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December 2017

December 7
9:30-Still Choir
Christmas Program

December 10
7:00-Choir Christmas
Program

December 14
11:45-Preschool
Christmas Program

December 17
11:30-Congregation
Meeting

December 24
Christmas Eve
10:00-Sunday Worship
Service

7:00-Christmas Eve
Worship Service

December 25
Christmas Day
Church Office Closed

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Dear Macland,

As we head into Advent and onto Christmas, I am thinking about alternatives.

For example, here are some alternative ideas for Christmas Trees:



Just because you've always done something one way doesn't mean that's the only way. There are lots of alternatives to both living and giving.

For example, we celebrated with Al and Carolyn Baumgartner their sixtieth wedding anniversary. As an alternative to the normal anniversary gift giving, they chose to collect money for each child at Compton elementary to get a new book. A wonderful alternative! They even got to appear on CNN (Compton News Network). What a great alternative way to celebrate an anniversary!



What about Christmas, alternative trees, alternative meals, and yes, alternative giving. Do you ever feel like George Carlin, "A house is just a place to keep your stuff while you go out and get more stuff." Perhaps, this year, you can think of an alternative. Show your love for others and love for Christ by giving an alternative gift. Give something that will mean more than just more stuff but can actually provide someone a step away from substandard living to a better life in a better world.

JOY!

David

What's Up Macland?

Macland Presbyterian Preschool



Would like to invite you to a
Christmas concert featuring the

Still Elementary School 5th grade chorus

Thursday, December 7th at 9:30 am in the sanctuary

AND

Come see our Preschool Christmas Pageant

Thursday, December 14th at 11:45 in the sanctuary



These are golden opportunities for those who find it hard to get out at night but would enjoy a concert and program!



The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting is held the second Sunday in December at 7:00pm for one hour local time around the globe. It unites family and friends, by commemorating and honoring the memory of children of any age who have died from any cause. It transcends all ethnic, cultural, religious and political boundaries.

It is believed to be the largest mass candle lighting on the globe. It creates a virtual 24-hour wave of light as it moves from time zone to time zone. Thousands of people around the world gather in remembrance of children who have died, but will never be forgotten.

We will sponsor a Candle Lighting this year at Macland Presbyterian on Sunday, December 10th, at 7:00pm in conjunction with the Christmas Musical Program, "And on Earth, Peace". All who have lost a child are invited to light a candle in memory of their child. The candles will be lit at approximately 7:00pm and will burn throughout the Christmas program.

If you know someone you would like to invite to also participate, please do so. For planning purposes, could you please let Carol Thomas (cthomas5250@yahoo.com) know if you, and/or others you invite, will be lighting a candle so we can be sure there will be a proper number of candles available. This would be a great time to invite people to our Christmas program with a reception following.



AND ON EARTH PEACE

*In the beginning was the Word.
The Word - Holy - Sacred - Just - Eternal.
God in Christ, Christ in God. In the beginning.
And suddenly, the Word was flesh -
Incarnate - Human - Breakable - common.
Morning light into darkness.
And that life-light blazed out of the darkness.
And the darkness could not put it out.
Redeemer - Savior - Messiah - Lord! His name - Jesus.
This is the story of the birth of the Prince of Peace.*

*Christmas Musical Presentation
Sunday, December 10th
7:00pm— Sanctuary
Reception to Follow*

Session News and Notes November 2017



The Session met in the copy room on November 27, 2017.

Team reports

Finance

	Oct YTD 2017	Oct LYTD 2016	Change	% Change	YTD Budget	Delta vs Budget	% Change
Revenue	\$325,910	\$326,886	(\$976)	-0.3%	\$334,097	(\$8,188)	-2.5%
Revenue less Pam Brotherton and BQ Funds	\$310,120	\$307,713	\$2,407	0.8%	\$291,713	\$18,407	6.3%
Expenses	\$336,854	\$339,736	(\$2,882)	-0.8%	\$351,297	(\$14,443)	-4.1%
Net Income	(\$10,944)	(\$12,851)	\$1,906	0.5%	(\$17,200)	\$6,255	-36.4%
Net Income less PBF	(\$26,734)	(\$32,023)	\$5,289	-0.8%	(\$59,584)	\$32,850	-4.1%

- Please remember to turn in your pledge card.

