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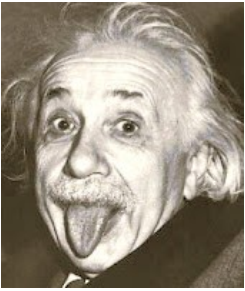
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*from Pastor Steve*

### ***Same Old Same Old?***



Albert Einstein is credited with telling us that the definition of insanity is repeating the same mistakes and expecting different results.

Two years ago many of us were declaring that we looked forward to having “2020 vision” about prospects for the year that lay ahead. Look what happened. At the beginning of last year we anticipated the end of the pandemic. At the beginning of another year, we are not even close.

I am not suggesting that we retreat from being optimistic. In truth, our life in Christ gives us every reason *in the universe* to be optimistic. As Rob Bell put it in his book Love Wins.

“To say it again, eternal life is less about a kind of time that starts when we die, and more about a quality and vitality of life now in connection to God. Eternal life doesn't start when we die; it starts now. It's not about a life that begins at death; it's about experiencing the kind of life now that can endure and survive even death.”

In other words, our eternal life begins now. Optimistic? Hopeful? We have every reason to be so. Especially if we submit our plans to the intentions of the Holy Spirit. As James, puts it, “you ought to say, ‘If the Lord wishes, we will live and do this or that.’” (James 4:15) Shall we live this way in the New Year?

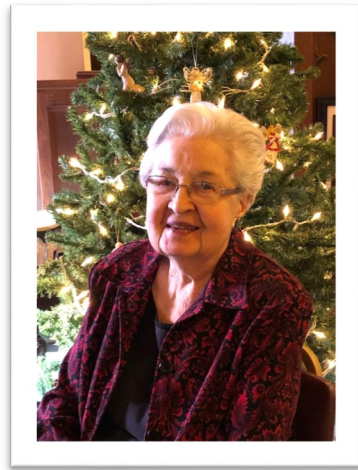
The year 2022 will *not* be the “same old, same old.” It will be, guaranteed, an opportunity to prove our faith once more.

***Pastor Steve***

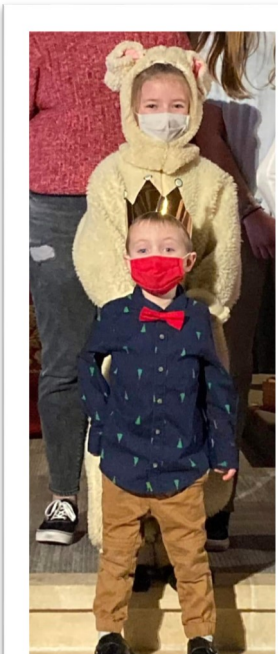




## Pictures worth 1000 words...



Gene and Elizabeth would like to thank Rolland Bolen, and our Christian Education Department for helping with this years Christmas Pageant. They would also like to thank the cast and crew for all their hard work.



## Shine Your Light for Jesus!



***Epiphany Sunday***  
**The Visitation of the Magi**  
 Sunday January 2nd  
 The Lord's Supper  
 Epiphany Cake after Worship

***Baptism of the Lord***  
**Rev. Greg Albert**  
 Sunday January 9th

***Martin Luther King Sunday***  
**Pastor Bertie Holmgren**  
 Sunday January 16th

***Annual Congregational Meeting***  
**Chicken and Chili Dinner**  
 Sunday January 23rd

***Ordination and Installation  
 of New Officers***  
 Sunday January 30th

## Pitching In...



### Annual "Mitten Tree"

Donations of mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves went to

### Rockford Day Nursey

They care for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years of age.

The Christian Education team coordinated a toy drive with the toys going to the Harlem Township Toys for Kids. This project aids children ranging from infants to 14 years who live in Harlem Township, as well as at the Walter Lawson Children's Home.



### Let's Fill The Back Pew for Carpenter's Place



We are collecting new and gently used winter clothing for Carpenter's Place throughout January. It's a great time to clean out those closets or take advantage of after Christmas sales. Carpenter's Place is specifically looking for men's winter coats, boots, sweatshirts, long sleeved shirts, cough

drops and hand warmers. Let's fill the back pew for those in need. If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Fauerbach at 815-742-7890.

## WTPB-LP News

### WTPB Plays "Favorites" & "Specials" Year-Round

### Happy New Year from 99.3 FM

### WTPB Radio

Our special programs during January will include Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr celebrations airing the week of January 11-17. A "Music and the Spoken Word" 30-minute presentation will be airing Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday that week at 9 AM and at additional times on Monday, January 17.

Later in January or in early February we will be airing announcements about a chance for listeners to enter drawings for some nice "giveaway" gifts.

