

A Time for Remembrance

Finding comfort in community

Everyone has experienced loss during the long months of this pandemic, although we've each felt it in different ways. You may know the acute pain of losing a loved one, the loneliness of losing the social connection of friends and family, or the loss of familiar faces, good health, or daily routines that were once taken for granted.

A Remembrance Day Service will be held on November 7 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for anyone who has endured a loss during the COVID-19 pandemic. You are encouraged to attend this service, light a candle for someone you are missing, and be surrounded by the love of your church family and the comfort of prayer and music. A cookie, punch, and coffee reception will follow for continued fellowship. This event is hosted by Cross Care Connections .



Our Advent Traditions Return

It seems like fall just arrived, but Advent starts in just a few weeks. Please join us for another wonderful Advent Dinner on Sunday, December 5. The Advent Dinner is one of our most loved traditions at Church of the Cross. It is a festive and meaningful way to start the Christmas season and includes a catered meal, lots of fun and fellowship, and the long-awaited Christmas pageant by our kindergarten through 8th graders. Our theme this year is "Gifts of the Manger." After dinner, we will sing Christmas carols around the yule log with family and friends. This event is hosted by the Deacons.

There is no charge to attend this amazing event, but a free will donation is always welcome. Bring a dessert to share - the variety of desserts is fun as well. **Sign up at the Information Desk in the Narthex by November 28.** If your family makes a full table of eight, and you would like a table reserved, please note that when you sign up at the Information Center.



The Advent Workshop is Happening, Too! Learn more on the back page.

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MOVING FORWARD

At its October meeting, our Session unanimously approved the recommendation from the Building Design Committee (BDC) to hire MCL Construction to oversee our upcoming building expansion. At the conclusion of last night’s meeting, BDC Moderator, Mike Howland, exclaimed, “We are now underway!”

For the next few months, MCL and Leo A. Daly Architects will be working together to formulate a timeline for Schematic Design and Design Development. We will see their first Schematic results in December. More design will follow, as well as the lining up of sub-contractors. The real total costs will be known by next March or April. In the meantime, site surveys and geotechnical tests will commence, and architectural and civil engineering drawings will be developed.

On-site construction is planned to begin sometime next July or August, and it is projected to last about 14 months. We will know more exact details next spring.

Along the way, from time to time our parking will be affected as work trucks enter and exit, and materials are delivered and staged. There will be a period of time when part of the Fellowship Hall will be walled off, so that the area along the windows can be expanded. There will be a time when part of our narthex is also walled off, as the entrance from the new Welcome Center is completed.

We will do our best to give ample warning as our normal church life is affected and altered periodically.

Thus, an exciting, new planning stage is now underway, with more details headed our way in the year to come. It will be a challenging year ahead, where our flexibility and creativity will be called upon. I know we will be up to the task!

As all this heads our way, so do Thanksgiving and Christmas!

As we look back on “the year it’s been” since this time last year, we have travelled far. We are weary. Our children and grandchildren are weary, as are our teachers and health care workers.

Yes, we are looking forward to a better holiday season this year than last. Families are cautiously looking forward to reuniting. Church activities are hoping to return to normal, including our Advent Dinner.

To this extent, I call on you to aim for a truly thankful Thanksgiving Day and a truly meaningful time of preparation in Advent. Let’s make these traditions count this year, living our faith with Christ at the center.

If you have experienced loss during the pandemic, you may find the November 7 Remembrance Service especially helpful and meaningful. You may need to do something different this year for Thanksgiving – supporting a family in need through purchasing a food basket. There may be special folks you want to honor and recognize through purchasing a poinsettia for the sanctuary for Advent.

It’s true that the more you put into something, the more you will get out of it. I encourage you, as we move into our holiday season, to look for ways to make this year even more meaningful.

It has been a tough year all around, but together we are moving forward!

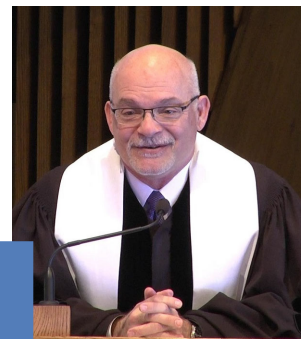
Although...



On Saturday Night, November 6 –
Don’t Forget to Set Your Chocks Back
One Hour for Daylight Savings!

