

### **Happy December Birthdays**

1- Bruce Bergman	15- Tom Hewett
3- Janet Koski	19- Holly Hadrava
6- Spencer Hjelle	28- Claude Erickson
12- Ophelia Bergman	29- Diane Hakala
14- Carol Umhauer	30- Barb Christenson

### **Session Highlights**

- We are working on finding options to install an accessible lift at the church.
- Thanks to Mason Kroll for making some upgrades to our videography system and to Milo Kroll for learning the new system!

### **Preaching Schedule**

Dec. 7 – Rev. Kate Stangl, Communion

Dec. 14 – Don Breckson

Dec. 21 – Katie Larson

Dec. 24 – 4:30 Christmas Eve service

Dec. 28 – Stephanie Falkowski

Jan. 4 – Rev. Kate Stangl, Communion

### **Annual Meeting & Potluck**

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will take place following worship on Sunday, Dec. 7.

This will be when we elect candidates for Elders and Deacons. Join us for a potluck following the meeting!

### **In Sympathy**

- We offer sympathy to Don and other family members of Sandy Breckon on her passing on 11/13. A private family service was held at Bauman-Cron funeral home on 11/24.
- We offer sympathy to the family of Roselle Parsons who passed away on 11/22. Funeral arrangements are being made at Bauman.

### **Prayer Burning**

You are welcome to place private prayers in the prayer box at the back of the sanctuary anytime. These unread prayers will be burned outside the church following worship on Dec. 14, and the ashes will be spread on the church gardens.

### **Ladies Luncheon**

A Ladies Luncheon will take place at 12:00pm on Tuesday, December 16 at the home of Diane Hakala: 1922 Southern Dr. Virginia.

### **Christmas Joy Offering**

Each year we collect the PC(USA) Christmas Joy offering which goes to support church workers in financial need and students in Presbyterian-related schools. If you would like to donate to this offering, you may use a Christmas Joy envelope at the church or write a check to HCPC and write 'Christmas Joy' in your check memo. This offering will be dedicated on 12/21.

### **Poinsettias**

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, the cost will be \$10. Please let the office know the names of people who the poinsettia will be in memory/honor of.

### **Offering Envelopes**

2026 offering envelopes will soon be available to pickup at the church. Please contact the office if you would like yours mailed to you.

### **Online Calendar**

There is now a calendar on the church website. You may go to [hopecommunitypc.org](http://hopecommunitypc.org) to see when church meetings and events will be happening and who will be preaching on Sundays.

### **Deacon Donations**

Our Deacons continue to help stock our Little Free Pantry. During the colder months, they also hang warm clothing items on our Community Clothesline. You are welcome to make donations of food or winter-wear items. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help stock the pantry, please make checks out to the Deacons Fund or place cash in the green Deacons Fund envelopes in the pews.

