

# Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren

## Mini-Messenger



### BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM

YOU ARE INVITED to a special Advent gathering that will meet on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall in starting **December 2nd!** We'll begin with a free breakfast provided at 9:15am, then transition into an interactive and creative lesson. Children, youth, and adults of all ages are invited to come together for an intergenerational learning time. The activities will be accessible to everyone. Come engage with the Christmas story in new and exciting ways as we prepare to welcome the Christ child into our lives this Christmas. If you would like to bring food for breakfast please contact Pastor Tim or Pastor Katie.

November 27, 2018

#### Sunday

9:00am Morning

Fellowship

9:15am Sunday School

10:40am Worship

#### Secretary Office Hours

9—Noon

Mon—Fri.

#### Pastors' Office Hours

**Monday:** both off

**Tuesday:** both work a full day

**Wednesday:** both work a full day

**Thursday:** the one preaching has a day off

**Friday:** the one not preaching has a day off

**Saturday:** a few hours, available

**Sunday:** working

### Holiday Basket Giving

We will be doing our holiday basket giving a little differently than we have in the past. In order to better serve our community, we are partnering with Greenmont Food Pantry to collect items that they will use to fill their baskets. Over the next 4 weeks— you will be asked to provide items from the following list:

Cereal	Coffee	Spaghetti
Cake Mix & Icing	Cornbread Mix	Spaghetti Sauce
Canned corn	Diced Tomatoes	Stuffing
Canned Fruit	Jell-O Boxes	Tuna
Canned Green Beans	Mac & Cheese	Laundry Detergent
Canned Peas	Peanut Butter	Dryer Sheets
Canned Soup	Pudding Boxes	Toilet Paper
Chef Boyardee	Ramen Noodles	Dish Soap

#### Tuesdays

1:30pm Bible Study



### Christmas Eve Service, Monday December 24th, 6:30pm

A special moment in the life of our church family is our annual Christmas Eve Service. All are invited to come and celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to this meaningful time of worship!

#### Thursdays

6pm

Choir Practice

## From Pastor Katie

### Finding Ways to Wait

The seasons of Advent and Christmas are two of my favorite on the Christian calendar. I am a person who thrives on routine and the rhythms of day to life. Perhaps, that's why I love Advent-- it is a season that invites us into rhythms of waiting. Advent is a season of journeying to Bethlehem. We are waiting and longing for the coming of God made flesh. There are different traditions and ways of marking time for this season. Each Sunday of Advent, we will light either a purple or pink candle marking our movement toward the Christ candle. Some families do this in their home around the dinner table, too. I grew up with cardboard Advent calendars with a piece of chocolate behind each numbered door. Others put up Nativity Scenes and include all of the characters except for Jesus, who is placed into the manger on Christmas day. There are many ways to wait.

In the last few years, different groups have hosted Advent Picture practices on social media like Instagram or Facebook. Each day of Advent people are invited to reflect on a different word and scripture. Words like "Sky" or "Hope" invite us to look around at the ordinary, the chaos, the everyday joy, and the simply sacred in our lives. Through this practice, we're invited to take pictures and share them online, but the words and the scripture readings can just be an invitation to look around and reflect. We're invited to reflect upon our ordinary lives into which Christ descended.

I will be using this as a practice for Advent to help me mark time--will you join me? I will be sharing images and reflections on Facebook and Instagram under the **#PoPAdvent**. You can do the same if you feel led. If you don't like social media or aren't interested in sharing pictures, I invite you to use the words and scriptures as a jumping off point to personal reflection.

May you take the next few weeks to find meaningful ways to prepare for Christ's coming. As we make Christmas plans with family and friends, purchase gifts for others, and do our Christmas baking, may we enter into the practices of waiting alongside them. May we look around this December and find the sacred in our everyday. May we find the Holy in our everyday as we await the Holy One.

