

## Lectionary for December

**December 2:** Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36

**December 9:** Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6

**December 16:** Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18

**December 23:** Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:46-55 or Psalm 80: 1-7, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

**December 30:** 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Psalm 148, Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-52

### Please keep these folks in your prayers:

Winnie Bingham

Cindy Humphreys

Mary Turner

Ed Dewyse

Tisa Quigley

Pam Seavolt

Sam Egbert

Stephanie Bennett

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## Second Presbyterian Church Newsletter December 2018



*Seeking and Serving Christ we are a Place for Growing Christians*

Join us on **Christmas Eve** for  
Services of Lessons and Carols  
5:00pm & 7:30pm.

The 5:00pm service is more family-oriented.  
Nursery care is available for all services through age 3.

### Estimate of Giving

If you have not already done so, please turn in your lavender **2019 Estimate of Giving** slip by either mailing it to the church, by dropping it in the donation plate or by bringing it into the church office. We are working on our budget for 2019 and many programs of the church depend upon your Estimate of Giving.

### Men's Fellowship Breakfast



All men of the church are invited to join in on Saturday, December 1, for breakfast, study and fellowship. We meet at 8:00 a.m. at the church, as we continue our study of the Acts of the Apostles. This month's study continues with Acts 13. Come and join us for breakfast, study and fellowship!

### Odd Tuesday Bible Study

Due to the Christmas Holiday, Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, will be the **ONLY** Odd Tuesday Bible Study for the month of December. Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> will be the next study group meeting.

## Busy Hands and Hearts



This is our busiest time of year. The colder the weather, the greater the need. This month we are working on hats of all sizes, mittens, lap robes, baby sweaters, and blankets. You do not need to knit, crochet or sew. If you can coordinate colors, or can pick up and deliver materials, we need you. We are also in need of items to make our next project, a **twiddle muff**. Come and join us on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1-3 pm and learn what a **twiddle muff** is and how to make them. Please contact Ruth Anderson at 792-0372 for information.

## \*Christmas Drama – December 9\*

We hope you will join us as “Shobi Shares a Miracle”. The Christmas story is told in a unique way through the children who come to see the infant Jesus. The Christ Child’s manger has been made ready by Shobi, the orphan stable boy who works for the innkeeper. In witnessing the miracle of the Holy Child, the children and the innkeeper are transformed by the humble selflessness that they experience in the presence of the Son of God. Please join us after the drama in Fellowship Hall for a reception to recognize the cast and crew.

## Saginaw Area Concert Band



The Saginaw Area Concert Band will give a Christmas concert here on Monday, December 10, at 7:00pm. Come and enjoy this great music and these local performers. Be sure to stay after the concert for a reception in the gathering area.

## Florence Gilmour Circle

Florence Gilmour Circle will meet on Wednesday, December 12, at 10:30 a.m. to put together Thinking of You plates for those who can’t get to church. After we are done we will have lunch at the Horizon Center.

## Baked Goods Needed



We are in need of cookies, muffins, or any other individually sized baked goods for the following events:

**December 9-** The Drama reception

**December 10-** The Saginaw Area Concert Band reception

**December 12-** Thinking of You plates for those members unable to get to church.

## Poinsettias



If you would like to order a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone special, please sign up and pay in the office. The deadline to order is December 9. These beautiful poinsettias are \$10.00 each and have multiple large blossoms and a bow attached. They will decorate the church for worship beginning on Sunday, December 16, and will stay until after both Christmas Eve services. Take your poinsettias home after the Christmas Eve services.

## Christmas Joy Offering

The Christmas Joy Offering supports the work of Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and also provides supplemental income and medical insurance for former ministers, missionaries, church workers, and their families. Christmas Joy Offering will be received on December 16.



