



## North Warren Presbyterian Church

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# December 2018 / January 2019

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### Pastor's Corner

**“... Make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with God.”**

2 Peter 3:14b (NIV)

Seven centuries before the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the prophet Isaiah brought a message of repentance to the people of God. In Isaiah 40 verse 3 he writes: *“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord.”* Faithful to his calling, John the Baptist also raised a cry of repentance. Jesus marked the start of his ministry in Matthew 4:17 with the same message: *“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”* In each generation, the call for repentance has been repeated, and it has never been rescinded. And again in this season of Advent, God calls us to lives of repentance.

Most of us know the discomfort of repentance. Its call is confrontational and often distressing, for it requires us to look at our failures, and it requires change and amendment to our lives. But, true repentance involves more than just a change of behavior based on positive thinking. Rather, true repentance first requires a willingness to change at a heart level that will lead to a change in behavior. For a Christian, repentance is a close companion to contrition, the heart rending process that accompanies real change in the lives of those serious about, *“seeking first the kingdom of God.”*

Why did God make the call to repentance central to the messages of Isaiah, John the Baptist, and Jesus? What is its place in our lives today? Why should we change our lives so that we can be as the verse above suggests, *“... make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with God.”*

I believe the answer is very simple: God calls us to repentance because God loves us. Our sin hurts our relationship with God and alienates us from others. Our loving Heavenly Father calls us to change so that these relationships can be whole. God's call to repentance is neither an accusation nor a judgment. God doesn't love us less when we are asked to repent. God is actually asking us to consider entering into a deeper relationship with God. We shouldn't be put off when God calls us to change. Instead, we should be reassured that God loves us even more.

Repentance is also a wonderful gift that can provide us with opportunities to show our love for God. Although we can't do anything for God, we can choose to repent of anything in our lives that injures our relationship with God. Our repentance allows us to show our Father that we are choosing God's way instead of our own. It is a way for us to live faithfully, expressing our love for the one who gave all for us. Our repentance can be evidence that we are *“making every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with God.”* Our peace, after all, comes only from an unbroken relationship of love with our Lord.

May the peace of God that passes all understanding be with you all this Christmas and in the year to come. May you know the joy of being spotless and blameless in God's sight through the wonderful gift of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from,

*Buddy, Anne and the whole Ward Family* 😊

## Manse Open House

Sunday,  
December 23<sup>rd</sup>  
from 4:30 - 7:30 pm

Come and join the  
Church Family as we  
celebrate the birth of  
our Lord Jesus together!

# December Events 2018

## Birthdays

Dec 01 Kate McClellan  
03 Dave Maze  
04 David Swartz  
09 Burt Ward  
10 Shawn Jones  
10 Wyatt Trojanowski  
12 Brett McElhatten  
13 Jillian Busby  
13 Julia Claypoole  
13 Marian Hartman  
15 Melani Decker (Grady)  
18 Elizabeth McPherson  
19 Sheryl Ash  
19 Alexa Guiley  
20 Nancy Bullock  
20 Josh McLean  
21 James Ashbaugh  
24 Sam McKown  
25 Garrett Fiscus  
26 Ellen Nelson  
27 Cale Ash  
27 Judy McElhatten  
28 Jim Fiscus  
31 Laura McGill

## Anniversaries

Dec 22 David & Janet Maze  
29 Andrew & Caroline Benson

## Lay Leaders

Dec 02 Lynn Bricker  
09 Gloria Lindell  
16 Celia Gross  
23 Mark Ash  
24 Gary Brumagin  
30 Anne Ward

## Greeters

Dec 02 Jim Ashbaugh  
09 Martha Brackemyre  
16 Nancy Bullock  
23 Lynn Collins  
24  
30 Lois Marshall

## Sound Booth

Dec 02 Nyssa Brumagin  
09 Jim Ashbaugh  
16 Stephen Ashbaugh  
23 Joshua Ward  
24  
30 Hayden Turner

## Nursery - Adults

Dec 02 Missy Turner  
09  
16 Nancy Bullock  
23 Missy Turner  
24  
30 Nancy Bullock

## Nursery - Youth

Dec 02 Hayden Turner  
09  
16 Hayden Turner  
23 Natasha Ferry  
24  
30 Natasha Ferry

