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JANUARY 2019

## Where the Light Begins

### A BLESSING FOR CHRISTMAS

Perhaps it does not begin.  
Perhaps it is always.

Perhaps it takes  
a lifetime  
to open our eyes,  
to learn to see  
what has forever  
shimmered in front of us

the luminous line  
of the map  
in the dark

the vigil flame  
in the house  
of the heart,

the love  
so searing  
we cannot keep  
from singing,

from crying out  
in testimony  
and praise.

Perhaps this day  
will be the mountain  
over which  
the dawn breaks.

Perhaps we  
will turn our face  
toward it,  
toward what has been  
always.

Perhaps  
our eyes  
will finally open  
in ancient recognition,  
willingly dazzled,  
illuminated at last.

Perhaps this day  
the light begins  
in us.

-Jan Richardson, from *Circle of Grace:*  
*A Book of Blessings for the Seasons*

### COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Don't you love grabbing a cup of coffee and a bit of a snack after worship service? The Deacons need volunteers to host our Sunday Coffee Hour! A new sign-up sheet is available in Fellowship Hall each month.

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## John Knox is going to Triennium!! July 15-20, 2019

***Open to all youth currently in 8th-12th grades***

*Have you ever wondered what it would feel like if you could worship with 5,000 other high schoolers? What about meeting other youth from all over the country who already have something in common with you? (They hang out a church too.)*

### The Basics:

- ❖ Triennium brings around 5,000 Presbyterian Youth together on the campus of Purdue University for 4 days of Bible Study, community building, worship, service, and a whole lot of fun!
- ❖ We register and travel as a Presbytery. All registrations are online. Information and a link will be available in January. Registration is due by March 1.
- ❖ The overall cost for each participant will be \$750, divided between the Presbytery, the home congregation, and the participant (each pay \$250). Scholarships are available, contact the Presbytery office.
- ❖ The John Knox group will meet in Madison on Monday, July 15th for dinner, orientation, and a lock-in at a local church. We will join the groups from Milwaukee and Winnebago presbyteries early on Tuesday morning for the bus ride to Purdue in West Lafayette, Indiana. We will return for pick up in Madison on Saturday evening, July 20th, 2019.

Want to know more about Triennium? <https://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org/>



My friends,

I am so excited for this new year. I believe that God is doing great things in our church and I am very excited to see what this might be and how this will play out!

I have faith that this year will bring us many good things and new opportunities. I see in you a living witness to the love of Christ both here in our community and abroad. The kindness and gracious hospitality you exude makes me proud to serve as your pastor.

Yet as exciting as it is to see our church engaging with the cultural shifts and witnessing to Christ right in the midst of it all, we do have difficult times ahead. We live in a society that is increasingly disconnected. Many people are isolated and alone. Our social safety net is less effective and too many people are going hungry, going without medical care, and forgoing education because it all costs too much.

It can be hard not to throw our hands up in despair and hope someone else will deal with it all, but I believe we are uniquely gifted to make a difference. We may not be able to change everyone's life for the better, but we can impact those around us, those God put into our lives. We have this incredible invitation to join God in loving and caring for our community. This is a "yes and" moment, a chance to join Mary in saying yes to God and all that God wants to do in our lives and through us, and we get to be creative, active participants in all of this!

We get to live from this place of knowing that God loves and treasures each and every one of us. We get to witness to this incredible love by lifting up those who are struggling, loving the lonely, finding the lost, and being a place of belonging. We get to live knowing that who we are, what we are doing, makes a difference. Our witness to God's love changes lives and our world needs this as much now as it ever has.

We are entering this year with a few challenges and changes, as well as some traditions which will remain. We are challenged to be innovative and creative, all the while loving and caring for our community as much as we can. We do not know what lies ahead of us, but we do know the one who holds our hand as we journey. I so look forward to being with you as we see what lies ahead.

To God be the glory!

Pastor Cyndi

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Jan. 6 Open  
Jan. 13 Open  
Jan. 20 Diane Lukins  
Jan. 27 Open

## USHERS

Jan. 6 Dennis and Nancy Stocks  
Jan. 13 Dan and DeAnn Richards  
Jan. 20 Jim and Dawn Salzman  
Jan. 27 Audrey Kohn and Rod Hanson

## GREETERS

Jan. 6 Open  
Jan. 13 Open  
Jan. 20 Open  
Jan. 27 Open

## COUNTERS

Jan. 6 Zack Dachel & Diane Lukins  
Jan. 13 Ron Nelson & Herb Damsteegt  
Jan. 20 Zack Dachel & Diane Lukins  
Jan. 27 Dudley Mehlretter & Jean Spataro

## ACCOMPANISTS

Jan. 6 Jean Mulcahy  
Jan. 13 Rana Hughey  
Jan. 20 Anna Salzman  
Jan. 27 Rana Hughey

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JANUARY!

