

# The Grapevine

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- Church office hours are Wednesday morning 10am-12:00pm.
- If you need assistance outside of those hours, please leave a message and I will return your call or send an email to [vinelandchurch@gmail.com](mailto:vinelandchurch@gmail.com)



### Christmas Eve Service

*Our annual Christmas Eve Service will be the afternoon of December 24th at 4:00 p.m. We*

*will enjoy special music, communion, and candlelight. There will be a special offering taken on Christmas Eve as a gift to the Christ Child. Please come out and join us.*

**November Giving**  
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**Food for veterans**

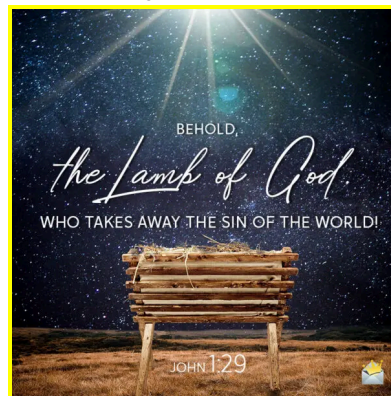
## Note From our Pastor

Once again, we will celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior in Bethlehem. We come together remembering the greatest gift from our Father, and we give one another gifts in honor of God's love, grace and truth. Jesus said: "I have come so that you may have life and have it more abundantly," and by His coming, the promise of our salvation has been secured. We are children of God, and we will never wander in the darkness as He is the source of our light.

We are called to go out into the world and share the message of God's love for all mankind. So while the little children of the world wait for Christmas with the hope of receiving gifts, let us go into the world and share the gifts of God's love and forgiveness, reflecting His mercy. I pray that each of you will find opportunities to share the love of God.

Best wishes for a Holy and blessed Christmas.

Pastor Corry



## December 2025 Lectionary

### **December 7, 2025 2nd Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19  
Romans 15:4-13  
Matthew 3:1-12

### **December 14, 2025 3rd Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 35:1-10  
Psalm 146:5-10  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

### **December 21, 2025 4th Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 7:10-16  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-25

### **December 24, 2025 Christmas Eve**

Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 96  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-20

### **December 28, 2025 1st Sunday after Christmas**

Isaiah 63:7-9  
Psalm 148  
Hebrews 2:10-18  
Matthew 2:13-23



The Angel Tags for Angel Tree Prison Fellowship were distributed at church on Sunday Nov. 30th. Any extra tags will be in the back of the church. Make sure to sign the sheet for which Angel you picked up. Gifts should be around \$25 range, wrapped with the top part of the tag attached to the package and under the tree at church by Dec. 14th. If you wish to donate money we can do the shopping for you as a number of the teenagers are wanting gift cards. We will be needing some elves to help deliver the gifts to the Pueblo families on or after the 14th. . We do have some families that live outside of Pueblo County so If anyone is traveling to Calhan or Trinidad please give Debbie a holler .

Thanks to all who are shopping, delivering, and praying for these families.



### **Come Make a Joyful Noise!**

Mark your calendar and come join our Christmas choir for practice on Wednesday, December 3, 6:30-8:00 pm and Sundays, November 30 and

December 7, after church from 11:30am. to 12:10pm

We will be singing "Mary, Did You Know?" for Christmas at the December 14th worship service.

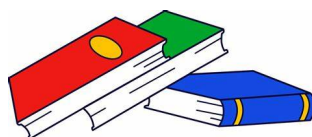
All interested singers are welcome to come make a Joyful Noise!



Come and join us on December 7 for an afternoon decorating Christmas cookies, followed by Christmas caroling.

We will begin decorating cookies at 11:30 a.m., and at 1:00 p.m. we will visit two families from our church for Christmas caroling.

This will be a fun family Christmas event.



### **Bookies Book Club**

Who doesn't like the musical The Sound of Music, the story of the Von Tropp family's daring escape from Austria during

World War II? Marie Von Tropp and Her Musical Family by Cheri Blomquist is the December selection for book club. This story explores the history of an unusual family adventure.

Join us at the Giadone Library December 16 for some Christmas fun--2:00 PM.



Hearts at Home  
December 13,  
2025 7pm



### **Poinsettias**

As  
Christmas  
approaches,

everyone will have the opportunity to memorialize or honor loved ones by contributing to the purchase poinsettias for the altar. This year, two large poinsettias will be purchased instead of the small ones we have bought in past years. Those who wish to contribute to the purchase of the large plants are asked to complete an order form and include \$10 for each person you want to remember. A list of donors will be included in the bulletin. The deadline for completing your order is December 10. If you have questions, please call Carol Lombard at 719-250-5782.