## Sanctuary Flowers

Advent Decorations

## Ushers

Gary Brumagin

## Hospital Visitor

Chris Case

## After Church Coffee

Dec 09 Denny & Chris McClellan  
16 Judy McElhatten

## Communion Servers

### Christ the King

#### December 2

Teresa Blumquist  
Martha Brackemyre  
Gloria Lindell  
Nancy Bullock  
Gary Olson  
Jim Reese

### Christmas Eve

#### December 24

Jim Ashbaugh  
Marian Hartman  
Celia Gross  
Christina McClellan  
Gloria Lindell  
Teresa Blumquist

## Deck the Halls

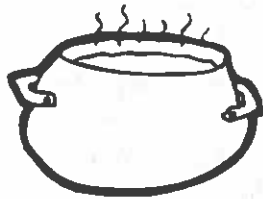
The Flower Committee would like to invite EVERYONE to help decorate the Sanctuary for the upcoming Christmas Season. We will be meeting at the church at



10:00 AM on Saturday, December 8. We can use tall strong folks who don't mind ladders to help construct the pre-lit Christmas tree. Putting it together requires a little heavy lifting. We also have our wreaths and garlands to hang, decorations for the tree and our outdoor Nativity.

## Pastor Appreciation Soup & Pie Luncheon

We enjoyed our annual Pastor Appreciation Soup & Pie Luncheon on Sunday, November 11 following the Worship Service. Pastor Buddy along with the rest of us in attendance got to enjoy some of the most delicious soup and pie this side of the Conewango. All the soups and pies were homemade.



Buddy and Anne would like to express their appreciation to the whole congregation for the joy and pleasure it has been to serve with you for the past twenty one years and they look forward for many, many more to come. They would like especially to thank everyone for the generous gift and gifts they received.

For those of who couldn't make it to this feast, between the great food and the warm fellowship, you missed a good time. Next time there's a gathering, if you can make it at all, you really should try and get there.

## Prayer Chain

If you would like to be included in our email prayer chain please provide your email address to the church office. We have found this to be an effective method of notifying our prayer warriors of those who are in need of prayer. We are happy to add you so that you can be praying for those in need.

If you or someone you know would like the congregation to be praying for them, simply call or email the church office or Pastor Buddy with your request and we will pass it on.



## Parking Reminder

With winter weather fast approaching, we urge you to take advantage of the parking lot and leave the on street parking on Church Street for those with mobility on Sunday morning.

Although a seemingly small gesture, it is a meaningful one for those who need that extra bit of help, especially once the bad weather arrives in earnest.

## Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting was held on December 2 following the worship service. Elders and deacons were elected to several committees as well as the presentation of the 2019 budget and the vote to approve the 2019 Pastoral Terms of Call.



We extend our congratulations and appreciation to the following individuals for their willingness to use their gifts to support the church in the following capacities:

Committee	Individual
Audit	Sheryl Ash Lois Marshall Donita Redick Celia Gross
Community House	Kathy Swartz Jim Morrison
Day Care	Emily Jones
Memorial	Mark Ash
Personnel/Finance	Trish Posten

## Winter Address

If you are going somewhere warmer for the winter, please notify the church office of your temporary address. We will be able to get your newsletter and any other correspondence to you more quickly and without additional cost to the church.



## Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study recently started a 12 session series on "Meeting God" by J. I. Packer. Packer was one of the inspirations for Chip Ingram's study on "The Real God." Come and join the men of the church at 7:15 PM to travel together from the church or go straight to Perkins in Warren and meet at 7:30 PM as we continue our study of who God really is! Studies are based on the following:

The Spirit and the Son	John 15
God Beyond Compare	Isaiah 40
God is Love	1 John
Holy, Holy, Holy	Isaiah 6
God's Wonderful Goodness	Psalms 107
The Lord is King	Daniel 4
God's Sever Mercy	Hebrews 12
God's Triumph	Romans 8

## Ladies Prayer Luncheon

We want to invite all ladies of the church to Christmas Luncheon on December 13 at 12:00 at Hilltop Restaurant at the Career Center. Lunch is served at 12:00 so arrive early.

The cost is \$9.00.

If you haven't made your reservation or you need to cancel, telephone Sandy

Billman at 726-0275 or Hilltop Restaurant at 726-1260 no later than December 10.



