

## Kanapaha Times

### Monthly Newsletter of Kanapaha Presbyterian Church January 2026

Sunday Morning Worship 10 am in Sanctuary  
Bible Study 11 am, Tuesdays



#### Note from Pastor...

*It is that time of year where we tend to evaluate what has been and pray God's will for what is to come. Most of all we need to be present in the here and now, remembering that we cannot change neither past nor future but knowing God is still in control. God will be with you in your waking moments and watch over you while you sleep. For those of us who still are a little concerned I want to share this prayer by Karie Charlton as presented in the Presbyterian Outlook this month.*

Holy God, as we close this year and enter the next, I need to tell you that I have no idea where this world is going. I do not see a path toward peace, hope, love or joy. I've become so immersed in the tribalism and general contentiousness that I may not be able to see the middle way, even if it was right in front of me. I want to follow the way of Christ, but that doesn't mean that I am.

Yet, Advent reminds me that you are preparing the way for the world's transformation. My desire is to be part of that renewal and not part of the problem. Guide me. Bless my efforts to co-creating your new world. Give me hope.

I trust that you are already working for my transformation, even if I haven't been aware of your presence in these dark days. I believe you are working in my neighbors as well. Help me to approach everyone with love rather than fear. You, our God, are with us. We are not alone, even as we face hardship and even death. Whatever this new year brings, we trust you, the One who holds all our days.

Happy New Year Family

*Inspired by Thomas Merton's "The Merton Prayer" from *Thoughts in Solitude*. By [Karie Charlton](#). Karie Charlton is a PC(USA) pastor in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She is the USA special projects coordinator of Days for Girls International. You can find more of her writing in her blog, [www.periodpastor.com](http://www.periodpastor.com), or by following her on Facebook and Instagram [@periodpastor](#).*

#### ***Ride on***

This picture was taken at Mary's final therapy appointment as she recovered from a prolonged injury. She is able to return to regular activities. Watch for her bicycle adventures in the coming weeks. We serve a healing God!



## Memories of Pat Stump

These are pictures over the years of Pat Stump associated with KPC.  
The black and white photo is at the church--she is the little girl on the left."



## Memorial Service for Pat Stump at KPC



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## *Worship and Nurture*

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Merry Christmas to all! All the KPC family is appreciated and will hopefully have a joyful and peaceful holiday time,

NEEDED-liturgists for January and February 2026.  
We should not need anyone on 2/8/26 as it is Scout Sunday, but all other Sundays are open! Email ([phippsomi@gmail.com](mailto:phippsomi@gmail.com)) or let Janet know in person if you are available. Even one Sunday helps.

### **Family Promise 2025 End of Year Recap**



### **Thanksgiving Food Delivery**

Thank you to all that assisted with Thanksgiving baskets.  
Here's a picture of the delivery to Wiles Elementary School. Mission Committee





Al	Fritz	January 01
Josie	Jamerson	January 05
Evelyn	Barratt	January 07
Cathy	Berry	January 11
Karla	Ellsworth	January 12

# JANUARY 2026

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Holidays & Observances: 1- New Year's Day ; 19- Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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## Calendar Of Events

January 01	New Year's Day (Office Closed)
January 04	Guest Speaker Elder Sandy Carr
January 11	Sunday Communion
January 19	Martin Luther King Day (Office Closed)
January 21	Session Meeting (6 pm)
January 25 Potluck	Annual Congregational Meeting with
January 25	Magic Penny
January 28	Newsletter Deadline





# *Happy* NEW YEAR

*You crown the year with Your goodness,  
And Your paths drip with abundance.*

PSALM 65:11

## **Kanapaha Presbyterian Church**

**EST. 1859**

### **Session Members**

**Rev. Michaela Wood**

**Pastor**

**Bill Bahlke**

Administration & Finance

Class of 2028

**“Vacant”**

Buildings & Grounds

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Cemetery Management

**Karen Kirkman**

Special Projects & Promotions

Class of 2025

Church History & Cemetery Management

**Janet Phipps**

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