

GRAND VIEW GOOD NEWSLETTER

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VETERANS DAY IN WORSHIP

Veterans Day is the day set aside to thank and honor ALL those who served in the military, both in wartime or peacetime. Veterans day is largely intended to thank living veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served, not only those who died, have sacrificed, and done their duty.

Sunday, November 12, 2023, the congregation and staff of Grand View Methodist Church celebrated and thanked all identified veterans and active-duty personnel during the three morning services.

On Saturday, November 11, a small a group of volunteers set up flags representing the United States Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard. A flag signifying the memory of service members who are missing in action or prisoners of war was also displayed. 54 pictures of veterans/service Members were placed on tables underneath the service flags. (There were some chuckles heard as faces of current members were compared with pictures that were 30-40-50 years old!) The congregation was afforded the opportunity to peruse the display before and after each of the worship celebrations.

A powerful video prepared by pastor Tom and Alec was shown emphasizing the sacrifices of veterans and their families. The names of 139 veterans and active-duty personnel were listed on the screen and all present at each service were asked to stand and be publicly thanked by Pastor Tom and the congregation.

Special thanks go to Pastor Tom, Alec, and Chantal for their support and technical skills in making the tribute and celebration happen. And to the veterans committee of Darlene and Colby Bowers, Dave Tallant, Ron Turner, Mike Kilgore, Dale and Karen Ratterman, John Evarts, and Art Miller, a very special thank you, for your ideas, organizational efforts, and persistence in offering Grand View the opportunity to recognize and celebrate individuals who have served out great country!

