



PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF: December 16—23, 2018

HYMNS FOR TODAY: 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

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WEEK OF December 16, 2018

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion
 9:00a Youth Bells
 9:30a Voter's Meeting
 9:30a Sunday School
 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion
 With Children's Program
 4:30p Choir Christmas Party @ Hundens

Monday

9:00a Preschool
 11:45a Preschool Christmas Program
 6:00p Jazzercise

Tuesday

9:00a Preschool
 9:30a Large Print
 11:45a Preschool Christmas Program
 12:00p Super Seniors Luncheon
 6:00p Jazzercise
 7:00p Board of Directors

Wednesday

9:00a Preschool
 12:15p CCPL Mobile Library
 1:15p Preschool Board Meeting
 6:00p Advent Dinner
 7:00p Advent Worship w/Holy Communion

Thursday

9:00p Preschool
 9:30a Large Print
 6:00p Jazzercise
 6:00p Handbell Rehearsal
 7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Friday

5:00p Youth Christmas Eve Rehearsal

Saturday

8:00a Jazzercise
 12:00p United Church of God

Sunday

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion
 9:00a Youth Bells
 9:30a Christmas Sack Assembly
 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion
 12:30p Youth Christmas Eve Rehearsal

VOTER'S MEETING TODAY at 9:30 a.m.

Important agenda items: 1) approval of a 2019 Budget for the congregation; 2) election of new leaders. Show your support for our leaders and staff, and your support for our mission and ministry as a congregation, by attending!

WHAT'S UP IN WORSHIP

Today we have a special event happening in worship at 10:45 a.m. Our children have been preparing their Christmas program and will share it with us during sermon time. Yes, the children's program has usually been at Christmas Eve worship, but by moving the program earlier, more of our children can participate as many families are traveling during the Christmas holiday.

With their musical sermon, our children will tell the story of Christmas long ago as they act out a Christmas Pageant rehearsal. The program is lively, funny, and of course meaningful as we learn along with them the true meaning of Christmas. **BENEATH A SHINING STAR** has been adapted and directed by Gail Powell. Gloria Worth and Annalea Cable have been her trusty side-kicks, but the star of the show is our children in Kindergarten through grade 5. We send you all best wishes for a blessed and holy Christmas Season as we all enjoy living under God's Everlasting Shining Star.

Next Sunday is the last Sunday in Advent, and Mary's Magnificat (Luke 1: 46b-55) is a centerpiece of our worship. We have guest musicians in worship as well; organ student Denny Licht will play the prelude and opening hymn, and along with Darrell Pike sing a rendition of Mary, Did You Know. (Sarah Williams)

ADULT BIBLE CLASS—There is no class today due to the Voters' Meeting.

ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES & DINNERS—Plan to attend the Advent worship service during the season of Advent at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary as we prepare for the birth of our Lord. The service will be preceded by a dinner at 6:00 p.m. in fellowship hall:

December 19—Board of Elders

Join your Pilgrim Family and please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

SUPER SENIORS—At noon on Tuesday, Dec. 18, join us for a Christmas Luncheon in Fellow-

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Wednesday, December 5, 2018—49

Sunday, December 9, 2018—183

Wednesday, December 12, 2018—42

ship Hall. Wear your festive Christmas garb! We're still deciding on lunch, but we will be learning about the history of some of our favorite Christmas hymns, singing some of our favorites, and watching the movie "White Christmas." Sign up sheets for both events are in the narthex. Remember, you don't have to be a "senior" to join us in our fun!

STEWARDSHIP—On behalf of the Stewardship Committee we are overjoyed by the pledge responses we received so far. We started this campaign with a goal to reach \$300,000 in pledge commitments and we are almost there! To date, we received 66 pledge cards which will generate approximately \$292,000 in 2019. Pledging is so important because it helps Pilgrim plan our resources so we can support our many ministries locally and beyond. For all those who submitted a pledge we thank you and those who have not yet done so we hope you prayerfully consider submitting one. If you plan to submit a pledge for 2019, please return your completed pledge card to the church office or place in Kyle Fedorcha's mailbox in the narthex. Blessings, Stewardship Committee

NEW MEMBER CLASS COMING SOON. If you are interested in joining our Pilgrim family, please contact the church office at 317-846-2221 or by email to DebbieCollins@pilgrimindy.org.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RELIEF—You can help our brothers and sisters in California who have been affected by the wildfires that have killed more than 40 people, left more than 200 missing, and forced hundreds of thousands to flee their homes under evacuation orders. Lutheran Disaster Response is on the ground and working to address immediate needs of those affected, while planning for long-term needs for the survivors. You can read more about their work on the [ELCA website](#). To help, make a donation to Lutheran Disaster Relief by writing a check to Pilgrim and designating "fires" in the memo line.

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2019 is ready, but we have a few changes this year. When you sign up on the chart, also please take an envelope for payment and return your cash or check to Debbie, or place in the church office mailbox. *Payment is due when you sign up.* The cost remains the same at \$40.50 per vase. If a Sunday does not have anyone signed up to provide the flowers, the flowers will be cancelled for that Sunday as a cost savings to the church.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES will be available for pick up next Sunday in the Narthex. If you do not see a box with your name on it, please contact the church office at 317-846-2221.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the **WELCA Cookie Sale** last Sunday! From bakers to callers to publicity to help setting up tables and manning the event, and to purchasers, the ladies of Pilgrim thank you. The assortment of goodies was outstanding. It looks like the Sunday sale was a big success. Pilgrim WELCA will continue serving others through service projects in the coming year. And who made the maple frosted cookies? They were delicious and people want the recipe! Let Debbie know in the office and she can share it with all of us. (Judy Hunden)

THANK YOU to Tammy and Kevin Donley for the beautiful blue Advent drape that adorns our cross and enhances our worship space.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO STAYED TO HELP WITH THE HANGING OF THE GREENS. It truly showed that many hands make little work. You all did a fabulous job—the church looks absolutely beautiful.

The two matching trees that are on either side of the narthex are called our family trees. Over the years Pilgrim families have brought in an ornament to hang on one of the two trees. Please, if you have not brought one in, we would encourage you to do so. Please put your name/names on your ornament along with the year. If you've already put one on, please feel free to add another. Take some time to look at the ornaments that have already been hung on the tree. ~ Merry Christmas from Congregational Life

DUE TO HOLIDAY SCHEDULE—we are asking for all bulletin/eblast/slide submissions for Sundays, December 23rd and 30th to be turned into the office by noon on Tuesday, December 18th. Thank you!

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Today at 10:45 am

Children's Program during worship service

December 24

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship

9:00 p.m. Music for the Holy Night

9:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship

December 26—NO Evening Prayer

December 30 at 9:30 a.m. (one worship service)

Service of Lessons and Carols

January 2—NO Evening Prayer

January 6—Worship Services at 8:00 am & 10:45 am

OFFICE CLOSINGS FOR HOLIDAYS

Monday, December 25, 2018

Tuesday, December 26, 2018

Monday, December 31, 2018

Tuesday, January 1, 2018