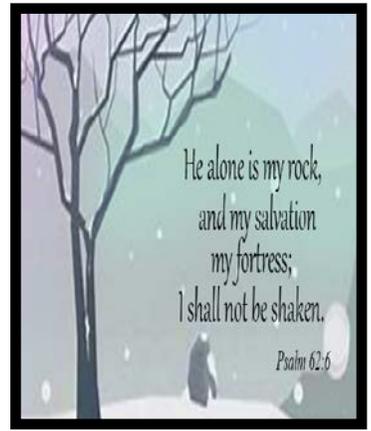


OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Coldwater, MI is to:

- † Glorify God by bringing others into Communion with Him,
- † Nurture the spiritual, emotional, physical and social needs of its congregation,
- † Encourage faithful stewardship of the God given gifts of time, talent, and substance, and
- † Be sensitive to the needs of our greater community.



Sunday Schedule:

11:00 am Worship Service
Coffee & Fellowship Hour follows the service

Sunday School Schedule:

Adult Sunday School meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am at the church



Finance Committee Report ~\$\$\$\$

****Monthly Needs for 2021-2022 budget**

Needed Monthly to meet budget: \$14,147.00

Needed weekly to meet budget \$3,523.75

Annual Per Capita: payment \$3,680.00

****FINANCIAL REPORT FROM : ****

DECEMBER 2021 INCOME AND EXPENSES

INCOME AND DONATIONS: \$11,606.28

PAYMENTS AND PAYROLL: \$21,093.73

WEEKLY GIVING

Dec. 5th- \$6,154.00

Dec. 12th- \$2,667.00

Dec. 19th- \$2,285.16

The total **2022 per capita** rate is \$35.23 per person. That rate includes \$8.98 for the Office of the General Assembly, \$3.25 for the Synod of the Covenant and \$23.00 for the presbytery.

JANUARY LITURGISTS

January 2nd- Julie Lewis

January 9- Chris Doll

January 16- Bruce Gregory

January 23- Tarina Macklem

January 30- Linda Stewart

FEBRUARY LITURGISTS

Feb. 6- Tarina Macklem

Feb. 13- Bob Stewart

Feb. 20- Lorie Hershberger

Feb. 27- Tarina Macklem

JANUARY COUNTERS

Bob Stewart

Beth Montgomery

Jan Breckenridge

FEBRUARY COUNTERS

Julie Lewis

Tarina Macklem

Linda Parr

FROM PASTOR SUSAN'S DESK

My dear friends at FPC Coldwater and fellow believers,

Grace to you and peace from God, our Father. So begins some of the Apostle Paul's writing to the early church, so I think it is an appropriate beginning to our January Pastor's Newsletter article.

First I would like to apologize to you for missing all the Advent and Christmas services in Coldwater. I would have loved to be with you. As most of you know, I have been very, very sick following testing positive for Covid. I am now in Wyoming, recuperating and getting a little stronger each day. Praise God! My hope is to be with you before too many more weeks go by.

In the meantime, I have, of course, been thinking of you and wishing for a deeply moving Christmas experience for each of you as you read and reflect upon what the birth in the stable is all about for our world. God had done a new thing with that birth of Jesus and God continues to do new things in our midst every day!

So, what should our response be? Worship. Pure and simple, Worship! It's what we are called to do. But, what is it? How do we do it? Recently I read this description of worship. "Worship is when you're aware that what you've been given is greater than what you can give. Worship is the "Thank you" that refuses to be silenced. Worship is a voluntary act of gratitude offered by the saved to the Savior, by the healed to the Healer, and by the delivered to the Deliverer."

So, Worship is awareness of what we've been given offering a Thank you to God through a voluntary act of gratitude. We need to Worship God everyday. Worship is integral to who we are, and Whose we are.

My prayer for each of us for 2022 is that we can grow in our worship until it is what drives us and our actions, our speech, our dreams. . . putting God first in our lives for 2022. What a great way to begin the New Year.

