

Coming Up This Week

TODAY (12/2) *1st Sunday of Advent...
 8:30 am Sunday School (various rooms) & Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
 9:45 am **Worship & Communion** (Sanctuary)
 10:45 am Coffee Fellowship (Family Life Center)
 12:30 pm ICP Worship (Rooms 9, 10, & 12-13)
 3:00 pm P.W. Christmas Tea (Koinonia Lounge)
 5:30 pm Contemporary Readers (Koinonia Lounge)
 6:00 pm JAM & CORE Meetings

Monday (12/3)
 5:30 pm Building & Grounds Mtg. (Sr. High Rm.)
 6:30 pm Connecting Meeting (Room 11) & Leadership Meeting (Room 3)

Tuesday (12/4) *Weekly Newsletter deadline...
 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal (Music Room) & Private Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday (12/5)
 8:30 am De Pere Christian Outreach (Library)
 5:45 pm Agape Dinner (Family Life Center)
 6:30 pm Special Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday (12/6)
 9:30 am Mission Sewing (Koinonia Lounge)
 10:00 am Weekly Prayer Group (Prayer Room)
 1:00 pm Christmas Store Meeting (F.L.C.)
 7:00 pm Chantelles Concert (Sanctuary), Men's Bible Study (Library), & ICP Worship (Rooms 12 & 13)

Friday (12/7) *Office closed...

Saturday (12/8)
 10:00 am Choir Canata Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Next Sunday (12/9) *2nd Sunday of Advent...
 8:30 am Sunday School (various rooms) & Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
 9:45 am **Worship Service - Cantata** (Sanctuary)
 10:45 am Coffee Fellowship (Family Life Center)
 12:00 pm Youth Cookie Bake & Delivery (Kitchen)
 12:30 pm ICP Worship (Rooms 9, 10, & 12-13)



Monday Maxine Gaber & Lora Warner
Tuesday Barb Ryan
Thursday Jamie Tank & Jennifer Wirtanen
Saturday Carol Pointer
Next Sunday Colin Driscoll & Cassie Griffin

Rev. Julia Osborne Christensen passed away recently. She served as our Associate Pastor from 1979-83. Julia was the first female minister in our Presbytery, and she married Bruce and Rita Kilmer. If you'd like to send messages to her family, mail them in care of Anita Cummings, 981 Arbogast St., Shoreview, MN.



Next Sunday Volunteers

Greeters The Foeller Family
Liturgist Lynnee Schmidt
Acolytes Sarah McPherson & Natalia Welle
Ushers Vera Dauffenbach, Bill Picard, Ken Nyberg, & Sidney Goddard
Fellowship Cindi Barnett & Diane Betz

>Please consider giving flowers. The sign-up sheet is in our Family Life Center near the Webster doors.



Today we're celebrating the beginning of the **Advent** season leading up to the birth of Jesus. We're also celebrating our church's **169th birthday!** On **December 1, 1849**, we became the first organized church in De Pere. Be sure to stop by after church for a piece of birthday cake and check out our December Monthly Newsletter for a look back at our beginning!



Celebrate the season with the annual **Presbyterian Women's Christmas Tea**. They'll be "Ring in Christmas" **this afternoon at 3pm** in the Koinonia Lounge. Everyone's invited to enjoy some special holiday music from our kids and youth plus some wonderful Christmas refreshments and a great time of fellowship to get you in the mood for the holidays.

The first Sunday of each month we recognize the special work of our **Deacons** including visiting special care members, providing meals for homebound members, and helping with transportation and emergency needs. Please donate **today** by using the green envelopes in your pew rack to support the important efforts of our Deacons.



Our church family is joining other members of the **De Pere Christian Outreach** to collect items for a new **Christmas Store** to be held in our *Family Life Center* on December 12 & 13. The deadline for donations is **today**, so please drop your items in one of the boxes around the church. We also need more volunteers to help set up the store and run it. Please visit our website (www.firstunitedpc.org) and click on the **Christmas Store** logo to sign up. With your help, we can help some of our neighbors have a happier holiday.



