

Joys and Concerns

Week of January 7, 2018

Joys and Thanksgivings

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.

In the Hospital

Ray Stone—Baptist Health Floyd

From the Community, Church & World

The PC(USA) *Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study* encourages us to pray that we will know each other and appreciate the rich cultural diversity that defines our sisters and brothers, and that God will direct us as we work together to do His will.

Our Presbytery's Prayer Partner program encourages us to be in prayer for the all of the churches in the Presbytery and the work that they do.

Continue to be in prayer for our Transitional Pastor Nominating Committee as they work to find the right person to lead our congregation.

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

8:30AM Men's Group Book Study at Doyle Criswell's
9:30AM Farmer's Market
5:00PM **Worship in the Chapel** *Lord's Supper,*
Rev. David Wallace Preaching
Home Communion

Sunday

9:30AM Sunday School for All Ages
10:45AM **Worship** *Lord's Supper,*
Rev. David Wallace Preaching

12:00PM Usher Captain Meeting in Agape Room

Monday

6:00PM Presbyterian Women in the Agape Room
7:30PM Al-Anon in the Committee Room

Tuesday

9:30AM Quilters

Wednesday

5:10PM Supper in Taggart Hall
5:50PM **Service for Wholeness in the Chapel**
6:15PM Bell Choir
7:00PM Chancel Choir

Thursday

10:30AM Al-Anon in the Committee Room
7:00PM Square Dance Lessons

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Rev. Bren Bishop Preaching

Sunday

9:30AM Sunday School for All Ages
10:45AM **Worship** *Rev. Bren Bishop Preaching*
12:00PM Music Committee Meeting



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Monday through Friday

Guest Preacher—Rev. David Wallace

Student Pastor—Courtney Bowen

Choir Director—Steve Inman Organist—Judy Diekhoff

Bell Choir Director—Trish Read

Saturday Night Music Director—Brian Herald

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

Hope Chest Gifts for January Support the First Prez Transient Pantry



Suggested donations are:

Individual packets of peanuts, applesauce,
Cheez-its, or Welch's fruit snacks.

Peanut butter crackers

Granola bars

Cans of Vienna sausage

\$5 Subway or \$10 Thornton's gift cards

*Please leave your in-kind contributions in the Hope
Chest, located in the Atrium.*

*Gift cards/cash donations may be left in the church
office.*

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.

Winter Coat Collection...

We are again collecting coats, jackets, sweatshirts and other warm winter clothing items for adults and children. We have had great success in the past and have helped many people who needed warm clothes to get them through the winter. Donations will be distributed by Exit 0 and the 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.

Offering Envelopes for 2018

 are available in the Atrium. If you don't see yours, or would like to have some, please let the church office know.

The church's operations manual is being updated!

 The Session approved changes at their December meeting. If you have an old copy and would like an update (or don't need your copy anymore and want to bring it back), please get them to the church office by January 14. We will have updated copies available by January 25. All current Session members will get a copy, if anyone else wants a copy, let the church office know.

The Men's Group

 will have their next gathering at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 20, at Adrienne's Café. Contact Doyle Criswell for more information.



VALENTINE CARE PACKAGES

We will soon be sending Valentine care packages to members of our church family who are between the ages of 18 and 25 and living away from home in college or in the military.

CARE PACKAGE DONATION SUGGESTIONS

- Little Debbie Cakes, Packaged Cookies
 - Dry Soup, Hot Chocolate
 - Individually Wrapped Candy and Gum
 - Chips, Microwave Popcorn
 - Cheese Crackers
 - Pens, Pencils, Highlighters
 - Monetary Donations*
- (*Please give to Kathy Bixler or Sandy Locke)



Donations may be placed in the box in the Atrium marked "Valentine Care Packages." We also need large shoe boxes to pack the items in for mailing. We must have the information requested below in order to send a care package. Please complete the tear slip below and put it in the offering plate, or return it to the church office by Sunday, February 4. Thank you!

2018 Valentine care package information form

name _____

phone _____ (Need phone # for UPS)

address/School _____

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 baptized Christians 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.



Attendance on Sunday, December 31, was 75. There were 31 at the New Year's Eve service on Sunday evening. Attendance at Wednesday evening's service was 9.



USHERS

Usher Leaders will meet after worship on January 7. This meeting is very important! Schedules will be passed out for 2018 and new information will be shared. Usher Leaders for 2018 are Jane Dillion, Julie Hartzell, Linda Keith, Carolyn MacGregor, Jill O'Daniel, Shirley Rice, Sharon Rudd, and Jackie Smithey. If you have any questions, speak with Jane Dillion.

Presbyterian Women will have their monthly meeting on Monday, January 8, at 6:00 in the Agape Room. All women of the church are invited. Speak with Beth Snyder if you have any questions.



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



The Book Group is meeting Sunday, January 21, at 2:30 in the Meriwether Room. They will be discussing chapters nine and ten of *Reconstruction* by Eric

Foner.

The group gets together the second Sunday of each month. If you are interested, contact Rodney Smithy at rodwsm@gmail.com or 812-280-0665.

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, Patrick Hammett, Lilly Scott, and Isaiah Simonis.

Communion Servers this Sunday are Kathy Bixler, Sandy Locke, Charlie Neal, Jill O'Daniel, and Mary Ruth Phares.

Walk to Bethlehem...



Congratulations to all participants in the Walk to Bethlehem! We easily covered the 6,300 miles to Bethlehem and finished with a grand total of 7,216 miles which took us to Persia (modern day Iran) where it is believed The Three Wise Men began their journey. Well done!

Jeffersonville's Winter

Farmers' Market has returned to the Taggart Hall gym on Saturday mornings. They will be here every Saturday through Memorial Day.



The Men's Group will have a four-week book study starting January 6 at Doyle Criswell's home (513 Sarah Ct. in Jeffersonville). They will study the book *Autopsy of a Deceased Church (12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive)*. They will meet 8:30 to 10:00am except for January 20, when they have their regular monthly meeting at Adrienne's Cafe.

