

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 8, 2024

- **WELCOME!** Please sign in on a fellowship pad, located at the end of your pew. Provide your email to be added to our e-newsletter list.
- Place your **prayer requests** in the basket on the table at the rear of the sanctuary. They will be collected five minutes before the start of worship.
- **Hearing assisted devices** are available from the sound board operator. These transmit the sound from the microphones directly to your ears. **Magnifying sheets** are available on the table in the narthex by the office.
- Please **silence your cell phone** before worship starts. Thank you!
- **We are livestreaming worship** on Facebook and YouTube.

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- The **Adult Sunday School** class will continue our Advent study **today** at 11:30 am in the library. We'll be using the book "Calling All Angels: An Advent Study of Fearlessness and Strength" by Erin Wathen. This study takes a look at the question "What would you do if you weren't afraid?" through the Advent stories of Zechariah, Mary, Joseph and the shepherds.
- **Poinsettias** for the Christmas season can now be ordered. The cost is \$14.50. An order sheet is posted outside the church office, and the final order date is today, December 8.
- The **Giving Tree project** that the Deacons organize every year is now up in the Memorial Room, with a handful of tags for people to choose from to buy gifts for families in need. It is also online; please go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20FoA45A9AA2CA1FD0-53536867-first/96510242> and make your selection. The deadline for returning gifts is December 13.
- The Methodist Church invites you to attend the **annual drive-thru Living Nativity**, with eight scenes from the Christmas story featuring live animals and actors, on Saturday, December 14, between 5:30 and 8:30 pm. Enter their parking lot from Rogers Street. There is no charge; this is a gift to the community.
- The Parish Life and Spiritual Growth Committees are hosting a **church potluck dinner** following worship next Sunday, December 15. Meat will be provided; please bring a side dish to share. All are welcome.
- We are pleased to offer an in-person **Christmas Eve worship service** for all generations, beginning at 6:30pm. Prelude music will begin at 6:15 pm. The service will be about an hour long. Children of all ages are welcome at the service. If your little one needs a break you are also welcome to take them to the nursery (which will not be staffed). We look forward to seeing you there!

- **Advent devotionals** for adults and youth, and **Advent calendars**, are available at the entrance to the Sanctuary. These are gifts for you, courtesy of the Spiritual Growth Committee.
- Jess Weber (our new Financial Secretary) is looking for some additional people who can **help count the weekly offering** on a periodic basis. Please email jess@masonpresbyterian.org, or ask Bill for more info.
- The Deacons are collecting items for this year's **Christmas Family project**. Here is a list of the non-perishable items we will be collecting. As we get closer to Christmas, we will announce some of the remaining perishable items to be collected. Spaghetti noodles, ready rice, canned chicken, canned tuna, peanut butter, strawberry jam, apple sauce jars, instant potatoes, cheerios, corn Chex, Ritz crackers/generic brand, cans of soup, Hershey's miniatures candy, liquid hand soap – soft soap pump bottle, and bottled dish soap.
- **Last call for pledge cards for 2025.** The Finance Committee will meet on December 12 and make a final decision about our budget maximum for 2025, based on the pledges we have received by December 11.
- If anyone is in need of a **gently-used transporter**, we will have one available after January 1. See Pastor Bill for more information.
- **Name tags are back!** We are inviting you to pick up your name tag from the table in the Memorial Room, wear it on Sunday, and then store it in one of the two name tag racks. There is a name tag rack at each of the entrances to the Sanctuary; please store your name tag at the entrance you use more frequently. Please do not return your name tag to the table in the Memorial Room. If you would prefer to use a lanyard rather than a clip, a supply of lanyards is available on the table. For safety reasons, we are not making name tags for anyone under the age of 18. Thank you!
- There is still an open Sunday for **sanctuary flowers** on June 1, 2025. Please let us know if you would like to donate flowers in memory/honor of a loved one.
- **Welcome to our new staff members** Jessica Tessman (Office Manager), Jess Weber (Financial Secretary), and Le Ji ("Claire") (Choral Worship Accompanist). We are very blessed!
- We continue to receive **applications for an additional musician** who can play the organ and provide service music. Please keep praying!
- Please send **submissions for the weekly announcements** and the monthly *Cornerstone* newsletter to Nancy Sue MacDonald at nancy@masonpresbyterian.org. Weekly announcements should be brief.