

# TEMPLETONS

TPC monthly newsletter—DECEMBER 2024

Join us  
**NOVEMBER 30**  
**@3:00PM**  
for the  
**GREENING**  
of the  
**CHURCH**

We will be  
decorating the  
Chapel and church  
campus for the  
Christmas season.

If you have access  
to **EVERGREEN**,  
please bring lots!



Church Doctor  
Follow-Up Visit  
evening of

**WED., DECEMBER 4**  
**DETAILS COMING SOON!**

-BELONG-BELIEVE-BECOME-

Join us for the report and  
recommendations from  
Church Doctor Ministries

## Templeton Christmas Tree Lighting

Dec. 1st

5PM SANTA

6PM Tree Lighting  
& Community  
Blessing

Hot Chocolate and  
Cookies



## LADIES CHRISTMAS TEA

**DECEMBER 7**

**1-3PM**

**Butler Hall**

*\*Drop-in No RSVP needed\**

LADIES, while you're out and about on Sat.,  
Dec. 7, stop by Butler Hall for a cozy cup of tea,  
a few tasty treats, and fun fellowship!

*Bring a friend or two—all are welcome!*

Check in with Kathy Westphal if you'd like to  
help with food.

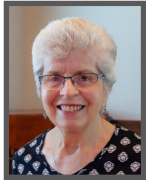
## A Message from Stephen Ministry: Our Gifts



*"When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. (Matthew 2:10-11)*

These gifts were not randomly chosen. For all time, these gifts hold deep spiritual significance: the gold symbolizes Jesus' royalty, the frankincense, his divinity and the myrrh, his humanity. For the Magi, the gifts demonstrated a deep level of sacrificial love and worship they felt for the newborn King (the Christ child).

What a fitting time (Advent) to introduce 3 new Stephen ministers as gifts to our congregation. Each comes with unique life experiences and special spiritual gifts. Their commissioning ceremony will be held on Sunday, December 15.



Mary Blanks-

*"Becoming a Stephen Minister is an answer to what I've always felt was a call from God to be an encourager to those going through hard times, and to really care and show them love and acceptance, both mine, and most importantly God's love!"*



Kiley Bower-

*"Stephen Ministries will give me the opportunity to use the talents God has blessed me with.*

*I have a calling to help those who are suffering.*

*I am on a mission from our Father and am looking forward to allowing him to speak through me."*



Laura Fletcher-

*"I want to give back and "Comfort where I was comforted" (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). During the most painful time in my life a Stephen Minister met with me and it was incredibly healing. I know I was able to move forward because God used her so powerfully in my life."*

While we celebrate the birth of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ; many people experience loneliness and sadness during the holiday season.

Stephen ministers are here to help.

May the promise of love, joy and peace sent by God in this special baby be yours,

The Stephen Ministry team



The Chapel will soon be overflowing with visitors for our annual Tree Lighting and Living Nativity events! How wonderful that we can welcome folks with our friendly faces, hot cocoa, and tasty treats. Please check with Russ and Kathy Westphal about when and where to drop off cookie donations.



TEMPLETON PREBYTERIAN CHURCH

17TH ANNUAL

# Living Nativity

SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 15  
6:00PM  
TEMPLETON PARK

AMAZING STORY OF OUR SAVIOR'S BIRTH

COMMUNITY CHOIR • RE-ENACTMENT PERFORMANCE

PROFESSIONAL LIGHTING & SOUND BY BILL GAINS

FOLLOWED BY COOKIES & COCOA IN THE CHAPEL

Bundle up and join us in the Park at 6pm on Sunday, December 15 for TPC's 17<sup>th</sup> annual Living Nativity!

It's shaping up to be another great program! We're excited to have our first-ever community choir to lead the crowd in carols. We're also thrilled that lighting and sound will be handled by Bill Gaines Audio.

Worship elder, Debby Price, is once again leading the charge. Be listening for ways in which you can help, whether it's setting up, cleaning up, bringing cookies, or portraying characters. It takes everyone to make it happen!

Join us

## Christmas Eve

Candlelight Communion Service

5:00PM






**ANGEL TREE**  
tags are ready  
in Butler Hall.  
GIFTS due by  
DEC. 15

*ANGEL TREE*

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**  
• DEC 3 @ 6:15PM  
1ST TUES. OF MONTH  
Join us for a study  
of the book of JAMES

NEIL'S OFFICE (IN CLAVO CELLARS)  
315 S. Main St Templeton



**THANK YOU!**  
-72 shoeboxes packed and  
shared with children around  
the world!

**THANK YOU!**  
-88 local families blessed by  
Thanksgiving Baskets!

**THANK YOU!**  
-over \$4000 donated to the  
November quarterly  
Deacons Fund

Women's  
**BIBLE STUDIES**  
**Tuesdays**  
**10:00AM**  
**Wednesdays**  
**5:30PM**  
TPC Library

Check with study group leaders for possible  
changes due to holidays

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CALENDAR						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



What's happening  
@TPC?  
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to find out!