## The Compassionate Care Group



**Funeral Meals** We feel it’s time to update the list for those who are willing to donate food for funeral dinners. You will only be asked to bring (1) item at any time, and you may not be called every time. This is a very much appreciated service, but we could not offer it without all your help. Please contact Susie Williams, Genie Herter, Pam Moran or Sue Shepherd if you have any questions or want to sign up.

## Scrip for Christmas!



Finish your Christmas shopping early with gift cards. We are going to place Scrip orders the first three Sundays of this month: December 2, 9 & 16. Your order is typically in the office on the Wednesday after the order date. Place an order for almost any retailer in the area or we have any of these cards available right now in the office:

**Applebee's \$25**

**Goodrich Theaters \$10**

**Meijer \$25/\$50/\$100**

**Taco Bell \$10**

**Olive Garden \$25**

**Barnes & Noble \$5,\$10,\$25**

**Logan's \$25**

**Speedway \$25/\$50**

**Wendy's \$10**

**Red Lobster \$25**

## Youth Events

**Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** – we will be making popcorn after worship and then meet for PYG until noon. We hope to see your face!

**Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** – Bowling!! More details to come! Watch your email and bulletins

**Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** – PYG Christmas Party!! See newsletter for details

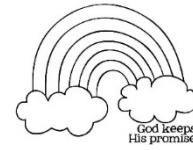
**Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>** – No PYG – Enjoy the time with your friends and family!

## Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8pm. Dinner will be provided. Let's get together and celebrate the True Reason for the Season!! Bring a warm jacket and hats/gloves and boots!! We will have a \$5 White Elephant Gift Exchange – if you want to participate, please bring a \$5 gift to exchange. Let DJ or Sam or Tammi know if there are any questions.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second Adult Education

We are continuing our study of world religions this month and will finish up studying Buddhism in January. There will only be one class in December. It will be on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:45am in the library.



## Sunday School Workshop Leaders

We are still in need of volunteers for leading our Sunday school workshops for pre-school thru 7th grade children! There are some very exciting workshops coming up in the New Year! Please consider a small time with our children of Second Presbyterian Church.

## ATTN: 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders

Don't feel left out, we have a Sunday School class just for you! The class meets every Sunday, except communion Sunday, in the youth room after "Time with the Children" during worship. Come and check it out!

## MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

**"Go also the second mile" Matthew 5:41**

## Angel Tree



Please return all Angel Tree gifts by December 9<sup>th</sup> so we can get the gifts delivered to the children in time for Christmas morning.

## Thank You !



Every year, our congregation generously collects items, fills stockings and then delivers them to the Yellow Ribbon Guard to be sent to those troops serving overseas during the Christmas season. Thanks to your generosity, we delivered 75 stockings.



# Second Presbyterian Church

## December 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Men's Breakfast 8am
<b>2</b> Communion  9:30 Worship & Nursery 2 <sup>nd</sup> @ Second 10:45	<b>3</b> Busy Hands and Hearts 1-3pm	<b>4</b> Exercise 2pm Odd Tuesday Bible Study 7pm	<b>5</b> Bell Choir 6pm Chancel Choir 7pm	<b>6</b> Prayer Group 8:30am	<b>7</b> Exercise 11am	<b>8</b> Dress Rehearsal 10am
<b>9</b> Drama 9:30am 	<b>10</b> Saginaw Area Concert Band 7pm	<b>11</b> Exercise 2pm Session 7pm	<b>12</b> Florence Gilmore Circle 10am Bell Choir 6pm Chancel Choir 7pm	<b>13</b> Prayer Group 8:30am	<b>14</b> Exercise 11am	<b>15</b> 
<b>16</b> Christmas Joy  Offering 9:30 Worship & Nursery	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Bell Choir 6pm Chancel Choir 7pm	<b>20</b> Prayer Group 8:30am	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:30 Worship & Nursery 	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve Service 5:00 & 7:30 pm	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Prayer Group 8:30am	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:30 Worship & Nursery	<b>31</b> Office Closed					