

Sunday School  
9:30 AM  
Sunday Worship  
10:30 AM

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[www.westsunburyupc.com](http://www.westsunburyupc.com)

\*Church office hours are  
Sunday: 9:30-2:30  
Tuesday/Thursday: 12-5  
\*Subject to change

# Announcements

## Operation Christmas Child

Below, Zane and Cash Zanella are helping with Operation Christmas Child that was collected throughout November. WSUPC was able to help 12 Children have a Merry Christmas. Thank you to all who donated and helped out!



## Mitten Tree

The tree will be located at the back of the sanctuary near the prayer shawl display. We are collecting mittens, gloves, scarves, caps, and socks. Items will be distributed at Dassa McKinney Elementary School. You may place your donation on or around the tree. Donations will be accepted through Dec. 1 2018- Jan 31 2019.

## Christmas Eve Service

There will be a Christmas Eve Service on Dec. 24 at 7:00 PM.



## Prayer Shawls

The cupboard of prayer shawls is starting to get low, if anyone would like to make and donate any prayer shawls, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your donations!



Thanks to Julie Seeto 11-14-2002  
WHY DON'T YOU STOP WONDERING WHAT'S  
WRONG WITH THE WORLD AND READ THE MANUAL

The office will be closed from  
December 23-January 2



## Office Note:

If any events are cancelled or groups not meeting, the office needs at least a 24 hour notice. Thanks!

Any information for the January Newsletter should be given to the office by December 18. Thank you!

The Answer to last month's riddle... Because he wasn't a chicken.

## What does the snowman eat for snack?



Find the answer in the January Newsletter!

## The Great Gift

By Jim Rosemergy

Jesus was aware of the great gift lovingly extended to humanity. "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Lk. 12:32). Something is being offered to us—either we do not know what it is, how to recognize it, or how to receive it.

The above scripture indicates that our wise Father created the universe and the laws which govern it in a way that supports our well-being and development. Other earthly creatures experience the Father's pleasure.

Years ago I lived in a climate with extremely cold winters. It was not unusual for the windchill to be tens of degrees below zero. Near my home there was a pony that lived outdoors in the elements. Each autumn he began to grow his thick winter coat. One cool November day, I stood at his corral and asked the pony where he got his warm winter coat. Did he purchase it at one of the local department stores? Was it a gift from someone? Did he find it beside the road? These were absurd questions, but the answer that rose in my mind conveyed a simple Truth. It came from within.

In a natural way, this creature of God was provided for and protected from the icy blasts of winter. It was the Father's good pleasure to provide the coat. It did not come through monumental effort. It was a natural expression of the pony. There was no struggle. He did not focus upon his need. He did not think about growing the coat. The pony was a pony, and his fur thickened for the winter just as surely as it would be shed in the spring.

This is a powerful lesson. It is akin to Jesus' words which are not only Truth, but sacred literature. "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

"Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these .... But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well" (Mt. 6:25-29, 33).

Our problem is that we toil and spin rather than seek the kingdom. It is the kingdom that is offered to us. It is more than the fulfillment of needs and dreams. It is what makes life meaningful.

## December Birthdays:

2: Alexis Ripple

9: Dallas Sarver

11: Becky Hunt

19: Kensie Cooper



### **Peace Within**

May today there be Peace within.

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love

That has been given you.

May you be content knowing that you are a child of God!

Let His presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul

The freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.

It is there for each and every one of us!

Source: praywithme.com





# West Sunbury United Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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## Patience

I find joy in the journey!

If I were to fixate on instant gratification, I might lose appreciation for the journey that lies between deciding a course of action and then fulfilling it. I choose today to be patient with the process and to celebrate every milestone along the path to reaching my goals.

I learn to appreciate the purpose of the time it can take to realize my vision, and I trust the Divine is in the details, sorting out the best possible path ahead for me. I choose not to worry or hurry. I have faith that every detail will fall into place at the right and perfect time.

I allow myself to enjoy the thrill of anticipation that comes with patience. I trust that what is ultimately revealed is the perfect unfoldment of my divine vision.

*But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.—Romans 8:25*

Source: Daily Word

## Inner Peace

I find my source of peace within.

I practice the art of letting things be and allowing them to unfold as they should. First, I still my thoughts and quiet my emotions. Now, I move deeper into the stillness. By directing my attention to my heart space, I discover a feeling of perfect balance that dwells there. Inner harmony finds its home in my soul, and I am drawn more deeply into this realm of holy peace, the space of inner equanimity and poise of being.

I no longer look toward the conditions of life to provide me peace. Serenity cannot be added on to me from the outside. Instead, I turn to the stillness within my soul that releases a deep sense of well-being and satisfaction. I uncover my true source of peace as the presence of God within.

*Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.—Matthew 28:20*

Source: Daily Word

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**For November**

Dave Wolfe

- † Billy Wolfe,
- † Olivia Bartholomew
- † Amanda and Ellie Zanella,
- † Jeff Reese,
- † Shirley Wilkens,
- † The Keller Family,
- † The Waugaman Family,
- † Julie Hill,
- † Debbie Geibel,
- † Heather Boyle,
- † Sharon



There is a speaker in the nursery, so if your child needs the nursery, you are still able to listen to the service.