

# *Joys and Concerns*

*Week of November 19, 2017*

## 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

Sharon Rudd—Clark Memorial

Ray Stone—Clark Memorial

### From the Community, Church & World

The PC(USA) *Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study* encourages us to be in prayer for the hungry and homeless, and those who help with their needs.

Our Presbytery's Prayer Partner program encourages us to be in prayer for Westminster Presbyterian Church in Washington, Indiana and their Pastor, the Rev. Cheryl Thorne.

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.

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## Calendar

Week of November 19, 2017

### Saturday

8:30AM Men's Group at Adrienne's Café

9:00AM Farmer's Market

5:00PM **Worship** *Rev. Nancy Waters Preaching*

### Sunday

9:30AM Sunday School for All Ages

10:45AM **Worship** *Rev. Nancy Waters Preaching*

### Monday

7:30PM Al-Anon in the Committee Room

### Tuesday

9:30AM Quilters

7:00PM **Community Thanksgiving Service (St. Paul's)**

### Thursday

*Thanksgiving*

Church Office Closed

10:30AM Al-Anon in the Committee Room

6:00PM Exit 0 Meal

### Friday

Church Office Closed

### Saturday

9:00AM Farmer's Market

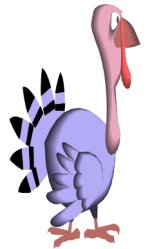
5:00PM **Worship**

### Sunday

10:45AM **Worship**

*Presbyterian Women  
Thank Offering Service*

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Monday through Friday

Guest Preacher—Rev. Nancy Waters

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 November Support the Center for Women & Families

See the Hope Chest or the Presbygram for a complete list of suggested items.

*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.



## Walk to Bethlehem...

We are nearly halfway there on our journey!  
Great job, everyone! Keep walking!

## 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 Church Ladies

have reservations for lunch on Saturday, December 9, at 12:30pm at Science Hill. If you haven't already let Sharon Rudd know you will be going, please let her know as soon as possible. They will be leaving church at 10:30am on December 9.



## Angel Tree

As always, we will be sponsoring approximately fifty children from both Bridgepoint and Maple. The angels will be on the tree by Sunday, November 19. All gifts are due back to the church by Sunday, December 10 before church begins. If you have any questions, you can contact Season Neal.



## Advent Reflection

On Wednesday, December 6, the Downtown Churches will be hosting an evening to hear stories of hope, witness tales of joy, offer love to those who need it most (that might be you!), walk a labyrinth, and listen to favorite hymns. It will be at First Christian Church. A soup supper will start at 5:30, and Reflection Time is at 6:30.



## Presbyterian Women Thank Offering Service

On November 25 and 26, First Presbyterian Women will be leading a “Healing of the Nations” worship service. This worship service joyfully celebrates the Presbyterian Women’s Thank Offering. Thank Offering funds provide education, safe housing, clean water, health care, help for prisoners and justice for women programs. One of the 2017 international programs that is receiving funds is the African Inland Church Dispensary in Kisumu, Kenya. For 100 years, the Nyakach dispensary has offered medical services and education to impoverished and underserved women and families in the Rift Valley. Thank Offering funds will provide structural equipment and administrative upgrades so the dispensary can continue to serve and grow. This recipient request was submitted by Trisha Tull and endorsed by First Prez PW and Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley. There are 15 Thank Offering projects; ten of the projects are national and five are international and more than half of the projects are health ministries. Presbyterian women have been making grants to creative ministries through the Thank Offering since 1888 when Eliza Clokey of Springfield, OH urged women to give one dollar over and above their usual contribution to the Women’s General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America as a “thank offering to our Lord.”

Those attending First Presbyterian will have an opportunity to donate to this offering and support these life-changing ministries. Presbyterian Women are grateful to the finance and mission committees and to the session for their support of this worship service and extra-commitment offering.



## 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.

## 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.

## Community Thanksgiving Service

On Tuesday, November 21, at 7:00pm at St. Paul’s the Downtown Churches of Jeffersonville invite area residents to come together for a Community Thanksgiving Service to give thanks for the blessings we enjoy.



The pastors of the Downtown churches will officiate at the service. The Rev Kathy Ottinger of Wall Street UMC will offer the meditation for the evening. As a token of gratitude we ask those attending to contribute items for snack bags or hygiene bags. All of the evening’s monetary offerings will go to purchase items for the snack & hygiene bags for the homeless. The bags will be distributed through CLM, Haven House and Exit 0 Ministries.



**The Adult Sunday School** will be studying "The Christmas Experience". . Each episode will focus on how God chose each individual in The Christmas Story.

**Attendance** on Sunday, November 12, was 87. There were 19 at the Saturday evening service. Attendance at Wednesday's service was 22.



**Orders for Poinsettias** to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas are now being taken. They will be purchased through the Kentucky Hemophilia Foundation. The cost is \$12 each.



Please fill out the form below and, with your payment, place it in the offering plate or return it to the church no later than Sunday, December 3.

### Poinsettia Order Form

I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettias at \$12 each:

(check color)     Red     White     Pink

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 Sharon Rudd, Beth Snyder, Petsy Thacker, and Mary Kaelin.

**In the Nursery this Sunday** is Michelle Sharp. Next Sunday is Merrick Bartlett. This Sunday Alecia Simonis is in charge of Kidz Church. Next Sunday Sheri Isgrigg will lead Kidz Church.

## **DECK THE HALLS NIGHT**

### **December 3, 2017**

*Join us at 5:00 on Sunday evening, December 3, to kick off the season as we come together for fellowship and to decorate the church for Christmas.*

*Bring your family and friends for an enjoyable evening.*

**5:00 pm** - Supper

**5:45 pm** - Bring decorations down and decorate the Sanctuary, Meriwether Room, Chapel & Atrium (or however much we can get done!). There will also be a craft for the kids (and any adult who wants to).

**7:00 pm** - Everyone meets in the Sanctuary.

