

## Reminder:

**Bring your singing voice and a plate of cookies Sunday. We will go caroling after worship and share the cookies with our homebound members.**

**TODAY – OUR ADVENT PAINTING** is by Sylvia Bowers.

**TODAY – CREATIVE WORSHIP DURING ADVENT** is sponsored by Mike and Alice Siddall, Jeff and Wendy Luedke, and Scott and Celia Conlon (in memory of Paul Vergamini).

**TODAY – THE SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH** are collecting for the Clintonville-Beechwold Community Resources Center. Youth are invited to bring their offering forward to the altar and place it in the glass jar.

**TODAY – CHRISTMAS CAROLING.** Carolers will meet at 11:00am downstairs by the Play & Learn kitchen to carpool to the caroling stops. Pizza will be available upon return to the church. All ages welcome to participate.

**TODAY – ADVENT TREE OF NEEDS:** Choose an ornament for either Play and Learn, Faith Mission (men/women), or Food Pantry Children. Then fulfill the wish written on the ornament by following the instructions posted next to the tree. There are very specific instructions for the Food Pantry children. All gifts must be returned by next Sunday, Dec. 16. There aren't many items still on the Tree of Needs. We hope that it is all empty of "Needs" after today and full of decorative balls with the boxes upstairs full and overflowing by the deadline next Sunday, Dec. 16. Thanks to all who took one or more set of "Needs."

**TODAY – ADVENT DEVOTION BOOKS** are available on the table in the narthex. There is a variety to choose from.

**TODAY – VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY Schermer Pecans:** The dark chocolate covered pecan 12 oz bags are already here and are \$11/bag. Good for holiday hostess gifts or personal munching. The Mammoth Fancy Pecan Halves, 1# bags are coming soon. Those also will be \$11/bag. See Paula Sauer.

### **DEC. 14 – FAITH MISSION SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:**

- **SERVING DINNER:** Please consider signing up to serve dinner at Faith Mission Community Kitchen on Friday, Dec. 14, from 5-8:00pm. Sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center.
- **MAKING DESSERTS:** You may also sign up to bring desserts (cookies, brownies, etc) for servers to take with them that evening. Please place them in the upstairs kitchen by noon on Fri., Dec. 14, and marked for Faith Mission.
- **YOU CHOOSE:** If the above date does not work for you, but you or a group are interested in volunteering some other time, please contact Rick Langner ([fwlangner@yahoo.com](mailto:fwangner@yahoo.com)).

**TODAY – MAGPIE CONSORT CHRISTMAS CONCERT** is today. Church member Barbara Ford sings with this ensemble and extends an invitation to everyone. Details are in Atrium Way and at the Welcome Center. We will be singing lovely Renaissance music, familiar carols and some modern arrangements.

**DEC. 12 – BROWN BAG BIBLE BUNCH.** The class will meet this Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 12:00pm with the study of Acts chapters 27-28. Bring your lunch and favorite Bible. All are welcome.

**DEC 13 & 20 – ADVENT CONCERT SERIES:** You are invited to “Advent on High”, a series of lunchtime concerts during Advent. Each 30-minute concert will feature a variety of vocal and instrumental music for the season. We hope you can join us for one or all of them and that these concerts will be a perfect way to warm your lunchtime this Advent. All concerts are on Thursdays at noon.

- December 13 – All Saints Lutheran Church – Tom Gerke, organist
- December 20 – St. John’s Episcopal Church – Sara Seidel, Coordinator of Music

**DEC. 9-23 – GALLERY PLAYERS' FUNNY GIRL:** Church member Chris Bullwinkle invites us to join in the fun as we follow the life of famed comedienne and entertainer, [Fanny Brice](#) (Paula Shtein), through her rise to fame as a Ziegfeld girl and her personal life, particularly her relationship with Nick Arnstein (Chris Bullwinkle). Tickets are \$30 for Non-Members/\$25 for Members/\$22 for Students & Seniors and can be purchased through the Columbus Jewish Community Center or online at [www.columbusjcc.org/cultural-arts/gallery-players/](http://www.columbusjcc.org/cultural-arts/gallery-players/). The website also gives the specific days and times of the performances.

**DEC. 15 – NEXT QUILTING WORKDAY, 9AM-12NOON.** We will have some quilts to knot so take a few hours out of a busy season to knot quilts and enjoy quiet conversation. For information, see Terri Siebert, quilting coordinator, [tsiebert@columbus.rr.com](mailto:tsiebert@columbus.rr.com), 614-890-6820.

**DEC. 16 – CHRISTMAS EVENT:** Meet in the Great Hall after worship to get into costume or to help decorate. We'll read and enact the Christmas story, as well as hang the greens (no tree this year) for Christmas. All ages are invited to participate.

