

**CHURCH STAFF**

Reverend Steven M. Taylor, Pastor  
Kathy Peck, Program Coordinator/Secretary  
Tory and Adam Irgang, Youth Leaders  
Jody Marsh, Parish Nurse  
Julie Nagel, Music Director/Accompanist  
Krista Odell, Accompanist  
Art Osborne, Custodian  
Bert and Roberta Anderson in Haiti  
Dr. Mark and Diane Abbott in Spain  
Rev. Paul D. Caseman in Alaska

**PASTOR’S OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - 9 a.m. - noon  
Tuesday - 9 a.m. - noon  
Wednesday - 9 a.m. - noon

**Mailing Address for Andersons in Haiti:**

Bert & Roberta Anderson  
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Venice, FL 34285

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Christ First UMC  
663 Lakeview Ave.  
Jamestown, NY 14701

*From Pastor Steve’s Desk...*

*A Shepherd’s Hope...*

I imagine myself as a shepherd at the time of Jesus’ birth. My name is Judah. I can imagine the starry sky...the smell of the fresh grass...the chill in the air...and the feeling deep down inside me of something on the verge of breaking in to the world that, up to this point, seems so natural and ordinary.

I don’t really know a whole lot about the prophecies and the predictions, but enough to know that we are waiting to see the day when God would save us and give us a leader that would raise us up to new days. Of course, I have these sheep to tend, and any talk of a Messiah would have to be done with one eye on the sheep. But when they are resting in the field, I tend to want to stare up into the sky and wonder when God will make his move... we’ve waited so long.

What will he be like? How will we know? Surely a baby will not be able to save anyone...unless...well, that’s wishful thinking anyway. I suppose we’ve been patient for this long... God must have something really grand in store for us. Maybe a lightshow or a meteor shower will light the way...to give us a sign. I’m sure the baby will be born in Jerusalem...at the temple ...to a king or the high priest. Whoever it is, we will know by the royal procession that comes after his birth. I’m sure that I will not know...not out here in the fields...with these sheep.

But what if it’s all different? What if the Messiah comes and we miss it? What if God sends a child to us...to a young woman...and we miss it? They say that the woman will be a virgin. They say that God will be the father. They say that he will come to save us. So...how will we know...out here...under the starry sky...with these sheep?

I guess I don’t know. I don’t even know what tomorrow brings (well, besides caring for these sheep of mine). I suppose that’s what I’ll be doing the rest of my life...tending these sheep. But still I wish...no...I *hope* in what they say. I hope for a new

day. I hope for God's Emmanuel, God with us, to come and save us. It's not that I don't like tending these sheep – it's all I've ever known – but what if?... Wow...I'm not sure I'm ready...I wonder what will be expected of me? What are MY expectations? Will I accept the plan God has for me? And my family? I wonder who the Messiah wants me to be? I'm pretty sure I will follow him...but I don't even know what that means...

So I guess that's it! I'll continue to hope. Hope for a sign. Hope for a call. Hope for a direction. Hope for a way forward...a shepherd's hope...under the starry sky...smelling the fresh grass...feeling the chill in the air...expecting...accepting...for us...for me...waiting for God to send us a sign...hope!

Merry Christmas to everyone! May God's unexpected gift be yours in abundance and love this season!

**Shalom,  
Pastor Steve**

In case you are not aware of this - Prayer Time has been changed to Monday evenings from 7-8 p.m. (instead of Wednesday evenings). This is to accommodate those who have other Wednesday evening commitments and would like the opportunity to join the group to pray for our church, our community, and each other. We hope to see you there!

**ALSO**.....The Prayer Chain list is being updated! We have the names of some new members but do not want to leave anyone out who desires to be part of this vital ministry. Would you be ready to pray when notified of a need and pass that request on to the next member? Your prayer request will be passed down to 20+ others who will pray, and continue to pray, about your situation.

If you would like to be a part of this network of prayers, please get in touch with Jean Edwards or call the PUMC office.



