may the light of Christ shine through even the darkest of seasons.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Elder of the Month: Billy Richardson

Communion Leader: Nicole Anderson  
and Jan Harris

### Sunday, December 7

Liturgist Jan Bugby

Ushers Stephanie Brown  
Amy Ethridge

Sound/Video Mike Morris/ Ed Bugby

### Sunday, December 14

Liturgist Dennis Laughlin

Ushers Stephanie Brown

Sound/Video Mike Morris/ Ed Bugby

### Sunday, December 21

Liturgist Bette Berline

Ushers Robin Ross

Sound/Video Mike Morris/ Ed Bugby

### Wednesday, December 24

Liturgist Jan Bugby

Ushers Billy Richardson  
Leslie Nichols

Sound/Video Mike Morris/ Ed Bugby

### Sunday, December 28

Liturgist Denise Kennemer

Ushers Lonnie and Terry Bobo

Sound/Video Mike Morris/ Ed Bugby

## You are Invited!

*Working Together Playing Together*



### Ladies' Annual Christmas Luncheon & Cookie Exchange

Hosted by Esther Circle

Wednesday, December 10,  
11:30 am in Fellowship Hall

RSVP via text or email

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*Besides enjoying a festive lunch, we will work together organizing the gifts to Hope House & package up sweet treats for them as well, with a cookie exchange for us! Working together is followed by playing a Christmas version of the domino game, Mexican Train. Guaranteed to bring smiles and laughter --there might even be prizes!*

**COOKIE EXCHANGE DIRECTIONS:** All who want, bring 7 dozen cookies- any kind on a platter. We will bag up 2 dozen from each person to be delivered to Hope House and then have a Cookie Exchange among us -- each bringing home 5 dozen different cookies for our own Christmas delight! Don't forget to bring a container for your new cookies! (No worries, if you don't want to participate in the cookie exchange, you can help arrange and organize the cookies for the Hope House.)

*Please RSVP your attendance by Sunday, Dec. 7  
so we have enough tables set for fun!*



## Help fill a stocking

Presbyterian Women (PW) has two opportunities to brighten the lives and lighten the load of clients at Hope House and Wings of Hope. Once again, PW Christmas Mission Project is called **“The Stockings Were hung...”**.

1. Wings of Hope Family Crisis Services opens a Christmas store in Guthrie and Stillwater for families in crisis due to domestic violence. This store provides stocking stuffers and other gifts for parents to be “Santa”. In the past, the Christmas store served over 100 families. Along with furnishing stockings, PW plans to give Wings of Hope a check to purchase the “stocking stuffers” as they know the specific needs. PW is suggesting a \$10-20 donation (i.e. the cost of a Christmas gift exchange). More is always welcome! Checks can be written to PW with “Stockings” in the memo. Venmo is also an option. Funds will be collected through Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. (Note: New toys or gift items for the store can be brought to the church by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.)
2. The Hope House is a shelter, respite and a place of hope and restoration for people in our community. They have asked for new house shoes/slippers. Shower supplies & towels are always helpful also! Drop them off at the church anytime before Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. If you prefer for a “PW Elf” to do your shopping for Hope House, checks to PW with HH Christmas in the memo. The gifts along with Christmas goodies will be delivered to Hope House on Dec 10 after our Ladies’ Luncheon (Be sure to watch for details about the Christmas Luncheon and mark your calendars to join us!)



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec 7 Dorothy Stone

Dec 19 Mark Sikes

Dec 20 Katrina Richardson

Dec 21 Lou Frazer



NOV 30 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: HOPE

DEC 7 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: PEACE  
• YOUTH PROGRAM WORSHIP SERVICE

DEC 10 LADIES ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND COOKIE EXCHANGE  
5:30 P.M. CHRISTMAS CAROLING

DEC 14 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: JOY  
• LUNCHEON FOLLOWING WORSHIP

DEC 21 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: LOVE  
6:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE EVENING SERVICE



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## MISSION STATEMENT

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GUTHRIE  
IS A CARING FAMILY OF CHRISTIANS STRIVING TO  
BRING INDIVIDUALS CLOSER TO GOD THROUGH  
WORSHIP, EDUCATION, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP, SERVICE, PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP

### RECURRING EVENTS

#### Mondays

1:00-4:00 p.m. Strings of Distinction (SR)

#### Tuesdays

1:00-6:00 p.m. Lisa's Music Studio (S)  
Strings of Distinction (SR)

#### Wednesdays

10:15 a.m. **Holy Grounds (P)**  
11:00 a.m. **PW Wednesdays (D/FH/P)**  
1:00-5:00 p.m. Strings of Distinction (SR)  
5:32 p.m. **'Changed' Youth Group (FH)**

#### Thursdays

11:00-5:00 p.m. Lisa's Music Studio (S)  
1:00 p.m. Strings of Distinction (SR)  
4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (MR)

#### Fridays

Lisa's Music Studio (S)

#### Saturdays

10:00 a.m. Lisa's Music Studio (S)  
**Brunch on Noble (FH)**

#### Sundays

9:30 a.m. Handbells (D)  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School (D)  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service &  
Communion on 1st Sunday

D = DOWNSTAIRS  
L = LIBRARY  
P = PARLOR  
SR = SUNSHINE ROOM

FH = FELLOWSHIP HALL  
MR = MUSIC ROOM  
S = SANCTUARY  
U = UPSTAIRS

### SPECIAL EVENTS /CHANGES

#### **Wednesday, December 3-December 6**

Kiwanis Christmas Auction (FH)

#### **Thursday, December 4**

Recital Rehearsal (S)

#### **Friday, December 5**

HCPC Spay and Neuter Clinic (FH)  
6:00 p.m. Recital (S)

#### **Sunday, December 7**

10:45 a.m. Youth Program  
1:00-3:00 p.m. Dorothy Stone Birthday (FH)

#### **Tuesday, December 9**

12:30 PW Luncheon prep (FH)  
6:00 p.m. Session Meeting

#### **Wednesday, December 10**

11:30 a.m. PW Christmas Luncheon (FH)  
5:32 p.m. Christmas Caroling (FH)

#### **Sunday, December 14**

Christmas Luncheon, following worship (FH)

#### **Wednesday, December 17**

5:32 p.m. Youth Christmas Party (FH)

#### **Wednesday, December 24**

5:30 p.m. Evening Christmas Eve Service (S)

#### **Thursday, December 25, Christmas Day**

Office Closed