**DEC. 16 – R.S.V.P. DEADLINE FOR CHRISTMAS DAY OPEN HOUSE** which is being hosted by Jeff and Wendy Luedke from 3-6:30pm. If you are going to be alone on Christmas Day, or are finished with family gatherings, please join us at 6589 Tantallon Square, Dublin 43016 on Christmas Day. No need to bring anything but yourselves. We will have plenty of food and drink and are looking forward to your company. **One important point—you need to R.S.V.P by Dec. 16, by calling the church office at 614-885-4319 or email: [glcoffice@gethsemane.org](mailto:glcoffice@gethsemane.org).**

**DEC. 20 – “ONE VOICE” CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** St. Peter Catholic Church will host a gathering of 20 area Christian churches of various denominations as an opportunity for us to meet and share fellowship and caroling. A manger will be set up on the front lawn of St. Peter (6899 Smoky Row Rd). Come and join their congregation choir at 7:00pm on Thursday, Dec. 20 for a sing-a-long of great Christmas songs, hot chocolate, storytelling and prayer as we worship in “One Voice” the birth of our Savior.

**DEC. 24 & 25 – WORSHIP SERVER VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.** Instead of assigning jobs to our members we are asking those who will be in town for the Christmas holidays to volunteer. Still needed are a sound monitor and ushers for Christmas Eve. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center in the narthex. Sign up so it will save us the time needed to recruit.

**JAN. – CPR/AED CLASS:** In an effort to schedule a class for CPR/AED certification, Pam Seidelmann (Health Ministry Chair) needs an appreciation for the numbers of those interested and their availability. At present a Saturday date in January is being considered. Please e-mail [pseidelmann@insight.rr.com](mailto:pseidelmann@insight.rr.com) or call (740) 548-5387 to advise of your interest and if there’s a preferred Saturday.

**NEW 2019 FLOWER AND BULLETIN CHARTS HAVE BEEN POSTED** across from the church office. If you would like to remember a loved one or a special occasion with the gift of flowers or sponsor the bulletins, please sign up. Cost of the flowers—\$40.00; bulletins—\$20.00. – **OR – SPONSOR CREATIVE WORSHIP IN 2019:** You can commemorate a special date by sponsoring our Creative Worship efforts during the season of Lent or Advent/Christmas. We don’t have flowers at that time, but the Creative Worship Team will create a great visual environment to enhance the theme of the season. You can sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office. Cost \$40.00.

**FOOD PANTRY MEALS SIGN UP!** – The food pantry needs people to make dinners to serve about 50 people. People will eat just about anything you put together. Dinner is served at 6:30pm on Wednesdays. A sign-up sheet and more details are at the Welcome Center in the narthex.

**NEEDED ITEMS AT THE FOOD PANTRY:**

Tuna—Cereal—Peanut butter—Toilet paper—Snack foods  
Toiletries: Soap—Toothpaste—Deodorant—Shampoo—etc.

**Activities December 9--15**

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**TODAY**

8:30 am Health Ministry Team  
9:30 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Christmas Caroling  
4:00 pm Ibada Ya Kiswahili

**MONDAY**

8:00 am Reflections  
7:00 pm Congregation Council  
7:30 pm AA & Al Anon

**TUESDAY**

9:30 am P&L Chapel  
10:30 am Staff Meeting  
6:00 pm Handbell Choir (*note date change*)  
6:45 pm Swahili Choir

**WEDNESDAY**

9:30-12pm P&L Rehearsal  
12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Bunch  
6:30 pm Food Pantry

**THURSDAY**

11-12:00 pm P&L Rehearsal  
6:30 pm P&L Christmas Program  
7:30 pm Vocal Choir (*note change in time*)

**FRIDAY**

5-8:00 pm Serve Dinner at Faith Mission

**SATURDAY**

9:00 am Quilting  
10:00 am Swahili Ministry Team

## **We Remember in Prayer**

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**New concerns:** Paula Sauer

**Prayers for the health and safety** of Joe & Bonnie Reilly, Mark Keller and the other 15 Thrivent Builds team members as they travel in Nepal.

**Members with ongoing concerns:** Janice Dunham ... Elaine Haines ... Sue Jones ... David Kibble ... David Lagerberg... Dick Reuning ... Eric Walton.

**Friends and family with concerns:** Barbara Christel (cousin of Doug Sand) ... Cheryl Fergus (sister-in-law of Carolyn Fergus) ... Paul Leussing (son of Joanne Leussing) ... Janice Lord (cousin of Patti Nelson) ... Sahra Suber (caregiver of Beryl Cumberland) ... David Walton (brother of Eric Walton) ... Claudia Williams (cousin of Jan Davis).

**Homebound:** Donna Baer (Laurels on Karl) ... Marie Cooper ... Beryl Cumberland ... Alice Gerken (Mayfair Village) ... Sue Jones (Mayfair Village) ... Phyllis Nelson ... Becky Oldaker (Bennington Glen) ... Joanne Vollrath (Worthington Christian Village) ... Phyllis Wei ... Reva Woodruff (Columbus Colony).



**Monday, December 24, 7:30pm—Christmas Eve Worship** (*pre-service music starts at 7:00*)

**Tuesday, December 25, 10:00 am—Christmas Day Worship**