

CHURCH FAMILY

Birthday greetings to Jennie B who celebrates her 104th birthday Monday, December 16.

THANK YOU FIRST CRC! We received lots of wonderful contributions for the women and children at the Agape House! It was a very special evening. Tribe students helped everyone decorate Christmas cookies and play games. Everyone received a gift or a prize and there was lots of laughter. All in all, it was a marvelous evening and the Agape House women and children felt blessed and expressed a lot of appreciation for the Tribe students and leaders and asked us to come back soon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE TONIGHT:**

Join us tonight at 6:00 p.m. as the children lead us in worship with the service, "God's Gift to Us".

** All those involved are asked to please meet in the church basement at 5:40 p.m.

- **ANGEL TREE DONATIONS DUE TODAY:**

Angel Tree gifts need to be turned TODAY. If interested in participating, purchase 1 or more items to donate but do NOT wrap the gifts. Thank you!

- **JAARS MISSION TRIP MEETING TODAY:**

We will have a meeting TODAY for anyone interested in learning more about our mission trip to Waxhaw, NC at the JAARS/Wycliffe Base on April 26, 2020. Ken & Chris, missionaries we support, are there training, supporting and equipping those planning to go overseas into remote areas to share the gospel. There are a variety of jobs we will be doing along with visiting and learning more about overseas missions and Bible translation. Please meet in the Loft following the morning worship service. For more information, talk to Wes or Liz V.

- **CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY):**

Join us for our Christmas party on Monday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. For more information about Cadets, contact Brian S

- **GEMS (1ST – 8TH GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY):**

Join us on Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. for our Christmas party. Each GEMS girl is asked to bring a wrapped ornament for a gift exchange, with the ornament costing no more than \$5. For questions about GEMS, contact Gail B

- **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY):**

Join us this week Wednesday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Loft for our Christmas party. Please bring a wrapped white elephant gift that is \$10 or less. Snacks this week are Leah Brouwer and Davis Gatterman. For more information about TRIBE, contact Cal or Laura B.

- **SEARCH TEAM:**

We will meet on Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

- **SENIOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – DECEMBER 27:**

Everyone 70+ is invited to a Christmas Luncheon in the church basement on Friday, December 27 at 1:00 p.m. Please bring a \$5 gift for a gift exchange and Christmas goodie to share.

- **DISCOVERY CLASS STARTING IN JANUARY:**

Are you interested in knowing more about First CRC or in joining our church? Discovery class covers who we are, how we got here, what we believe and what we do. This class will begin in January. If you are interested, contact Pastor Robert or the church office at 360-354-4560.

- **BE A BLESSING TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**

Please look over the opportunities listed below and prayerfully consider if you can be a blessing to the church family with your time and talents:

Sound Board Operator, Video Camera Operator, Usher, Greeter, Nursery Attendant, Welcome Center Attendant, or bringing meals to those recovering from surgery or having health issues.

If you are willing to help in any of these areas *or have another area where you are being called to help*, please contact the church office at 360-354-4560 or info@firstcrclinden.org.

- **MOMS@1ST COOKBOOKS STILL AVAILABLE!**

There is still time to purchase a cookbook for yourself or as a Christmas gift! You can purchase these amazing cookbooks at the church office Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or find them for sale at Christian Connections Bookstore or The Green Barn. The best part, they are only \$20 and \$5 goes straight to New Way Ministries!

- **THE DEACONS NEED YOUR HELP!**

The deacons have come into possession of a working motorized wheelchair. It isn't doing much good sitting unused, and we want to put it to good use! If you know someone who could use it, whether they be inside the congregation or out in the community, please talk to any of the deacons.

- **END OF THE YEAR GIVING:**

If you would like to make contributions to the church before the end of the year, you can put it in the offering bag, give it to one of the deacons, or give it to the church office no later December 31 or post marked by December 31.

- **WINTER WEATHER POLICY:**

The office will try to send an email if a church service or meeting is cancelled. Otherwise, listen to Praise 106.5, KGMI 790 or contact your district elder or group leader.

- **NURSERY REMINDER:**

In order to keep everyone healthy, we are asking that you *not use or work in the nursery* if you had a fever in the last 24 hours or if you have a runny nose or cough. Thank you!

- **EDUCATION BUILDING A PEANUT-FREE SPACE:**

Please do not send or use any food products with peanuts or tree nuts for snacks or meals in the Education Building at any time. Food allergies can be serious and life threatening. If you have questions, please contact the church office or talk to your Care District Elder.

