



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DECEMBER 2018

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Head Usher: Steve Allie
Phone Calling: Melinda Brace

December 2

Liturgist: Judy Wiesman
Greeters: Vern Josie, Gene Long

December 9

Liturgist: Melody Hurst
Greeters: Bob & Lucie Erickson

December 16

Liturgist: Bud Brown
Greeters: Steve & Linda Allie
Provide Communion Elements: Judy Behm
Coffee Fellowship: Christmas Potluck
(Sharon Koenigs, Joanne Kennedy)

December 23

Liturgist: Cindy Zick
Greeters: Ashley Zick, Vicki Turner

December 24 Christmas Eve 6:00 p.m.

Liturgist: Edie Zabo
Greeters: Vern Josie, Roger Perry

December 30

Liturgist: Bob Erickson
Greeters: Jerry & Melody Hurst



12/01	Melinda Brace
12/02	Jeanne Zempel
12/03	Curt Field
12/09	Chris Josie
12/19	Rev. Dan McCurdy
12/25	Emily Huettl
12/31	Mike Appleby



Oh, Christmas Tree! Oh, Christmas Tree!

We're looking for volunteers to trim the Christmas tree on Saturday, Dec 1 at 9:30 a.m. A great time is always had by all and the group continues the fun by going to lunch afterwards. Come if you can!



In case of inclement weather the Clerk of Session will call radio station WDUX and TV station WLUK (Fox 11) to notify them of cancellation. If the church is not listed, that means we will have worship for whoever makes it to church. Also, we have implemented a "call team". There are three members of our church that split up the membership list and each call one-fourth of the congregation to notify them of the cancellation of worship.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Join us Sunday, January 20 after worship to
approve the 2018 annual report.

CARE PACKAGES

Presbyterian Women will be packing cookie boxes and having a potluck on December 6. If you have a college student or someone serving in the military that would appreciate a box, please submit the name/address by December 3.



Please have January newsletter articles in to the office by December 26. Thank you!



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Please consider purchasing a poinsettia that will help decorate the church for Christmas Eve. The cost is \$13.00 each with a color choice of red or white. Order Envelopes can be found on the table outside the office and are due by Dec 9. If paying by check, make payment out to First Presbyterian Church (note: Flowers). Orders can be given to Linda Allie or dropped off to Tracey in the office. You may take the poinsettias home after the service on Christmas Eve. Bags will be provided for transport. Thank you!

ADOPT A PRAYER CHILD

We have nine adult volunteers for the adopt a prayer child program. Those adults are looking for nine children to pray for! If you want to include a child for the program, again, please contact Tracey with the child's name, address, age and birthday. The program is for children who attend our church and/or Sunday school and/or who were baptized in our church.



CHRISTMAS SHARING

Our Dec. 16, coffee fellowship will be another CHRISTMAS POTLUCK, as we did last year. Please bring something you enjoy making and eating during the holidays to share with your church family. It can be anything from a snack, to a hot dish, salad or sweet treat. Sharon Koenigs and Joanne Kennedy will host and clean up. Please plan to join us for special food and fun as we near the end of another year!



WORSHIP SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE

Monday, Dec. 24
6:00 p.m.

Regular 10:00 a.m. worship on
Sunday Dec 23 and 30.



FESTIVAL OF TREES

Mission/Evangelism is sponsoring the annual Festival of Trees at Hansen's in Waupaca. The proceeds are designated to go to the Children's Hospital. Voting will be monetary contributions to be put in the containers in front of the tree at Hansen's from now until Dec 29. The winning tree will get an additional \$100. Please try to view the tree at Hansen's. The Sunday School children made the decorations. If you can't get to Hansen's and would like to support this effort, just write "Children's Hospital" or "Hansen's Tree" on an envelope and put in the offering plate. Judy Behm will take the donations to Waupaca. Any checks can be made to Children's Hospital.

Thanks so much! ~ Judy Behm



First Presbyterian Church
– thank you so very much
for allowing me to go to
the Pilgrim Center. We did
so much fun things there.
We all did dances, plays,
cookie decorating,
swimming, ping pong, air
hockey and lots of outdoor
activities. My favorite of
all was the game where

you need to look for clue words taped around the whole camp. It was even in the woods! You could pick left or right for our words. We chose the left side. When we got back the sun was setting. We quickly scrambled around our words. I kind of know it. “We do not need money. All we need is a tent.” Once we noticed it was a sentence for a movie we were going to watch. It was the *Greatest Showman*. The people on the right got the movie *Hook* with Peter Pan. They told us “stay in the cafeteria if you want to watch *Hook*. If you want to watch *The Greatest Showman*, go to the chapel”. Of course, I went to *The Greatest Showman*, plus I went to the gift store and got a bag, sweater, soap and a scarf. Thank you so, so, very much for letting me go! In fact that was my favorite year! I appreciate it a lot! Sincerely, Clare Josie (age 11)

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Thank you to those that have taken a tag and are providing gifts for a child in need.

Unwrapped gifts with tag

attached are due in the office by Dec 9.



2018 GIVING STATEMENTS

Any giving you wish to be included on your 2018 giving statement must be postmarked or in the office no later than December 31. A statement to be used for tax purposes will be available by the end of January. Thank you!

