

Coming Up This Week

TODAY (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 (**Koinonia Lounge*)
12:00 pm Youth Cookie Bake & Delivery (*Kitchen*)
12:30 pm ICP Worship (*Rooms 9, 10, & 12-13*)

Monday (12/10)
5:45 pm JAM & CORE Bell Ringing (*Sr. High Rm.*)
6:00 pm Finance Ministry Mtg. (*Koinonia Lounge*)
6:30 pm Deacon Meeting (*Middle High Room*)

Tuesday (12/11) *Weekly Newsletter deadline...
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal (*Music Room*) &
Private Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)

Wednesday (12/12)
8:00 am **De Pere Christian Outreach Christmas Store** (*Family Life Center - all day*)
8:30 am De Pere Christian Outreach interviews (*Library*)

Thursday (12/13) *Ministry minutes due...
8:00 am **De Pere Christian Outreach Christmas Store** (*Family Life Center - all day*)
8:30 am P.W.C.T. (*Library*)
10:00 am Weekly Prayer Group (*Prayer Room*)
7:00 pm ICP Worship (*Rooms 12 & 13*)

Friday (12/14) *Office closed...
8:00 am Christmas Store Cleanup (*Family Life Ctr.*)
11:30 am Talbot Circle (*off site*)
6:00 pm Private Event (*Sanctuary*)

Next Sunday (12/16) *3rd Sunday of Advent...
7:45 am Handbells Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
8:30 am Sunday School (*various rooms*)
& Choir Rehearsal (*Music Room*)
9:45 am **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
10:45 am Coffee Fellowship (*Family Life Center*)
12:30 pm ICP Worship (*Rooms 9, 10, & 12-13*)
6:00 pm JAM & CORE Christmas Parties



Tuesday Adam Longton
Wednesday Evan Baumgartner & Debbie Hibray
Thursday Becky Dzekute & Jaime Tyrrell
Friday Natalie Schnitzler
Saturday Kathy Gutzman, Nick Gutzman, & Tom Renier

Advent Reflections

from our Thursday Morning Prayer Group

Week 2, December 9-15:

Sing: "Go Tell It on the Mountain"
Pray: Lord, we will shout your love from the mountaintops and show your love to all! Help us to live in your love always. Amen.

Next Sunday Volunteers

Greeters	The Macklem Family
Liturgist	Kathy Gutzman
Acolytes	Rhett & Ava Mehlberg
Ushers	Jon & Bryce Motquin, Tom & Martha Bayer
Fellowship	Cindi Barnett & Diane Betz
Flowers	Liturgical Arts Team

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

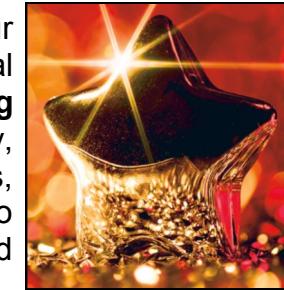


First United Weekly Newsletter

December 9, 2018



This morning, we'll be treated to a beautiful cantata by our Chancel Choir as part of our worship service. This special presentation is called "**The Glory of Christmas: Celebrating Christ's Birth.**" It's filled with hope, promise, wonder, majesty, and mystery. It's also 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. Director Andy Parks and the choir members hope you enjoy their special Christmas gift.



Our regular **Coffee Fellowship Time** will be moved into the **Koinonia Lounge** after church today. In case you haven't heard, we're hosting the **2018 Christmas Store** in our Family Life Center this week, and the set up has begun. We may be a little bit more "cozy" than normal, but it's certainly for a good cause. Everything will be back to normal next Sunday. See you in the "K" Lounge!

This week our church will be hosting the very first **De Pere Christian Outreach Christmas Store**. The eight member churches have collected thousands of new items that will be sold at a greatly reduced rate to hundreds of specific families chosen based on financial hardship and referral. Research has shown that this model of assistance can help instill a bit of pride and dignity for the families involved.



Our Connecting Ministry wants to thank everyone who has donated for the store and everyone who has (or will be) volunteering to help with set up, operation, and clean up. We also send our sincere thanks to Marilyn Kabat and her team for their months of research, planning, and coordination to help turn this monumental project into a reality. Let's hope our Christmas Store will share God's love and hope this season.



Our **JAM** and **CORE** youth groups will be ringing Salvation Army bells **this Monday**. They should meet at the church at **5:45pm** to travel to various De Pere locations to help raise some money. The youth will end their evening at Sweet Frog Premium Frozen Yogurt (590 Redbird Circle) where parents can pick them up at **7:30pm**.

You can find a copy of this year's inspiring Advent devotions from **Presbyterian Outlook** at our Welcome Center. Each week of Advent focuses on a characteristic of God that we are called to exhibit: patience, kindness, goodness, and faithfulness. As we prepare for our Savior's birth and Second Coming, we are called to do so with eagerness while exhibiting the traits of the one for whom we wait. Please pick up a free copy at the Welcome Center and use it as your guide through the Advent season.



It's a holiday favorite! Our 2018 **Children's Christmas Pageant** is coming **Sunday, December 23** during our worship service. Contact Meggan Farwell (dce@firstunitedpc.org) for details. With the combination of the story, the 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, and we hope you'll join us for one of our services. At **6:30pm** we'll gather for a traditional worship service featuring our choir, handbells, and the lighting of candles. At **11pm**, we'll come together to share a beautiful, musical taizé service. Join us to help celebrate the true reason for the season.



More than 100 people from our church family and our neighborhood enjoyed a wonderful **Agape Dinner** last Wednesday. Now it's your chance to help with our January plans. Our next free community dinner is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 2**. Find the **Agape Donation Board** in the Family Life Center and take a tag or two to donate some supplies (or cash to buy them). You can also sign up to offer your help with set-up and clean-up. If you'd like to give your financial support at any time, simply drop your cash donations into the wooden box in front of the Family Life Center bulletin board. Please choose one of the ways offered to help our church family share the love. Our dinners are now open to everyone, so be sure to bring your family and invite your friends and neighbors.

More Stuff You Should Know...

† Our **JAM** and **CORE** youth group members will get together today at noon in the kitchen to bake Christmas cookies and then deliver them to some of our church family's shut-in members.

† The **Presbyterian Pantry** "*Item of the Month*" for December is **peanut butter and jelly**. Volunteers from our church go to the Presbyterian Pantry twice a month to help pack grocery bags for families in need. If you'd like to help, please contact Julie Mackey at 337-0890 or Susan Leiber at 337-0979.

† Our **Church Library Christmas Book Display** will return next Sunday after the Christmas Store is completed in the Family Life Center. Be sure to watch for its return next week. Special thanks to Marilyn Knuth for her ongoing coordination of our wonderful church library.

† The **Presby Seekers** group for retired folks and friends will not be meeting in December but will return in January for their next meeting. Watch this newsletter for 2019 plans to be announced soon.

† **Church Volleyball is back!** Co-ed play for adults (and kids aged 15 and older) will return on Friday evenings beginning in January. Games will be held at Calvary Lutheran Church on Ridge Road near Lambeau Field. Please contact **Steve Warner** at 405-8808 for more information.

† At their January meeting, our **Contemporary Readers Group** will be discussing the book by Rev. William J. Barber, Jr. called *The Third Reconstruction: How a Moral Movement is Overcoming the Politics of Diversity and Fear*. Check out the book and then join in the conversation at the next meeting on **Sunday, January 7 at 5:30pm**.

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Sunday School
8:30am

Worship Service
9:45am

Coffee Fellowship
10:45am



Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9am - 1pm

Friday - closed