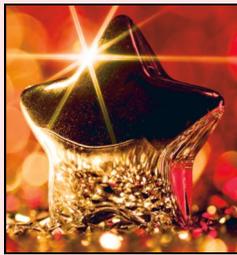
Our **Contemporary Readers** group will meet *this evening at 5:30pm*. The book to be discussed is called **The Poisoned City: Flint's Water and the American Urban Tragedy** by Anna Clark. It's a well documented account of events leading up to a preventable disaster for the residents of Flint with lessons for every community. Check it out, then join the group for an important discussion.

Our next **Agape Dinner** is coming up *this Wednesday at 5:45pm*. The menu will include ham, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, fresh carrots, and lots of great desserts. Our choir will sing an opening prayer and beautiful guitar music will be provided by our own Violet Smale. Our dinners are open to all, so be sure to bring your family and invite some friends. Our dinners are free, but if you'd like to offer your financial support at any time, please drop your donations into the wooden box in front of the bulletin board in the Family Life Center. Thanks for helping share the love.



The next meeting of our **Men's Bible Study** group is set for *this Thursday at 7pm*. All men of the church are invited to gather in the church library to continue their exploration of God's word and how it affects our lives today. Give it a try!

Our Chancel Choir will present a special cantata *next Sunday* during our 9:45am worship service. "**The Glory of Christmas: Celebrating Christ's Birth**" is filled with hope, promise, wonder, majesty, and mystery. It's a reminder that in life's darkest moments, the brilliance of the eternal Light of Christ has entered our world to guide us on the journey of life and faith. Don't miss this special Sunday morning event.



It's a holiday favorite! Our 2018 **Children's Christmas Pageant** is coming **Sunday, December 23**. With the combination of the story, great music, those costumes, and our wonderful little ones, it promises to be another classic.



The night before Christmas is always a very special evening. We hope you can join us for our annual candle light service at **6:30pm** or a special musical reflection at **11pm**. Celebrate the reason for the season.

More Stuff You Should Know...

† Did you get your emailed copy of our **December Monthly Newsletter** last week? If not, contact the church office to get on our email list (or to have a copy mailed to you instead). Don't miss a thing!

† Our annual **Church Library Christmas Book Display** is now available for you in the Family Life Center. If you'd like to borrow something, please sign the card inside the book front and leave it in the small box on the table. Special thanks to Marilyn Knuth for her amazing coordination of our church library. Be sure to enjoy it with your family.

† The Chantelles, led by our own Susan Leiber, will be presenting their annual Christmas Concert - "**A Glad Noel**" - at our church again this year on **Thursday, December 6 at 7pm**. Come enjoy a beautiful presentation of classic and modern holiday music. Admission is free, but you're asked to bring canned food or cash to donate to the De Pere Christian Outreach Pantry. (*The Chantelles will also be presenting concerts at the Kroc Center on December 14 at 7pm and at First Presbyterian Church in Green Bay on December 15 at 2pm.*)

† Just a reminder that our **JAM and CORE** youth groups will be gathering *next Sunday at noon* to bake Christmas cookies and then deliver them to some of our church family's shut-in members.

† Thanks to some of you for dropping off your sales receipts, our church recently received another free **\$37** from the **HuTerra Rewards** program! Just drop off your receipts from anywhere in the donation bin in our Family Life Center. Ruling Elder Tori England will sort out the ones accepted by HuTerra and submit them for us. Our church will then receive a donation equaling 2 to 5% of your purchase from those companies. Thanks to Tori for all her efforts, and thank you for helping our church collect extra funds in this amazingly simple way!

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Sunday School
8:30am

Worship Service
9:45am

Coffee Fellowship
10:45am



Office Hours
Monday-Thursday
9am - 1pm
Friday - closed