

# NEWLETTER

## First Presbyterian Church of Croswell

Web Page: <https://Croswellpresbyterian.org>

### HELLO FROM THE WRIGHT'S

Some of my most fond memories were made at Croswell! Meeting my friends after school at Boyes Ice Cream. Swinging way out over the Black River on a rope connected high in a tree behind Anderson Street. Swinging the Swinging Bridge. Opening my first savings account at the former State Bank of Croswell. Shopping for my school clothes in downtown Croswell. Watching the Pioneer Marching Band, the football team and cheerleaders pass along Howard Street in Homecoming Parades. Watching harness racing at the Croswell Fair. Working at Stover's Market and Slaughterhouse. Getting my hair cut at Cutler's Barber Shop. Enjoying the "Beet Tops" and "100 Years Ago" columns in The Jeffersonian newspaper. Those are some of my favorite memories associated with Croswell.

Last spring, the Session of First Presbyterian Church invited me to become your pastor, on a part time basis. I spent the summer praying and thinking about this. God spoke to me during my morning Bible reading on two occasions that, I was to offer to help out at First Presbyterian Church. After being interviewed by the Committee on Ministry, the Presbytery of Lake Huron designated me as a Temporary Elder of Word and Sacrament, and granted their blessing for me to serve as your pastor. I will begin my ministry with First Presbyterian Church on January 1, 2024.

I am pleased to serve as your pastor! Presently I am in the process of learning your names. Here is a bit of biographical information, that will help you to know the Wright's.

In 1843 my Wright great, great grandparents came over from Canada and settled at Worth Township, adjacent to Croswell. As a child, I lived at Fort Gratiot. When I was age 13, my family moved to Lexington. And so, like many of you, I am also a graduate of Croswell Lexington High School. As a pastor of The United Methodist Church, I served churches throughout Michigan.

Dayna grew up on a farm at Clio, Michigan. She was employed for twenty-five years as a School and Guidance Counselor with the Bad Axe Schools.

Our son Andrew is married to Stephanie. Their daughter, Ella, is 17 years old; and their son, Milo, is 15. Their home is near Portland, Oregon. California is home to our daughter, Mikah, and her husband, Mike. Their children are Eamon, age 16, and Beatrice, age 9.

First Presbyterian Church is a beautiful place of worship, where people show their love for God and one another. My wife Dayna and I feel fortunate to be among you!

Sincerely in Christ,  
Bill Wright



### Prayer Requests

Prayers that we hold silent in our hearts.

Claire Gordon (8 yr. old) Cancer has returned-seeking new treatments through Mayo Clinic

McEy Neaves – Cancer

Conflicts in Israel and Ukraine

Prayers for those in nursing homes and adult foster care.

Prayers for those in our community suffering loss of loved ones.

### Happy Birthday Jesus

Born so I could live,  
Happy Birthday Jesus Christ,  
Thank You for your gift

# DECEMBER SCRIPTURE READINGS

## December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Isa. 64:1-9

Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19

Cor. 1:3-9

Mark. 13:24-37

## December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday of Advent

Isa 40:1-11

Ps. 85:1-2, 8-13

Pet 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

## December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday of Advent

Isa 61:1-4, 8-11

Ps. 126

Luke 1:46b-55

Thess 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

## December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### 4<sup>th</sup>, Sunday of Advent

2 Sam 7:1-11, 16

Luke 1:46b-55

Ps 89:1-4, 19-26

Rom 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

## Christmas Eve

Isa 9:2-7

Ps 96

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

## Christmas Day

Dawn: Isa 62:6-12

Ps 97

Titus 3:4-7

Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20

Day: Isa 52:7-10

Ps 98

Heb 1:1-4 (5-12)

Johm 1:1-14

## December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

### 1<sup>st</sup>, Sunday of Christmas

Isa 61:10-62:3

Ps 148

Gal 4:4-7

Like 2:22-40

## FYI

### Pulpit Supply for December

December 3<sup>rd</sup> Elder Sam (Communion)

December 10<sup>th</sup>, Rev. William Wright

December 17<sup>th</sup>, Rev. William Wright

December 24<sup>th</sup> Elder Lisa Naveen

5 p.m. Christmas Eve Service Karen Rutherford

December 31<sup>st</sup>, Service cancelled



## REMINDER

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 5 p.m.,  
Karen Rutherford

# SPECIAL DAYS IN DECEMBER

## December 1

Playboy Day  
National Salesperson Day  
Rosa Parks Day

## December 2

Bike Shop Day  
Earmuff Day  
National Mutt Day  
National Pay Outside Day

## December 3

Be A Blessing Day  
International Baboon Day

## December 4

International Cheetah Day  
Special Kids Day  
World Wildlife Conservation Day

## December 5

Bathtub Party Day  
International Ninja Day  
World Trick Shot Day

## December 6

Mitten Tree Day  
St. Nicholas Day  
Bartender Appreciation Day

## December 7

National Cotton Candy Day

## December 8

National Day of Lard  
Toilet Paper Appreciation Day  
Pretend to Be a Time Traveler Day

## December 9

Birdseye Frozen Food Day  
Weary Willie Day  
World Techno Day

## December 10

Dewey Decimal System Day  
International Traffic Light Day  
Nobel Prize Day

## December 11

National Stretching Day  
UNICEF Birthday

## December 12

Gingerbread House Day  
National Ding-a-Ling Day  
National Cocoa Day  
National Lost Day