Worship

- Carol Thomas is planning to have the Christmas Music Program on 12/10/17.
- December 3-First Sunday in Advent
- December 10- Christmas Musical presented at the church under the direction Carol Thomas
- A reception will follow the Christmas musical.
- The Christmas Eve service will be held at 7:00 p.m.
- There will be no late service on Christmas Eve.
- The church service for December 24 will at 10:00 a.m. as usual.

Building and Grounds

- Mowing Season is winding down and went well.
- New thermostats have been purchased and the install is starting this week.
- Damaged door to FLC has been replaced and hardware upgraded.
Researching the potential for automated paper towel dispensers for paper product cost savings.

Christian Nurture

- **Youth/kids:**
 - Vespers:
Went really well. They were excited to have the youth there.
 - Youth and music:
There is a group that is playing handbells for the Christmas program.
 - Sunday night:
There are elementary and middle school students attending. Kelly and David are leading together. They have a curriculum to do in conjunction with all groups.
 - Montreat:
Garrett will send a letter telling when deposit is due, dates, etc. Deposit is due November 19th.
- **College Students:**
They will be having a Christmas party, date TBD, and a weekend to Savic's cabin, date TBD.
- Affirmation class:
Garrett is now teaching and is going well.
- Sunday School/Wednesday night:
Buddy is filling in for Angela on Wednesday nights. Classes are going well.
Young adult class is going well and meet when the kids are in town. Will try to plan a weekend activity.

Outreach

- Sweetwater Mission
Quarterly Food Pantry Program
Discussions were held regarding The Season of Giving. The cost is \$10.00 and donation feeds a family
- Rescue Reuse Redeem
David McCarl, Freida and David Jones will attend a meeting on December 11 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss a business plan

- Red Cross Blood Drive
Nancy Russell has potential dates for 2018
Discussions were held regarding multiple blood drives in 2018
- Men's Extension
Groups to serve is covered for rest of the year
Notice will be in the newsletter as to Items needed for fall
A box will be available in the Narthex to deposit items at any time
A better sign listing needs will be attached to the box
- Compton Elementary
In honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, Al and Carolyn Baumgarten books for every child.
A Memorial has been set up for Lauren Pike, Music Teacher, to benefit the music department
A web site has been developed for anyone who wishes to donate. "Lauren Pike Memorial.org"
- Thanksgiving and Christmas
The Turkey collection for Thornwell has been completed.
The Angel Tree is in the Narthex. Coats for Compton have been requested.
A box for Santa Express is in the Narthex

Fellowship and Evangelism.

- The next golf outing is tentatively scheduled for Friday, April 29th at a site to-be-determined. For future planning purposes, we will make the Fall outing on the first Friday in November and the Spring outing the last Friday in April.
- T-shirts and Polos will be available for ordering through Doug Michalke.

Session Actions

- **Approved motion to cancel the December stated meeting. Any pressing issues will be dealt with via email.**
- **Approved a Congregational Meeting for December 17 for the presentation of the Slate of Officers.**
- **Approved buying up to 250 new chairs for the sanctuary and a new water heater for the kitchen in the FLC**

Calendar of events

- December 3-First Sunday in Advent
- December 10- Christmas Musical
- December 17 - Youth Christmas Party
- January 14-15-High school youth to Savic's cabin
- February 4- Souper Bowl Sunday
- March 4 - Youth Fundraiser
- April 15-Potluck lunch
- April 29-Golf outing
- May 20 – Senior Sunday and Preschool Sunday
- June 3 – 9, 2018-Montreat
- June 11-15- Vacation Bible School

December Birthdays

12/1 Marlene Michalke
 12/2 Janet Cosper
 12/5 Barbara Aliff
 12/5 Pat Morrison
 12/7 Suzanne Kelly
 12/9 Richard Auchenpaugh
 12/11 David Wilkerson
 12/12 Michelle Yates
 12/14 Maggie Pope
 12/14 McGee Spencer
 12/18 Sara Spain
 12/20 Penny Estes
 12/20 Karen Gooden

12/21 Carrie Jones
 12/22 Jennifer Carey
 12/22 Evaclaire Howland
 12/23 Carolyn Baumgartner
 12/26 Sandra Tidman
 12/28 Rosanna Beebe
 12/28 Ana Suarez