-Art Miller

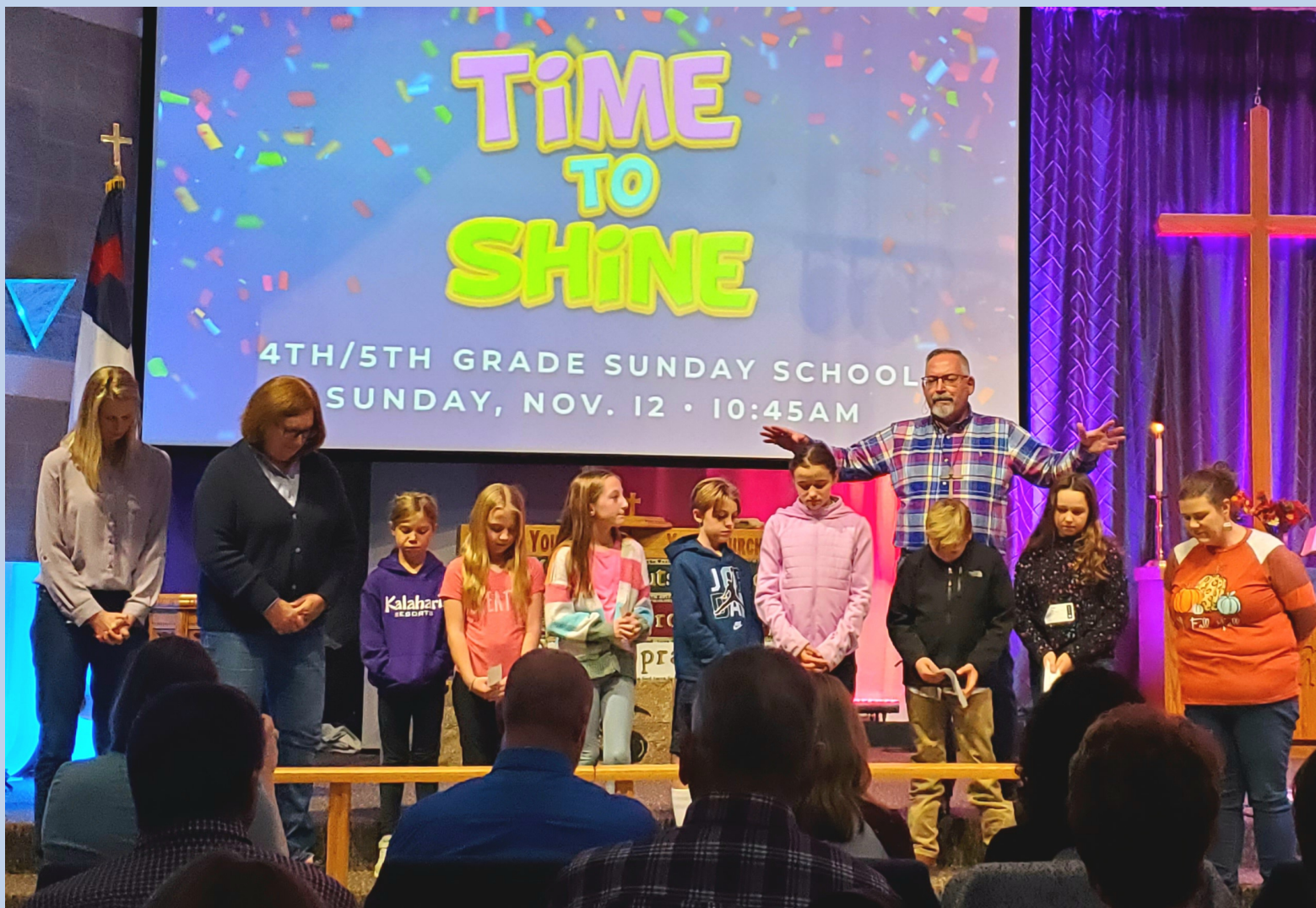


4TH & 5TH GRADE “TIME TO SHINE”

The 4th & 5th graders that are enrolled in Sunday School took to the stage on November 12th during the 10:45am worship to show off what they have learned in Sunday School this month! They performed a short skit about God's character and the forgiveness He extends to all who believe in him. Forgiveness was November's Sunday School theme, so not only the 4th & 5th graders learned about this, but ALL of your kids enrolled in Sunday School did as well!

Join us next month on Dec. 10, for an extra-special "Time to Shine!" Our Kid's Christmas Program participants will share a sneak peak of their upcoming performance. Mark your calendars now, so you don't miss it!

-Chantal Moore, Communications Coordinator



BELL TOWER UPDATE

In January it will be two years since we began seriously planning for a bell tower. Over the last eight weeks there has been and is evidence on the easterly side of the parking lot that it is progressing. The next three paragraphs cover an update on the status of major components of the project, followed by a paragraph on background information for those that are not familiar with how the project came to be, and then a few words that may interest a history buff.

The concrete foundation, including backfilling with limestone, is now complete. The next step in concrete work will be a pad overlay and a short sidewalk from the asphalt to the tower. That work will be done once the tower is in place and the weather is suitable.

The tower, a steel weldment, is under construction. The leg assemblies are complete and in place on the fixture. Components of the crown and the crossmembers supporting the bell remain to be placed. Anyone driving Cedar Cross Road can watch the progress as the final assembly, too tall for the building, is being done outside Dave Hinz's shop. Once the weldment is complete it goes to Farley to be powder coated and then to Grand View and placed on the foundation.

To my chagrin, the bell is still at ChimeMaster in Ohio. When disassembled for refurbishing, a retarder mechanism was found in pieces. The purpose of the retarder is to prevent cracking of the bell by limiting the clapper force striking the bell, an important feature. Since the bell dates to 1886, components are non-existent. A metal artisan in spring steel is attempting to reproduce the roughly U-shaped part. Maybe we'll see the bell sometime in January.

So how did we get on this journey? Jack Borchers, Ron Turner, and Bill Yager (now deceased) were instrumental in our acquiring the bell. For several years, they volunteered to help mow the grounds of Pictured Rocks Methodist Youth Camp. In 2018, when they became aware that the property might be sold to neighboring Camp Courageous, they inquired about the disposition of the bell and eventually learned that it was available for taking. In 2019, when the property was sold, it became our bell. Since then, families have been designating memorials to a bell tower fund. By 2021 that fund had grown to the point where it was possible to consider proceeding.

