

***WE WELCOME YOU** to worship this morning! We are glad you are here, and we invite you to worship with us regularly! If you are a visitor, or if you have a prayer or pastoral concern, please use the appropriate card in the pew rack.*

PRAYER CONCERNS – *Bill Chalfant, Ann Buchanan, Mildred Brown, Gibby Crummett, Terri Smith, Meade Loomis, Ronnie Broce, Helen Breeden, Clay Graham, Jean Goshorn, Patsy Shull, Nan Brown, Kathleen Gilmer, Lenwood Shiflet, Robin Moyer, Brayden Kier, Marie Wood, Kate Houff, Buddy Wright, Jake Ott, Bobbi Harmon, Sam Arnold, Ruby Durham, Tim Malcolm, Ruth Rathburn, Rick Shiflet, Benjamin Arneson*

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 27, 2015:

TODAY 9:55 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
MONDAY Church Office Closed
FRIDAY, JAN. 1 Church Office Closed ~ No Bible Study This Week
NEXT SUNDAY, JAN. 3 ~ Epiphany Observed ~ Guest speaker Rev. Joe Condro
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6 ~ The Day of Epiphany
SUNDAY, JAN. 10 ~ The Lord's Supper ~ Ordination/Installation of New Officers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING – We are now receiving the Christmas Joy Offering, which supports retired ministers, missionaries, and other church workers and their spouses, whose retirement funds are insufficient for their needs, as well as racial/ethnic colleges affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Christmas Joy Offering is one of four denominational offerings Hebron collects, along with the One Great Hour of Sharing offering at Easter, the Pentecost offering on Pentecost, and the Peacemaking offering on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October. Offering envelopes are available in the Vestibules and Session Room.

HEBRON'S CHRISTMAS CARD – The Commitment/Witness Committee has posted a Community Christmas Card on the bulletin board outside the Choir Room. Everyone is invited to use this for your Christmas greetings to others, and then contribute to the church the money that would have been spent sending individual cards to other members. The money received will go to Renewing Homes Greater Augusta, which helps to repair and improve homes for those in need in our community to be sure residents can be safe, warm, dry, and accessible. If you wish to make a contribution to the organization through Hebron, mark your donations "Christmas Card." Thank you for your support.

LAST FIVE WEEKS' OFFERINGS:

<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Dec 13</u>	<u>Dec 6</u>	<u>Nov 29</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>
\$1,783	\$5,230	\$4,120	\$1,489	\$3,093

THANKS AGAIN to everyone who helped with the Dec. 1 *Evening of Comfort and Joy* sponsored by the Presbyterian Women! The final total the event raised \$2,388.16. Last Monday, checks were sent to Verona Food Pantry for \$955.26, to Valley Mission for \$955.26, and to SACRA for \$395.00; and the Meal-In-A-Bag program will get \$477.64. Thanks for a great evening, and making it possible for us to share with the community!

THE POEM *Ring Out, Wild Bells* by Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892) is actually part of *In Memoriam A.H.H.*, a very long poem written over a period of 17 years as a requiem for Arthur Henry Hallam, a close friend from college who was engaged to Tennyson's sister, but died suddenly at age 22. The poem was published in 1840, which is also the year Tennyson was named Poet Laureate of Great Britain and Ireland by Queen Victoria. *In Memoriam A.H.H.* is considered to be one of the great poems of the 1800s. Amid the many themes related to grief and loss, *Ring Out, Wild Bells* speaks of aspirations and opportunities of improvement for self and society.

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| 1.
<i>Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.</i> | 2.
<i>Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.</i> |
| 3.
<i>Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more,
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.</i> | 4.
<i>Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.</i> |
| 5.
<i>Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out thy mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.</i> | 6.
<i>Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.</i> |
| 7.
<i>Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.</i> | 8.
<i>Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.</i> |

JANUARY NEWSLETTERS – Copies of the church newsletter, the *Hebron Herald*, are available for pickup in the back of the Sanctuary. Please pick up your copy, and any you will deliver to those who are not here this morning.

HUNGER OFFERING – We will receive our monthly hunger offering today. Please be generous, and please continue to remember SACRA with one item per family per week.