

LOVE GOD - SERVE OTHERS

FPCSR NEWS

JOIN IN

December 8, 2019

Advent and Christmas are celebrated through traditions like yesterday's gathering of Presbyterian Women for their annual Christmas luncheon and today's music presentation of **LESSONS AND CAROLS**. In the tradition of the Singing Christmas Tree, this event at 4:30 and 7:00 PM will feature music by the Chancel Choir, Handbells, and instrumentalists along with narration of the Christmas story and congregational singing of carols. Other Advent and Christmas traditions we observe through giving and serving are:

ANGEL TREE. Underserved students at Kids' Street Charter School are the recipients of our annual gift-giving for Christmas. Tags of wished-for items are taken from the Tree in Ingram Hall the first two Sundays of Advent, December 1 & 8 and returned gift-wrapped to the Tree by December 15.

Our **CHRISTMAS MISSION OFFERING** is designated for two purposes related to the mission work of partners Chumley and Connie Eckerle. \$1,500 will sponsor Chumley Eckerle to travel to Thailand in February for the dedication of the New Grace International School, for which he had much to do with building over the last eight years. Additional dollars will be directed to the Student Benevolent Fund at Dallas International University, where the Eckerles serve in roles that support the training of Wycliffe Bible Translators. This fund assists emergency needs of the students (often international students) enrolled at the school. Designated envelopes will be in the pew racks December 8 & December 15.

KIDS' STREET ICE SKATING EVENT. Our church hosts this favorite outing of Kids' Street Charter School students prior to their Christmas break on Thursday, December 19. We need 12-15 volunteers from 9:45 to 11:45 AM to help provide hospitality putting on skates, serving refreshments and cheering on the children, family members, and school staff. Contact Dave Berg at cdberg@att.net or (707) 322.2749.

JUVENILE HALL CHRISTMAS CAROLING. Join with volunteers on Sunday, December 22 from 8:30 to 10:00 PM as we sing carols to the residents of Juvenile Hall. Participation is limited and security clearance required, so contact Charlie Batzel at (707) 326.1882 or cbatzel147@comcast.net by Friday, December 13.

NOMADIC SHELTER. Sign-up at the Connect Center, December 8 & 15, to serve homeless guests who join us in Ingram Hall for dinner and overnight stay on Tuesday, January 7.

Alongside you for Christ, *Dale*

TODAY @ THE CONNECT CENTER

Sign up for:

- ◆ Photo session with Lifetouch (12/9 & 12/10)
- ◆ Rhythm of Life workshop (1/11/20)
- ◆ Winter Adult Ed Class (starts 1/12 at 10:30)

Pick up:

- ◆ Advent & Christmas schedule
- ◆ Advent Devotional Calendars - (Youth and/or Adult)
- ◆ Your Lifetouch Picture
- ◆ Poinsettia order form

Click QR code to read:

- ◆ Newsletter & 10:30AM Worship Bulletin

WE CARE

Prayer Needs

~ *for health concerns:* Theresa James, Jacque Peacock, Carolyn Prud'homme, and Lorraine Watson.

~ *for those serving in the military:* Benjamin & Jerra Brown, Josh Berto, Tom Cuneo, Blake Deal, Destinie Gacusana, Ian Gilliom, Edward Guerrant, Michelle Hauprich, John Hays, Rob Hills, Angel Hobbs, Matthew Kirby, Roger Klein, Josh Landreth, Rich Lawson, Treven Lipsey, Zackary Lipsey, Ryan MacLeod, Cooper Maloney, Luke McDonald, Vickie McDonald, Connor Aydan Momsen, Kevin Niles, and Travis Tre've.

Divorce Care

Beginning February 2020

Sign up for Divorce Care sessions starting in February. The group meets weekly to help you move toward rebuilding your life after separation and divorce. Contact Colleen Soldate for more information: (707) 890.8012.

WE GROW

Advent Adult Ed. Class

Dec. 1, 8 & 15 at 10:30 AM, Rm 113
Join Allie Shoulders and Jack & Nancy Swearengen for a brief series leveraging technology and class discussion to gain a deeper understanding of the birth and childhood of Jesus.

WE SERVE

Serve and Join In

We have a variety of ways you can serve the church body:

- ◆ Be a greeter on Sundays! Stop by the Connect Center to learn more.
- ◆ Help answer the phone and assist staff with administrative tasks. Contact Diane Cretin at (707) 890.8015.
- ◆ Like books? Help in our library! Contact Jean Duffy at scotnews@sonic.net.
- ◆ Like music? Join our chancel choir or chancel handbells. Contact Margi Vonk at (707) 292.7043.

WE CELEBRATE

Music Festival of Lessons and Carols

Today, Dec. 8 at 4:30 and/or 7:00 PM presented by the First Presbyterian Choir and Handbells.

Advent & Christmas Worship

Schedule

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve worship services at 5:00, 7:00 and 9:00 PM

Dec. 29 - Sunday after Christmas 9:00 and 10:30 AM worship services only.

Lifetouch Photo Sessions

Dec. 9 & 10

Last chance to sign up for your church directory photo session! Sign up at the Connect Center.