“In Memory of Jane Smith” –  
John Smith  
“In Honor of our Children and  
Grandchildren” – Susan and Bill  
Jones

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

GIVEN IN HONOR OF:



12/1 Cathie Stueve  
12/3 Wendy Goins  
12/5 Jacquelyn Anaya  
12/5 Alice Bloyd  
12/6 Derek Wyberg  
12/10 Josh Stewart  
12/18 Cindy Ludwig  
12/20 Shelley Gauna  
12/23 Rose Johnson  
12/27 Hannah Rose McFarlin  
12/27 Chris Snow

**Nurture & Outreach/Administrative Board  
Minutes  
November 19, 2025**

12/28 David Johnson



12/14 Joe & Donna Klun  
12/28 Michael & Denise  
Cooper  
12/31 Nick & Elizabeth  
Bonham

**Prayer**

**Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:24-25**

**New Business:**

**December Monthly Mission – Angel Tree Prison Ministry**

**Debbie Walters will submit article for December Grapevine**

**There are currently 45 recipients on the list. Angels will be available  
November 30 and gifts will be due December 14.**

**Prayer Blankets**

**Cathie Stueve -**

**Cathie read a letter from a blanket recipient expressing her thanks. A  
check was enclosed to cover shipping for fleece and shipping for two  
additional blankets**

**Jackie Dorenkamp -**

**The variety of the fleece available for blankets in the future will be  
Decreased.**

**January Meeting**

**Hold January meeting Sunday, January 18, 2026 following worship**

**It will be an 'Administrative Board' meeting and they tend to be longer**

**Poinsettias for Christmas**

**After discussion a motion was made by Debbie Walters and seconded by Art  
Unwin to have two large poinsettias for the altar.**

**People still have the option to contribute \$10 toward the purchase of the  
poinsettias and place the name of the person (or persons) they want to honor.**

**“In Memory of Jane Smith” – John Smith or “In Honor of our Children and Grandchildren” –  
An order blank will be put in the Grapevine and inserted in the bulletin**

**Trustees**

**Danny Jones:**

The tenants in the parsonage are divorcing and Jordan plans to continue renting the parsonage.

The heating system in the education building is over 40 years old. The blower motor is out in one furnace and accessing the motor to replace is a challenge.

Trustees have consulted with HVAC representatives as well as an electrical engineer to determine the best course of action. The units being considered will have heat and air conditioning.

The current units are operating at 53% efficiency; the new units will operate in excess of 90%.

Pastor Corry is going to research LEAP and other grants to help with the Cost.

**Ralph Newby:**

Different types of projectors were discussed; it was decided that a laser projector would be best as our use of technology in worship increases.

The cable will be replaced when the projector is installed; Ralph is researching the best options.

The projector will be purchased at Best Buy and will be installed when the tall ladder is in the sanctuary for Hanging of the Greens.

#### **Christian Education**

Nancy Higbee has agreed to serve as chair

#### **SPR**

Cathie Stueve has asked to be replaced because of family commitments

Pam Pettijohn has agreed to serve as chair

#### **Finance**

Kathy McIntyre no longer attends VMC

Wadene Hopper has agreed to serve as chair

#### **January Mission**

Blankets for the Homeless, Warm Clothing

#### **February Mission**

Dessert Auction

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

Devotional - November 25, 2025 "An Evening with Casting Crowns and Mercy Me" 6:00-7:15pm

November 30, 2025 - Hanging of the Greens, Joyful Noise Practice and Friendsgiving Potluck

Joyful Noise Practice ~ Wednesday, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. December 3, 2025

Children's Cookie Decorating and Caroling - following worship

Joyful Noise Practice - December 7, 2025 11:30-12:15pm

Angel Tree Gifts Due - December 14, 2025

Joyful Noise Presentation - December 14, 2025

Christmas Play - December 21, 2025

Christmas Eve Service - December 24, 2025 @ 4 p.m.

Devotional - December 30, 2025 "The History and New Beginnings of Methodism" 6:00-7:15pm

The regular date for N & O in February falls on Ash Wednesday (2/18). Moving the meeting a week later, to February 25, should be considered.

**Next Meeting: Sunday, January 18, 2026 ~ 11:30 a.m.**

**Members in Attendance:** Elizabeth Bonham, Mike Cooper, Jackie Dorenkamp, Diana Garcia-Rincon, Corry Higbee, Nancy Higbee, Danny Jones, Margaret Newby, Ralph Newby, Pam Pettijohn, Cathie Stueve, Art Unwin and Debbie Walters

# DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Adult ss 9:30am Worship 10:30 Children's SS IN worship <b>Joyful Noise Practice</b> <b>11:30-12:10</b> <b>Hanging of the Green</b> <b>Friendsgiving (potluck)</b>	1	2  Lions Club 6pm	3  Prayer Group 10am  Joyful Noise Practice 6:30-8pm	4	5	6
7 Adult ss 9:30am Worship 10:30 Children's SS during worship <b>Joyful Noise Practice</b> <b>11:30-12:10</b> <b>Children's activity following worship</b>	8	9	10  Prayer Group 10am	11	12	13  Hearts @ Home 7pm
14 Adult ss 9:30am Worship 10:30 Children's SS <b>Joyful Noise Performance</b> during worship <b>Angel Tree Gifts Due</b>	15	16  <b>Bookies @ 2pm</b> <b>Giadone Lib.</b>  Lions Christmas Party 6pm	17  Prayer Group 10am	18	19	20
21 Adult ss 9:30am Worship 10:30 Children's SS during worship <b>Children's Program</b>	22	23	24  Prayer Group 10am <b>Christmas Eve candlelight service 4:00pm</b>	25  <b>Merry Christmas</b>	26	27
28 Adult ss 9:30am Worship 10:30 Children's SS during worship	29	30  Special Devotion "A History of New Beginning Methodism" 6-7:15pm	31  Prayer Group 10am <b>New Years Eve</b>			

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*Please join us for worship  
Every Sunday at 10:30  
Children's Sunday School during worship*



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