

### Pastoral Reflections . . .

As December starts, we enter into the Advent season – the time of waiting, preparation, and anticipation of God’s in-breaking into our world and into our lives once again.

We talk about this “in-breaking” each year, but do we ever truly stop and think about what that means?

- What was the point - why did God choose to be born into human life?
- Do you think Jesus’ birth had the result that God was looking for? Why or why not?
- What does Christmas – Jesus’ birth – mean for you today, here and now?
- Is God still coming into our world, making God’s presence known to us today?
  - Where do you see, feel, hear God?
  - How do you share God?

If you could wish for any one gift this Christmas – knowing that you would receive it – what would it be?

- What would it be like to receive that gift?

If you could give only 1 gift this year, who would you give it to, and what would it be? Why?

Too often we get caught up in what society tell us is important for the holidays. We forget that “presence” is more important than “presents”. Instead, we are told that Love is best expressed in the giving of a gift rather than giving of ourselves and our time.

This year, I challenge you to think beyond the mall, beyond black Friday and Cyber Monday deals, beyond things altogether. I challenge you to think of the ultimate gift you could give to someone else – something completely of yourself.

My Christmas wish for each of you is that this year, you experience the magical moments of the season in a new and life-changing way. May Christ’s love be born in you anew.

Blessings and love, Pastor Brenda





## BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 6 • Kathi Motter        | 14 • Brandon Workinger |
| 6 • Robert Motter       | 15 • Thomas Grentz     |
| 7 • Dale Leckrone       | 18 • K. Jean Blauser   |
| 9 • Shonna Rupert       | 18 • Abbey Paxson      |
| 10 • Jean Carotenuti    | 21 • Crystal Martin    |
| 10 • Wanda Waltz        | 22 • Alexander Schirk  |
| 14 • Meredith Eisenhart | 22 • Max Teyral        |
| 14 • Freedman Kottmyer  | 27 • Lowell Briggs     |



## ANNIVERSARIES

- 18 • Fred & Judy Stabley  
28 • John & Carol Mummert



## PRESCHOOL NEWS

December will find us busy getting ready for Christmas. We will be making special projects, talking about the true meaning of Christmas and making holiday crafts. We are excited that Santa will be visiting all of our classes. We will be having Christmas parties and the Pre-K classes will be singing for family and friends. The Pre-K classes will sing on Wednesday, December 18th at 11:15am.

Hopefully we have not snow days. We will be off for our Christmas vacation, December 19th through January 1st.

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Jackie Bailey,  
Preschool Director



## PRAYER CONCERNS

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## From your President---

Hopefully, most of you have had the opportunity to see the two new maple trees that have been planted in front and on the east side of the church. There is a pretty cool story behind these trees. The trees were donated by Wesley Garrod, who attended Hayshire UCC, approximately 40 years ago as a youth.

Back in June, Wesley decided to take a drive by the church to check on the pin oak tree in front of the church. This tree had a very special meaning to Wesley. As part of an Eagle Scout Project, Wesley planted this tree to honor the memory of his grandfather Winchester Garrod, who had been a church treasurer at Hayshire UCC. The tree brought back fond memories of his grandfather. You can understand the disappointment when Wesley drove by the church and saw that the tree had been removed. The tree was gone and he was not sure why. He hoped the tree was removed due to lightning or a natural reason. Wesley made a post on Facebook telling the story about this tree that had meant so much to him.

Fortunately, the Herman's saw his post. Sue made a beautiful response to Wesley to ensure him that the tree was dying and needed to be taken down for safety reasons. Sue's response included that the Hayshire church family also loved the tree and enjoyed picnics and cake walks around it. We were all saddened that the tree needed to be removed. Sue, and I am sure some of our present congregation, fondly remember Winchester and Wesley's family. Sue also included a picture of one of our picnics in which we were doing a cake walk around the tree.

Wesley really appreciated Sue's response and was grateful that the tree had been removed for a good reason. Wesley offered to replace the tree with a new one if our church decided to go that direction. The decision was made to take Wesley up on his offer. To our surprise, he offered to donate the second tree as well.