## Downstairs Adult Sunday School Class

Upon completion of the current course of study, *The Real God* featuring the teaching of Chip Ingram, the Downstairs Adult Class resumed the study upon which they had earlier been working. That study is the *Read Scripture Series* with Tim Mackie.

The intent of this study is to help you read through the Bible without getting lost or giving up. This series has a video for every book of the Bible that outlines its literary design and main ideas, showing you how it fits into the entire biblical story.

Even if you have missed the prior videos, you can jump right in and pick up with us and get a great deal out of the remaining sessions. This session began on November 4 at 9:30 AM in the Downstairs class room and will last into February.

Several options are being looked at for the next study to be undertaken. Class members typically vote among several choices offered, or have even brought a study for the group to consider. Come join us for an enjoyable time of learning about the Bible.

## Notes from the Finance Committee

Hello everyone. My apologies for not communicating with you more during the year.

Although all church committees have done a good job of watching their expenses, based on the October 2018 numbers, it appears that the General Fund could be \$13,000+ **in the red** for the year. While we budgeted for \$172,500 of 2018 congregational envelope donations, it looks like we are “on schedule “ to only receive approximately \$161,000 by year-end...this “giving shortfall” is 88% of our expected loss for the year.

The 2019 General Fund budget will be presented to you at the congregational meeting on December 2nd. For the 2019 budget, the Finance Committee (and approved by Session) pared down expenses as much as possible while needing to continue funding the programs with which God has blessed us. Even with decreased expenses, if the 2019 donations remain the same as expected for 2018, we will have an \$11,000 General Fund **deficit** in 2019.

While the church has some monies set aside for emergencies, if we must continually “dip into it” to cover yearly General expenses, it won't be long until the contingency fund is gone. Our congregation has always stepped-up when funds are needed...remember the church addition 20+ years ago, the creation of the Park 10+ years ago? While we used loans, we were able to pay them off WAY ahead of schedule because of YOU.

Please keep in mind the many blessings that God has entrusted to this congregation when you prayerfully consider your church giving. Thank you very much!!

Chris McClellan, chairperson  
Finance Committee

## The Three Wise Women

You do know what would have happened if it had been three wise WOMEN instead of men, don't you? They would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and brought disposable diapers as gifts!

## Gift Buying Guide for Men

Buying gifts for men is not nearly as complicated as it is for women. Follow these rules and you should have no problems.

When in doubt - buy him a cordless drill. It does not matter if he already has one. I have a friend who owns 17 and he has yet to complain. As a man, you can never have too many cordless drills.

If you cannot afford a cordless drill, buy him anything with the word ratchet or socket in it. Men love saying those two words.

If you are really, really broke, buy him anything for his car, a 99 cent ice scraper, a small bottle of deicer or something to hang from his rear view mirror. Men love gifts for their cars.

Never buy men bathrobes. Once I was told that if God had wanted men to wear bathrobes, he wouldn't have invented Jockey shorts.

You can buy men new remote controls to replace the ones they have worn out. If you have a lot of money buy your man a big-screen TV with the little picture in the corner. Watch him go wild as he flips, and flips, and flips.



Buy men label makers. Almost as good as cordless drills. Within a couple of weeks there will be labels absolutely everywhere. "Socks. Shorts. Cups.

Saucers. Door. Lock. Sink." You get the idea.

Do not buy any man industrial-sized canisters of after-shave or deodorant. Men do not stink - they are earthy

Never buy a man anything that says "some assembly required" on the box. It will ruin his Special Day and he will always have parts left over.

Good places to shop for men include Tractor Supply, Carter Lumber, Lowe's, Harbor Freight, and AutoZone. Not just tools – fashions can be found at these places as well.



Men enjoy danger. That's why they never cook - but they will barbecue. Get him a monster barbecue with a 100-pound propane tank.

Tell him the gas line leaks.

Men love chain saws. Never, ever, buy a man you love a chain saw.

It's hard to beat a really good wheelbarrow or an aluminum extension ladder. A stepladder is admission of getting old – tread lightly. Stepladders are very useful, just be careful how it is presented – a man's ego is a very gentle thing.

Rope. Men love rope. It takes us back to our cowboy origins, or at least The Boy Scouts. Nothing says love like a hundred feet of 3/8" manila rope.

## Ladies Bible Study

Many of us ache for relationship with God, yet feel distant and disconnected from him. As if he's more of an idea we believe in our head than a person we relate to.