### **Pastor Steve's December Schedule**

- 1 7 p.m.: Christian Ed. Mtg; 7pm: SPRC Mtg
- 2-3 Sabbath and Day off
- 4 8 a.m.-12 p.m.: Sunday School/Worship/Communion; 11:30 a.m.: Lunch after Worship; 4 p.m.: Cantata Rehearsal (PUMC)
- 5 7 p.m.: Prayer Team
- 6 1 p.m.: Visitations; 7 p.m.: NCD Team Mtg
- 7 6 p.m.: Praise Team; 6:30-8 p.m.: Cantata Rehearsal (FLUMC)  
8 p.m.: Trustees Team Meeting
- 8 PCS Choral Concert
- 9 Sabbath
- 10 6 p.m.: Youth Christmas Party at Parsonage
- 11 8 a.m.-12 p.m.: Sunday School/Worship; 4:30 p.m.: Confirmation Class
- 12 6 p.m.: Worship Team Mtg; 7 p.m.: Prayer Team
- 13 1 p.m.: Visitations; 7 p.m.: Band of Brothers Gathering
- 14 6 p.m.: Praise Team; 7 p.m.: Cantata Rehearsal (PUMC)
- 15 Ski Night
- 16 5-8 p.m.: Open House at Parsonage
- 17 10 a.m.: Cantata Rehearsal (PUMC)
- 18 8 a.m.-12 p.m.: Sunday School/Worship; 4 p.m.: Cantata at Panama UMC; 7 p.m.: Cantata at Findley Lake UMC
- 19 7 p.m.: Prayer Team
- 20 1 p.m.: Visitations
- 21 12 p.m.: Lunch Bunch; 6 p.m.: Praise Team; 7 p.m.: Choir
- 22 Ski Night; 7 p.m.: Grace Visitation
- 23 Sabbath
- 24 11 p.m.: Christmas Eve Worship
- 25 10:15 a.m.: Worship!
- 26 7 p.m.: Prayer Team
- 27 1 p.m.: Visitations
- 28 6 p.m.: Praise Team; 7 p.m.: Choir
- 29 Ski Night
- 30-31 Sabbath and Day Off
- January 1, 2012 Happy New Year! 10:15 a.m.: Worship!

## OPERATION SHOEBOX 2011

As a result of your generosity and your concern for the children of the world, a total of 103 shoeboxes were donated to the Samaritan's Purse. We were thrilled with the church's participation again this year, and we eagerly look forward to sending out even more shoeboxes next year. We had a great time at the packing party following church on the 13th.

Thanks to all who helped in any way.

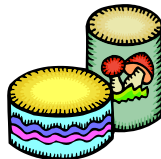
### **DON'T FORGET RED RIBBON SUNDAY MISSION PROJECTS**

**CAMPBELL LABELS** for the Red Bird Mission School in Kentucky (also look for labels on Swanson products, Pepperidge Farm, Prego, and V8). Those of you who take the time to cut just the UPC code and logo from the product for us, we thank you.



**PENNIES** for the Domestic Abuse Program offered by the Salvation Army in Jamestown. As you read in the papers and media, you know that Domestic Abuse is on the increase and it is important to help when we can. Please drop your pennies and other small change in the box in the narthex.

**NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS** for God's Groceries- things like toilet paper, soap (all kinds), toothpaste and brushes, shampoo, and anything else that you feel would help those who are having a difficult time making their money go further. The use of the Food Pantry is growing. Thanks for your help!



## *Sunday Morning Worship Team*

### *December*

#### *Lay Readers*

12/4 - Tena Dills

12/11 - Jan Wheeler

12/18 - Barb Tordella

12/25 - Stacy Taylor

#### *Ushers*

Ted and Sharon Passarelli

George and Trudy Anderson

#### *Nursery Helpers*

12/4 - Kelly and Sarah Osborne

12/11 - Jennifer and Claire Apthorpe

12/18 - Barb and Lauren Tordella

12/25 - Tina Shaver and Logan Hickman

### *January*

#### *Lay Readers*

To be announced

#### *Ushers*

To be announced

#### *Nursery Helpers*

1/1 - Stacy and Abby Taylor

1/8 - Thea Kester and Corinne Edwards

1/15 -

1/22 - Julia Nelson and Sarah Osborne

1/29 - Karen Morton and Lauren Tordella



*With Sympathy to the families of...*

Sarah Proper  
(October 2011)  
Sister of Orlo Jackson

Craig Juul  
(November 2011)  
Son of Calvin Carr

“Charlie” Johnson  
(November 23, 2011)  
Stepfather of Shelly Croscut

The love of your church family is with you all during this time of loss and remembrance.

Our prayers will continue to be with you as you go through this difficult time.



*Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Osborne*

were married on  
October 29, 2011.

We pray God’s richest blessings on the marriage  
of Brad and Shirley.

We wish you love and happiness as you begin  
this newest chapter of your life together.

**YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY**



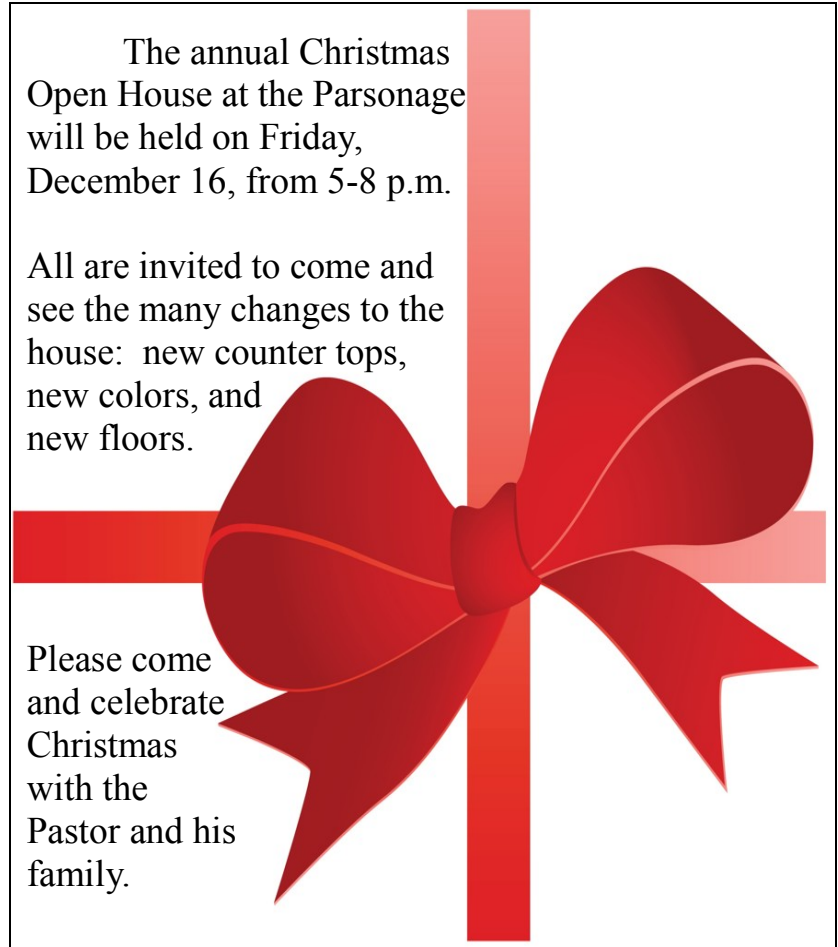
All youth (grades 7-12) are invited to a Christmas Party at Pastor Steve, Stacy, Ben, and Abby’s house at 35 East Main Street, Saturday, December 10, from 6-9 p.m. Please bring a friend!

Come and join us for a relaxed, fun time of celebration!

The annual Christmas Open House at the Parsonage will be held on Friday, December 16, from 5-8 p.m.

All are invited to come and see the many changes to the house: new counter tops, new colors, and new floors.

Please come and celebrate Christmas with the Pastor and his family.



**...RECIPE FROM THE PARISH NURSE...**

Jody Marsh

Sweet and Spicy Crunch Mix

- 2 large egg whites
- 1/4 c. sugar
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. paprika
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp. ground cumin
- 1/4 - 1/2 tsp cayenne
- 4 c. Corn Chex cereal
- 3 c. Multigrain Cheerios cereal
- 2 c. (6 oz.) multigrain pretzel nuggets with sesame seeds

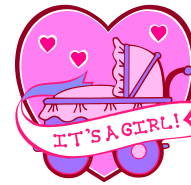
1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Line jelly roll pan with parchment paper.
2. Whisk egg whites, sugar, cinnamon, paprika, salt, cumin, and cayenne in large bowl until well blended. Add cereals and pretzels; toss to coat.
3. Spread mixture evenly in pan. Bake until cereals are lightly browned and dry, about 30 minutes, stirring every 10 minutes during baking time. Transfer to rack and let cool completely.

**NURSERY NOTE**

There is Nursery care available during Sunday morning worship for children **ages birth to 4 years old**. Two nursery helpers are available to care for your child/children so that you can get the most out of the worship experience. ALSO...If any adult or youth (7th grade and above) is interested in participating in this ministry, please let Tina Shaver know.

If you are scheduled for Nursery and find you cannot fulfill that obligation, please let Tina know as soon as possible so she can make the necessary adjustments. Thanks!