Dare to dream, my friends, of not only what is possible, but what is possible ONLY with and through God Almighty. He is the answer to all of our questions, problems, sorrows and joys.

May 2022 be one of a deepening journey into love of God and service for God as we worship God together.

With lots of love,
Susan

From Your Session...

We met at 6:00 PM in the small dining room with 7 of our 9 board members present.

Our Moderator was Rev. Jim Hegedus from Jackson.

Bob Montgomery was our Deacon Representative.

Rev. Hegedus opened the meeting at 6:00 PM with prayers of concerns.

We then approved the agenda with additions.

Our first order was to set up guidelines for employees who come into the Church and have Covid. Rev. Hegedus went over what was discussed at a recent Presbytery meeting of COM. We had a lengthy discussion, and made the decision to go with the recent guidelines from the CDC: Any employee who enters the church and is later discovered to have Covid, must quarantine for 10 days if vaccinated, and can come back to work as long as they are symptom free. An employee unvaccinated must quarantine for 20 days and can come back as long as they are symptom free. Both cases the employee must be masked while in the building. Session approved this unanimously.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as written.

Velma Cole gave the Treasurers report. Included with this was approval of giving the Christmas Eve offering to Family Promise. We also, the past few years, have had a Peace Offering but did not know what organization we would give it to. The total amount is \$2443.00. We discussed it and finally decided to split it into three organizations: \$1443.00 to Jacobs Well, \$500.00 to the Coach Ebbby Center and \$500.00 to Samaritas. This is an organization through the Presbytery that is assisting Afghan refugees coming into the US. Again, there was a unanimous vote to approve this.

Bob Montgomery gave the Deacons report. Plants and cards are going out to the local shut ins and cards being sent to those out of state. Deacons will be on hand for Russell Gates concert December 12th.

Our meeting closed with prayer at 7:20 PM

Julie Lewis, Clerk of Session



JANUARY DEACON IN CHARGE

Bob Stewart

JANUARY USHERS

Jan. 2- Bob and Beth Montgomery

Jan. 9 -Lois and Dean Williams

Jan. 16- Dan and Carol Ludlow

Jan. 23- Don and Sue Paarlberg

Jan 30th- Julie Lewis and Tarina Macklem

Please let the Deacon in charge know if you are unable to usher.

Deacon in Charge reminder:

Flowers: Deacon in Charge for the month will be in charge of taking down the flowers from the chancel. Please check first with the person(s) who donated the flowers to see if they would like them. Remaining flowers should be delivered to Shut Ins or members of the congregation who might be in the hospital.

When removing the flowers – there are bags behind the alter to take the flowers downstairs without dripping. Please be careful not to touch the brass vases as the fingerprints are difficult to remove.

Cleaning the Sanctuary after the service: The Deacon in Charge and the Ushers pick up the Sanctuary after each service. That includes putting away bibles and hymnals, cleaning up bulletins and any debris left behind by the congregation. Please also check the status of pencils, offering envelopes, birthday/anniversary inserts in the pews and replenish as necessary. A supply of these is in the back of the sanctuary next to the attendance book.

On the last Sunday of the month, please turn the attendance sheet over for the following month, or if the sheet has already been used, the Deacon in Charge will pick up the clipboards at both ends of the pews and put them in church office

Communion Dates:

January 2, 2022



Prayers and Praises

PRAYERS:

- † *The family and friends of Mike Renshaw's Aunt Ruth* as they grieve her death.
- † *Vera Renshaw, (Mike's mom), family and friends* as they grieve her death
- † *John Swirles family* as they grieve his death due to COVID on December 4th.
- † *Dick Daniels* with health issues, prayers for healing
- † *Lois Swanson and family* as they grieve John's death.
- † *Colin Patrick, Bob & Linda Stewarts's daughter in law's, Melonie's nephew,*
in ICU trying to control seizures.
- † *Pastor Susan and Pastor Monte*
- † *Christy Fansler, COVID*
- † *Jackie Livensparger, (Lamar's daughter -in law)* test results show stage 1 cancer.
- † *Nancy Burkeen, coworker of Dennis Farwell,* continues stage 4 cancer treatments with mixed results.