Your pastor
and friend,

Marshall Ziemann



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Finding Closure

As you know, I lost my mother in March of 2020 right when the COVID-19 restrictions limited human gatherings. We had only ten people at a graveside service. There was no time sitting in in the peace of a sanctuary. There was no organ. There was no extended family or long-time friends. For me, the healing process has been very slow as my heart yearns to have a space to remember her at the cross, surrounded by like-believers in the Body of Christ and listening to the music that brought her joy and comfort. I am sure that many of you have had the same experience.

COVID-19 impacted us here too, as we were unable to host funerals for several months. We had to limit the size of our remembrance services, and many had to hold services in unfamiliar places. There were no funeral lunches and no hugs, and many of us were left without closure. Of course, the loss went beyond our congregation and our city to our family and friends around the world who also experienced great loss. When we lost loved ones in different cities, we were unable to say goodbye. In this odd time, we lost important human connections that allow us to grieve and heal. Instead of remembering and celebrating the lives of our dear family and friends, we instead see the holes that are left in the absence. What if we could have a service to remember our loved ones, to be in the presence of friends and to support one another in this time of loss?



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## A Prayer for All Saints Day

Eternal God, hope of all who trust in you,  
in Christ you weep with those who mourn  
even as you cry out in triumph over the grave.  
Unbind us from sin, release us from captivity,  
and with Lazarus, raise us from death to life,  
so that we may join that great crowd of saints  
who forever sing praise to your holy name;  
through Christ, the resurrection and the life.

Prayer Provided by PC(USA)

Based on John 11:32-44

Well, we have a special opportunity for you. On November 7 at 4:00 p.m., Cross Care Connections is hosting a Remembrance Day Service. This is a day to remember our departed members at Church of the Cross, but it is also a day for each one of you to celebrate whomever you are missing. We will light a candle for each deceased member, listen to the organ, and hear a meditation. You will also have the opportunity to light a candle for anyone that you want to remember. This opportunity will allow us to grieve our loved one in the community of faith, renew our spirit, and remind us that we can honor them in our faithful service.



See you on November 7 for this service of closure and renewal.



Grace and peace,

**Christine**

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If you or a loved one are facing a situation where you need spiritual or emotional support, contact Pastor Christine for more information about our Cross Care Connections program. You may also complete the online form on our website to request a Cross Care Connections provider.



## Great Music & A Festive Atmosphere

### *arx duo* returns to Vesper Concerts with “Tales from the Keyboard”

Percussion as chamber music? Yes, when it’s Garrett Arney and Mari Yoshinaga, otherwise known as *arx duo*. Garrett and Mari met while studying at the Yale School of Music and formed *arx duo*, which is dedicated to the expansion of the percussion chamber music repertoire.

They are returning to Vesper Concerts, this time with a program of new music for marimba and vibraphone by composers Robert Honstein, Angelique Poteat, and Ian Gottlieb. These compositions are harmony-driven, pleasing to listen to, and exciting to watch! Join us at 7:00 p.m. on November 8 for a dazzling and virtuosic performance by these two talented musicians.



## It’s Time to Deck the Halls!

The annual Hanging of the Greens will take place on Saturday, November 27, at 10:00 a.m. We’ll meet in the Sanctuary to begin, then the festivities will spread throughout the building. We’ll hang evergreen garlands,



decorate Christmas trees, and hang wreaths—all while listening to festive music and enjoying hot apple cider and other treats. The Worship & Music Committee needs your help to make our building look its best for the Advent and Christmas season.

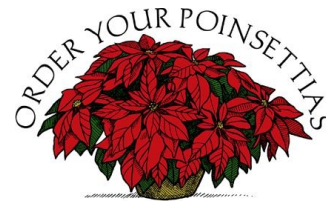
Please sign up by emailing Kristi Treu at [kristi@pcoc.us](mailto:kristi@pcoc.us) or Mike Shannon. It’s an annual tradition you won’t want to miss!

**Organist:** Dana Sloan, M.M.

**Worship & Music Committee Moderator:** Mike Shannon

## Poinsettia Order

It’s also time to order poinsettias for the Christmas holiday season. Order forms are available in this issue of the newsletter and also available at the Information Center in the Narthex. You can also order online from the website home page. The cost is \$15.00 and deadline for ordering is November 28. No orders can be taken after that time. Payment must accompany the order.



Kristi Treu, Director of Music  
Executive Director of Vesper Concerts



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## Save These Dates . . .