Why do we feel this gap between God and us? Could it be that a lot of what we think about God is wrong? Not all wrong, but wrong enough to mess up how we relate to him? What if our "God" is really a

projection of our own identity, ideas, and desires? And what if the real God is different, but far better than we could ever imagine?

This book and study is a simple but profound guide to what God says about himself. In his signature conversational style, author John Mark Comer takes the reader line by line through Exodus 34, versus 6-8 – what some scholars argue is the most quoted in the Bible, by the Bible.

It turns out, who God is just might surprise you – and change everything.

The Ladies Bible Study will begin a new study of this Book, God Has A Name by John Mark Comer, for the Monday morning Ladies Bible Study group starting on January 7, 2019.

1/7	Prologue: The God on Top of the Mountain
1/21	Yahweh God: A Name
2/4	Yahweh God: A Name
2/18	Yahweh God: God & the gods

Books are \$11.00 each and are available from Gloria Lindell. The study is available to all interested ladies.

## Church World Service Blanket Fund

A big thank you from the Missions Committee for contributions you have given to the Church World Service Blanket Fund. This year, members of our church gave \$892 to this cause, which will provide 89 blankets to those in need of warmth this winter.



## Reminder

Don't forget to pick up your poinsettia after the 7:00 PM Christmas Eve service on December 24<sup>th</sup>.

# Youth Stuff

## CONFIRMATION CLASS...



...will be held for those youth (and adults) interested in joining NWPC or learning more about our faith. Classes will be held on the following **Sundays at 6:00 p.m.**

**Jan 6th and 20th**  
**Feb 3rd and 17th**  
**Mar 3rd, 17th, and 31st**

Reception of new members will take place on Palm Sunday, April 14th during the worship service. Contact Buddy if you are interested.

## RECREATION CONTINUES

Recreation for those in 5th grade and older will continue every Wednesday evening from 7:00 pm—8:30 pm in December and January except for December 26th. There will be **NO** Rec on December 26th.



## December Service Opportunities for Youth (and adults)

- **Sat., Dec. 8th** 10:00 a.m.... Help decorate the church
- **Sat., Dec. 22nd** ... Attend or help with NWPC Kid's Christmas Party from 10:00 a.m. until noon



- **Sun., Dec. 23rd** Christmas Program during the worship service (11:00 a.m.)
- **Sun., Dec. 23rd** Ward Family Open House 4:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
- **Mon., Dec. 24th** ... Babysit during our Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 p.m.



Looking for youth for the mission trip this summer! Contact Anne with your preferred dates!

**No School**  
Dec 24th—Jan 1st  
January 18th and 21st



*Ward Family Open House*  
On **Sunday, 12/23**



The Ward Family will have their annual Open House on Sunday, Dec. 23rd, from 4:30 until 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come. Feel free to bring a friend!

## Youth Group Contact

Anne Ward 726-2415  
bsward3@atlanticbb.net  
Website: nwpchurch.org



**Penny Sundays will be**  
**December 2nd and**  
**January 7th**



## Upcoming Winter Events



**Feb. 14th** Sweetheart Spaghetti Supper to benefit the 30 Hour Famine 

**March 1st-2nd** 30 Hour Famine Weekend

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAY

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



Happy Birthday Jesus!  
December 25th!

**May you and your family**  
**have a Wonderful**  
**Christmas and a**  
**Blessed New Year!**



# Advent Season Activities for 2018

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## ***Come Help Us Deck the Halls***

The flower committee is looking for volunteers to help decorate the Sanctuary for the upcoming Christmas season. We will meet at the church at 10:00 AM ***Saturday, December 8.*** We can use a couple tall strong individuals who do not mind climbing ladders to help construct the pre-lit Christmas tree. We also have our wreaths and garlands to put up, decorations for the tree and our outdoor Nativity.



## ***Annual Christmas Carol Sing at the Irvine Presbyterian Church***



Everyone is invited to kick off the Advent Season at the annual Carol Sing at the Irvine Presbyterian Church on ***Sunday, December 3,*** starting at 6:00 PM. Refreshments and fellowship will follow. Come and sing about the good news "Today in the city of David the Christ child was born." Bring a friend and join with other local churches to celebrate this Advent Season.

