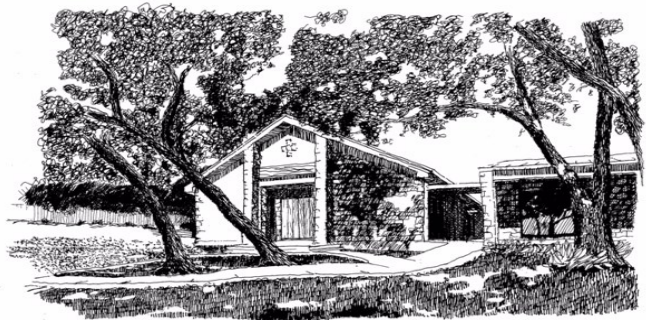


# Wimberley Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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The Jan Newsletter will be published

Jan 3

All articles need to be submitted by

Dec 20

Please e-mail your announcements

or articles to the office at

jherreth@wimpres.org.

## Church Financial News

Nov Giving - \$17,252

Average Monthly Operation Requirement -

\$23,125

### HVAC Fund

Goal for 2016 \$28,000

Donations this year-to-date \$18,990

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Dear Church Family,

I enthusiastically recommend to you the book, *Hidden Christmas*, by Timothy Keller. It is full of rich insight, wise pastoral perspective, and humble joy. It will enrich your Advent and Christmas season now and for years to come. It's the kind of book you will want to reread every Christmas season. The adult Sunday school class is reading it and discussing it together on Sundays at 9:45. It's not too late to grab some Christmas joy and meaning for the next three Sundays by getting in on the class.

Here is a section of the book as an example. Keller is writing on the angel's message to Mary and her reflections on that message in the Magnificat:

*"However, there is also a note of amazement at the fact that it has happened to her. She is looking down the corridors of time in this song, remembering the ancient promises to Abraham, and all the times God delivered his people in the past, and all his mighty deeds. And in the midst of it she realizes, 'He has been mindful of the humble state of his servant... The Mighty One has done great things for me. God had spent centuries preparing for this day, and now he is going to save the world through a simple, poor, teenage, still-unwed girl. 'For me.' There is a note of joy and astonishment that God is blessing and honoring her."*

That is a thoughtful meditation on Mary's Magnificat. Mary links her life, calling, and the angel's message to God's eternal plan of salvation for the world. And then Keller drives that insight into personal application:

*"I would argue that despite the unique features of Mary's situation, we should be amazed that we are Christians, that the great God is working in us. In 'O Little Town of Bethlehem' we sing, 'O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray, cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.' It's a bold image, but quite right. Every Christian is like Mary. Everyone who puts faith in Christ receives, by the Holy Spirit, 'Christ in you, the hope of glory' (Colossians 1:27). We should be just as shocked that God would give us-with all our smallness and flaws-such a mighty gift. And so no Christian should ever be far from this astonishment that 'I, I of all people, should be loved and embraced by his grace.'"*

He's right. Christmas is shocking and amazing. God has, in Christ, included you in boundless, amazing grace. As the season seems to speed up with so many things to do and places to be, please take time to be amazed-even shocked that God receives you, accepts you, loves you, through the Holy Child of Bethlehem.

Merry Christmas,

Pastor Clint

**Next Council Meeting**  
December 20  
7:00 PM

**Head Usher**  
**Dirk Dierking**

**Liturgists**

4	Johnna Dennis
11	Al Foerster
18	Sharon DeRousse
25	Dirk Dierking

**Ushers**

4	Byron & Karen Paris Phil Lebkuether, Nita Bagby
11	Rosalie & Dallas Laumbach Merry & Chris Krueger
18	Doug Upshaw, Dottie Sweeton Sharon & Zip DeRousse
25	Janet & Jim Casper Jan & Al Foerster Linda & JD Baker Linda & Clay Corbitt

**Hostess**

4	Enell Bunting, Sandra Zlatkovich
11	Janet Casper, Pam Tannahill
18	Robin Neal, Sarah Badal
25	No Fellowship

## YOUR COUNCIL AT WORK

At the Stated Meeting of the Session on Tuesday, November 15, 2016:

- ◆ Committee Chairs are in the process of finalizing their budgets for 2017.
- ◆ Fellowship Chair, Betty Jo Slider proposed, and Session approved, that there will be no food (except for coffee) at Fellowship following Worship on December 25, 2016 or on January 1, 2017.
- ◆ Installation/Ordination for the new Elder class (2019) will be held at the Worship Service on January 15, 2017.
- ◆ Session discussed a possible mission trip for the youth and congregation members of WPC to aid flood victims in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at the suggestion of Pastor Clint, following his conversations with members of First Presbyterian Church—Baton Rouge. He will follow up with First Presbyterian Church there.
- ◆ The date for our Congregational Meeting in January 2017 will be announced in the bulletin.