### **PNW Mission Trip**

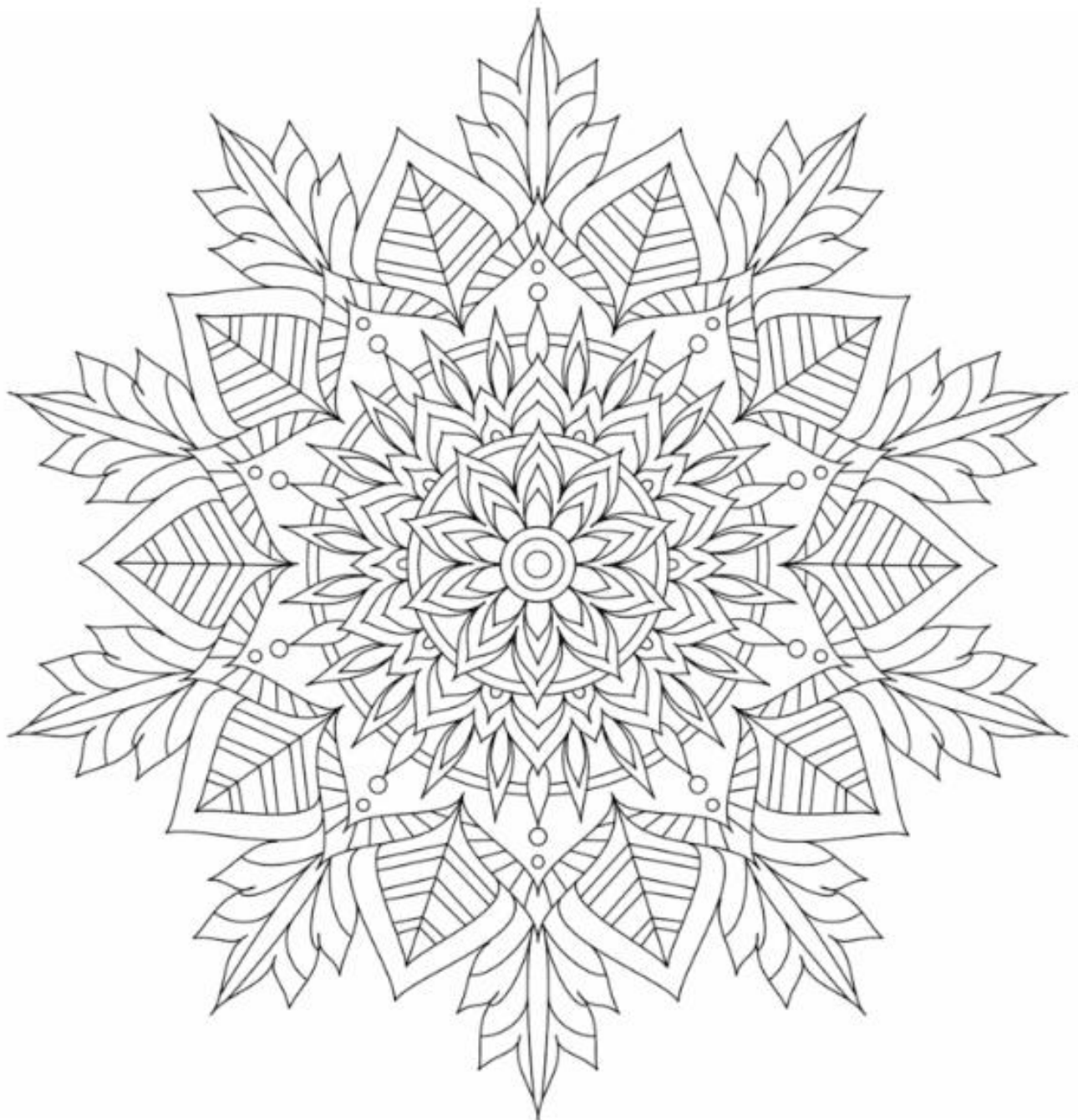
The Presbytery of Northern Waters is sponsoring a mission trip to North Carolina to continue to help with rebuilding after Hurricane Helene. Donations will help keep costs down for those volunteering to go on this trip. If you would like to offer your support, please make checks out to Presbytery of Northern Waters, 2105 Woodland Ave, Duluth, MN 55803, and write “February work trip” in the memo.

### **Treasurer’s Report**

October offerings: \$4,883

October expenses: \$7,083

(Note: Expenses reported do not include \$2,705 spent on videography upgrades.)





December 2025

## Advent Season

December 7 (Communion)  
2nd Sunday of Advent - **Peace**

Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist prepares the way, telling us to get ready for the coming of Christ. We have **PEACE**.

December 14  
3rd Sunday of Advent - **Joy**

Matthew 11:2-11

We know Jesus is the Messiah because of the good things he does. We have **JOY**.

December 21  
4th Sunday of Advent - **Love**

Matthew 1:18-25

Sometimes God has plans we wouldn't expect - but if we pay attention and obey we can be part of something important. We have **LOVE**.

December 24  
Christmas Eve (Wednesday)

**Christ**

Candlelight Service

Luke 2: 1-20; John 1: 1-14

Hear all about Jesus' birth. We should not place our faith in men or the rulers of men but in God, who is the supreme ruler or leader of the world. We have **CHRIST**!

December 28  
Matthew 2:13-23

Escape to Egypt.

Joseph made sure Mary and Jesus were safe - part of obeying God is taking care of our family members

Let your **Love** shine!

## A Spirit Of Unity

Everything written in the past  
was written to teach us.

On the scroll, cross out every letter found in "listy."  
Write the remaining letters in the blanks.



God gives \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_  
through the Scriptures.



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We hope you will keep Jesus in your heart so  
you can share that love with everyone.  
**A very Merry Christmas to you and  
your family Peace and Blessings**

**Birthday Corner**  
Hollie Hadreva December 19  
Riley Zezel December 19

## Christian Education

Sunday Dec. 7	Sunday Dec. 14	Sunday Dec. 21	Tuesday Dec. 24	Sunday Dec. 28
Matthew 3:1-12 <b>PEACE</b> Communion	Matthew 11:2-11 <b>JOY</b>	Matthew 1:18-25 <b>LOVE</b>	Christmas Eve 4:30pm Candlelight Service <b>CHRIST</b>	Matthew 2:13-23 Escape to Egypt