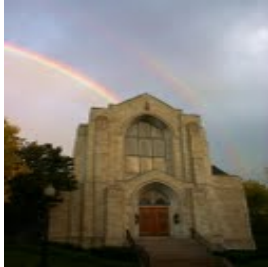




December 7, 2018



WORSHIP WITH US!

Second Sunday of Advent - December 9, 2018

CHILDREN'S SERVICE

8:00 a.m. ~ *Worship in the Parlors*
10:00 a.m. ~ *Worship in the Sanctuary*

Luke 1:68-79

8:00 a.m. Worship is cancelled
December 23 and 30.

**MISSED A SERMON YOU WOULD LIKE TO HEAR?
Visit our website and click on the sermon!**

[Click here to visit our website!](#)

CHURCH STAFF GIFTS

**Red envelopes have been placed in the pews for
church staff Christmas gifts to show how
much they are appreciated!**

The gifts will be shared by the staff (other than Pastor).

*If writing a check, note "staff Christmas gift" in memo, or
use cash and place in offering plate by*

**December 16....OR simply mail a check to the church
noting "staff Christmas gift" on it.**

~ Thank you very much ~



PRAYER REQUESTS

Your church family wants to pray for you! If we can share your name in this e-news, please contact Lori at

226-6587; or

firstpresbyterianmqt@gmail.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Hello Prayer

Warriors!

Please let us know if anyone should be added to the December list.

Thanks!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Prayers of thanksgiving for Robert Glenn's service to the church and wider community and of sympathy for his wife, Rosemary, and two daughters, Tama and Deri.

The newborn child of a colleague of Lainey Stevens with a serious medical condition requiring surgery.

Kayla West

Pat Revello for a full recovery

All affected by the California wildfires.

Veterans and their families

Homeless individuals as winter is



**YOUTH COOKIE SALE
and
DONNA BERRYMAN's 90th
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!!**

DECEMBER 9 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

**Join Donna & friends for cake and
celebration and buy scrumptious
Christmas cookies!**

You can pre-order cookies by filling out a form at the church, or just call the church office!
\$15.00 per box or 2 for \$25.00

ASSORTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Buckeyes
- Pizzelles-chocolate and almond flavor
- Candy Cane twist
- Iced Sugar
- Iced Gingerbread men
- Italian Wedding
- Amish Ginger
- Thumbprint
- Fruit Filled
- Cranberry orange
- Peanut butter blossoms
- Mrs. Fields Chocolate Chip
- Andes Crème de Menthe
- Chocolate Covered Pretzels
- Pretzels & M&M's



THE GIVING TREE is in the church library decorated with Christmas wish tags.

Donations will go to an in-need mother with children (white stars) and to in-need adults at Room-At-The-Inn (gold stars). Please take one or more tags, purchase & wrap the requested items, tape the tag to the gift, and return it to the Giving Tree by Thursday, December 13.

Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need!



**A CHRISTMAS TAPESTRY 2018:
Music of the Season
December 7 & 8 at 7:30 p.m.**

here

People with suicidal ideation

Those with mental health issues

Portage Lake United Church,
Houghton

For peace and love amongst everyone in our church during this holiday season!

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Caregivers who have family members with health problems, those who have medical concerns, those who are in recovery, those who are experiencing loss, and those who remain unnamed. **May God give them what they need to return to comfort and peace!**

If you would prefer private prayers, please contact either:

Pastor Nick at 226-6587;
pastornjc@gmail.com
or the church office.

The E-newsletter is sent weekly to help those who want to be connected stay connected.

Want to forward this email to friends or family? Scroll to the bottom of the page and use the forward link!

Messiah Lutheran Church

This will be the last Tapestry concert after an annual tradition of 25 years! Performances by The Marquette County Chamber Chorale, The Marquette Male Chorus, Dawn Betts, Richard Beyers & Anna Martin. For more information, call 249-9867.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS
that will adorn our sanctuary
will arrive December 21!

If you wish to donate \$20.00 for a poinsettia,
please fill out Sunday's bulletin insert, or call
Lori in the church office and she will be happy
to help!



THE CHRISTMAS PLAY is
Sunday, December 9!

Dress rehearsal is Saturday, Dec. 8 at 9:00am

CHURCH PLEDGE CARDS

If you have not returned your pledge card, please consider doing so. We have received \$158,826 so far towards our goal of \$235,000. Thank You.

FOR SALE:

- Sears Humidifier in good working order - \$5.00
- Pair of 2 Reddish Orange Overstuffed Chairs - \$50.00 each

If interested, see Jenny Cammarata or call the church office at 226-6587.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS for Adults & Children are available at the CE bulletin board. Please take one, or both, and share daily devotions with loved ones during this sacred season!



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16
following 10:00 am worship
PLEASE JOIN US FOR GREAT FOOD & FELLOWSHIP!

**If you would like to attend, please call the church office to sign up!
Please let us know if you would like to contribute to the food
or help with decorating, set-up or clean-up.**

*A free will offering will be collected to cover dinner expenses and any
balance will go toward the renovation of the downstairs kitchen.*



**SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION CLASS IS
CANCELLED ON DECEMBER 30.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS can be found on the church website at:
firstpresbyterianmarquette.com under the Sunday School tab!