**BABY NEWS!!!!**



**Elena Francesca Komarek**

Born on  
November 8, 2011  
to  
Jon and Jessica Komarek

**Marlie Grace Seekings**

Born on  
November 10, 2011  
to  
Kimberly Davis and Henry Seekings



**Evan Thomas Lescynski**

Born on  
November 21, 2011  
to  
Andrew and Wende Lescynski

Congratulations to you all on the birth of the children that God has entrusted to you. We lovingly welcome them into our church family. Blessings to you all.

If you are "fairly new" to the PUMC, we would like to include you and your family members on our birthday and anniversary list. Please let Kathy know in the office or leave a note in the Grace Notes mailbox in the hall with your family's information.

## *Visitation Ministry*

### **December 4**

Gerrie Simmons LSS A116	Everett King
David Sturges LSS A175	Everett King
Phyllis Patterson HGreen 327	Diane Johnson
Ruth Ostrander HGreen 316	Diane Johnson
Kathy Smith TW 218	Trudy Anderson
Van Luther TW 208	Trudy Anderson
Bev Wilder TW 138	Trudy Anderson

### **December 11**

Gerrie Simmons LSS A116	Jack/Linda Sturges
David Sturges LSS A175	Jack/Linda Sturges
Phyllis Patterson HGreen 327	Jean Edwards
Ruth Ostrander HGreen 316	Jean Edwards
Kathy Smith TW 218	Julia Nelson
Van Luther TW 208	Julia Nelson
Bev Wilder TW 138	Julia Nelson

### **December 18**

Gerrie Simmons LSS A116	Art/Jeanette Osborne
David Sturges LSS A175	Art/Jeanette Osborne
Phyllis Patterson HGreen 327	Bill Peck
Ruth Ostrander HGreen 316	Bill Peck
Kathy Smith TW 218	Barbara Hart
Van Luther TW 208	Barbara Hart
Bev Wilder TW 138	Barbara Hart

### **December 25**

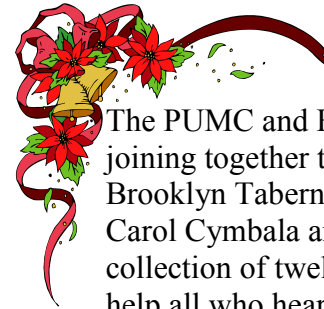
Gerrie Simmons LSS A116	Sharon Passarelli
David Sturges LSS A175	Sharon Passarelli
Phyllis Patterson HGreen 327	Lester/Wyona Wevers
Ruth Ostrander HGreen 316	Lester/Wyona Wevers
Kathy Smith TW 218	Eloise Smith
Van Luther TW 208	Eloise Smith
Bev Wilder TW 138	Eloise Smith

**No tapes for anyone - just a visit and a bulletin**

## **THANK YOU!!**

Thank you to all the church family for your cards, calls, visits, and especially your concern and prayers during my bout with cancer. The surgery was a success. I go back to Roswell on the 5th of December for a checkup and after that, a period of rest and recovery and then four more chemo treatments.

Donna Darling



The PUMC and Findley Lake UM Church choirs are joining together this Christmas season to present “A Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir Christmas.” Written by Carol Cymbala and Jason Michael Webb, this cantata is a collection of twelve original songs that were written to help all who hear it “experience the wonder of Christmas as never before.” In “A Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir Christmas,” there are beautiful, soaring solos and exciting, spirit-filled choir arrangements that will let the whole world know that our Savior has indeed come!

**Save the date!** There will be two presentations: Sunday, December 18, at 4 p.m. at the PUMC and Sunday, December 18, at 7 p.m. at Findley Lake UM Church.

Please keep both choirs in your prayers as we continue to practice and prepare for this exciting adventure!

Jesus has come! Tell the world He’s come!

Julie Nagel and Dave Calvert  
Music Directors

# Advent Worship Schedule



## **SUNDAY, November 27 - 10:15 a.m.**

First Sunday in Advent  
*Outside the Box...Open Up Expectations*  
Mark 13:32-37; Luke 1:26-38

## **SUNDAY, December 4 - 10:15 a.m.**

Second Sunday in Advent/Communion  
*Outside the Box...Open Up Acceptance*  
Isaiah 40:1-6a; 2 Peter 3:8-9

## **SUNDAY, December 11 - 10:15 a.m.**

Third Sunday in Advent  
*Outside the Box...Open Up Family*  
Isaiah 61:1-4; Luke 2:8-20

## **SUNDAY, December 18 - 10:15 a.m.**

Fourth Sunday in Advent  
*Outside the Box...Open Up Yourself*  
2 Samuel 7:1-3; Luke 2:7

