

Joys and Concerns

Week of December 3, 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

Charlie Pye—Jewish Hospital
Ray Stone—Baptist Health Floyd
Meredith Woods—Clark Memorial

From the Community, Church & World

The PC(USA) *Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study* encourages us to be in prayer for First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy, New Jersey.

Our Presbytery's Prayer Partner program encourages us to be in prayer for the agencies of the PC(USA) - Presbyterian Mission Agency, The Presbyterian Foundation, The Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, Presbyterian Publishing Corporation, The Board of Pensions, and Office of the General Assembly.

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 Week of December 3, 2017

Saturday

9:30AM Farmer's Market
5:00PM Worship *Lord's Supper,
Rev. Sandra Moon Preaching*

Sunday

9:30AM Sunday School for All Ages
10:45AM Worship *Lord's Supper,
Rev. Sandra Moon Preaching*
Home Communion
5:00PM Deck the Halls

Monday

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

Tuesday

9:30AM Quilters

Wednesday

5:10PM Supper in Taggart Hall
5:50PM **Evening Prayer in the Chapel**
6:15PM Bell Choir
7:00PM Chancel Choir

Thursday

10:30AM Al-Anon in the Committee Room

Saturday

9:30AM Farmer's Market
11:00AM Church Ladies to Science Hill
5:00PM Worship *Rev. Ginny Brown Preaching*

Sunday

9:30AM Sunday School for All Ages
10:45AM Worship *Rev. Ginny Brown Preaching,
Kidz Kantata*
2:30PM Book Discussion Group in Meriwether Room
5:00PM Haven House Christmas Meal
7:00PM Jeff High Choir Concert



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Monday through Friday

Guest Preacher—Rev. Sandra Moon

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 December Support Exit 0



Suggested donations are hats, socks, gloves, and hand warmers

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.

Rev. Sandra Moon is the Director of Alum, Church, and Community Engagement at Louisville Seminary, where she graduated in 2011 with a dual MDiv/JD in conjunction with the University of Louisville. In her spare time, Sandra enjoys cooking, gardening, traveling, and going to all types of concerts.

Loaves & Fishes...

First Prez will be preparing and serving the Loaves and Fishes meal at St. Luke's on Saturday, September December 16. If you are interested in helping cook, serve or clean up, please contact Marsha Emily at (502)645-4725 or marshaemily@gmail.com.



Pledge Cards



Have you turned in your estimate of giving for 2018? If not, please get yours in as soon as possible. If you have any questions, you can speak with Tom Locke, Roger Emily, or a member of the Budget & Finance Committee.

Advent & Christmas Services

First Prez Kidz will present their Kidz Kantata as part of the worship service on Sunday, December 10. The Chancel Choir's Cantata, “A Night for Rejoicing” by Lee Dengler and Susan Naus Dengler will be on Sunday, December 17 during morning worship.

On Christmas Eve morning, we will have our Lessons & Carols service. The Christmas Eve Candlelight service will begin at 5:00pm.

We will celebrate Boxing Day First Prez style on Wednesday, December 27 at 5:50pm.

New Year's Eve worship will begin at 5:00pm in the Atrium.



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.

The Book Group is meeting Sunday, December 10, at 2:30 in the Meriwether Room.



They will be discussing chapter eight of *Reconstruction* by Eric Foner.

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

First Prez Presents...

A Christmas Concert featuring the Jeffersonville High School Chamber and Concert Choirs, under the direction of Leslie Rajchel, Sunday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary. Admission is free — a freewill offering will be received. The kitchen crew has asked for people to bring cookies to donate for that evening. You can leave them in the kitchen in disposable containers on the 10th.



The Men's Group will have their next gathering at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 16, at Adrienne's Café. Contact Doyle Criswell for more information.

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.





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 26, was 68. There were 12 at the Saturday evening service. Attendance at Wednesday evening'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: _____



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 1:00pm 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 11:00am on December 9.

Angel Tree

As always, we will be sponsoring approximately fifty children from both Bridgepoint and Maple. 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 will meet on Monday, December 4, at 6 pm in the Agape room for their regular monthly meeting. Our *Horizons* Bible study, lesson 8, will be "Who Is Jesus?" according to the Abrahamic religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam.



At the meeting we will continue to plan for our December 12 celebration at St. Elizabeth maternity home in New Albany. Our theme is "Angels" and in addition to Petsy's infamous punch and angel food cake we will have a meal followed by games and gifts. Meetings and events are open to all women in the congregation. For security reasons, to participate in the St. E. celebration you will need to have your driver's license and notify Beth Snyder, 812-569-4857, beth.snyder@pcusa.org, that you will be attending before Tuesday, December 12.

Haven House Christmas Meal

Again this year First Prez will be hosting Haven House residents for a Christmas meal. The date is Sunday, December 10. The meal will be served at 5 and we will begin prep at 3. Bring your Santa hat and join us! For more info contact Marsha Emily at 502-645-4725 or marshaemily@gmail.com.



Chloe Agnew will make a return appearance at First Prez on Sunday evening, December 17, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available online for \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids under 18 at www.chloeagnewofficial.com. The concert will feature Christmas music and our First Prez Choir! There will be a time to meet Chloe and have refreshments after the concert.



If you have any questions, call Jill O'Daniel at 502-553-2145.

This Sunday @ First Prez...

Ushers and Greeters this Sunday are Pam & Richard Spellman, Roger Emily, and Petsy Thacker.

Next Sunday's Ushers and Greeters are members of the First Prez Youth.

In the Nursery this Sunday is Becky Herald. Next Sunday is Season Neal. This Sunday there is no Kidz Church because of Communion. Next Sunday, Shirley Rice is in charge of Kidz Church.

Serving Communion this Sunday are Jane Dillion, Roger Emily, Yvonne Knight, Charlie Neal, and Pat Ohlmann.

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 in Taggart Hall

5:45 pm - The youth will present a Christmas program in the sanctuary.

6:00 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).