### Advent Picture Practice

Dec. 2   <b>Sky</b>   Luke 21:25-28	Dec. 14   <b>Cheer</b>   2 Corinthians 9:7-9
Dec. 3   <b>Promise</b>   Jeremiah 33:14-16	Dec. 15   <b>Generous</b>   2 Corinthians 9:10-15
Dec. 4   <b>Strength</b>   1 Thess. 3:9-13	Dec. 16   <b>Water</b>   Luke 3:7-18
Dec. 5   <b>Pray</b>   Philippians 1:3-5	Dec. 17   <b>Peace</b>   Philippians 4:4-7
Dec. 6   <b>Compassion</b>   Philippians 1: 6-8	Dec. 18   <b>Holy</b>   Hebrews 10:10-14
Dec. 7   <b>Praise</b>   Philippians 1:9-11	Dec. 19   <b>Persevere</b>   Hebrews 10:32-36
Dec. 8   <b>Preach</b>   Philippians 1:12-17	Dec. 20   <b>Faith</b>   Hebrews 10:37-39
Dec. 9   <b>Path</b>   Luke 3:2-6	Dec. 21   <b>Forgiveness</b>   Hebrews 10:15-17
Dec. 10   <b>Alive</b>   Philippians 1:18-26	Dec. 22   <b>Remember</b>   Hebrews 13:7-8
Dec. 11   <b>Hope</b>   Romans 8:22-25	Dec. 23   <b>Child</b>   Luke 1:39-45
Dec. 12   <b>Inspire</b>   2 Corinthians 8:7-9	Dec. 24   <b>Shepherd</b>   Luke 2:1-7
Dec. 13   <b>Gift</b>   2 Corinthians 8:10-15	Dec. 25   <b>Light</b>   John 1:1-5, 14

*The words and scriptures were compiled by the RioTexas and Michigan Conferences of UMC from RioTexas.org/pictureadvent.*

## This & That



### How You Can Share in Worship

The Worship Commission invites everyone to share their time and talents to enhance the worship experience at Prince of Peace Church; especially young people and youth. We use a rotating list of names of people who have volunteered to help as a Worship Leader, Special Music, share the Children's Story and help in the Nursery. Other areas that might be of interest might include helping on the Sound Board, serving as an Usher or being an Acolyte and bringing the Light of Christ forward at the beginning of worship. Please contact Vicki Ferguson, Worship Chair at 937-885-6163 or [vicksterferguson@gmail.com](mailto:vicksterferguson@gmail.com) to be included in any of the worship volunteer positions.

#### November 4

General Fund \$1,746.00  
Budget Credit \$30.00  
Love Offering \$30.00  
Adopt-A-Child \$7.09

**Attendance 67**

#### November 11

General Fund \$3,084.58  
Heifer Intern. \$50.00  
Love Offering \$30.00  
Adopt-A-Child \$9.00

**Attendance 63**

#### November 14

Make or Bake \$ 2,811.00

#### November 18

General Fund \$2,695.00  
Budget Credit \$80.00  
Love Offering \$28.00  
VBS \$1,080.00  
Adopt-A-Child \$15.07  
Trustees Maint. \$50.00

**Attendance 65**

#### November 25

General Fund \$1,245.00  
Church Rental \$520.00  
Love Offering \$25.00  
Make or Bake \$265.00  
Adopt-A-Child \$14.10

**Attendance 74**



Do you enjoy lifting your voice to the Lord? We would love to have you join the choir as we lift our voices together. We have choir practice every Thursday at 6pm and we sing during worship every other week. Hope to see you in the choir.

### For our friends 70 1/2 years old or older...

This is for you if you own an IRA from which you are required to take minimum distributions each year.

In the past, many givers were able to obtain a tax advantage by itemizing their giving as tax deductions. Since the standard deduction amount has doubled this year under the new tax law, itemizing your giving may not save you money. However, if you direct your IRA custodian to send funds directly to the church/charity, such amounts will not show up as taxable income to you. The name for this is a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).