I send out a word of appreciation to all of you who have been sharing with your friends and family that they can listen over the air on 99.3 FM, and listen in on the internet, at [wtpblp.com](http://wtpblp.com). Listen, and be lifted, by words of worship from Third Pres on Sundays and Wednesdays at 10:15 AM, as well as more words and music of faith and inspiration throughout the week, and especially on Wednesdays and Sundays!

We play great easy listening music all day and night throughout the year, except for the time we are playing Christmas music during part of each December.

*Thanks, for listening!*

*Best wishes, Murray Hanson, Station Manager*

## Newsy News

### Changes of address of members and friends

Kent & Nancy Benson  
512 S. Skare RD. Chana, IL. 61015

Marcia Lyford  
7150 Forest Glen Dr. APT H,  
Rockford, IL. 61114



## Fighting Hunger in our Community

### Soup Kitchen

On December 11 Third Pres. served 62 meals at the soup kitchen. This included a pulled chicken sandwich, potato chips, brownies, and a beverage. Thanks to Kern and Lorie M., Brad C., Mike A., Cindy W., Sue P., John G., Stacey G., Bill L., & Fred and Jeanne F. for helping!

### Thanks to those who donated for the Soup Kitchen

Linda Zinnecker	Susan Peck
Stacey Gray	Jim Crosby
Cindy Watton	Cindy Miner
Steve Bowie	
Brad Claussen	
Laura Chiodini	
Sue Gustafson	
Stacy Gray	

Danny Pierce from Stronghold thanks us for the long time support to the ministry of Stronghold.



Crusader community thanks Piece Corps for the beautiful quilts, saying they will be well used and loved!

Rock River Valley Pantry thanks Third for the 98 pounds of food. They are

grateful for those helping those going hungry in our community.

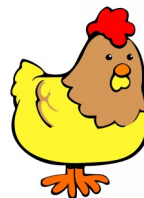
Voices of inspiration thanks us for the generous donation to the Thanksgiving Food Giveaway.

## Important Information

### Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Third Presbyterian Church of Rockford, Illinois

**Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 10:15 am**

Receive Annual Reports from Committees, Presentation of the 2022 Budget and Approve Pastoral Terms of Call



Yes there will be a...

Chicken Noodle Soup/Chili luncheon  
Following the Annual Meeting

Whether it will be in-person  
or drive-thru has yet to be determined.  
But plan on it, one way or another!



**Wednesday Night Alive  
will return in February  
5:30 pm Soup Supper  
6:15 pm Vespers Bible Study  
And activities**

## Celebrate



Jan 1	Arne Swanson	Jan 21	Betsy Kendall
Jan 2	Emilio Archuleta		Michael Fauerbach
	Barbara Clay		Miranda Lingelbach
	Heather Genrich	Jan 23	Linda Cooper
	Rylee Smith		Marcia Lyford
Jan 3	Kaleb Herring	Jan 24	Douglas Barker
Jan 4	Alison Jackson		Melissa Bergquist
Jan 6	Henry Gray		Becky Smith
Jan 9	Noah Ekstrom		Kristin Truitt
Jan 13	Richard Martinez		Jennifer Taylor
	Emily Monroe		Jeremy Logsdon
Jan 14	Megan Vosberg	Jan 26	Brynn Primuth
Jan 15	Larry Ackerman		Kanye Carter
	Elizabeth Johnson		John Peck
	Michael Virtue	Jan 27	Jace Leber
Jan 16	Mike Truitt		Hailey Marsh
Jan 17	Emily Virtue		Collin Smith
Jan 18	Sue Gustafson	Jan 28	Jaden Baker
Jan 20	Lindsey Ryan	Jan 29	Carla Mosny
	Cody Tufte	Jan 30	Harriet "Cookie"
		Jan 31	Lane
			Dick Lindsey

**Anniversary 40 + :**  
1/21 Alan and Nancy Justman

## New and Noteworthy

### Per Capita Offering

Every January each Presbyterian Church is assessed an administrative operating cost of our General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery offices and agencies. In 2022 the cost is **\$40.00 per confirmed member**. The total received in the Per Capita offering as of December 18 is \$2,872.30. Our churches portion that we are required to pay is \$9560.00.

Please help if you can. Envelopes are available in the offering basket.

### 2022 Offering Envelopes Pick up or MAILED!



COVID has created any number of opportunities for us to think about and do things in a new way. Here is one on of them:

if you made a financial pledge for 2022, offering envelopes will be available to pick up quarterly in-person. Envelopes not picked up will be mailed along with the quarterly in-person newsletter. Please consider adding \$3.00 to help defray the cost of this mailing. You can include it in the same envelope as your Per Capita Gift.

### Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the February Newsletter is Friday, January 14  
Mailing Date: Tuesday, January 25