**November 21**  
Advent Workshop  
Craft Pick up

**November 21**  
Krispy Kreme  
Fundraiser  
Delivery

**December 5**  
Children's  
Christmas  
Pageant 5 p.m.

**December 19**  
Fall Semester of  
Sunday School ends

## Notes from Heather Berry

### Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

Help SHF raise some *dough!* Come by the table in the Narthex before or after church on November 7 and 14 and buy some Krispy Kreme BOGO (buy one get one) Cards. The cards cost \$20 each and are valid for one dozen FREE Original Glazed doughnuts with the purchase of any dozen. The card is valid for 10 FREE dozens. Don't like doughnuts? No problem! These make great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers! Cards will be delivered November 21. Proceeds support the SHF mission trip. Thank you!

### JHF Visits Scatter Joy Acres



The Junior High Fellowship Group had fun visiting Scatter Joy Acres last month. They even got to pet a baby porcupine! Scatter Joy Acres is a non-profit ranch where rescued animals provide therapeutic interaction for developmentally disabled and autistic children, seniors, veterans, and at-risk children. Scatter Joy

Acres was created to scatter God's joy across all of God's acres. Find out more about Scatter Joy Acres at [www.scatterjoyacres.org](http://www.scatterjoyacres.org).

### CE Committee Moderator:

Josh Versaw

**JHF Leaders:** Carla & Jon Fritz, Julie Evers, & Jeremy Cunningham

**SHF Leaders:** Dawn & Brad Gibson, Ethan Bennett, Susan Price

### Bellevue Berry Farm

The Junior and Senior High Youth had a frightfully fun time at the Bellevue Berry Farm on October 17. Going to the farm is a yearly tradition for the youth groups, one that they missed out on during the pandemic, so this outing was especially meaningful. Thirty-four youth and adults enjoyed sitting around the campfire, roasting hot dogs, and making s'mores. Once it got dark, we decided to go on the haunted hayride, and folks, that did not disappoint! Just when you think you're safe, someone comes up behind you and scares you. There were lots of screams and squeals - It was great!



### New Adult Education Class Begins

Carl Greiner's class, Bonhoeffer: Protestant Martyr and Theologian, begins November 7 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 15. Join the class to learn more about Bonhoeffer's life and works based on the book, *The Spirituality of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*. Registration is required.

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Director of  
Christian Education



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## A View from My Office

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As I think about the number of pledge cards created, mailed, and returned this past year during the pandemic, I am amazed at how our church’s culture for pledging opens the door for church growth and vitality. We have designated October as Stewardship Season 2021.

Once again, this is truly a total congregational effort, and every pledge is valued. As we assemble the 2022 budget for Session’s approval, the finance and personnel committees are able to work with confidence and assurance that your giving is solid.



This fall’s emphasis: Our church in changing times, ready to grow where God leads – encourages each of us to prepare for the future.

It has been wonderful to hear from a few of our key mission partners during the last three Sundays in October. With our help, our mission partners have had a significant impact on many lives in our area. Together, we are helping care for our neighbors.

Your commitment and prayerful consideration encourage each of us to become better stewards throughout the year. Together we are stronger.

### BUILDING & GROUNDS

This last week many people helped prepare our landscaped areas for the winter season. I hope that you are proud of the time and effort many members put in to keep our lawn and landscaped areas looking well cared for.

We also have the blacktop parking lots sealed and stripped. This is a semi-annual project, and we

wanted our parking lots in good shape as traffic will pick up once construction begins.

The Circle Drive and North covered entrances have new lights that welcome all guests safely to our entrances. Finally, our kitchen may have a new stove installed during November, and we are grateful for this update.

### THANK YOU

In a previous article, I wrote about momentum as an energy, a drive, or a force that pushes one towards or away from a desired goal. This past summer and fall, that momentum energized many members to make a difference in completing our Capital Campaign fund drive. Every gift has been essential in finishing this effort successfully.

Together, we have pledged over \$4,156,380 to make our building expansion and Fellowship Hall renovation a reality. Session has decided on a contractor and agreed to move forward.



I want to include a thank you to the many volunteers who made our Summer Celebrations this summer fun for all who attended. Our outdoor worship services on our East Lawn have been inspiring. Many hands helped prepare and serve delicious lunches each month. We also appreciate the extra volunteers who organized activities, games, entertainment, and photographs. Thank you to everyone!