† December Tornado: In the early hours of December 11th, several tornadoes ripped through multiple U.S. states, resulting in extensive damage and significant loss of life.

PDA is in touch with affected presbyteries to coordinate resources and assistance.

To Help: <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/december-tornadoes/>

To support our response, designate gifts to DR000015

PRAISES

December 5th, 2021

- † Communication
- † Working together

December 12th, 2021

- † Downtown looking festive
- † Jesus Christ, our Savior!
- † Hope, Peace, Joy and Love!

December 19th, 2021

- † Jesus' upcoming Birthday
- † Beautiful Christmas Carols
- † Last Sunday's Concert

December 26th, 2021

- † Our Christmas Eve Guest Rev. Tom Matthews
- Our Guest today, Rev. John Best

FPC Presbyterian Women

January Presbyterian Women

It is hard to believe that January is here already.

The women of the First Presbyterian Church have been very busy.

We had a very successful bake sale. Thanks to all who offered their time, talents, and sales to make this a great bake sale. We made \$428.00! Thank you all so very much.

We continue working on prayer shawls. We feel that this is an idea worth sharing. If you'd be interested in donating for the cause, please contact the Church Office, Beth Montgomery, or Linda Stewart. This is a wonderful mission for the women of First Presbyterian Church!

We had our first Christmas Boutique on line sale. Then we left the items out for purchase by the congregation. Our total sales astounded us! We made \$945.00!! Thank you to all who participated in making the items, and the buyers and bidders who made it a great success! Stay safe! Have a wonderful New Year!

Jan Corey, Chris Doll, Beth Montgomery, Sue Paarlberg, Carol Ludlow and Linda Stewart

FPC's Outreach Report

DIAPER PANTRY WORK SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

1/6- Jan B and Beth

1/13- Dean and Lois

1/20- Chris and Jan C

1/27- Bob and Linda S.

The Diaper Pantry has provided in December 78 children packages of diapers and wipes, 2 adult diaper packages.

The Diaper Pantry has provided in the year 2021 620 children packages of diapers and wipes, 36 adult diaper packages.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE:

The totals on the food donations for 2021 came to 707 pounds of food and 1200 cake mixes!

Because of the generosity of this body, the community feels the Love of Christ. So thank you all, for the support and love to these ministries.

Beth Montgomery, Bob and Linda Stewart



FIRST AND FOREMOST

We would like to extend a great big “Thank You” to Velma Cole for her many years of service as the church treasurer. For the endless hours that she served the church and for being a wonderful steward with the monies that was intrusted to her. Velma you will be missed! Well done good and faithful servant!

January 2nd 2022, Rev. Jim Hegedus will be our pulpit supply. It is Communion Sunday.

The Church office will be closed on Monday January 3rd. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday January 4th.

January 23rd will be our 2 Cents a Meal offering and will support the Diaper Pantry

Free Medical Clinic

THE PRESBYTERIAN HEALTH CLINIC is working with a limited staff, only filling medications of established patients at this time. No new patients or doctor visits are being seen until further notice.

Patients are asked to stay in their cars and their medication will be taken to them.

The clinic hours are:

Thursdays from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

If you have questions about the clinic you can call the church office during church office hours or the clinic during clinic hours at 517-278-6068.

Stay safe and healthy!

