

THANK YOU FROM RONI TIMMERMAN

Giving is the BEST thing about Christmas! The 19 ladies who are homeless and live at Shesler Hall were so grateful when I took their school bags to them. I'd like to thank Jeanne Blackstone and Barb Kratz for sewing and donating the bags. We filled the bags with 10 items: towels, wash cloths, hand soaps, lotions, toothbrushes, floss, tablets and pens, packages of Kleenex, and large chocolate bars. I also need to thank Sharon Bennink and Dixie Carper who added their money to mine so we could purchase all the items. Thanks to Jeannette Grant for helping to assemble the bags and for putting ribbons on them. May God bless all of you!

-Roni Timmerman

SALVATION ARMY THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who helped out in any way with this year's Salvation Army bell-ringing. Many hands helped ring the bells, collecting money and spreading the word about the Salvation Army. Without your help, the Salvation Army would be unable to assist individuals and families during times of crisis. Thanks, again, for your support!

-Mary Jo Carnine (Salvation Army volunteer for Cherokee County)

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY AND TUESDAY

The St. Paul's Church office will be closed on December 31st and January 1st. It will reopen on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Please note that any year-end offerings to the church will need to be postmarked by December 31, 2018. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Sunday school classes will resume for our youth on Sunday, January 6, 2019.

LET'S SHOWER DAN BECHTEL WITH CARDS AND NOTES!

Dan Bechtel is battling health issues, and we know he'd appreciate hearing from his St. Paul's family. Please send cards and notes to this address: Dan Bechtel, P.O. Box 6159, Omaha, NE 68106-0159.

UPDATE ON DENNIS BAHR

Dennis Bahr is residing at Accura HealthCare (formerly known as Country Side Estates) while waiting to have a hip replacement on Tuesday, January 15th. Dennis really misses his St. Paul's family, and we know he'd love to receive notes and cards or get visits. Dennis's address is 921 Riverview Drive, Cherokee, IA 51012.

OUR MINISTRY SUPPORTED

Budget expense 50 weeks into the year: \$264,550

Received to support budgeted expenses: \$212,648

CRUNCH TIME CONTINUES

We approach the end of the year with receipts substantially short of our budgeted expenses to date. We will soon be faced with some hard decisions regarding when we must simply borrow the shortage and add further debt to our future. Your support at this time is truly important.

-St. Paul's UMC Finance Committee

SANCTUARY TREE ORNAMENTS

Our sanctuary trees will soon be taken down. Please remove your ornaments if you would like to keep them during the "off" season. The ornaments removed from the trees will be available for you in the Heritage Room during January. After that, the unclaimed ones will be packed away. THANK YOU for adding your ornaments this year!

