

This Week



at Covenant

Third Sunday of Advent

- ★ **Sunday Breakfast**, \$4. Today, 8:30 - 9:00 am, Fellowship Hall.
- ★ **Chancel Choir Rehearsal** - Today, 9 am, Music Room.
- ★ **No Church School Classes Today:**
- ★ **Birthday Party for Jesus - Today, 9 am, Fellowship Hall. No Sunday School classes today. All are invited!**
- ★ **Sunday Morning Worship/Congregational Meeting** - Today, 10 am, Sanctuary.
- ★ **Alternative Christmas Market** - Today, before and following Worship in the courtyard.
- ★ **Chapel Choir rehearsal** - Today, 11:15 - noon, D1/6.
- ★ **Youth Group Outing at Schorle's** - Today, 4 to 8 pm; travel from church by bus.
- ★ **Ruth Circle Meeting** - *Tuesday, 10 am at home of Joan Fedorak.*
- ★ **Primetimers Bridge** - Tuesday, 1 pm, F206.
- ★ **Session Meeting** - Tuesday, 6:30 pm, F207.
- ★ **Men's Prayer/Book Discussion** - Wednesday, 7 am, Perkins.
- ★ **Staff Christmas Luncheon** - Wednesday, 11-1 pm, Mimi's Cafe.
- ★ **NO Instrumental Ensemble** or Jubilate Ringers rehearsals - Wednesday
- ★ **Youth Band Rehearsal** - Wednesday, 7 pm, F202.
- ★ **Leisure Time Book Club** - Thursday, 11 am, F205.
- ★ **NO Chancel Choir Rehearsal** - Thursday

Prayer Concerns

Please remember these members and friends of Covenant in your daily prayers: Maureen Bashaw, Catherine Shackelford, Nancy Albright, Anne Wills, Lloyd Balsley, Bob Groenleer, Pat Schmidt, Mel and Dorothy Mae Wert, Ed Gale, Richard Shafer, Ruth Whipple, Barbara and Max Miller.

Please remember that today we take the Joy Gift Offering which benefits church leaders, past, present and future, in their times of need. Please use the enclosed purple envelope and provide the information in the spaces on the back with your gift. Thank you.

Christmas Season at Covenant

Sunday, December 24, **Worship Services in the Sanctuary:**

10 am, "Morning Worship Service; 5 pm, "Family Christmas Eve Service"; 7:30 pm, "Candlelight Service".

Monday, December 25: **Merry Christmas !** Church offices closed!

Covenant to Select New Church Leaders Today

This morning in worship we will convene as a congregation in the midst of worship to elect new officers in the church beginning in 2018. According to Presbyterian rules of order, this election must also include nominations from the floor. If you have a nomination, ushers will have forms that you can fill out and return to them *by the end of children's time*. If there are no other nominations than those names below, which have been placed in nomination by the Nominating Committee that was elected last year by the congregation, we will move to cast a unanimous ballot. Those being nominated to church office this year are as follows:

Four Elders for the Class of 2020 - Mary Ellen Frost, Jeff Schorle, Don Scherzer and Rich Ward.

One Youth Elder for Class of 2018 - Brooke Castner.

One Deacon for the Class of 2019 - to fill the unexpired term of Pat McFarland: Jane Kaserman.

Four Deacons for the Class of 2020 - Sarah Jane Essebaggers, Becky Garrison, Jean Sieminski and Rebecca Koehn.

Trustee, Class of 2020 - Hank Sawyer.

Three at-large members, 2018 Nominating Committee - Ed Christenbury, Kate Negip and Margie Willis.

(The 2017 committee included Lyn DeWolfe, Jef Farlow, Mary Ellen Frost, Carole Richardson and Rich Ward.)

Covenant's Alternative Christmas Market is still open for those wishing to donate a gift in honor of someone, from one of the many missions featured in this year's marketplace. Missions this year are: Foster Child Program; Olive Tree Campaign in Palestine; Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc., of Fort Myers; Misión Peniel in Immokalee; Heifer International and Covenant's new Community Garden Project. Check in the courtyard as you leave today and talk to your Mission Committee to see which of the many missions best suit your priorities for giving this year!



*The Chancel Flowers today are given by Barb Chapin and Nancy Kendall to the glory of God and in loving memory of their sister, **Kristin Kendall Harrison.***

Please keep in mind that if you know someone who could benefit from the delivery of fresh flowers from today's chancel arrangements, please stop by the church office after the service and a deacon will be glad to provide you with a bouquet for your designated recipient.

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