

Parish Notes

The Christmas Cycle

Next Sunday begins a brand new church year as we, God willing, will mark the first Sunday of another Advent together. This year, on Sundays during Advent and Christmastide, our minister will be presenting a series of five sermons based on Mary's song of praise, the *Magnificat*, found in Luke 1:46-55. We pray you can join us then, and indeed, for all of these special services during the 2018-19 Christmas Cycle:

Advent 1, Dec. 2--the Sunday of Hope;

Advent 2, Dec. 9--the Sunday of Peace;

Advent 3, Dec. 16--the Sunday of Joy;

Advent 4, Dec. 23--the Sunday of Love;

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 6 p.m.--the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord;

Sunday, Dec. 30--the Sunday in Christmastide;

Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019--the Epiphany of the Lord.

Poinsettias

If you would like to help purchase poinsettias to adorn our Sanctuary for Advent and Christmastide, please fill out a "Poinsettia Request Form" available at the reception desk in the education wing. The flowers may be designated in "memory" or "honor" of whomever you would like. The deadline for orders (and payment) is 8:30 a.m., Monday, December 10th. The price of the plants this year is \$12.00 each, which includes delivery to *Christ Church* by the nursery on December 15th.

Annual Meeting

The *Christ Congregational Church* annual meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 16th, at 4 p.m. in our *Parish Hall*. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting, in which we will, among other matters, hear reports from various ministry areas of the church, elect officers for 2019 and approve the 2019 budget.

Our Stewardship:

Membership: 157

Attendance:

November 18 -- 126

Offering (11/18/2018):

\$2, 755.00

Please pray:

Family concerns:

Betty Bryant, Sara Cheavens, Joy Eagle, Harry Faulkner, Clare Herrick, Bonnie Hilton, Burtley Hicks, Dorothy Hughey, Bill Marsh, Leah & Gene Parker, Dennis Rankin, Sue Ann & Tom Rees, Jo Ann Stewart, Mary Jule Tatum and Alan Toback

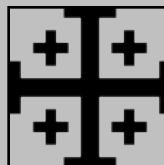
Extended concerns:

Gary Alexander (*mother*, Joyce); Kay Highnote (*grandson*, Elijah); Melia Hunter (*brother*, George Platt); Martha de Luna (*mother*, Martha); Bill Marsh (*brother*, George); Dennis & Joan Rankin (*grandson*, Zach); Becky Weldon (*father and mother*, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Baier); Jo Whitaker (*cousin*, Penny).

MORE INFORMATION

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- you wish more information about Christ Church
 - you wish a minister to contact you
- We can contact you at:



LECTIONARY READINGS

Next Sunday, December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79

Luke 1:46-55

Luke 3:1-6