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December 1, 2025

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa

Coming Events

The church's website is schallerpresby.com



CHALLENGE FUND

We received another anonymous \$10,000 matching gift challenge to the Church. For

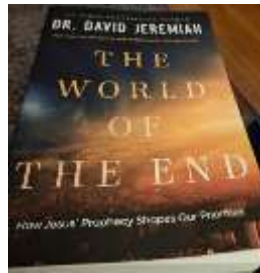
every dollar you contribute, the donor will match it up to a maximum amount of \$10,000. So please make your contributions between now and December 29, 2025. If you wish to mail a check, you can use the following address: First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 69, Schaller, IA 51053, or you can drop the check off at the State Bank of Schaller. PLEASE mark your checks "Challenge Fund" on the memo line.

The donor does wish to restrict the use of these funds solely for the benefit of the local church body and not be used for any purpose beyond the local church body of Schaller. **YTD \$8,300.00**

CORPORATION/CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Corporation/Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 11th which will serve as the annual meeting. There is a snow date of January 25th. We will elect officers, and discuss reports from last year. The budget will be discussed as an information item.

ANNUAL Reports Annual Reports and Nominating Committee Reports are due to Denise by Sunday, January 4th, so she can have them ready. (Session, Nominating Committee report, Christian Growth, Sunday School, Ladies Fellowship, Treasurers Treasurer's reports).



LADIES FELLOWSHIP!

Ladies Fellowship will be meeting on the first and third Wednesday during the month of December at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the First

Presbyterian Church. I'm excited that we will be taking a look at the book of Revelation, The World of the the End by Dr. David Jeremiah. Bring a friend!! There is always room for more!!



Please help provide our church with a festive look by sharing poinsettias for the season.



Join us for our Christmas Eve Service on Wednesday, December 24th at 5:30 p.m.

ATTENTION!

Our church is looking for a person or persons to be the Treasurer starting in 2026. Lorna Currie will be retiring, but will stay on to help the new Treasurer. She says it's not a hard job. Having more than one person can act as backup. Please pray about stepping up to help in this capacity.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MISSIONS



THE GIVING TREE

We have 2 tags left and we need your help! All you have to do is pick a tag, get a gift and return the gift with the tag attached! It can be wrapped or bagged! All gifts must be brought back to the church by Sunday, December 14. Let's spread some Holiday Cheer this year!



SHARE THE WARMTH

The snowman is waiting for your gifts of warmth, which includes warm clothing items such as pajamas, mittens, snowpants, caps, underwear, scarves, socks and boots to keep others warm. In all sizes Please have all your gifts of warmth at the church no later than Sunday, December 14th.



The Schaller-Early-Nemaha Community Food Pantry

The Food Pantry, which our church supports, is collecting Hy Vee (Storm Lake only) grocery and gas receipts. You will find a bucket at the Library, the Presbyterian Church, and at the Methodist Church. This runs until the end of April. Our Food Pantry will earn a percentage of the receipts and will be reimbursed with a check from Des Moines. This money may help cover costs to maintain our Food Pantry. Please drop all your HyVee receipts in one of the buckets.

2025 PER CAPITA

2025 Per Capita amount is \$55.70. It is a very important way we can contribute to the operation and mission of the Presbyterian Church. Session encourages all members to contribute. Please mark your check "Per Capita".

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING (Nov. 30th - Dec 24th)

THE PERFECT GIFT

When Jesus was born among us, he came as a helpless baby destined to bring joy, peace and salvation to his people. This child, God's Word made flesh — fully human and fully God — became one of us. One with us. One among us. In all of our vulnerabilities, struggles and triumphs, Jesus became one of us —leading us, knowing us, connecting us to himself and to each other, and offering us his gift of eternal life.

The perfect gift.

Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we reflect God's perfect gift to us, with generous support of church leaders among us — past, present and future — who have pointed us to God. We honor and celebrate leaders like retired pastors, church workers and their families who have faithfully guided and led us but who now find themselves in critical financial need. We honor and celebrate emerging leaders like students in schools and colleges equipping communities of color, who develop leadership skills as they pursue their education and prepare to bring their gifts in service to the world God loves so much.

Jesus' example as a child born to be among us and lead us to eternal life provides a pattern for us to follow as we celebrate those who have led us in the past and will lead us into the future. Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we come together to support past, present and future leaders, embodying God's perfect gift to us, Jesus Christ.



CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
CHURCH LEADERS—PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Christmas
Joy
Offering

envelopes and children's coin boxes can be found in the back of the Sanctuary throughout the season of Advent, PLEASE mark your check "JOY". Please give generously.

**Session will be meeting on Monday,
December 15th at 7:00 p.m.**

DECEMBER ELDER

Mark McDonough

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

November 30th

Jim & Cathy McDonough

December 7th

Adam & Melanie Pyle

December 14th

Bruce & Jackie Mentzer

December 21st

Julie Langner & Judy Fells

December 24th

John & Brenna Franken



PULPIT SUPPLY FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY

December 7th	Jay Grogan
December 14th	Bev Logsdon
December 21st	Rev. Ken Fells (Communion)
December 24th	Jay Grogan (5:30 p.m. Christmas Program)
December 28th	Lue Baker
January 4th	Jay Grogan
January 11th	Ken Fells (Congregational Meeting)
January 18th	Melanie Hauser (BV College)
January 25th	Ken Fells



In Our Prayers

**Our Church, Our Session,
School Students, School Teachers,
Keith Siebrcht, Keith Kenny, Rev. Ken**

**Fells, Deb Langner, Shari O'Banon, Doug O'Bannon,
Denny & Iarae Mauser, Jeremy Plagman, Rod
Plagman, Joann Spanier, Dexter Meseck, Ken Fells
Jr., The Families of Daniel Haworth, Richard
Jorgensen, Luvern "Bud" Rydberg. And Kyle Albers
The Military, First Responders.**

**--SEND A CARD—MAKE A PHONE CALL—SEND AN
EMAIL—VISIT—SAY A PRAYER—**

**Thank you for keeping us informed about joys and
concerns. Remember, hospitalized members and
friends don't always get on the list at the hospital.
We'd rather get several calls than none! If you would
like to add someone to the prayer list please call
Denise King (275-4516).**



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!

**Ashley Kestel (Dec. 3rd)
John W. Franken (Dec. 3rd)
Missy Kestel (Dec. 6th)
Florene Cork (Dec. 9th)
Jim McDonough (Dec. 20th)
David Siebrecht (Dec. 21st)
Bruce Mentzer (Dec. 26th)**

ANGEL'S TOUCH

We will be having our Christmas cookie sale on Saturday, December 13th. If anyone would like to provide even a dozen cookies or candies to help us raise money in order to help others in need.

We are looking for door prizes for the cookie sale. If you have a talent and would like to donate one of these talents for a door prize we would appreciate it.

If anyone knows of any elderly people that Angel Touch could adopt for Christmas.

Let Shari O'Bannon (712-299-0397) or Denise King (712-749-9408) know if you want your cookie donations or door prizes picked up.

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