We'd like to wish the following people a Happy Birthday! If your birthday is in January and your name is not listed, please let the office know the date of your birthday so that it can be entered in the computer.

1/3 AUDREY KOHN  
JIM BROWN  
1/11 MEDORA RICHARDS  
1/13 JAMES MORGAN  
1/14 HUDSON BECK  
1/15 LUKE HUGHEY  
MATHIAS HUGHEY  
1/18 ADRIANNE TRITT  
1/19 GENE SMITH  
1/24 BRAD BALLWEG  
1/27 DALTON RICHARD  
GREG MANNING  
KIM KREKLOW  
1/30 HEATHER MULCAHY



## (NEW) NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Deadline for the **FEBRUARY** Newsletter is **WEDNESDAY, January 23rd at 9 a.m.** If you would like an article in the newsletter, you can e-mail the Church office at [office@lodifpc.org](mailto:office@lodifpc.org) or leave it on the desk in the church office.



## REACH OUT LODI FOOD PANTRY

LET'S END  
HUNGER!

Together we can help feed families in our community! Donations of fresh fruits and vegetables are always welcome.

Food stamps cannot be used to obtain personal-essential items.

The following are examples of personal-essential supplies we need for our families:

### PERSONAL ITEMS:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- 2 in 1 or 3 in 1 (shampoo/conditioner/body wash)
- Body wash
- Deodorant
- Women's Shaving Cream
- Men's Shaving Cream
- Men's razors

- Women's razors
- Mouthwash
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Dental floss
- Body Lotion
- Chapstick
- Cough drops
- Toilet paper
- Kleenex
- Feminine supplies (Tampons/pads)
- Cotton balls
- Cue tips

### HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS:

- All purpose cleaner
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Paper towels
- Dish soap
- Liquid handsoap
- 13 Gallon garbage bags
- 30 Gallon garbage bags
- Laundry detergent
- Dryer sheets
- Bleach
- sponges

### BABY ITEMS:

- Size 4 Diapers
- Size 5 Diapers
- Size 6 Diapers
- Baby Wipes
- Diaper rash ointment/cream
- Baby shampoo
- Baby lotion

## JOIN US FOR BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

Pack a lunch and join us on Wednesday at 11:00 for a discussion of the Sunday sermon. This group also has the function of being a prayer ministry where we raise up those in need within our church and community and seek out ways to be a ministry together. Please consider joining this small group.



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - ROOM USE REQUEST FORM

Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member or an outside organization? \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate responsible person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of anticipated participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Your meeting date or dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Start time: \_\_\_\_\_ End time: \_\_\_\_\_

Room or rooms requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Person requesting use of our facility is responsible for all setup needed and at the end of your event you must return the room or rooms to the way you found it.

You are responsible for cleanup, you are required to wash/ wipe off the tables, vacuum and take out the trash. If you are granted use of the kitchen all the equipment used must be cleaned and sanitized. If you use the facility on multiple dates you must remove ALL your items after each event, you cannot store your equipment or items here.

Cleanup fee may be assessed if you do not leave the facility clean and ready for the next group.

Usage fee may apply as per the Building Usage Guide

Fee Required : \_\_\_\_\_

Requester's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Building use approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# JANUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		<b>New Year's Day</b>	Brown Bag Bible Study, 11 a.m.			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship-10 a.m.			Brown Bag Bible Study, 11 a.m. Finance, 6 p.m. Deacons, 6:30p.m. Committee, 7 p.m.			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Worship, 9 a.m. Congregational Meeting Fellowship-10 a.m.		Session, 6:30 p.m.	Brown Bag Bible Study, 11 a.m.			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship-10 a.m.	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday		Newsletter Deadline, 9 a.m. Brown Bag Bible Study, 11 a.m.			
27	28	29	30	31		
Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship-10 a.m.			Brown Bag Bible Study, 11 a.m.			

December 2018							February 2019							
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30	31													

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Custodian: Lori Harrenstein  
Stephen Ministry Leader: Diane Lukins  
Church Secretary: Pat Craig  
Financial Secretary: John Griffing  
Church Secretary's Office Hours:  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

Sunday  
9:00 a.m.  
Nursery Available

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
(DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR)**

10:15 a.m.

Newsletter Graphic Design: Jim Salzman

**THE SESSION**

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Rod Hanson	Zack Dachel	Diane Lukins
DeAnn Richards	Mae Stocks	Jean Spataro
Dudley Mehlretter	Herb Damsteegt	Ron Nelson

DeAnn Richards, Clerk of Session

**BOARD OF DEACONS**

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Bobbie Hanson	Ryan Beck	Marcia Brown
Gale Nelson	Leah Brisky	Sandy Deselle
Nancy Stocks	Mark Fryman	Dave Heebner

**STEPHEN MINISTERS**

Diane Lukins, Stephen Leader	Jane Jones
Marcia Brown	Beth Sokol
Herb Damsteegt	Dorothy Richards



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