

Joys and Concerns

Week of December 2, 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.

From the Community, Church & World

The PC(USA) *Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study* encourages us to be in prayer for those who struggle with sadness and depression during the holiday season.

Our Presbytery's Prayer Partner program encourages us to be in prayer for Livonia Presbyterian Church in Livonia, Indiana and their pastor, Rev. Donald Stokes.

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

Calendar Week of December 2, 2018

Saturday

- 9:00AM Loaves & Fishes at St. Luke's
- 9:30AM Farmer's Market
- 5:00PM **Worship in the Chapel—Lord's Supper**

Sunday

- 9:00AM Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:45AM **Worship in the Sanctuary—Lord's Supper**
Home Communion

Monday

- 6:00PM Baby Shower for Courtney Bowen
- 7:30PM Al-Anon in the Committee Room

Tuesday

- 9:30AM Quilters

Wednesday

- 6:00PM Evening Prayer in the Chapel
- 7:00PM Chancel Choir

Thursday

- 10:30AM Al-Anon in the Committee Room

Friday

- 7:00PM Chloe Agnew Concert

Saturday

- 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**
 - 2:30PM Book Discussion Group
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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

Children's Sermon—Beth Snyder

Liturgist—Beth Snyder

Hope Chest Gifts for December

Support Exit 0

Suggested donations are:



Hats

Gloves

Socks

Hand Warmers

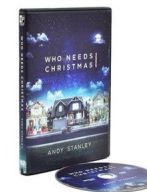
Please leave your in-kind

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. On December 2 they will begin a three-week study of Andy Stanley's Who Needs Christmas.



Angel Tree



There are still quite a few Angels left on the Angel Tree in the Meriwether Room. 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.

Chloe Agnew will make a return appearance at

First Prez on Friday evening, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available online for \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids under 18 at www.chloeagnewofficial.com. The concert will feature Christmas music and our First Prez Choir! There will be a time to meet Chloe and have refreshments after the concert.



If you have any questions or would like to get tickets from her, call Jill O'Daniel at 502-553-2145.

Cookies for Chloe



If you would be willing to donate cookies for the Chloe Agnew concert, please speak with Suzanne Hertling, or leave cookies in the kitchen in disposable containers on the 7th.

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.



Orders for Poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas are now being taken. They will be purchased through the Kentucky Hemophilia Foundation. They cost \$12 each. Please fill out the form below and, with your payment, place it in the offering plate or return it to the church no later than Sunday, December 2.



Poinsettia Order Form

I wish to order _____ poinsettias at \$12 each:

(check color) Red White Pink

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Given by: _____

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.

About our celebration of the Lord's Supper...

In the Presbyterian Church, all people are welcome to participate in the Sacrament, regardless of denominational affiliation.

As the congregation comes forward for the Lord's Supper on Sunday morning, an elder will be available to bring the Sacrament to those who need to remain in their pews due to limited or difficult mobility.

On Saturday night, if you need to be served at your seat, simply raise your hand as the last person passes through the line for Communion.

Gluten-free Communion wafers are available on the Communion trays at both services for those who need them.

A member of the prayer chain will be in the back of the sanctuary and chapel, available to pray with and for anyone having personal concerns or special prayer requests. Feel free to go see them as Communion is being served or anytime through the remainder of the service.



Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women have been invited to Pat Stone's home on Monday, December 10, at 6 pm.



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This will be a Christmas potluck get-together. There will be no regular meeting on Monday, December 3. Please let Pat know if you plan to attend, s.o.@att.net, 812-207-5749. Monday, January 7, at 6 pm in the Agape room will be the next regular meeting.

All women are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Beth Snyder, beth.snyder@pcusa.org, 812-569-4857.

Celery Blankenship

Jill O'Daniel talked to Celery Blankenship recently.

Celery has adjusted to her assisted living environment, but misses home and her church family. If you'd like to drop her a note or a Christmas card, her address is:

Celery Blankenship
Green Hills
6995 US 68 S, Apt. 8
W. Liberty, OH 43357

Baby Shower

First Prez will be hosting a baby shower for Courtney

Bowen on Monday, December 3, at 6:30pm. The congregation is invited to come meet baby Carter, and congratulate Courtney, Lane, and Cleve on their new addition.

Appetizers and cake will be served.

If you have any questions, contact Janet Moore at 502-727-3291.



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



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.

Friday, December 7th will be a double match day! On that day, for every \$10 donation, the Jeffersonville Meijer will donate \$20 in food gift cards to our program.

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.

The Prayer Lunch group will gather on Tuesday, December 11, at 11:30 a.m. in the Agape Room. Lunch is provided.



The Men's Group will have their next gathering at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 15, at Adrienne's Café. Contact Doyle Criswell for more information.

The Book Group is meeting Sunday, December 9, at 2:30 in the Meriwether Room. They are discussing *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult, a novel about racism in America. The group gets together the second Sunday of each month. If you are interested, contact Rodney Smithey at rodwsm@gmail.com or 812-280-0665.



Presbyterian Women are grateful to those who attended the Thankful Service on November 17 and 18 and supported the PW offering that will go to assist mission projects in the US and internationally. We are diverse, yet one in Christ! Abundant Blessings!



Janice DiTeresa is looking for donations of old jeans and fabric belts for a project she is working on. If you have some you could donate, leave them in the box in the Atrium.

This Sunday @ First Prez...

Ushers and Greeters this Sunday are Shirley Rice, Doyle & Sharon Criswell, Phil & Jennie Bartelt, and Deb Pavlina.

Next Sunday's Ushers and Greeters are Julie Hartzell, Isaiah Simonis, Lilly Scott, and Patrick Hammett.

In the nursery this Sunday is Becky Herald, and there is no Kidz Church. Next Sunday, Carol Sharp is in the nursery and Shirley Rice is leading Kidz Church.

Serving Communion this Sunday are Kathy Bixler, Jerry Collins, Sandy Locke, Charlie Neal, and Margaret Sparks.

Attendance on Sunday, November 25, was 84. There were 14 at the Saturday service. There were 15 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.



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