LECTIONARY FOR THE LORD’S DAY:

January 2nd:

Jer. 31:7-14 and Ps. 147:12-20; Eph. 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9) 10-18

January 6th: Epiphany Of the Lord

Isa. 60:1-6 and Ps.72:1-7, 10-14; Eph. 3:1-12; Mat. 2:1-12

January 9th:

Isa.43:1-7 and Ps.29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 16th:

Isa. 62:1-5 and Ps. 36:5-10; 1 Cor. 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

January 23rd:

Neh 8:1-3,5-6, 8-10 and Ps. 19;1 Cor. 12:12-31a; Luke 4:12-21

January 30th:

Jer. 1:4-10 and Ps.71:1-6; 1 Cor. 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30



BIRTHDAYS

Chad Sexton	01/12
Bob Stewart	01/13
Darryl Eichorn	01/17
Julie Zorn	01/20
Cindy Fickle	01/23
Beth Montgomery	01/29

Winter Easy “Comfort Food” Recipes

Kielbasa Kale Soup

Ingredients

1 package of butterball Turkey Kielbasa, sliced	1 bunch kale, trimmed and torn
3 medium Yukon Gold or red potatoes, chopped	4 garlic cloves, minced
4 Carrots, peeled and sliced into circles	1/4 teaspoon pepper
2 medium onions, chopped	1/4 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons olive oil	2 bay leaves
	1 can (14-1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
	1 carton (32 ounces) chicken broth

Directions:

In a Dutch oven over medium-low heat, cook the carrots, potatoes and onions in oil for 5 minutes or until stirring occasionally. Add kale; cover and cook for 2-3 minutes or until kale is wilted. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer.

Add the remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 15-20 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Discard bay leaves.

Crock pot White Chicken Chili

1.5 lbs. chicken breasts	1 cup sweet yellow onion diced
30 oz. Cannellini Beans (two 15-oz. cans) drained	1 tsp. salt
8.75 oz. can whole kernel corn (drained well)	1/4 tsp. pepper
or two cups of frozen corn	1 tsp. chili powder
30 oz. chicken broth OR chicken stock (two 15-oz. cans)	1 tsp. cumin
1 diced poblano pepper	1/2 tsp. oregano
	1/2 tsp. garlic powder

1 cup sour cream (ADD AT THE END OF THE COOKING TIME)

1/8 cup minced cilantro (ADD AT THE END OF THE COOKING TIME)

Directions:

Add the chicken, beans, corn, chicken broth, green chiles, onion, chili powder, cumin, oregano, garlic powder, salt and pepper to the slow cooker. WAIT TO ADD THE SOUR CREAM AND CILANTRO. Stir.