Wesley contacted Inch Landscaping to plant the trees. After meeting with John Zielinski from Inch, it was decided that we should go with maple trees rather than pin oak trees. John did

some research of the area and his opinion is that this area has limestone a few feet below the ground. Once the roots of a pin oak reach the limestone that is the beginning of the end of a pin oak tree. While on our property, John Z. pointed out two pin oak trees in the neighborhood that also have seen better days.

Obviously, we are all very appreciative of Wesley's generous offer. Our church family extends well beyond those of us who are able to attend worship services at Hayshire UCC. I know memories of his grandfather brings lots of smiles to Wesley. Just like 40 years ago, Wesley wants to keep those memories front and center. We are blessed to have Wesley as part of our church family. The maple trees will always be a reminder of the love we have for family and each other. Thank you Wesley. God bless you and your family.

//Scott Shue



The property committee would like to shout out a big THANK YOU!!!! to the people who mowed the lawn this year.

Scott Cutright, Glenn Young, Mark Enders, Tom Grentz, Byron Gunnet, Jeff Herman, John Kunkel, Adam Kunkel, Scott Shue, Charlie Eisenhart, and Nick Daniels

## Mission Committee

I would like to say THANK YOU to everyone that helps support the many missions Hayshire takes on throughout each year. Some reoccur every year. Some are once and then completed. Mr Sandy's Homeless Veteran's Shelter is one of those projects. Hayshire made a 3 year covenant with Mr. Sandy's for \$5,000 monetary support as well as all the other supplies we have collected for them over the past 3 years. That 3 year focus is coming to an end on December 31<sup>st</sup> as well as my term on council. That doesn't mean we can't still bring in items for them if you care to. I'm sure Freedman Kottmyer would still love to deliver items to the shelter and keep up the friendships he has made there. Thank you Freed for being our delivery boy. I know Sandi Walker appreciates your generosity as much as I do. This project was close to my heart when I took the mission position on council so this is the direction I chose to go and you all went with me. We will wait to see what direction mission will take in 2020. The York Association has taken great strides to assist the shelter as well which I'm sure will continue.

Thank you

Barb Crum - Mission

## A Baby Shower for Mary

We all love to celebrate the joyous news of a coming baby! This year, during our Kids' Message each week, we are going to celebrate and help Mary and Joseph prepare for the birth of Jesus. Each week, on Sunday mornings, the children are asked to bring an item that Mary would need for her new baby: bottles, diapers, blankets, rattles, other toys (0-6mon), bibs, food, etc. You won't be left out! You can help the kids collect baby essentials for Mary. Just ask one of the kids to help you add them to our display. On Sunday, December 22nd, we will bless all the items we have collected. After Christmas, they will be delivered to the Northeastern Food Bank to support families with infants. Let's all come together to celebrate and offer support to the littlest members of our local community in honor of our own beautiful children.

## Hayshire Elementary Need

Again this year we at Hayshire would like to help with supplying items for the younger students at Hayshire Elementary to be used in case of small "emergencies". Barb Crum will supply bags and requests for articles of clothing to purchase and bring in. It seems like a small gesture but is greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Barb Crum

## Trunk 'r Treat

Even though the meteorologist were predicting ugly weather the night was far from it. We moved the event in doors, dimmed the lights and fun was happening everywhere you looked.

Trunk 'r Treat is a wonderful community outreach our church does each year and it reflects in the amount of families that come.



### COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Discussed the budget for 2020.
- We have 4 council positions to fill for 2020. Contact Scott Shue or Pastor Brenda if you are interested.

## Northeastern High School Veterans Honor Bus

Veterans Day is very special to the faculty and students at Northeastern High School. I have been blessed to have taken three trips to Washington DC to visit the WWII, Korean, and Vietnam war memorials. Northeastern H.S. students organize two bus trips each year. One in the spring and one in the fall. The last trip, Al Bistline and Ken Darone made the trip. We had a good meal where we met a lot of people who were in combat and shared their experiences. In Washington DC, Ken and Al were paired up with students who escorted them throughout the entire trip. Ken told me his escort's name was Sue. She was with him the whole trip. After the tour of the monuments and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, we came back to the High School and had a meal and program. Sue asked Ken where he was parked and she escorted him to his car. On his birthday, Sue sent Ken a card. It is funny how close you get with other veterans. We passed another group of veterans and a little girl asked her father why he was shaking our hands. He answered "Because they are my brothers." Enough said. Any veteran who would like to go, let me know. You will not be disappointed.