## ***Our Annual Church & Community Children's Christmas Party***

***Saturday, December 22*** from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon - All the children from the youngest to the oldest in Church, Sunday School, Day Care, and from our Summer Day Camp are invited! It will be a great time of fun. We will learn that three wise men from the East came to see baby Jesus, bringing him gifts fit for a king. But the greatest gift of Christmas was the birthday boy in the manger. We will also be having two special visitors from way up north.



## ***The Wards' Traditional Manse Christmas Open House***



Once again, the Ward family will open up their home for a gathering of our neighbors and church community. Come by any time between 4:30 – 7:30 PM on ***Sunday, December 23*** for a time of fun, food, and fellowship! Bring something to share if you would like. Bring a friend or family member, regardless of whether they attend our church. We always love to meet friends we haven't met yet.

## ***Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service***

Christmas Eve is ***Sunday, December 24*** and our Candlelight service begins at 7:00 PM. Make it a family tradition to join your friends and neighbors for a celebration of Jesus' birth as we worship together with carols, special music, and the telling of the timeless story of how God's love was sent to earth to save this world. As part of the evening's worship, we will join in sharing the Lord's Supper and a candlelight rendition of Silent Night. Use this as a missional opportunity and invite your family and friends to celebrate our Savior's Birth!





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		1	2 School Resumes	3 6:00 PM Deacons	4	5
<i>Penny Sunday 6</i> 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Confirmation Class	7 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM Qadosh Bells	8 6:00 PM Christian Education	9 7:00 PM Youth Rec	10 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study	11	12
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20 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Session Meeting 6:00 PM Confirmation Class	21 No School 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM Qadosh Bells	22	23 7:00 PM Youth Rec	24 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study	25	26
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## January 2019

## Birthdays

Jan	04	Hayden Lilley
	05	Kathy Olson
	07	Kyle Phinney
	10	Deklon Stiteler
	10	Ivy Whilton
	11	Charles Lucks
	13	Kathy Whittemore
	14	Taylor Swanson
	15	Shawn Billman
	16	Avalynn Swanson
	16	Harrison Williams
	18	Adam McCoy
	20	Alex Ferry
	22	Carol Pusateri
	23	Al Brumagin
	23	William Swartz
	24	John Caito
	24	Ryan Knopf
	24	Alicia Trojanowski
	25	Cindy Fiscus
	27	Skyler Lester
	29	Betsy Goodwill

## Anniversaries

Jan	18	David & Sandra Lee
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## Lay Leaders

Jan	06	David Snyder
	13	Susan Stout
	20	Kathy Whittemore
	27	Gloria Lindell

## Greeters

Jan	06	Teresa Blumquist
	13	Gloria Lindell
	20	Gary Olson
	27	Bill Gross

## Sound Booth

Jan	06	Gary Brumagin
	13	Nyssa Brumagin
	20	Jim Ashbaugh
	27	Stephen Ashbaugh

## Nursery - Adults

Jan	06	Christine Case
	13	Chris McClellan
	20	Susan Stout
	27	Melissa Turner

## Sanctuary Flowers

Jan	06	Kathy Whittemore
	13	Caroline Benson
	20	Lois Marshall
	27	Ladies Bible Study

## Ushers

Lois Marshall  
Lynn Olsen

## Hospital Visitor

Tricia Posten

## After Church Coffee

Jan	20	Gloria Lindell
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## An Appeal

You may be able to detect that some areas of our volunteer help is a bit understaffed in 2019. This month, it is evident in Ushers. With only two assigned, they need to recruit help every Sunday. You will see that become more evident as the year progresses.

We have eleven people doing the job of Lay Leader, four of which need to repeat seven times. In the Nursery, only ten people have volunteered to help, four of which need to serve at least five or more times, two are serving eight times.



Some of our ushers are scheduled three or four months out of the year. That is more than anyone should be asked to do. This is really an enjoyable job, but more hands that are willing would make this even easier.

We have simply eliminated our Youth Nursery Worker since we have so few young people who signed up. Those couple who did are simply encouraged to help when they are here and are so inclined – otherwise they would be in the Nursery almost every week.

Please consider in prayer whether you are willing to give of your time to help your church run more smoothly and help those who help you by serving the church in these volunteer capacities. Contact Gary in the office if you are so motivated.

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## The Christmas Story



And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.