**THE CALVIN COLLEGE JANUARY SERIES
BEGINS JANUARY 3!**

Free liberal arts educational webcast presentations
shown in the Sanctuary 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. weekdays
on a variety of important topics affecting our world!

- January 3: The Transformative & Redemptive Power of (a Christian) Education
- January 4: Bringing America Together
- January 7: Finally Some Good News About Cancer
- January 8: Growing Young: Helping Young People Discover and Love the Church
- January 9: Finding Refuge on the Stage
- January 10: Telling Stories that Inspire
- January 11: Searching for the Image of God in a Digital Age
- January 14: Lessons from 30 Years Covering the World
- January 15: Chasing Space: An Astronaut's Story of Grit, Grace, and Second Chances
- January 16: Sustainability, Happiness, and the 'Slow' Movement
- January 17: Incomplete without You: The Church and People with Disabilities
- January 18: The Art of Storytelling Through Costume Design
- January 21: The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race
- January 22: A Time to Speak: Addressing Justice and Forgiveness
- January 23: Climate Justice: Hope, Resilience, and the Fight for a Sustainable Future

Please see the Christian Education Bulletin Board to pick up a pamphlet
that describes each session and speaker. We hope to see you there!

**STEPHEN MINISTRIES
IS ACTIVE IN OUR CHURCH!**

Stephen Ministers are Christian men and women trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing difficult times such as grief, divorce, job loss, illness, etc. Stephen Ministries is confidential, Spirit lead, and can be long or short term. To inquire, call 250-9094 or the church office.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE
is on holiday break and will resume
in January on a date to be announced.

KNITTERS & WANNABES meet Mondays at 10:00 am

MEN'S MINISTRY GROUP meets Tuesdays at 7:00 am

PRAYER SERVICE is held each Thursday at 11:00 am

ROOM AT THE INN moves to the St. Christopher's Church on Dec. 9.



Visit
Our
Website

*Please be reminded to visit the church's website to view the church calendar,
listen to past sermons, and to obtain other information!*

[Click here to visit our website!](#)

FROM THE CE COFFEE STAND...

Try some Equal Exchange coffee today or give coffee for gifts! The following organic flavors are offered: Ethiopian, Columbian, Proud Mama, Mind, Body & Soul, Love Buzz and Organic Decaf. Warm up with some fair trade coffee and support the small farmers who grow it AND our Summer Youth Mission Trip!



PURCHASE SCRIP CARDS TO HELP SUPPORT FPC!

Scrip can be ordered in the church office by completing a Scrip Order Form, and it will be available the following Sunday. You get full face value, and the church receives 3-10% from the business! All profits go towards the Roof Fund.

Thanks for your support!

CHURCH CALENDAR EVENTS

REMINDER: If you are planning a **future event or meeting to hold at the church**, please contact Lori in the church office **in advance** to reserve space and get it on the calendar. Thank you!

SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE IS

NOON ON WEDNESDAY

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS must be cleared in advance
by contacting Sunday's Liturgist.

~ Thank You ~

THE OCTOBER TREASURER'S REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET

are available in the church office or in the Mission Support binder in the Library for members to view or obtain a copy of.



Please continue to turn in your **ECONO FOODS** receipts at the Message Center. The church receives 1% of the total.

PLEASE NOTE that HOLIDAY BUCKS are also still being collected!
THANKS EVERYONE!

DONATION ITEMS FOR ST. VINCENT DePAUL AND ROOM AT THE INN

Saltine crackers, peanut butter & jelly, mac & cheese, ramen noodles and canned soup. Boxed cereal and hygiene items are always needed.

The Deacons thank you for your support of this community project!

WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

If you know of anyone in need of visits, please let a Deacon know. We are also looking for additional people to provide these services. Talk to a deacon or leave your name with the church office and let us know if you can help.

FPC STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING TIMES

- SESSION - 2nd Tuesday, 6 p.m.
- DEACONS - 1st Wednesday, 7 p.m.
- BUILDING & GROUNDS - 3rd Wednesday, 5 p.m.
- CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Last Sunday following Church Service
- MEMBERSHIP - 2nd Thursday, 5 p.m.
- MISSION SUPPORT - 2nd Wednesday, 12:00 p.m.
- PERSONNEL - *meetings called as needed*
- SOCIAL EDUCATION & ACTION - 3rd Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
- WORSHIP & MUSIC - 1st Wednesday, 4 p.m.

Please see **THE WEEK AHEAD** in the church bulletin and the church calendar on the website for scheduled committee meetings and other events.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN'S MISSION STATEMENT

In gratitude to God,

**Empowered by the Spirit,
We strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives.**

**As a community of faith,
We commit to know, grow and show Christ's love to all
through worship, education, and service.**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION ELDERS: Class of '19 Cathy Enright, Faye Elder, Andy Poe; '20 Greg Bambach, Bill Houghton, Peter Premeau, Paul Schloegel; '21 George Carnahan, Shannon Levra, Kelsey Nordengren.

BOARD OF DEACONS: Class of '19 Joe Boyle, Barb Gooch, Chad Larsen, John Levra, Beverly Tobin; '20 Connie Kuzak, Mike Kuzak, David Payant; '21 Dan Barrington, Wendy Maki, Susan Payant.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday, 9am - 4pm
906-226-6587**

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