If you love your freedom, thank a vet, not a politician.

Proud to have served,  
Freedman Kottmyer

## Sock and Mitten Tree

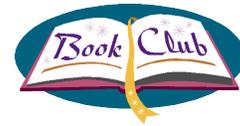
This Christmas we will once again ask for adult size socks, mittens, gloves, and scarves for on the Christmas tree in the gathering area. These will be passed on to Mr Sandy's Veterans Helping Hands. It is amazing all the men and women that frequent the Shelter. With the cold weather quickly moving in, these will be most needed. Please give in the Christmas spirit and help warm lives.



The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund is a Special Mission Offering that congregations have been supporting for over 100 years. The offering is administered through the United Church Board for Ministerial Assistance, the charitable arm of the Pension Boards. Funds provide direct financial support to those who serve the church and are facing financial difficulties. Active and retired clergy, lay employees, and their surviving spouses may be eligible for the Supplementation of Small Annuities, Supplementation of Health Premiums, Emergency Grants, and/or Christmas "Thank You" Gift Checks.

On Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, Hayshire will be collecting for this fund. There will be an envelope enclosed with your bulletin that Sunday. Please give as your heart moves you.

Thank you  
Mission



## Book Club

The Hayshire Book Club will meet at the home of Carol Crone on December 12 at 2:00. They will watch and discuss a Christmas movie. The group has read and discussed an interesting book each month this past year. In the new year we would be happy to welcome new members. We meet the second Thursday of the month. The only requirement is that you love to read!

//Jean Carotenuti



## "Bethlehem Bound"

December 13, 2019  
6 - 8:30pm





December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalms 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:1-18-25

December 29, 2019

First Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalms 148

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23

### Worship News

Come join us as we break bread together by celebrating communion.

Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 2



**Dec 7**

Cookies & Story Time with Santa  
4PM

**Dec 13**

Messy Church 6-7:30PM

**Dec 24**

Christmas Eve Music-7:30PM,  
Service 8PM

### Faith Time (for youth/kids)

Save these dates for fun faith lessons after the Children's Message:

December 8 and December 22



### Cookies and Story Time with Santa

December 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:00pm

This is a new event at Hayshire! Families are invited to bring children to meet Santa and enjoy a special story time to learn about the true meaning of Christmas. There will be cookies, juice, and hot chocolate for all. Participants will be able to enter a free raffle to win a Christmas themed stocking for a child. Doors will open at 4:00 and story time will be at 4:30. Invite friends with young children to come and join us and plan to volunteer if you are able! It's sure to be a special day at Hayshire.



## CALENDAR // December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Pack food bags @ Hayshire Elementary 6:15PM Yoga 6:30PM	4 Stewarship/ Finance 5:45PM Choir 7PM	5 Yoga 6:30PM	6	7 Cookies & Story Time w/Santa 4PM
8	9 Council Meeting 7PM	10 Pack food bags @ Hayshire Elementary 6:15PM Yoga 6:30PM	11 Choir 7PM	12 YA Clergy Support 10AM Book Club 2PM Yoga 6:30PM	13 Messy Church 6-7:30PM	14
15	16	17 Pack food bags @ Hayshire Elementary 6:15PM Yoga 6:30PM	18 Choir 7PM	19 Yoga 6:30PM	20	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve— Music 7:30PM, Service 8PM	25 <b>Merry Christmas</b>	26	27	28
29	30	31				



## WORSHIP SUPPORT // December

	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22	December 29
Worship Leaders	Scott Shue & Sanjay Parackel	Wendy Parson & Taylor Daniels	Sheryl Shambaugh & Margo Peace	Scott Cutright & Claire Teyral	Lisa Young & Austin Waltz
Greeters	Dawn Hetrick & Jean Carotenuti	Tom & Wendy Grentz	Sheryl Shambaugh & Mae Duncan	Byron Gunnet & Shonna Rupert	Waltz Family
Nursery	Stacy Kunkel & Mae Duncan	Sarah Dowell & JoAnn Stoner	Sue Herman & Wanda Waltz	Nick Daniels & Marsha Briggs	Christine Daniels & Karie Dowell
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Altar Guild	Cheri Klinedinst				
Head Usher	Tom Grentz				
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