

The Circular

NOVEMBER 25, 2018

Advent Choir

For anyone interested in singing in the choir for the Advent Season and Christmas Eve, there will be a rehearsal on Wednesday, November 28, at 7:30pm in the sanctuary.



Cookie Baking

Saturday, December 1



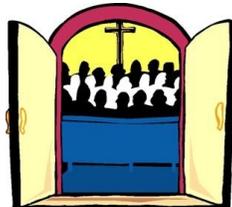
Join us and our Chinese students as we bake cookies that tell the story of Jesus' birth. Everyone including children are invited to take part in The Sweetest Story Ever Told a fun, hands-on (and delicious!) way to experience God's greatest gift to us — His Son! Come at 1:30pm and bake angel, star, tree, heart, and bell cookies and find out how they represent a piece of the story Jesus' birth. See Patti Fenwick for more information.

Hanging of the Greens Today!



Please plan to stay after worship to help decorate.

Fall Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 2



We will elect Deacons and Elders during our meeting.

Advent Devotionals

Complementary devotionals to enrich your Advent season are available in the narthex and the church office for you to pick up. This year we are offering *Sacred Reading for Advent and Christmas 2018-2019*. This hope-filled seasonal prayer book inspires readers with daily scripture readings from the beginning of Advent to Epiphany, employing the traditional spiritual devotion known as lectio divina, or "sacred reading," in a new way.



Baby Sprinkle

Tuesday, November 27
5:30pm
Olivesburg General Store

You're invited to a Baby Sprinkle to honor new moms Rochelle Tabler and Andrea Dew. Please bring a small pampering gift for the new moms. Food is on your own. Cupcakes will be provided.

Advent Sunday School

Beginning December 2, 9:00-10:15am we will have a multi-generational Sunday school for our whole church family during the 4 Sundays of Advent we will have a multi-sensory, experiential sessions that will shed commercialism from the season and re-center us to the baby in a manger who came to save the world.

Week 1 begins with Story Reading, an Advent Calendar, an Advent Wreath, and prayer/quiet time with flannel graph and toy nativity set-up for small children.



Please also see the Random Acts of Kindness Tree on the Advent table with suggested acts.

FPC Next Couple of Weeks

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Communion Donkers' Visit Hanging of the Greens	26 Quarterly Newsletter Deadline	27 9:00am Worship Planning 8:00pm AA	28 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Praise Band 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	29 PMS @Columbus Shadowbox Holiday Hoopla	30	1 Presbytery Meeting—Westminster Wooster

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Advent I 9:00am Sunday School Communion Congregational Meeting 5:30pm Small Group @ Eckenroths'	3 5:00pm PMS Shopping Trip	4 9:00am Worship Planning 8:00pm AA	5 Reports to Session Due 10:00am Bible Study 1:30pm Prayer Shawl 6:30pm Praise Band 7:30pm Choir	6 11:30am Staff Lunch 6:00pm Rooted Ashland Cohort Meeting	7	8

**Transforming Lives
in Jesus' Name**



*Christ the King
Sunday*

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November 25, 2018

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GOD GATHERS US

Preparation for Worship

Henri J. M. Nouwen

Conversion to God, therefore, means a simultaneous conversion to the other persons who live with you on this earth. The farmer, the worker, the student, the prisoner, the sick, the black [person], the white [person], the weak, the strong, the oppressed and the oppressor, the patient and the one who heals, the tortured and the torturer, the boss and the flunky, not only are they people like you, but they are also called to make themselves heard and to give God a chance to be the God of all.

Thus compassion removes all pretensions, just as it removes false modesty. It invites you to understand everything, to see yourself in the light of God and to joyfully tell everyone you meet that there is no reason to fear; the land is free to be cultivated and to yield a rich harvest.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

John Baillie

One: God whose eternal presence is hid behind the veil of nature, informs the mind of man, and was made flesh in Jesus Christ our Lord, I thank You that He has left us an example that we should follow in His steps.
Jesus Christ said, lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.

All: O God, incline my heart to follow in this way.

One: Jesus Christ said, seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

All: O God, incline my heart to follow in this way.

One: Jesus Christ said, do good and lend, hoping for nothing again.

All: O God, incline my heart to follow in this way.

One: Jesus Christ said, love your enemies.

All: O God, incline my heart to follow in this way.

One: Jesus Christ said, watch and pray,
that ye enter not into temptation.

All: O God, incline my heart to follow in this way.

One: Jesus Christ said, fear not, only believe.

All: O God, incline my heart to follow in this way.

One: Jesus Christ said, except ye turn again
and become as little children,
ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

All: O God, incline my heart to follow in this way.

One: Jesus Christ said, ask, and it shall be given you;
seek, and ye shall find;
knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

**All: O God, incline my heart to follow in this way.
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the
glory forever. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn #151** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Prayer of Confession

Moment of Silent Confession

One: Hear the Good News: Do not weep!
See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah,
the Root of David, has triumphed.
With his blood he has purchased people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation.
He has made them to be a kingdom
and priests to serve our God,
and they will reign on the earth.

All: Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri #579**

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Isaiah 58 OT p. 688

Testimony Jonathan and Gemma Donker

WE RESPOND

Moment of Prayer and Reflection

(please fill out the information card in your bulletin and share your prayers and praises—these can be turned in during the offering)

***Song of Response** *Lord I Need You*

Presentation of Our Sacrifices and Offerings

(Place information cards in the offering plate.)

Offertory

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

GOD SENDS US

Song of Reflection *As the Deer*

Closing Prayer

***Closing Song** *That's Why We Praise Him*

***Blessing**

***The Peace**

May the peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you!**
(Greet one another in Christian love.)

***Postlude**

*Please Stand, as able