Your tax or financial adviser will have more information on whether a QCD is appropriate for you. You can contact Brent Gindelberger with general questions, but I am not qualified to give individual tax advice.



### Order your poinsettias

This year again we will be decorating the sanctuary with poinsettias. They are available for purchase in honor or memory of a loved one and can be purchased through Christmas Eve. (They can be taken home after the Christmas Eve service, Monday December 24.) To order a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, just fill out the order form found in the bulletin, enclose it WITH PAYMENT of \$ 10 per plant, and place in the offering plate or call the church office at 294-0708.

## This & That, Thank You, Bible Readings

To My Church Family,

Thank you for help me celebrate my 99th birthday. The cake was so pretty and very good! The birthday wishes and singing of "Happy Birthday" were appreciated so much. It was all such a nice surprise and made for a wonderful day for me! Thank you so very much. Mary Ballard

I wanted to thank everyone who sent us cards and Facebook messages following my mother's death. She lived a very long life at 98 but it was still hard to say goodbye. Thanks for your thoughts and prayers, Tami Tyner

"Thanks to so many of my Prince of Peace Church family who supported me during my recent knee replacement surgery. I appreciated the visits from the deacons and Pastor Katie and grateful for all of the cards, emails, and prayers. I am doing well in my recovery and enjoy the phone calls and visits while I am recuperating at home." Love, Joyce Conner

Over the River and Through the Woods

Hueston Woods State Park Lodge, near Oxford, has been decorated by 70+ members and friends of The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs (OAGC). Vicki Ferguson and Nancy Denlinger are life members of OAGC and Vicki is on the decorating committee. This year marks the 6th annual Hueston Woods Winter Wonderland with decorations all over the lodge. 22 fully decorated trees, 30+ lit trees, a 14-foot ribbon tree, tons of garland and so much more will get you in the holiday spirit. There is interest to get together a group from Prince of Peace for a weekday trip to see the decorations and have lunch at the lodge on Thursday, December 6th. Please contact Vicki Ferguson (885-6163 or [vicksterferguson@gmail.com](mailto:vicksterferguson@gmail.com)) if you are interested.

### Reading through the Bible in a year: Daily readings for December



1	Malachi	15	Revelation 7-11
2	Acts 19-20	16	Acts 23-24
3	1 John 4-5	17	3 John
4	Deuteronomy 23-25	18	Deuteronomy 29-31
5	Nehemiah 5-9	19	Esther 1-5
6	Psalms 140-142	20	Psalms 146-148
7	Song of Solomon 1-2	21	Song of Solomon 5-6
8	Revelation 1-6	22	Revelation 12-17
9	Acts 21-22	23	Acts 25-26
10	2 John	24	Jude
11	Deuteronomy 26-28	25	Christmas Day – no reading
12	Nehemiah 10-13	26	Deuteronomy 32-34
13	Psalms 143-145	27	Esther 6-10
14	Song of Solomon 3-4	28	Psalms 149-150
		29	Song of Solomon 7-8
		30	Revelation 18-22
		31	Acts 27-28

**Prince of Peace Congregational Business Meeting****December 9, 2018****Following Worship and Fund Raising Lunch c: 12:45 PM**

- Devotion and Opening Prayer
- Minutes from May 20, 2018 Congregational Business Meeting
- Treasurer Report
- Deacon Report
- Vision Task Team Report
- Pastors Report
- Church Board and Commission Reports
  1. Church Board
    - A. Christian Education
    - B. Fellowship
    - C. Outreach
    - D. Stewardship
    - E. Trustee
    - F. Worship
- Business
  - Approval of Church positions
    - Approval for Slate of Church Board members
    - Approval of called Deacons
    - Approval for Annual Conference Delegate
    - Approval for District Conference Delegate
      - Church Board Chair, Deacon Chair, Pastor Tim, Freddy Worthington
    - Approval of Financial Secretary
    - Approval of Nominating position
    - Approval of Church Board Appointed Position
  - Approval of 2019 Church Budget
  - License Renewal for Joy Kemmerer
  - Open Forum for Congregation Sharing
  - Closing

## November 2108 Church Board Summary

Art opened the meeting by lightening the Christ Candle. Devotions was given by Pastor Tim.

