

Joys and Concerns

Week of December 16, 2018

It is a joy to welcome those who are worshipping with us for the first time. May you experience God's presence and blessing in this gathering of believers.

In the Hospital this Week

Holly Russell—Clark Memorial

From the Community, Church & World

The PC(USA) *Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study* encourages us to be in prayer for those who are hungry, and for those programs and people who help them.

Our Presbytery's Prayer Partner program encourages us to be in prayer for the Bethlehem International Center.

Please continue in prayer for all in our congregation and community who are experiencing home, health, family and financial concerns.

Calendar Week of December 16, 2018

Saturday

8:30AM Men's Group at Adrienne's Cafe

9:30AM Farmer's Market

5:00PM **Worship in the Chapel**

Sunday

9:00AM Sunday School for All Ages

10:45AM **Worship in the Sanctuary—Cantata**

5:00PM Haven House Dinner

Monday

7:30PM Al-Anon in the Committee Room

Tuesday

9:30AM Quilters

6:00PM Session Meeting

Wednesday

5:00PM Wednesday Evening Meal

6:00PM Lord's Supper in the Chapel

6:15PM Bell Choir

7:00PM Chancel Choir

Thursday

10:30AM Al-Anon in the Committee Room

Saturday

9:30AM Farmer's Market

5:00PM **Worship in the Chapel—Lessons and Carols**

Sunday

No Sunday School

10:45AM **Worship in the Sanctuary—Lessons and Carols**



First Presbyterian Church

222 Walnut Street

Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130

phone: 812-283-8606

e-mail: 1stprez@1stprez.org

web address: www.1stprez.org

Office Hours: 1:00—4:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

Transitional Pastor—Rev. Bill Owens

Choir Director—Steve Inman Organist—Judy Diekhoff

Bell Choir Director—Trish Read

Saturday Music Leaders—David Borman & Megan Campbell

Sunday Sound & Technology Engineer—Keith Noe

Saturday Projection Crew—Alecia Simonis & Keith Noe

Church Administrator—Becky Herald

Church Custodian—Mindy Inman

Clerk of Session—Mary Ruth Phares

Liturgist—Pat Stone

Hope Chest Gifts for December

Support Exit 0



Suggested donations are:

Hats

Gloves

Socks

Hand Warmers

Please leave your in-kind

contributions in the Hope Chest, located in the Atrium.

Also, for those who forget or prefer not to shop, “Hope Chest” donation envelopes are available in the pew racks and from the table in the chapel.

The Adult Sunday School class meets in the Agape Room at 9:30am. They are finishing their study of Andy Stanley’s “Who Needs Christmas” on December 16.



Angel Tree



All gifts are due back to the church by Sunday, December 16, before church begins. If you have any questions, you can contact Season Neal.

The YMCA's YES! Program that Brian Herald is working with during his YAV year is collecting items to help make their adult literacy class the best that it can be. If you would like to donate anything from the list below, you can bring it to the church office and Brian will take it back with him when he comes home for Christmas, or you can ship it to him in New Orleans.



\$5, \$10, \$20 gift cards to Walgreens, Subway, etc.
(These will be used as incentives for students)

Earbuds (Our students use an online teaching program called IXL. The lower level students can't read the instructions, so the program reads it to them. IXL also helps teach students letter sounds

School supplies (Loose leaf paper, writing/legal pads, #2 pencils, pocket folders, erasers, pens, highlighters, index cards, etc.)

Backpacks

Secondhand Computers or Laptops

Men's and Women's new t-shirts

If you would like to make a monetary donation contact Anna Pleskow at: annap@ymcaneworleans.org.

News from Pyoca

Spring of 2019 is busy at Pyoca! We are hosting three new adult retreats, all focusing on sabbath and spirituality. *Expressions in Faith* (Jan. 11-13) will focus on art as a spiritual practice and is open to participants of any artistic level.



Pyoca is also introducing two new yoga retreats: *Yoga & Spirituality* (Feb. 8-10) and *Flow & Grow Yoga* (May 3-5).

Additional information and registration is available at www.pyoca.org.

Don't forget! Summer camp registration begins January 1st. We are now accepting summer staff applications.

Christmas Joy Offering



Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at

Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

We will receive the Christmas Joy Offering at all worship services from December 15 through the end of the year.

For more information about the Christmas Joy Offering, visit <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/christmasjoy.html>.

Welcome to First Prez...

Visitors — We welcome you! If there is any assistance we can provide, or if there are any questions we can answer for you, please speak to a greeter or usher, a neighbor next to you or the pastor. We'll be happy to do what we can to help you feel at home.

Ministry of friendship sheets are in the folders at the end of the pews on Sunday and on the table with the bulletins on Saturday night. Please leave a record of your attendance by signing in.

Christmas and Advent Services

Sunday, December 16

Christmas Cantata

Saturday, December 22 and Sunday, December 23

Lessons and Carols

Monday, December 24 at 5:00pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 26 at 6:00pm

Boxing Day Service

Monday, December 31 at 5:00pm

New Year's Eve Service



Haven House Christmas Meal



Again this year First Prez will be hosting Haven House residents for a Christmas meal. The date is Sunday, December 16. The meal will be served at 5 and we will begin prep at 3.

Bring your Santa hat and join us! For more info contact Marsha Emily at 502-645-4725 or marshaemily@gmail.com.

Meijer Simply Give

Meijer's 2018 Holiday Simply Give campaign runs through December 29th. Simply Give is Meijer's program to help replenish the shelves of local food pantries.

Our Jeffersonville Meijer will generously match dollar for dollar your minimum \$10 donation in food gift cards for the Center for Lay Ministries.

One out of six children nationally are facing food insecurity. Your donation will help local families in need. Please visit the Jeffersonville Meijer to make a donation to Simply Give to help those in need of food in Clark County.



Office Hours and Staff Vacation

The church office will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Pastor Bill will be on vacation December 26-30. If you have a pastoral need while he is away, please call the church office.

Out of office

Sunday School

All of the Sunday School classes will be on break December 23 and 30.



This Sunday @ First Prez...

Ushers and Greeters this Sunday are Jackie Smithey, Sheri Isgrigg, Yvonne Knight, and Pat Ohlmann.

Next Sunday's Ushers and Greeters are Sharon Rudd, Beth Snyder, Petsy Thacker, and Mary Kaelin.

In the nursery this Sunday is Alecia Simonis, and Michelle Arnold is leading Kidz Church. Next Sunday, Season Neal is in the nursery and Merrick Bartlett is leading Kidz Church.

Attendance on Sunday, December 9, was 97.

There were 15 at the Saturday service. There were 12 at the Wednesday evening service.



Winter Coat Collection...

We will continue to collect coats, jackets, sweatshirts and other warm winter clothing items for adults and children. These items will be delivered to Exit 0 and Center for Lay Ministries. Please help out by leaving your donations in the box in the Atrium. If you have any questions, speak with Virgil Hertling.



Jeffersonville's Winter Farmers'

Market will be in the Taggart Hall gym on Saturday mornings through Memorial Day.



Wednesday Night Meal

On Wednesday, December 19, we will have dinner at 5:00 before the Wednesday service for those folks who will be attending worship.