What has been the journey of the bell? Was it from a church, or a school? All we know is that Pictured Rocks somehow acquired and prominently displayed it on a concrete slab. Is there a history buff reading this article interested in a research project? Contact the church and we can give you the limited information we have on the bell and direct you to potential contacts. Your reward would be credit for information on the plaque in front of the tower.

-Arvid Saele

GMC FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Alec and I traveled to Watertown, SD to take part in the very first Global Methodist Church Annual Conference. In general, this yearly meeting was for inspiration, instruction, fellowship and a sense of connection. It was also where any business or rules for those in the Conference were decided. The early years of an Annual Conference meeting tended to focus mostly on, “What shall we preach, what shall we teach, how will we live our lives together so as to spread Scriptural holiness across the land?” We Methodists continue to have an annual meeting and, I give thanks to God that the GMC is returning to a meeting marked by lots of worship, inspiration, encouragement, and connecting with others.

Here are a few of our highlights.

- The key question that will always be asked by the GMC Conference structure before any decision is made: “How will this help the local Church make Disciples of Jesus?” This may sound small, but it is a big thing and an important change of perspective. This allows us to be in the correct relationship: the Conference exists to help and resource the congregations, not the other way around.
- There was no tension, no divisive symbols, no “sides” arguing with each other.
- The GMC does not have an over-abundance of top-down directives and rules at this point. Instead, there is a clear focus that every church and every group within the church exists to help further Jesus’ commission to us to make more- and more mature- Disciples of Jesus.

- Pastor Tom

IVY CATHERINE BAKER BAPTISM



“Baptism is the door of the Church, the gateway to the Christian life, and the sign of your entrance into God’s family.”

-Unknown



“JUST A LITTLE CHRISTMAS” KID’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The children here at Grand View, along with some help from CFX & Sunday School Leaders, put on our Annual Kid’s Christmas Program, presenting this year, “Just A Little Christmas.” We want to send out a huge THANK YOU, to all the leaders, children, and anyone else who helped bring this play to life.

-Chantal Moore, Communications Coordinator



CHRISTMAS EVE AT GRAND VIEW

Christmas Eve started with a combined worship at 10:00 AM at Grand View. This hosted all campuses, Wesley, Center Grove and included people from all 3 usual worship celebrations at Grand View. We had 140 people worshipping and serving during this Celebration.

Christmas Eve Services were held at 5:00pm, 7:00pm and 11:00pm. Those who served in the band and tech arrived back at 3:30 for practice and set up. 5:00 is usually our highest attended Service on Christmas Eve and this year was no different.

With 50 Degree and rainy weather, worshippers started to arrive as early as 4:00pm and they just kept coming. Many volunteers grabbed as many chairs as they could so everyone could have a seat. Chairs filled in the center aisle, along the back row and even added an additional row to the front. Chairs were set in the gathering space as far back as the Christmas Tree. Over 380 people worshiped at 5:00 on Christmas Eve.

In total during the 3 Services Christmas Eve Night, we had over 700 people worshipping at Grand View. We want to thank all who served to make this possible including Shawn Franzen, for allowing us to use his lift for set-up, Lutheran Church of Hope for the opening video for Christmas Eve, George Rondinelli - assistance and use of in-ear monitors for vocalist, and everyone else including Hospitality, Tech, Band, Singers, Ushers, Greeters, Sue, Alec and Pastor Tom.