The Vision Task Team gave their first report followed by discussion and agreement for them to continue their work with Pastor Tim and Pastor Katie.

October Minutes and Treasurer Report was accepted

Pastors report shared information concerning their visitation and daily life, worship, preaching, teaching focuses over the coming months and their involvement and plans for the Youth. The Pastors will be out of the office from Nov. 21-24 and will be taking their allotted vacation days from December 25-January 1.

The Commissions reports were heard and accepted.

### Christian Education

Christian Ed. – Youth will be providing the meal for the Congregation Business Meeting on Sunday Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>

A VBS Fund Raising meal will be on Sunday Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>

A VBS Garage Sale planned for April 6

### Fellowship Commission

Recognized Mary Ballard's 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday at the Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> carry-in lunch

Planned and prepared for the Holiday Dinner on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>

### Outreach Commission

Presented plans for the Holiday Basket with list of items to be collected

### Stewardship Commission

Shared information about the stewardship letters and sermons in Nov.

### Trustee Commission

Reported that the water bill was unusually high for the last quarter and they are checking with the Water Department about this concern as well as monitoring the church's water meter. The Trustee checked for leaks but none were found

### Worship Commission

Started to have Acolytes each Sunday. Volunteer of all ages are welcome.

Poinsettias orders forms will be available in the bulletin

Hanging of the Greens on Sunday Nov. 25 after church.

### There was no Old Business

### New Business

Approval of the 2019 Budget for Congregational Affirmation

Slated of individuals to fill church leadership positions was approval to be presented to the Congregational Business Meeting for affirmation.

The Agenda for the Congregational Business Meeting was approved.

Pastor Katie closed meeting with prayer

**Next Church Board Meeting is Wednesday December 5, 2018 at 7 pm**

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**Our Nigerian brothers & sisters, Church Leadership, Our country due to hatred & violence, Jo Asher, Mark Buckner, Morgan Claude, Christian, Joyce Connor, Constance Church of the Brethren, Asaya Elliot, Rene Gindelberger, Brian Majeski, Kori Moore, Robert & Janice Russell, Cathy Sarapata, Marcia Seifferth, Bodo Herbert Schaub, Caroline Schutz, Tina, Bobby Traylor, Luan Wine, Tim Worthington**

*Prayer Concerns*

**Continued prayers for** Big Al; Pauline Arthur; Mary Ballard; Russell Ballard; Barb; Mary Bayus; Melanie Beach; Dennis Boen; Bill & Nola Burge; Bill Caudill; Clara; Jenna Clemenz; Phyllis Conner; Jack Cummins; Dan; Dennis & Family; Ahmad Ducet; Mike Earl; Jess Evans; Gerald Foster; Angela Fox; Flonnie Gates; Mary Glassburn; Denny Green; Kelly; Kimberly Grossman; Greg Harrod; Lisa Hazen; Curtis Heitzman; Janet Jansen; Jeff; Dave Kinsenger; Jeanne Lamb; Lloyd; Jacob Mauch; Susan McKinney; Coleen Meyers; Crystal Meyer; Darryl Nicholas; Don O'Hair; Maude O'Hair; Noah Phillips; Alvina Pomroy; Beverly Roche; Diane Rowe; Mary Rowley; Debra Scott; Dianna & Bob Seeley; Luther Smith; Miranda Sowerbrower; Luther Smith; Jim Spradling; Mark V.; Wagner Family; Jim Weiland; Gud Weis; Sue Wine; Stephen Worl; The Zimmer Family