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**Finance Committee Moderator:**  
Ken Kluck

**Building and Grounds Committee Moderator:**  
John Stalnaker



## More Ways to Find PCOC — Live & On the Go

Each week our worship numbers nudge a bit closer to normal, and our other church activities are starting to regain a following. Yet, we know that for some families, now is still not the right time to return to full church life. In the continuing uncertainty of the pandemic, we are always searching for improved ways to connect our congregation with the word of God and the community of church. We've discovered there is more than Zoom!

At the beginning of October, we began to livestream our early service. For those of you watching from home at 9:00 a.m., our livestream may seem like any other service recording, but it is a bit different. The livestream starts at 8:45 a.m. with a series of church announcement slides as worshippers gather. Soft music plays during this part, so you can test that your sound and video are working before worship begins.

Whether you are on a laptop, desktop computer, tablet, phone, or TV, your device has a volume setting. Make sure the volume is set appropriately and not muted.



Connecting headphones and speakers can improve sound quality for some devices. If you connect your computer to a TV using an HDMI cord, if you use a smart TV, or if you have a streaming device for your TV (Roku stick, Amazon Fire stick, etc), your TV controls the sound volume — adjust the TV volume as needed.

The actual worship service starts just before 9 with the prelude. On the livestream screen, we'll show words to prayers and lyrics to hymns during the service, so you can fully participate. Know that when you recite the Lord's Prayer or sing along to your favorite hymn, your voice is joining a chorus of fellow church members across the city who are doing the same at that moment. It's the next best thing to being in the Sanctuary together. If you visit our website between 9 and 10 a.m., you will catch the service in progress.



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If you have a church website update, need a Zoom meeting invite, or have another communications need, please call or email. You can also find Gayle in the church office on Tuesday mornings. She can answer your livestream and podcast questions, too.

If you are not an early church person, no worries. A recording is archived immediately after the service is over, and you may watch it any time on our website.

On Sunday mornings, Christian Fritz (left) is controlling our video feed from the balcony and Piper Smith (right) is running our sound system to ensure that a complete service reaches you at home.



New this fall, we are unveiling our audio podcast — an abbreviated version of our Sunday worship service designed for people on the go. Each podcast features the weekly scripture, sermon, and a bit of our outstanding Church of the Cross music.

The goal of our podcast is to connect you with scripture no matter where you are. You can download episodes and listen on your smart device while driving on a trip or for your morning commute or even while spending time in the great outdoors. You don't have to be in front of a computer or even sitting still to listen. "The Cross" - the podcast from Presbyterian Church of the Cross is available on Spotify. We just released our first seven episodes, and a new episode will be available on Mondays each week, featuring the scripture, sermon, and music from the day before.



### *Do we have your current email address?*

The church keeps in touch weekly by email. Please contact the church office if your email address has recently changed. Thanks!



## Agape for All Happenings

### New PCOC Library Books Headed our Way

Our church library is a treasure trove for our entire congregation. Books for all ages abound. *Agape for All* is spearheading a new section for our library, with the theme of agape, and how that affects social justice issues.

Thanks to Ann Pearson and Jane Hawkins for gathering books and working with our wonderful librarians Judy Arms and Jeremy Cunningham, to help select and catalog the books. With our recent adult education classes and Preston Love’s presentation and North Omaha tour, we may be even more eager to read these thought provoking stories and learn about positive ways forward.

"Stay Tuned" for a display table of the new books, and then an announcement when the section is truly “open for business.”

### Agape Cleanup Challenge

On September 25, eight members of Agape for All drove to north Omaha to participate in the 2021 Clean Up Challenge, organized by Lavonya Goodwin. This grass roots effort began in 2016 as part of a neighborhood revitalization initiative, with Global Leadership Group Omaha.

Lavonya greeted us all warmly and sited tremendous improvement in the 24th street corridor. We divided into smaller groups with others who came to volunteer, walked assigned routes to pick up trash, and cleaned out the community raised vegetable garden beds. The weather and conversations were wonderful! Most of us stayed for a light lunch at the Highlander Bar and Grill, located 2112 N. 30th.



The Community Cleanup Challenge was a great way to volunteer - even during a pandemic. We can each make a contribution to our environment and if you want to learn more, check out their website <http://globalleadershipgroupomaha.org>.

If you have questions about our Agape for All efforts, contact Kathy Moore or Patty Ritchie. Reminder that the Cornerstone Agape for All dinner discussion group is open to anyone. Pull up a chair!