-Melissa Oftedahl, Business Manager/Member Care Coordinator



CHRISTMAS POTLUCK



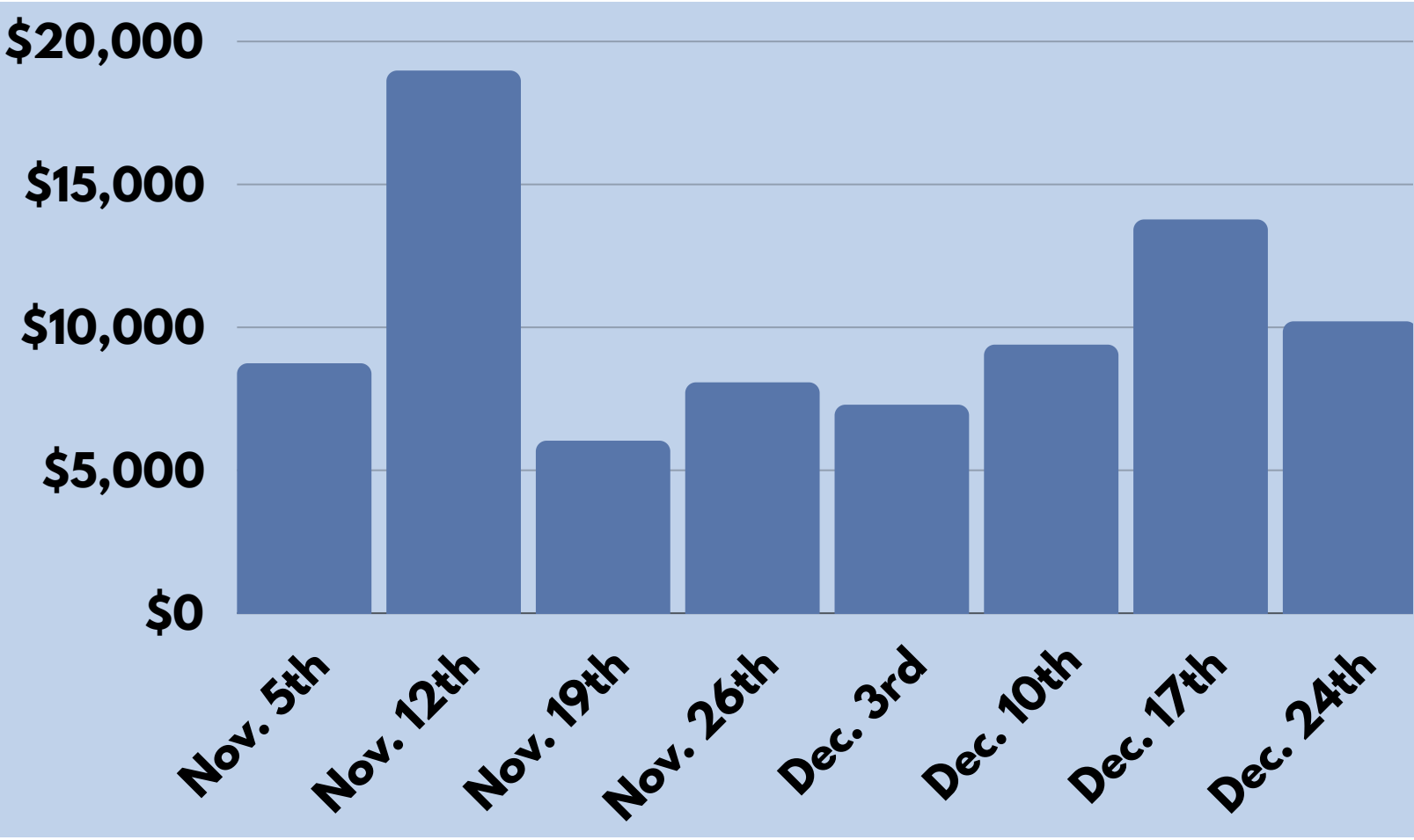
On Christmas Day this year we had an outstanding Christmas Potluck which many members from Grand View joined in on. The purpose of this meal together on Christmas Day was so that anyone who was looking for some food and fellowship on Christmas Day had a place that they could go...and we had a great turn-out!

We'd like to give a huge THANK YOU to the Smith family for organizing the menu and preparing the majority of the food, and also a thank you to any others who brought dishes to share, helped out in the kitchen, helped with set-up/clean-up and lastly, to everyone who came out to enjoy the meal.

