



Financial Update

Our financial position through November is solid and we are in a good position to end the year well. For the year through November, tithes and offerings income is \$4543 behind the budget and expenses have exceeded income by \$1333. With the generosity of our congregation in December we should be able to erase these deficits and

cover additional unexpected expenses for our heating system. Please remember that any contributions you want credited to 2018 needs to be in the offering by Sunday, December 30 or in the mail postmarked by December 31. The 2019 offering envelopes are available at the information center.

Giving Tree – Women Ministries of Northbrook will be providing Christmas gifts for the people who reside at CCO. We have winter pajamas for the women and children, bath towels to be used as a grab bag at their annual Christmas party, and also winter outerwear for men, women and children that will be needed this winter. This outreach is a big financial undertaking and WM could use your support. If you would like to support this mission take an envelope from the wooden “Giving Tree” located in the narthex and place your donation in the envelope. You may put the envelope in the wooden WM box or give it to Bonnie or Mary Lynn. We are making a difference in the lives of people at CCO by sharing the love of Jesus!



Thanks Thanks to all who helped decorate the church last Saturday. We will be taking the decorations down on Saturday, January 12th from 9-11 am. Help if you can.

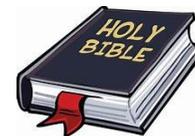


Christmas Caroling Please join us next Sunday December 16th at 9:15 for our Annual Christmas Caroling at Axelson and Brandel! We will meet in the Axelson lounge. This is a very special time for our Axelson and Brandel friends who are unable to join us for worship. Children are especially appreciated and encouraged to come with their families. The residents love to see and hear them! Brighten your own Christmas season by bringing the light of Jesus in this way!

NORTHBROOK NEWS December 9, 2018

THIS WEEK

Today Dec 9	10:30 am 11:30 am 1 pm	Worship <i>Greeter: Betty Olson</i> <i>Usher: David Dwight</i> <i>Reader: Lessons & Carols Readers</i> Inquirer's Make-up Class Good Neighbor Church
Mon	7:00 pm	Properties Team Meeting
Tues	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Leadership Team Meeting Choir practice
Wed	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Fri	9:15 am	MOPS B & B
Next Sun Dec 16	9:15 am 10:30 am 1 pm	Christmas Caroling at Axelson & Brandel Worship <i>Greeter: Betty Olson</i> <i>Usher: Quinn Anderson</i> <i>Reader: Thomas Cellilli</i> Good Neighbor Church
LOOKING AHEAD		
Dec 18	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Dec 19	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study



If you would like to **read ahead for next week's sermon**, please read Luke 3

Please join us for our **Christmas Eve Service at 4:00 pm on December 24th**





Email List

If you would like to be put on the email list for newsletter, prayer chain, general information, or anything else, please contact Kathleen at the office (northbrook.covenant@gmail.com)

Volunteers for Children’s Ministry-Praise God our nursery and children’s ministry is growing. In response to God’s faithfulness we are hoping to put together a rotation of volunteers to assist Loreto in the nursery once every 4-6 weeks (2 adults are needed in the nursery for child safety). We are also hoping to have a similar rotation of volunteers to help teach kid’s church once every 4-6 weeks as well. Please contact Pastor Jose if you desire to help these ministries. joseg.northbrookcov@gmail.com



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

You are invited to purchase one or more poinsettia plants in honor or memory of a loved one(s) this Season. The plants will decorate the sanctuary. Cost is \$13.00 per plant. Order forms are included as bulletin inserts or can be found at the Welcome Center. *(Make checks payable to the church, mark “flowers” and place in the offering basket)*
Deadline December 9th

Church Directory-

If your information has changed since the last directory, please contact our office manager Kathleen to update it for the next directory. Thank you.



Make-up session- Today, December 9th immediately following our worship service there will be a make-up session held for our Inquirer’s class. See Pastor Jose if you are interested.

Team Meetings This Week—Please note that the Properties Team will be meeting Monday, December 10th at 7:00 pm. The Leadership Team will be meeting Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00 pm.

Adult Sunday School— We will not be meeting the rest of December. Please join us in the New Year.

Women’s Bible Study - Women’s bible study will be every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. The Covenant Village bus leaves at 9:15 a.m. to take the women to the church. Contact Nancy Dahlberg at 847-564-4624 if you have any questions. The email address for Women’s Ministries is wm.northbrookcov@gmail.com



Covenant Harbor Winter Camp

Registration is now open for Jr./Sr. High Winter Camp 2019 for February 15-17, 2019! Register online at covenantharbor.org for \$159 per student which includes meals, lodging, program and activities!

Youth Christmas Party & White Elephant Gift Exchange

Our annual Jr./Sr. High Christmas Party is on December 16 from 6-8pm in the youth room! Come for a night of games, fun and holiday cheer! Bring a wrapped gift for a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Look for something unwanted from around your house (DO NOT SPEND MONEY ON THIS!)



Missions

We will serve a community meal from 1:00 to possibly 3:30pm on December 15th at Cornerstone Community Outreach (CCO) affiliated with Jesus People, the faith basis of CCO. We do food prep, table serving and clean-up but mainly caring for the attendees living in uptown low-income housing. We car pool, leaving church at 11:45 am and coming back by 4:30 pm. Please sign up today so we can plan. Any questions please call Jim Martins at 319-530-8411.



Operation Christmas Child was a great success this year! Our final total as a North Suburban team was 31,483 shoe boxes, just a few hundred shy of last year. The countries our boxes will go to include Ghana, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda,, Philippines, Rwanda and Madagascar. The underlined received our boxes last year. Thanks to all who helped make this a wonderful message of the love of God for his children.

**Order of Worship
Lessons and Carols**

Prelude

Opening Hymn *"O Promised One of Israel "* #124

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle Peace
Hymn #120 v. 2 " O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Advent Reading

Reflection Rev. Jose Gonzalez

Our Church at Prayer

Our Offerings to God
Children's Choir *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

First Lesson *Genesis 3:8-15*
Thomas Cellilli, Reader

Choral Anthem
"Sing of Eve and Sing of Adam" vs. 1,3

Second Lesson *Genesis 22:15-18*
Ellen Schonken, Reader

Hymn #130 *"Come You People of the Promise"*

Third Lesson *Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*
Charlie Poterek, Reader

Choral Anthem
"Hush! Hear the Word of the Lord"

Fourth Lesson *Isaiah 11:1-9*
David Dwight, Reader

Choral Anthem *"For Unto Us"*

Fifth Lesson *Luke 1:26-38*
Jessica Smith, Reader

Choral Anthem
"Hail! Blessed Virgin Mary" vs. 1&2

Sixth Lesson *Matthew 1:18-23*
Jack O'Hara, Reader

Choral Anthem
"Mary Did You Know"

Seventh Lesson *Luke 2:8-16*
Nancy Miller, Reader

Hymn #155
"While by Our Sheep"

Eighth Lesson *Matthew 2:1-11*
Donna Frownfelter, Reader

Choral Anthem
"We Three Kings"

Ninth Lesson *John 1:1-14*
Dr. David Larsen, Reader

Choral Anthem
"Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child"

Benediction

Postlude