

# Calendar

Week of December 23, 2018

## 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

## Monday

Church Office Closed

5:00PM Christmas Eve Service

7:30PM Al-Anon in the Committee Room

## Tuesday

Church Office Closed

5:00PM Exit 0 Meal

## Wednesday

6:00PM Boxing Day and Prayer at the Close of the  
Day in the Chapel

## Thursday

10:30AM Al-Anon in the Committee Room

## Saturday

9:30AM Farmer's Market

5:00PM Worship in the Chapel—Jesse Summerfield  
Preaching

## Sunday

No Sunday School

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Summerfield Preaching

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Office Hours: 1:00—4:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

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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 —Sandy Riggle

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## 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.

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## *Joys and Concerns*

*Week of December 23, 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 the Christmas Joy Offering and the programs that it supports.

Our Presbytery’s Prayer Partner program encourages us to be in prayer for peace on Earth.

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

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**Giving Envelopes for 2019** are available in the Atrium for everyone who pledged for the upcoming year. If you have any questions, you can speak to Tom Locke.

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**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](mailto:annap@ymcaneworleans.org).

## 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.



## 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.

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### Christmas and Advent Services

*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 in the Chapel



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## From Janet Moore

It is with my sincere thanks and deep appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy shared with me and with Eric these past couple of weeks on the passing of my sister Judy Bernard. She will be deeply missed by her husband Dick and her extended family and myself. Having a church family as wonderful as all of you has made her loss so much more bearable for me. Thank you for your continuing love and support.



Sincerely,  
Janet Moore

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## This Sunday @ First Prez...

**Ushers and Greeters** this Sunday are Becky Herald, Beth Snyder, Petsy Thacker, and Mary Kaelin.

**Next Sunday's Ushers and Greeters** are Jane Dillion, Mary Ruth Phares, Carl & Mary Kramer, and Jerry & Donna Collins..

**In the nursery this Sunday** is Season Neal, and Merrick Bartlett is leading Kidz Church.

**Attendance** on Sunday, December 16, was 119. There were 12 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.



## 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.



## Sunday School

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



## 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](http://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>.