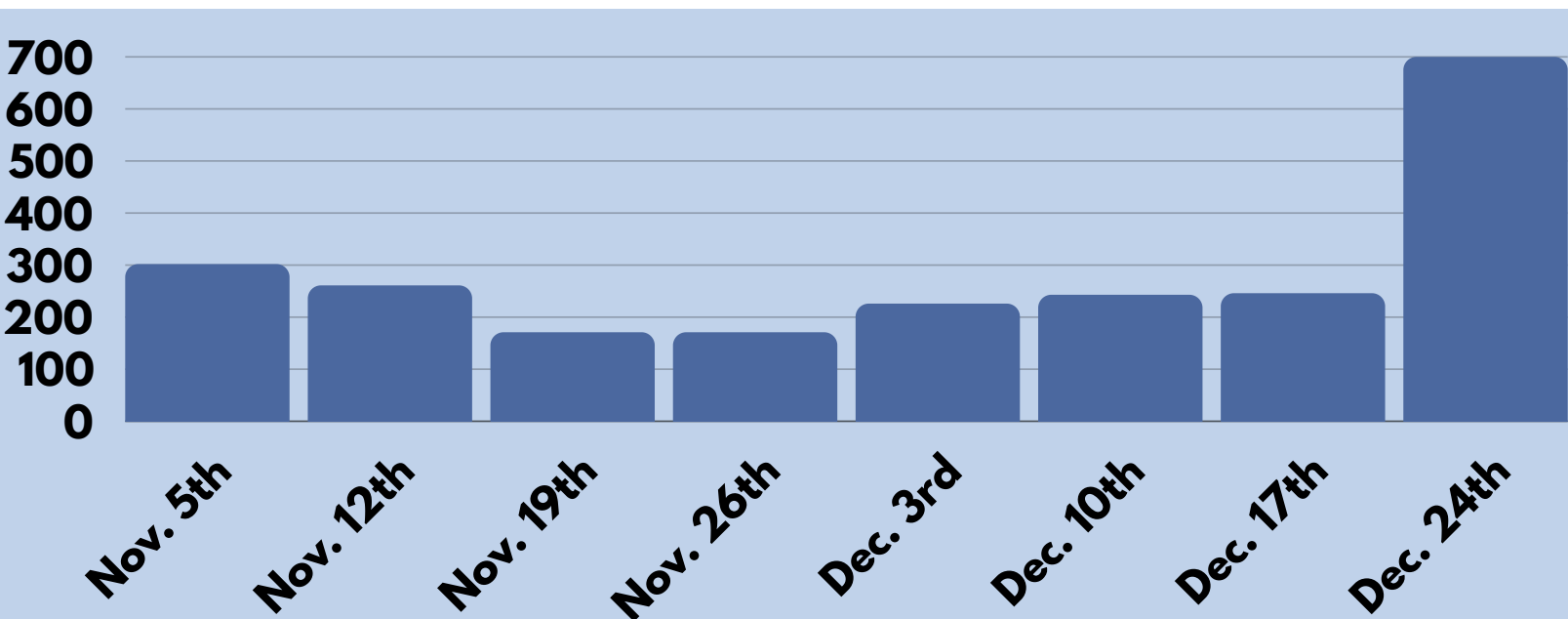
-Chantal Moore, Communications Coordinator

FINANCE & MEMBER CARE UPDATE

GENERAL FUND GIVING



ATTENDANCE



AD BOARD RECAP

Consent Calendar – Karen motioned to accept the consent calendar as written. Matt seconded the motion.

- Motion passed.

CDM Update -

- The board discussed potential uses for the remaining funds from the stabilization grant, including flooring and security features.
- We will be running an ad for a lead teacher.