**Mission Committee Moderator:**  
Karen Metzger

**Pantry Sunday is November 21**



**Heartland Hope MISSION**

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Food Items:</b> | <b>Hygiene Items:</b>  |
| Cereal             | Baby Diapers           |
| Pasta              | (most needed size 4-6) |
| Canned Soup        | Baby Wipes             |
| Canned Vegetables  | Full-Size Shampoo      |
| Canned Fruit       | Full-Size Body Wash    |
| Canned Meat        | Toilet Paper           |
| Mac & Cheese       | Toothpaste             |
| Peanut Butter      |                        |

**Drop your items off inside Circle Drive doors of the church anytime!**





## HELP! More Tuesday Drivers Needed



The mission of the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging (ENOA) is to help older Nebraskans live independently, live with dignity, and remain for as long as possible in their own homes. For over 45 years, the Meals on Wheels program has been providing hot lunches to the homebound to help meet their nutritional needs. Our PCOC volunteers support this program by delivering daily lunches on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you can help on Tuesdays, contact Wally Stern.

## Advocating for Kids & Families

Voices for Children in Nebraska continues working to build pathways to opportunity for all kids and families through research,



advocacy and community engagement. The 2021 Legislative Session yielded several important policy victories for kids and families including:

- Addressing growing food insecurity for children through expanded access to food assistance in SNAP (food stamps). As families continue to recover from the pandemic, food insecurity rates have remained high. Legislation passed last year will ensure that families can still qualify for food assistance even after slight increases in monthly income for the next two years.
- Temporarily expanding access to affordable child care through increased eligibility for child care assistance. Families continue to sight affordable child care as a significant barrier to work. A bill passed last year will allow families with higher incomes to qualify for child care assistance for the next two years.
- Strengthening the right to an attorney for kids in our juvenile justice system statewide, which has been shown to improve outcomes for young people in our justice system.

Looking ahead, here are some possibilities on the horizon for 2022:

- Leveraging increased federal funding for child care to support the early childhood workforce.
- Expanding access to the Bridge to Independence program in order to provide supportive services to young people as they work to transition out of

the Juvenile Justice system.

- Amending the definition of child neglect to ensure that families living in poverty are offered supportive services instead of punitive measures.

The cancellation of our special event two years in a row has been challenging and we are thankful for the continued support of Presbyterian Church of the Cross during a challenging time. We hope you will also continue to join us by asking our leaders to put kids first. You can sign up to receive timely updates on our website at [www.voicesforchildren.com](http://www.voicesforchildren.com).

## Serving at Siena Francis House

Siena Francis House provides nearly 400,000 meals each year. PCOC is looking for volunteers for our serving shift on Sunday, November 14 from 4:15 to 6:15 p.m. To serve, you must be registered as a volunteer on the



Siena Francis House website and sign up for one of the PCOC timeslots. To protect the safety of everyone volunteering, Siena Francis House will require that all volunteers provide either proof of vaccination or proof of a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of a volunteer shift. The volunteer sign up portal will ask you to upload one of these documents. If you have questions, call or email Keith Allen.

## BURM General Assembly Overture

An overture for the 2022 General Assembly meeting has been developed by the Belarus, Ukraine, Russia Mission (BURM) Network and requests support from our denomination to increase education and engagement with churches in Eastern Europe. It is known as OVT-047 and was submitted by the Presbytery of Utah to PC(USA). PCOC Session members voted to speak on behalf of OVT-047 at the November meeting of the Presbytery of Missouri River Valley. The overture must gain concurrence by at least two other presbyteries to be considered at the General Assembly meeting. Because of our church's long-term relationship with our friends in Gnozdo, Russia, Church of the Cross will be encouraging our own presbytery to be among the first to concur with OVT-047. Contact Karen Morey for more information about this effort.



## 49er's Are Back!

**And we're ready to bring our attendees information along with camaraderie!**

Our speaker for Tuesday, November 2, 2021, will be Matthew McKeever, Esq., of the Burnett Wilson Law Firm. Mr. McKeever is an authority on bitcoin and will bring our group up to date on what bitcoin is all about. His presentation is entitled "Bitcoin, Blockchain and the Nebraska Financial Innovation Act," and there will be time for questions. Mr. McKeever informed me that the Nebraska Financial Innovation Act was passed by the Nebraska Unicameral this past spring. This act took effect October 1, 2021, so our timing is PERFECT.