Al Foerster,  
Clerk of Session

## YOUTH MONTHLY ACTIVITY FOR DECEMBER



Come gather with us as we have a Family Feud Game Day after church on Dec. 11! Should be lots of fun! We invite all the young at heart in our congregation to come join in on the fun and cheer on the teams!



6:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

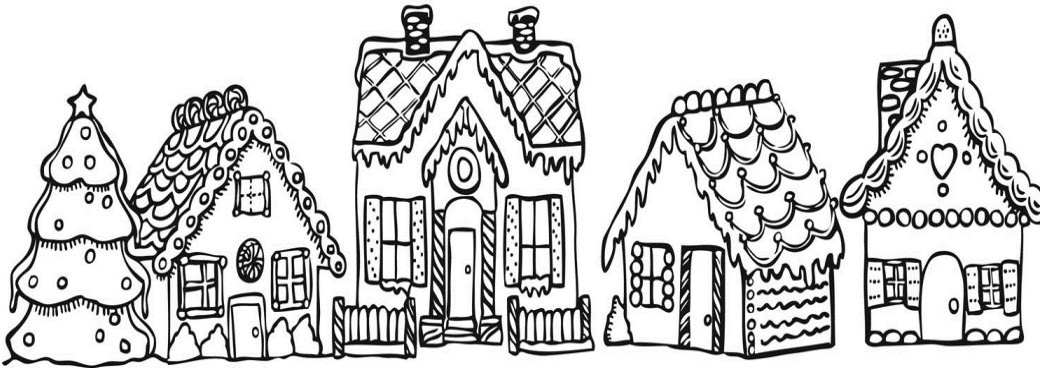
11:00 am Christmas Service



Our December Potluck will be on **December 14 at 6:00 PM**. Have you wanted to make a Gingerbread House? Or to try that skill again? This will be the time to give it a try. If you are not into "construction" you may also have a fun time watching our kids decorate their houses. We will have the pre-built houses but please let us know if you need one. The cost for the house is \$10.00. They come with a few decorations but you may want to bring your choice of decorations-----lifesavers, marshmallows, skittles-----whatever you can think of to make the houses a "one of a kind." But let us know by December 10 if you plan to make one so we will have enough.

The theme for Potluck is "Favorite Holiday Foods." The guideline for what to bring is A-F deserts, G-M salads and sides and N-Z main dishes.

**Mark the date and come join us for a very festive celebration!**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

- 1 Dave Badal
- 2 Ryan Armstrong
- 3 Rich Armstrong
- 4 Kate Youens
- 5 Mitzi Stevenson
- 6 Evelynn Junkin
- 10 Tommy Garner  
Byron Paris
- 12 Marcus Gonzales
- 18 Tony Gibbs
- 19 Libby Allison
- 20 Susan Junkin
- 22 Enell Bunting
- 26 Travis Terreo
- 31 Laurel Frampton  
Maria Mullins



*Please join us for a post wedding  
**Come & Go Celebration***

*Wimberley Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall  
December 17, 2016  
2 to 5:00 p.m.*

*Sarah (Gibbs) and Vicente Carranza*



- 27 Sandra & Keith Haney
- 29 Sharon & Zip DeRousse
- 31 Teresa & Bill Ward

**ATTENDANCE**

**Average Nov Worship  
Attendance - 133**



**December**

**Kellie Clark**

**We are looking for volunteers to work on the church website. If you are interested in helping in that area, please contact the church office at 512.847.5292.**

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## CURRENT COUNCIL ELDERS

### Al Foerster

Administration  
Clerk of Council  
Discipleship

### Eric Eskelund

Harris Frampton  
Building & Grounds

### Betty Jo Slider

Fellowship

### Judy Ansley

Congregational Care  
Nominating

### Bob Drake

Outreach

### Johnna Dennis

Stewardship

### Robert Wyatt

Worship

### Margaret Busch

Youth

*Together we worship and  
serve, living God's Word  
and sharing God's love.*

Adult Sunday School .....	9:45 AM
Youth Sunday School.....	9:45 AM
(6 - 12th Grade)	
Elementary Sunday School.....	9:45 AM
(K - 5th Grade)	
Pre-School Children's Church.....	10:45 AM
(0 - 5 yrs.)	
Children's Church.....	11:00 AM
(Pre K - 5th grade-except Communion Sunday)	
Worship Service.....	11:00 AM
(Followed by fellowship & refreshments)	
Youth "Mystery Bus" Bible Study.....	Wednesday, 6:30 PM

## WPC Staff

Rev. Clint Regen.....	Pastor
Rev. Conway Wharton.....	Pastor Emeritus
Mr. Tom Gabrielsen, Ms. Maria Mullins.....	Music Director, Pianist
Ms. Janice Herreth.....	Secretary
Ms. Emily Junkin, Teri Carter.....	Nursery
Mr. Robert Miller.....	Sexton
Ms. Sandra Haney.....	Treasurer

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