

**December
2025**



COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WALDPORT

THE WINDOW

Pencil It In!

Dec 04	12Noon	Bible Study / Guild Room
Dec 06	9:30am	Saturday Breakfast & Food Boxes
Dec 07	10:30am	Worship Service / Communion / Second Sunday of Advent
Dec 11	1:30pm 12Noon	Finance Committee Meeting / Zoom Bible Study
Dec 13	9:30am	Saturday Breakfast & Food Boxes Gift giveaway & gift wrapping
Dec 14	10:30am	Worship Service inside Sanctuary Third Sunday of Advent
Dec 15	10:30am	Worship Service / 3rd Sunday of Advent
Dec 18	1:30pm 12Noon	Stated Session Meeting Bible Study
Dec 20	9:30am	Saturday Breakfast & Food Boxes
Dec 21	10:30am	Worship Service / 4th Sunday of Advent
Dec 24	6:00pm	Christmas Eve Service
Dec 25	Christmas Day	NO WORSHIP
Dec 27	9:30am	Saturday Breakfast & Feed Boxes
Dec 28	10:30am	Worship Service / Carol sing

.....Special thanks to:

- The Elders serving in 2025—a year of change for us!
- The Worship & Music team who led the hymns all year.
- All the Pastors who have filled the pulpit since July.
- Lighthouse Baptist Church for joining us on Christmas Eve.
- All the candle lighters during the four weeks of Advent.
- The Potluck Sunday on November 30th committee. You made it a very special day for all of us!



Financial Report

by Treasurer Lyle Seaman

Church Financial Report

Year through October 31, 2025 General Fund **Income Received: \$77,132.39**

Year through October 31, 2025 General Fund Actual **Expenses: \$78,223.94**

Income received leaves us in the Red by \$1,091.55

Any year-end giving can be sent to the church office by December 31, 2025.

Birthdays

Anniversaries



CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERING

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

On December 21, 2025, we will collect this special offering.

God has blessed the Church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well. This Offering addresses the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for communities of color, and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need.



Potluck Lunch

At 12Noon on December 28th there will be a potluck lunch following the Worship Service.

Bring a dish to share and join us in the Guild Room for good food and fellowship!

December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri/Sat
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> <i>12Noon—Bible Study</i>	<i>5/6</i> <i>Saturday Break-fast & Food Boxes</i>
<i>7 10:30am</i> <i>Worship</i> <i>2nd Sunday /Advent/ Communion</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11Finance</i> <i>Mtg 1:30pm</i> <i>Noon Bible Study</i>	<i>12/13</i> <i>Saturday Break-fast & Food Boxes</i>
<i>1410:30am Wor-</i> <i>ship 3rd Sunday of</i> <i>Advent</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> <i>Session 1:30pm</i> <i>Noon Bible Study</i>	<i>19/20</i> <i>Saturday Break-fast & Food Boxes</i>
<i>2110:30am Wor-</i> <i>ship / 4th Sunday of</i> <i>Advent</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> <i>6:00pm</i> <i>Christmas Eve</i> <i>Service</i>	<i>25</i> <i>Christmas Day</i> <i>Holiday</i>	<i>26/27</i> <i>Saturday Break-fast & Food Boxes</i>
<i>2810:30am Wor-</i> <i>ship</i> <i>Potluck after</i> <i>Worship Service</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>		

Saving Our Environment ——— Jan Thornton

Dreaming of a green Christmas?

Part 2

Here are a few more environmentally friendly ways to celebrate.

Send e-cards or make your own.

Instead of sending physical Christmas cards, send e-cards or make your own. If you do receive Christmas cards, recycle them or keep some of the cards to turn into gift tags next year.

Wrap it up.

In the U.S., 8,000 tons of wrapping paper is used and thrown out each Christmas. Avoid buying glossy or foil wrapping paper or tissue paper made with glitter; none are recyclable. Look for choices made from recycled or sustainably sourced materials. Then, after you've unwrapped those gifts, reuse or recycle the paper. To see if wrapping paper is recyclable, scrunch the material up in your hand. If it stays crinkly, it can likely be recycled. Ribbon and tissue paper cannot be recycled.

Rather than purchasing new wrapping paper, use materials you already have around the house, such as fabric scraps, old maps, newspaper or kid's artwork. Or opt for something that can be reused, such as a mason jar, towel, tea towel, basket, bucket or reusable shopping bag.

As for adornments, use fabric ribbon, old Christmas cards, ornaments found at thrift stores or natural materials such as cinnamon sticks, pinecones, or pine twigs to jazz them up. Using string or natural raffia instead of tape will also help to preserve the wrapping paper. Avoid plastic or foil ribbon.

Give joy, not carbon.

There's a basic rule of thumb for sustainable gifting: **the less new stuff exchanged, the better**. That's because making and transporting goods generally creates emissions, and most items eventually end up in landfills.

Think about gifting experiences such as massages, whale watching trips, theater tickets, a round of golf, a painting class, a prepaid car wash, a museum membership, a day at the zoo, or give them homemade vouchers for trips to the movies or bowling 5 times next year. This reduces wrapping paper and packaging waste and reinforces the fact that **Christmas isn't about gifts but about family and spending time together**.

If you do want to buy physical products, avoid cheaper, throw-away kinds of gifts, especially if they're imported. Instead try to support small businesses that sell locally-made items or buy "classic, reused gifts" at swap meets, antique stores or fairs. Buying locally not only helps our town, but it also reduces transport and shipping.

Saving Our Environment - continued

You can also consider gifting something you made, house plant cuttings, or consumables such as coffee, wine or local foods. Or share products that can help the recipient live more sustainably, such as a steel water bottle (to replace plastic bottles) or a composting bin.

When shopping in person, take reusable shopping bags and plan your route to make the trip efficient. If you must shop online, group items together to cut down on trips and skip fast delivery options. Then recycle, donate, or reuse shipping boxes.

A reminder for parents: Don't Overbuy.

This doesn't mean you have to be a grinch and buy no presents. When your child gets old enough to understand that Christmas is about more than just gifts, try to follow the adage of giving them **something they want, something they need, something to wear and something to read.** That is all. You will have all the basics covered and your child won't be getting a heap of toys that he/she will play with for a few weeks, only to then get thrown out later.

Eat wisely.

To responsibly enjoy all the edible goodness that comes with the holidays, the best thing you can do is to shop locally — starting with your own fridge and pantry. Don't buy things you don't need. Then make a clear shopping list and stick to it, so you don't buy extras that might later go to waste.

At the grocery store, look for products grown or made as close to home as possible with natural ingredients. Eating less meat also is good for the planet. So, consider swapping one meat-based item on your traditional holiday menu for a plant-based version.

Another thing to leave off the menu: single-use serving items, such as paper plates, paper napkins and plastic cups. Rent or borrow real dishes, cutlery, and cloth napkins if you don't have enough.

After the holiday meal ends, send leftovers home with guests in repurposed food containers (think empty Cool Whip container) and freeze whatever you know you won't eat soon. If you still have food left, contact local food banks or hand them out to unhoused people. As a last resort, compost any remaining food scraps and waste.



**If you are in need of
Pastoral Care,
call the church office
and arrangements can
be made for you.**

MISSION PARTNERS

**Basha International
Habitat for Humanity
Seashore Family Literacy
South Lincoln Resources
Waldport Food Share
Food Share of Lincoln County**

**Sunday Worship Service 10: 30am
Live, Facebook & Website**

**Saturday Food Box Giveaway &
Hot breakfast take-out.
9:30 to 10:30am**

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