## December 13

Poinsettia Day  
Gingerbread Man Day  
Day of the Horse

## December 14

Gingerbread House Day  
Monkey Day  
Yoga Day

## December 15

Cat Herders Day  
Bill of Rights Day

## December 16

National Chocolate-covered Anything Day

## December 17

A Christmas Carol Day  
Wright Brothers Day

## December 18

Answer The Telephone Like Buddy the Elf Day  
Give A Wine Club Day

## December 19

National Re-gifting Day

## December 20

Games Day  
Mudd Day  
National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

## December 21

Crossword Puzzle Day  
National Flashlight Day  
Short Girl Appreciation Day  
Shorts Day

## December 22

Be A Lover of Silence Day  
Forefathers Day

## December 23

Family Roots Day  
Festivus

## December 24

Christmas Eve  
Egg Nogg Day  
**December 25**  
Chanukah  
Christmas  
Christmas Pudding Day  
Boxing Day

## December 26

Boxing Day  
Kwanzaa

## December 27

Radio City Music Hall Day  
Visit The Zoo Day

## December 28

Holy Innocents Day  
National Chocolate Day  
Pledge of Allegiance Day

## December 29

Tick Tock Day  
YMCA Day

## December 30

Bacon Day  
Falling Needles Family Fest Day  
Peeps Days

## December 31

First Nights  
Make Up Your Mind Day  
National Champagne Day  
New Years Eve  
No Interruptions Day  
New Year's Eve Banished Words List  
New Year's Dishonor List  
Universal Hour of Peace Day  
World Healing Day

## WEEK EVENTS

Wk 1	Clerc-Gallaudet Week Andisop Week
Wk 2	Computer Science Education Wk Human Rights Week
Wk 3	Christmas Bird Count Week Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Wk Gluten-free Baking Week Cookie Exchange Week
Wk 4	Chanukah It's About Time Week Christmas
Wk 5	Kwanzaa

## MONTHLY EVENTS

Bingo's Birthday Month  
Buckwheat Month  
National Pear Month  
National Tie Month  
Safe Toys and Gifts Month  
Youngsters on The Air Month  
Operation Santa Paws

Save  
the  
Date

## From your little Church Library in the corner....

Peace Is... helps children 6-10 identify activities and feelings that bring peace. It encourages children to keep peace and suggests ways in which they can do it. Peace Is... by Maxine Roberson. (Yellow Dot)

One of the most famous books ever written on a man's search for faith and peace....It is essentially the odyssey of a soul, with warmth, gusto and wit. A "must-read" for those of us who are searching for God. The Seven Storey Mountain, by Thomas Merton. (Black Dot)

Here's everything you'd like to say to your children about how much you love them. This book wraps your children in its warm message of love, comfort and protection, and shows children that as they grow and change, some things will always stay the same. Just In Case You Ever Wonder, by Max Lucado. (Yellow Dot)

This novel is "A riveting, reverent imagining of the hidden years of the child Jesus...Christ the Lord is a cross between a historical novel and an update of Tolstoy's *The Gospels in Brief*; it presents Jesus as nature mystic, healer, prophet and very much a real young boy. Essentially it's a mystery of the child Jesus grappling to understand his miraculous gifts and numinous birth. As he ponders his staggering responsibility, the boy is fully believable - and yet there's something in his supernatural empathy and blazing intelligence that conveys the wonderousness of a boy like no other. From Christ the Lord by Anne Rice. (Purple Dot - Adult Fiction)



Happy  
Birthday



2nd Margaret Pomeroy  
6th Gale Oldford  
9th Rachael Bales  
Joan Tucker  
11th Cindy Fockler  
13th Allen Hosler  
Mindy Rule  
17th Scott Pomeroy  
18th .Pete Oliver


18th Tom & Debbie Damon

25th "HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
JESUS"

## Dates to Remember



### DECEMBER 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	4	5	6 Book Club 12:30 p.m. Thumbs Up	7	8	9
10 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent  31 New Year's Eve	25 	26	27	28	29	30

December 24<sup>th</sup>,  
Christas Eve Service  
at 5 p.m.

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# KIDS CORNOR



## Most Likely to

Which one of your family member is most likely to

- 1.go to midnight mass? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.watch Home Alone? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.receive the most Hugs this Christmas? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.to spend most on Gifts \_\_\_\_\_
- 5.know the lyrics to every Christmas song? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6.cry on Christmas day? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7.put up decorations in October? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8.not put-up decorations at all? \_\_\_\_\_
- 9.complete their Christmas shopping first? \_\_\_\_\_
- 10.make Christmas dinner from scratch? \_\_\_\_\_
- 11.wake up first on Christmas Day? \_\_\_\_\_
- 12.send a Christmas letter? \_\_\_\_\_
- 13.sing Christmas carols? \_\_\_\_\_
- 14.have Christmas songs on their Phone? \_\_\_\_\_
- 15.give the best present? \_\_\_\_\_
- 16.regift a present? \_\_\_\_\_
- 17.cause a Christmas drama? \_\_\_\_\_
- 18.wear an ugly Christmas sweater? \_\_\_\_\_