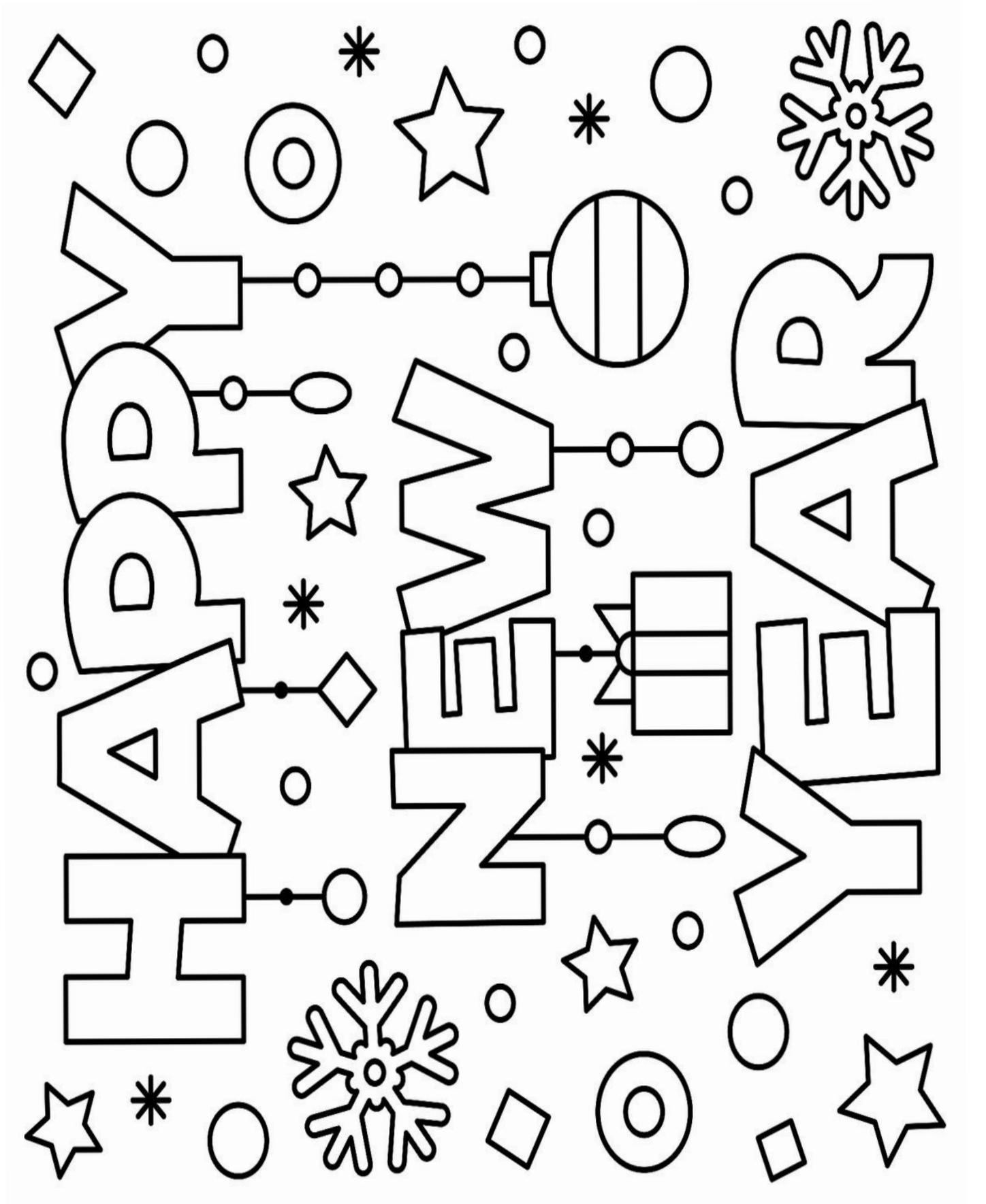
Place the lid on the slow cooker. Cook on HIGH for 4 hours or LOW for 8 hours.