The lunch location is Gorat's, 4917 Center Street, at 11:30 a.m. Every one is welcome, whether or not you are 49, younger or older, come join us! We will order from a special menu. For reservations or questions, please contact Donna Turner or Judy Sundberg. We also have a sign-up sheet at the Information Center.

## Active Minds

For November we will meet on Tuesdays from 2-4 p.m. in the Great Room. North Dakota Whist will be taught by Darold Bauer and Brenda Graumann. This is a card game and the pre-cursor to Bridge. Feel free to stop by! If any of you would like to join a bridge table, let Earlene Uhrig know (she has a contact for you.)



**ACTIVE MINDS**

## Presbyterian Women

Thursday, November 4 at 9 a.m. — Room 15  
Lesson based on the book "What My Grandmothers Taught Me."

## Book Group



**Wednesday, November 17  
5:15 to 6:30 p.m. in Room 13**

"The Tattooist of Auschwitz" by Heather Morris  
Questions? Contact June Fettig

## Friday Night Gourmets

The November meeting of Friday Night Gourmets will be November 12, at the Pink Poodle in Crescent, Iowa. We will gather at 6:30 for social hour with dinner beginning at 7:00. Ordering will be off the menu. The menu can be found on their website (see updated menu). Questions can be directed to Charlene or Lloyd Meyer and Mary Reid. Sign up in the Narthex.

## Fellowship for Young Adults



### College Students

Every Sunday at 8 p.m. on Zoom (check your church email/text from Christine for the link)

### Cross Roads — Sunday, November 7

Monthly lunch gathering of young adults (ages 20-40) on the first Sunday of the month after late worship. We will get pizza, have a sermon talk-back, and enjoy fellowship. Led by Pastor Christine.



## Deacons

**Moderator**  
Anna Sumner

**Funeral Meals**  
Pam Swenson

**Vice Moderator**  
Pam Swenson

**Home Meals Coordinator**  
Kathy Moore

**Secretary**  
Kim Banat

**Prayer Shawls Information**  
Ann Sumner

**Treasurer**  
Tammy Holdren

**PieceMakers**  
Karen Morey  
Debbie McMullen

## Tales from the Deacons Crypt – Halloween Outreach

The Deacons provided "treats," not "tricks" to 33 PCOC students attending either college or technical school. Each boy and "ghoul" received a \$25.00 Target gift card which should come in handy for any unexpected, frightful expenses.





## Member Life Events



A Loss  
in the Church  
Family

Ed Ticknor passed away on October 14, 2021. Services were held on Thursday, October 21

Harriet Beckenhauer passed away on October 15, 2021. Services were held on Friday, October 22.

Shirley Morthole passed away on October 17, 2021. Services were held at Westlawn Hillcrest Funeral Home on October 20.



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### Reminder

Call the church office when you or a family member is hospitalized.  
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### Prayer Team

Contact Julie Buehler  
or  
Judy Arms

## FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

### 49ers

Judy Sundberg

Donna Turner

### Friday Night Gourmet

Curt Field &  
Laurie Lambert

### Presbyterian Women

Diane Kratz

### Presbyterian Men

Jon Boomgaarden

### PCOC Book Group

June Fettig

### Music & Movement

Betty Baddley

### Tai Chi

Paula Allen

### Active Minds

Earlene Uhrig



To all you wonderful folks at Church of the Cross, I want to say a most heartfelt thank you for your prayers, cards, and kind words with the recent death of my mom and then 23 days later my dad. Mom was 88, dad was 92, and together they had just recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. They loved and served the Lord, and he blessed them with a wonderful life. ~ Russ Beernink

**Membership Committee Moderator:**  
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## Take-Home Advent Workshop Sign Up by Nov. 5 — Pickup Crafts on Nov. 21



Families will have the opportunity to create one Advent calendar, one tree garland, and oodles of holiday memories together at home. To reserve a craft kit bag for your family, please sign up by Friday, November 5. **The sign up link is on the church website home page.**

Each craft bag will contain supplies & easy to follow instructions. You will pick up your craft kits on Sunday, November 21 in the Narthex when attending the church service. If you are unable to pick up your craft kit while at church on Sunday, you may stop by the church office to pick it up later that week during regular office hours. Questions? Contact Amy Miller. Thanks!!



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