

Joys and Concerns

Week of December 30, 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 Vital Congregations Initiative.

Our Presbytery's Prayer Partner program encourages us to be in prayer for the Candidates and Inquirers in our Presbytery—Heather Thiessen and Marietta Macy.

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

Calendar

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Saturday

9:30AM Farmer's Market

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

Sunday

No Sunday School

10:45AM **Worship in the Sanctuary—Jesse
Summerfield Preaching**

Monday

5:00PM **New Year's Eve Service in the Chapel**

Tuesday

Church Office Closed

Wednesday

6:00PM **Evening Prayer in the Chapel**

Thursday

10:30AM Al-Anon in the Committee Room

Saturday

9:30AM Farmer's Market

5:00PM **Worship in the Chapel—Lord's Supper**

Sunday

9:30AM Sunday School for All Ages

10:45AM **Worship in the Sanctuary—Lord's Supper
Home Communion**



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Office Hours: 1:00—4:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

Guest Preacher—Jesse Summerfield

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—Phil Hartzell

Children's Sermon—Abigail Scott

Guest Pianist—Adrienne Fontenot

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.

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 through the end of the year.

For more information about the Christmas Joy Offering, visit

<http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/christmasjoy.html>.

New Year's Service

The New Year's Eve Service will begin at 5:00pm in the Chapel.



This Sunday @ First Prez...

Ushers and Greeters this Sunday are Jane Dillion, Mary Ruth Phares, Carl & Mary Kramer, and Jerry & Donna Collins.

Next Sunday's Ushers and Greeters are Julie Hartzell, Pam Spellman, Gail Peterson, and Barbara Rapp.

Serving Communion Next Sunday are Kathy Bixler, Jerry Collins, Jane Dillion, Charlie Neal and Jill O'Daniel.

Attendance on Sunday, December 23, was 89.

There were 23 at the Saturday service. On Christmas Eve there were 171 in worship.

There were 8 at the Wednesday evening service.



Winter Coat Collection...



We will continue to collect coats, jackets, sweat-shirts 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 Closed

The church office will be closed on New Year's Day.

Sunday School

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



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.



Presbyterian Women will have their monthly meeting on Monday, January 7, at 6:00 in the Agape Room. All women of the church are invited. Speak with Beth Snyder if you have any questions.

Ordination and Installation of Elders

On Sunday, January 13, we will install Roger Emily, Phil Hartzell, and Pat Stone and ordain and install Rodney Smithey and Jesse Summerfield as Ruling Elders.



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.

Church Bus

The Property Committee is looking for a few folks who can drive the bus around from time to time to make sure the battery stays charged and it is running as it should be. If you would like to help out, speak with Jerry Collins or Margaret Sparks.