## **SUNDAY, December 18**

*Brooklyn Tabernacle Christmas Cantata*  
4 p.m. - Panama UMC  
7 p.m. - Findley Lake UMC

## **SATURDAY, December 24 - 11 p.m.**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship  
*What Not to Miss at Christmas*  
Luke 2:1-20

## **SUNDAY, December 25 - 10:15 a.m.**

Merry Christmas Celebration  
*The Cost of Christmas*  
John 1:1-14

## December Birthdays and *Anniversaries*

- 1 Bert Anderson, Brianna Marsh
  - 2 Arianna Seekings
  - 3 Judy Parkman
  - 5 Tiffany Goldberg, Shelly Johnson, Rob Peck, Paige Weise, ***Dennis/Cindy Furlow***
  - 6 Lindsay Lombardo, Eloise Smith
  - 7 Roger Kester, Evan VandeVelde
  - 8 Andrea Gleason, Kathy Peck
  - 10 Rebecca Sprague
  - 11 Edward Dallas, Ann Schnars, *Larry/Gay Ostrander***
  - 12 Christopher Brown, Warren Crouch, Amanda Anderson, ***Scotty/Cam James***
  - 13 Matthew Dallas
  - 14 Becky Dominey, Debbie Loveless, Michelle Osborne
  - 15 Alyssa Jaeger
  - 16 ***Mike/Kelly Range, Jan/Howie Wheeler***
  - 17 *Andy/Terri Johnson***
  - 18 Olivia Nagel, ***Jim/Hespar Loomis, Jon/Grace Rowe***
  - 19 Tammy Rea
  - 20 *Steve/Krista Odell***
  - 22 Emma Malinoski, Bruce Scolton, ***Bob/Sarah Collins***
  - 23 Jamie Halpainy
  - 25 Joyce Dole, Peg Naetzker
  - 26 Marie Dole
  - 27 Peggy Malinoski, Luella Sard
  - 28 Kerri Neilans
  - 29 Jessica Keefer, Rachel Steffan, ***Greg/Carrie Edwards, Jim/Rose Hunt***
  - 30 Lee Kester, Janette Weaver
- A look ahead to January...**
- 1** Carl Anderson, Scott Neilans, ***Dean/Rebecca Sprague***
  - 2 Adam Dole
  - 3 Caroline Apthorpe, Reese McGaffick, Erin Miller, Pam Sali
  - 4 Cliff Reardon, Jr.
  - 5 Kim Auge, Betty Johnson, Ruth Russ

## News from the Christian Education Department

Our Christian Ed. Department continues to offer exciting events for all of our classes. During November we had a visit from Rainbow the Clown who entertained all with his “magic” and balloon animals while teaching our children some valuable lessons in a very creative way.

We also “manned a kettle” for the Salvation Army, and the volunteers who stood in front of the Rowdy Rooster on that beautiful day collected over \$112. Thanks to all for allowing us to continue this event.



Red Kettle Volunteers  
Jane Nagel and Donna Case

On December 18, we will have a Birthday Party for Jesus. We would love to have everyone join us to celebrate with our young kids.

As always, if you would like to become part of the team, please give us a call. We can certainly find a spot for you!

God's Blessings to you,  
Carm and George

### **Women and Missions (WAM)**

The next luncheon meeting of **Women and Missions** is Monday, December 12, at 11:45 a.m. at the Rowdy Rooster. Please join us when we gather informally, have lunch, and share together as women who care about those in our own neighborhoods and those around the world, as well. Pastor Steve, and possibly others, will share about their recent mission trip to Haiti.



Dear Friends at Panama United Methodist Church,

We are sure you have heard lots about the recent mission trip from the team of electricians, plumbers, and carpenters. We certainly enjoyed their presence. It is faith affirming to see a group of men come together and work like they have always been working together. Bert learned some finer points of wiring, and Roberta enjoyed hearing the guys sing.

Rick Lawson wrote a journal of their activities. It is posted on our website at the following link:

<http://lazarusprojecthaiti.org/Construction%20Team%20writeupOct19Nov52011.pdf>

While you're there, check out the other recent posts.



There is an update from November 18 and under missions, there is a video of the distribution of Creole Bibles to the third grade students. Wheatland Salem UMC (Naperville, IL) has donated bibles for the last couple of years. It was the highlight

of our day.

We look forward to coming home for the holidays. We can't wait! We may even get in before the Cantata. Now there's a Christmas present!

Blessings,  
Bert & Roberta



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