In Search of our Kneeling Places

In each heart lies a Bethlehem,
an inn where we must ultimately answer
whether there is room or not.
When we are Bethlehem-bound
we experience our own advent in his.
When we are Bethlehem-bound
we can no longer look the other way
conveniently not seeing stars
not hearing angel voices.
We can no longer excuse ourselves by busily
tending our sheep or our kingdom.

This Advent let's go to Bethlehem and see
this thing that the Lord has made known to us.
In the midst of shopping sprees
let's ponder in our hearts the Gift of Gifts.
Through the tinsel
let's look for the gold of the Christmas Star.
In the excitement and confusion, in the merry
chaos,
let's listen for the brush of angels' wings.
This Advent, let's go to Bethlehem
and find our kneeling places.

~ *Kneeling in Bethlehem* by Ann Weems

COMMUNITY DINNER



Our Nov. 5 Community Dinner was prepared, served and donated by Judy Behm. Forty-seven guests enjoyed Judy's delicious meatloaf, mashed

potatoes and green beans, accompanied by salads and desserts from our congregations. We had enough food to also provide 28 carry-outs. The compliments kept coming for Judy's comforting meal, perfect for a chilly, rainy November evening. Thanks to Judy for her annual contribution and to Dave Behm who brings in our outdoor sign and puts away all the folding chairs each month! We appreciated you both so much. Thank you to everyone who helps in every way with this monthly mission project! We could not keep it going without your generous help. The Dec. 3 dinner will be provided by the ladies of St. Anne's Society of Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church. No food will be needed from our congregation for the Dec. dinner.

SESSION NEWS

The Session met on November 5 and here are the main points of what was discussed:

Personnel – Staff evaluations were done in Oct. Pay and limited benefits approved for staff.

Building/Grounds – Furnace in Hall was repaired, A/C in Hall will be repaired in Spring 2019. Hot water faucet in kitchen will not be repaired; not used. Quote for window replacement for choir loft and hallway windows discussed. Will revisit in Spring 2019.

Finance – October financials distributed. 2019 Per Capita is set by Presbytery at \$37 per member.

Nominating – Jan 20, 2019 will be next Congregational meeting to review 2018 Annual Report and election of Nominating Committee.

Music/Worship – Opening building doors for choir practice will be added to job description of Choir Director.

New Business – Committee Reports for Annual Report are due December 10.

Next Session meeting – December 10 at 10:30 a.m. (mainly to discuss 2019 budget)

Come, Lord Jesus.

When we set up Manger scenes while neglecting the homeless among us,

Come, Lord Jesus.

When we tell stories of Mary but fail to listen to our own pregnant women,

Come, Lord Jesus.

When we sing songs about Shepherds but ignore the proclamations of our own poor workers,

Come, Lord Jesus.

When we sing of Peace on Earth while our nation wages war,

Come, Lord Jesus.

May this Christmas Time be a time where we find God's peace, and truly think about what it means. And when so doing reminds us that we do, in fact, need a Savior...

Come, Lord Jesus.

Blessings!
Pastor Dan

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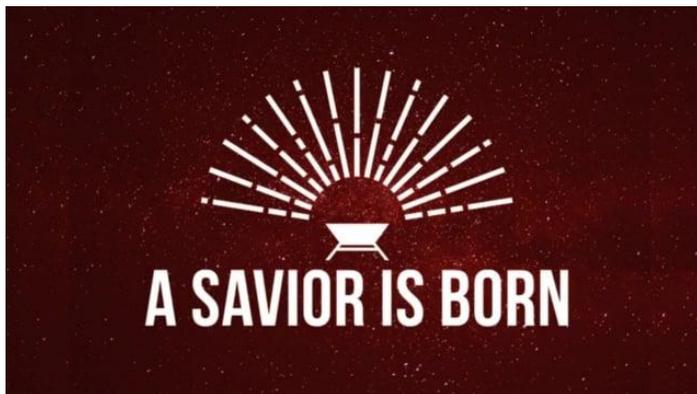
December

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 9:30 Put up Christmas Tree/Decorate Church
2 9:00 Choir Practice 10:00 Worship & Communion 10:15 Sunday School	3 5:00 p.m. Community Dinner	4 7:30 p.m. AA	5	6 PW packing care packages and potluck	7	8
9 9:00 Choir Practice 10:00 Worship Christmas Joy Offering Begins 10:15 Sunday School	10 10:30 Session Meeting	11 7:30 p.m. AA	12	13	14	15
16 9:00 Choir Practice 10:00 Worship & Communion 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Christmas Potluck	17	18 7:30 p.m. AA	19	20	21	22
23 NO Choir Practice 10:00 Worship Final Christmas Joy Offering NO Sunday School	24 6:00 Christmas Eve Worship	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26 Newsletter Deadline	27	28	29
30 NO Choir Practice 10:00 Worship NO Sunday School	31					

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Financial Secretary:	Donna Allenstein
Treasurer:	Ron Wiesman
Endowments:	Barb Raschke
Director of Music:	Joyce Josie
Custodian:	Dan Bodway

**Church Office Hours
Monday & Wednesday
8:00 – 2:00**

**Pastor Dan's Hours
Mon thru Thurs 9:30 – noon**

Session Officers

Gene Long – Music/Worship
Melody Hurst – Fellowship/Nurture, Clerk of Session
Lucie Erickson – Mission/Evangelism
Steve Allie - Building/Grounds
Frank Zabojsky - Personnel
Mary Schultz – Nominating, Finance
Nancy Brown - Education