PRAYER CLOSET

- **CLARICE B** is at PeaceHealth Rehab at United General Hospital in Sedro Woolley for stroke rehab.
- **MYRNA B** is in rehab at the CHCC after a fall.
- **RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:** Harold H
- **DEALING WITH CANCER:** Paul R, Rick B, John B, Susan B, Ralph H
- **CASCADE CHRISTIAN HOME RESIDENT:** Amy B
- **CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE RESIDENTS:** Jennie B, Mary K, Johanna R, Joanne V
- **CORDATA COURT RESIDENT:** Diane S
- **LYNDEN MANOR RESIDENTS:** Edie M, Kristi N, Maggie S, Albert V, Janet V, Cora V
- **MEADOW GREENS RESIDENTS:** Gussie B, Freda G, Grace H, Nellie H, Andy V, Jo V, Ruth W
- **ORCHARD PARK RESIDENTS:** Eleanor & Carol Z
- **SILVERADO CARE RESIDENTS:** Bennie M, Casey Ve
- **HAUSA PEOPLE GROUP OF NORTHERN NIGERIA:**
Pray that God will pour out His Holy Spirit on the Hausa and build His church among them.
- **REMEMBER OUR FIRST CRC MISSIONARIES:**
Jeff & Melissa
Ray & Angie
Steve & Sandy
Gary & Mary
Memli & Luiza
Al & Julie
Tim & Charlene
Eric & Penny
Mitchell & Rochelle
John & Jean
Ken & Chris
Snehakunja Home – India

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 15

Bus Driver: Willie A
Nursery Baby: Candace L, Levi M
Toddler: Cheryl & Kaden K, Sade N
PM: Mia H, Molly H
Greeters: Kyle & Swandel E, Jeff & Donelle F
Welcome: John & Kathryn V
Ushers: Blake V, Fred Y, Dan B, Levi B
Safety Usher: Len H, Ted S
Sound/Video: Rob H, Jeff K
Music AM: Sharon A, Lee V
PM: Cheryl K, Nancy Z
Coffee: Tabin & Jenny B
Cookies: Sandy G, Swandel E, Donelle F, Anna Lee F

Sunday, December 22

Bus Driver: Willie A
Nursery Baby: Lisa Q, Samantha T
Toddler: Joan M, Stephanie R, Jackson M
PM: Mindy & Katelyn V
Greeters: Elvin & Anna Lee F; Brent & Jolene H
Welcome: Bryan & Kim A
Ushers: Josh B, Cal B, Jake D, Kyle E
Safety Usher: Jason V, Randy L
Sound/Video: Rob H; Brant H
Music AM: Ken & Lisa Q
PM: Sharon A
Coffee: Galen & Candace L
Cookies: Jolene H, Kelsey G, Roslyn H, Chris H

Christmas, December 25

Bus Driver: Blaine K
Nursery Baby: Linda T, Levi T
Toddler: Pam R, Megan S, Nicholas M
Greeters: Dustin & Kari H; Marlys H; Perlene H
Welcome: Jason & Amy V
Ushers: Craig G, Ken H, Doug H, Linsey H
Safety Usher: Patrick J, Tabin B
Sound/Video: Chris F, Jordan H
Music: Lee V, Nancy Z

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Sunday, December 15 – Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 3 yrs.–6th grade Christmas Practice in Ed. Bldg.
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Scripture: *Judges 6:11-24*
Message: *When Heaven and Earth Meet: Gideon and the Angel of the Lord*
Offering: Building the Future
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
5:40 3 yrs.–6th grade meet in the Church Basement
6:00 Children's Christmas Service
Offering: Building the Future

Monday, December 16

6:30 Cadet Christmas Party in the Basement

Wednesday, December 18

6:30 GEMS Christmas Party in the Ed. Building
6:30 TRIBE meets in the Loft

Thursday, December 19

7:00 Search Team meets in the Council Room

Sunday, December 22 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Scripture: *Daniel 3:8-30; Isaiah 43:2-3*
Message: *When Heaven and Earth Meet: The Fiery Furnace*
Offering: Christian Hope Association
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Nine Lessons & Candles*
Offering: Christian Hope Association

Wednesday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship Service
** Church offices closed **

Sunday, December 29

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service ~ David W
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service ~ Berny D

Wednesday, January 1 ~ New Year's Day

** Church offices closed **