Trustee Report -

- Bell Tower Update
 - plans are moving forward; utilities are marked and excavation begins 10/17.
- CRP – Ron, Paul, Clark and others are working to develop a team to oversee CRP conversion, to facilitate work and track needs.
- Snow Removal – after soliciting bids, Clark recommended choosing to contract with CK Construction to remove snow over the 2023/2024 winter season. Jennifer motioned to approve a contract with CK Construction, seconded by Kendra.
 - Motion passed unanimously

Finance Report -

- The finance team presented an operating budget totaling \$558,399.92.
- Clark motioned to approve the proposed operating plan with the condition that it may be adjusted as necessary by the board. The motion was seconded by Jennifer.
 - Motion passed,
- The board discussed plans and a timeline to ask for 2024 pledges.
- Ad. Board members will speak at services on Nov. 5th about pledges for 2024. Pledge cards will be distributed on Nov. 12th.

Hispanic Ministry Update – Nueva Vista worship services will be discontinued.

Between the Meetings -

- Talks to continue with potential ad. board members.
- Trustees will continue work to develop land-use team.
- Trustees will continue to work on CDM security measures.
- Trustees will develop presentation to solicit funds for a new maintenance shed.

Staff-Parish Relations -

- Clark motioned to approve the proposed salary package. Randy seconded the motion
 - Motion Passed Unanimously

UPCOMING EVENTS

GV READS - TITUS

12/24/23 - 1/13/24

GV READS - REVALATION

Starting 1/14/24

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, January 6th

8:00am

AD BOARD MEETING

Monday, January 15th

6:00pm

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, January 6th

8:00am

W.S.C.S. MEETING

Thursday, January 18th

1:30pm

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, January 7th

9:30am

SOUP SUPPER

At Wesley Methodist Church

Saturday, January 20th

4:30pm

HIGH SCHOOL CORE GROUP

Sunday, January 7th

2:00pm

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Sunday, January 21st

2:00pm

BIRTHDAYS

Natalie North - Jan 1st
 Madalyn North - Jan 1st
 Hailey Julson - Jan 1st
 Gregg Liddle - Jan 4th
 Ethan Mulgrew - Jan 4th
 Will Babler - Jan 5th
 Breeze Pothoff - Jan 5th
 Wade Phillips - Jan 6th
 Gordon Bradley Jr. - Jan 7th
 Judy Jochum - Jan 8th
 Raylyn W. Montes - Jan 8th
 Betty L. Bradley - Jan 10th
 John Mitts - Jan 11th
 Erin LaFoe - Jan 12th
 Dan Call - Jan 12th
 Samantha Watson - Jan 12th
 Paige Kizer - Jan 13th
 Kara A. Simon - Jan 13th
 Kallie Fernandes - Jan 13th
 Pierce Schmitt - Jan 13th
 Addison Schultz - Jan 14th
 Jessica Klepack Wolf - Jan 14th
 Kendra Kunkel - Jan 14th
 Ashlyn Mayo - Jan 14th
 Rhonda Heim - Jan 15th
 Dalton Schoenberger - Jan 15th
 Jacquie Call - Jan 16th
 Michelle Odegard - Jan 17th
 Rita Russow - Jan 17th
 Katie Schoenberger - Jan 17th
 Claire Soat - Jan 17th
 Russ Reeg - Jan 18th
 Jeremiah Haven - Jan 20th
 Jackson Rehkemper - Jan 20th
 Kim Hodgson - Jan 21st
 Leslie Brush - Jan 22nd
 R.J. Montes - Jan 23rd
 Cindy Pearce - Jan 23rd
 Darrin Galinat - Jan 23rd
 Jessica Kennedy - Jan 23rd
 Mary A Weets - Jan 24th
 Matt Klepack - Jan 24th
 Blaine A. Telford - Jan 25th
 Mike Schuster - Jan 25th
 Thomas Elsinger - Jan 25th
 Imogene Thill - Jan 26th
 Joan McCleary - Jan 26th
 Karen Babler - Jan 26th
 Sue Brown - Jan 27th
 Peyton DeMaio - Jan 27th
 Brenna Borland - Jan 28th
 Lynn Johnson - Jan 28th
 Sophie Phelan - Jan 28th
 Richard Hollensbe - Jan 29th
 Kelly Foster - Jan 30th
 Holden Murphy - Jan 30th
 Ella Rath - Jan 30th
 Ben Brimmer - Jan 30th

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