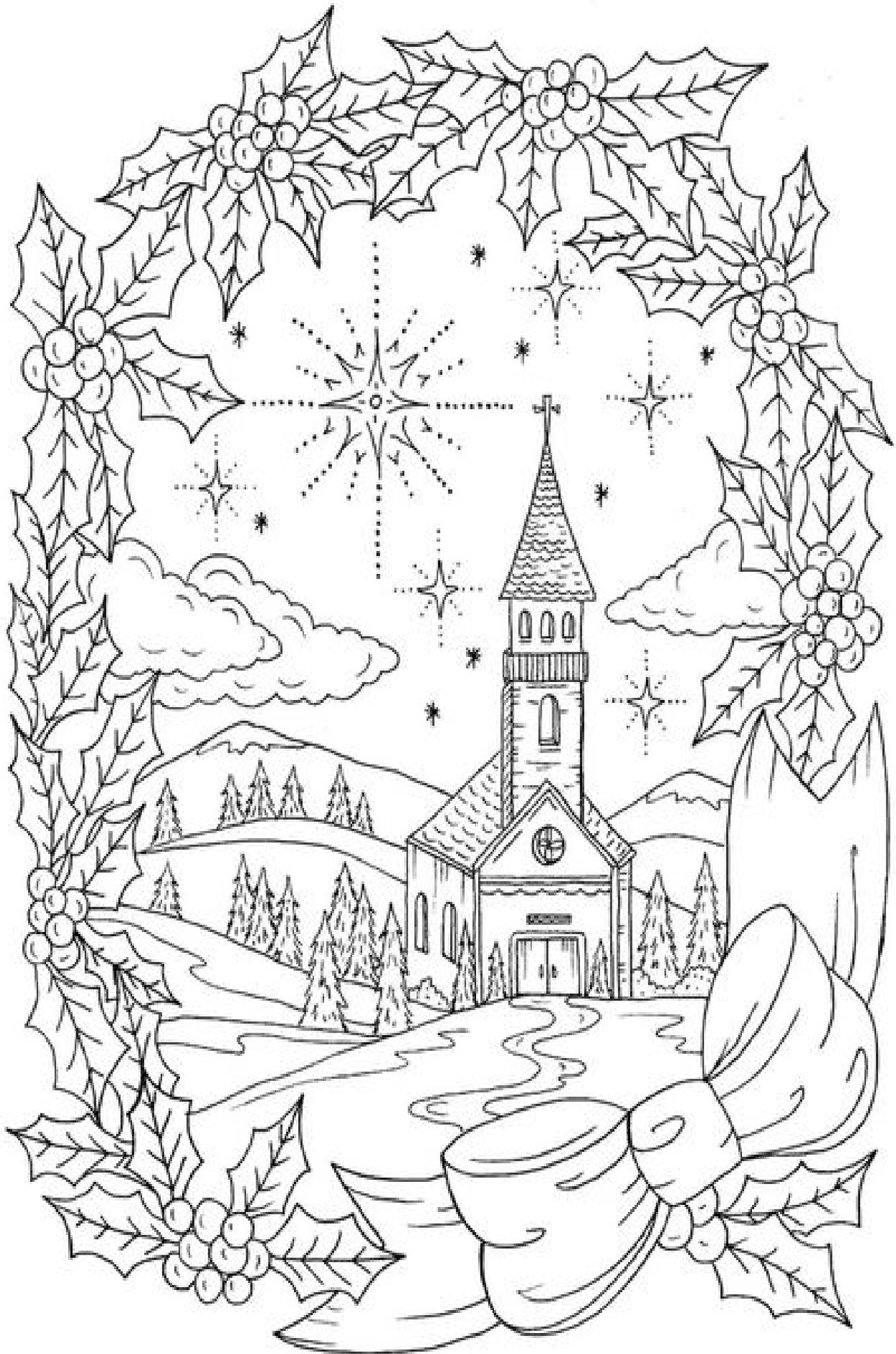
When the cooking time is done, shred the chicken with two forks.

Add the sour cream and cilantro. Stir.

Serve and enjoy!

Kids and Adults alike Connection...







January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Rev. Jim Hegedus Communion Sunday	3 Office Closed	4 Amber	5 Amber	6 4-6pm Diaper Pantry 4-6pm Clinic Amber	7 Office closed	8
9	10 10:00 am Deborah Circle Amber	11 9:30am Co-Or Team 3:00 pm Sarah Circle Amber	12 Cindy	13 4-6pm Diaper Pantry 4-6pm Clinic Cindy	14 Office closed	15
16	17 Cindy	18 Cindy	19 Amber	20 4-6pm Diaper Pantry 4-6pm Clinic 6:00 pm Session Mtg Amber	21 Office closed	22
23 2¢ a Meal- Diaper Pantry	24 Amber	25 Amber	26 Cindy	27 4-6pm Diaper Pantry 4-6pm Clinic Cindy	28 Office closed	29
30	31 Cindy	Feb 1 Cindy	Feb 2 Amber	Feb 3 Amber	**The name on each day indicates who will be in the office**	

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COLDWATER, MI 49036

January 2022 NEWSLETTER

Come Join Us On Sunday

11:00 am ~Worship Service
12:00 pm Coffee and Fellowship

Handicapped accessible building

Meet our Church Staff

PASTOR, *Rev. Susan Reichenberg*
ADULT BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR, *Rita Snyder*
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIST, *Cindy Fickle*
OFFICE ASSISTANCE, *Amber Henry*
CUSTODIAN, *Rob Denniston*
Accompanist, Liz Mowen

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