

Welcome

November 25, 2018

We're glad you're here! You are invited to fill out a blue welcome card from the pew rack and place it in the offering basket. Please don't feel obligated to donate during our offering. Join us for refreshments after church in the Fellowship Hall (go left as you exit).

This Week

Today:

8:45 am Morning Prayer - Rm 2
9:30 am Worship
10:55 am Choir

Mon:

6:30 pm Prayer Group

Tues:

6:30 pm JOJ meeting
7:00 pm Outreach

Thurs:

6:30 pm JOJ costume fitting
7:00 pm JOJ Rehearsal -this is a must for all actors!

Sat. & Sun.

12:00 pm All involved in JOJ should be here at noon both days
1-6:00 pm JOURNEY OF JOY!

Prayer Commitment - Steven K, Back to God Ministries International

Mark your Calendar:

Dec. 8 Noon Seniors Christmas Luncheon (see announcement)
Dec. 16 10:45am Congregational Meeting

Upcoming Worship Services

Dec 2 *What to Expect when You're Expecting* Series:

1st Sun. of Advent: "Expect Birth Pains" Matthew 24:1-35

Dec 9 *What to Expect when You're Expecting* Series:

2nd Sun. of Advent: "Expect God's Patience" 2 Peter 3:1-15a

Announcements

We are very excited to have Jennifer K serving as our Worship Director. Please feel free to reach out to her with any questions you may have.

Due to Journey of Joy setup:

Nursery is in Room 2.

The Library is closed. Return materials to the basket in the outer office.

No Church School today.

Journey of Joy starts this Saturday! We still need:

- **2 people for the census room on Sat.** Contact Gwen
- **Baby Jesus, Mary & Joseph** in the stable on Sun. from 5-7:30pm. Talk to Barb
- **Singing Angels** - 5 on Sat., 10 on Sun. Call/text Carla

JOJ announcements:

- **We have enough Cookies!** Thank you!!! Please have them at church by 1:00 on Saturday.
- **Everyone who wears a costume** needs to attend Rehearsal Night on Thursday, Nov. 29. Costume fitting is at 6:30. Rehearsal is from 7-8 pm.
- **Please arrive by noon** on Saturday and Sunday to make sure we are ready to kick off at 1:00 p.m. sharp. Group picture, announcements and prayer are at 12:30.
- **Extra Invitations** are in the foyer. Please try to invite 3 new families who haven't been to JOJ.
- **Lawn signs** are in the outer office
- **Fliers** to post at your place of employment or other business are available in the outer office. Contact Julie V if you need more.

Seniors Christmas Luncheon: RSVP by Friday, Dec. 1 for the Dec. 9 lunch. Bring your spouse or friend even if they aren't 65 yet. If you need a ride, contact a deacon. RSVP to Jan V.

The Pictorial Directories are ready. Please see Julie and Barb in the Fellowship Hall to pick up your copy.

Worship Service: 9:30 am

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Message Notes

Matthew 18:15-20

Family Fights

Prelude
Welcome
*God's Greeting
*We Greet Each Other

Call to Worship: *Let the Alleluias Resound* – Choir

*Song of Praise: *My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness*

Prayer for Journey of Joy

Children's Message
(Children age 3-K leave for Walk-Out Worship downstairs;
guests welcome!)

Prayer of Illumination: *Lord Have Mercy*
Bible Reading: Matthew 18:15-20 (page 1527)
Message: Faith Formation Series – 'Family Fights'
Prayer
*Song of Response: *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* (#266)

Announcements
Prayers of the People

Offering: *PASS Network for Life* - offers free services and support for those struggling with unexpected pregnancies or a past abortion, as well as educational opportunities in schools

Communion
Passing Bread – Dramatic Reading of Matt. 18:21-35
The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant
Passing Wine

*Blessing
*Sending Hymn: *Marvelous Grace*

Message: Pastor Chris P

Communion Note: *We serve only gluten-free bread to accommodate those with allergies.*

Dealing with Sin

+Families (The church) doesn't flourish by ignoring problems.

*Is Matthew 18 as process or procedure we have in our minds when dealing with conflict and forgiveness? How do we maintain an intentionality and not make this a lifeless procedure much like reading someone his/her rights?

God's patient dealing with sinners

+Keep in mind this practice in Matthew 18 isn't a mere checklist to follow. It is an avenue for us to reflect God's gracious nature.

"While justly angry, God did not turn away from a world bent on destruction but turned to face it in love. With patience and tender care, the Lord set out on the long road of redemption to reclaim the lost as his people and the world as his kingdom." Our World Belongs to God #18

Dealing with sin(ners) can be a long road!

+If that person refuses to listen even to the church, treat him/her as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

+In this statement we encounter the gospel—it is hard to capture the cultural hatred that comes with "Pagan & tax collector." Maybe our political climate is getting close...This is a moment to interpret *what Jesus says but what Jesus does*. How does Jesus treat these kinds of people?

The worst kind of lostness of all is not knowing how lost we are. The worst sort of sin is to believe we are without sin. The worst sort of unforgiveness is to presume we don't need forgiveness. So sometimes the Gentile and tax collector that we are busy excluding from the fellowship and binding up with condemnation is us. For in the searching moral gaze of God's eyes we're all Gentiles and tax collectors."
+William Willimon

Opportunities to Serve

Today

Greeters & coffee servers

Dale & Marianne V
Carla W
Doug & Dawn T

Roving & after church

Fred H
Wes S
George Z

Ushers

Jim D
Pete D
Greg F

Nursery

Brad W
Joan A
Marley B

Walk-out worship

Sara W
Jack W

Librarian

closed (JOJ)

Coffee setup – Nov

John D
Mary D

Open & close church –Nov

Rich D
Peter V

Offerings: Last week

General Fund:
CRC Chaplaincy & Care:

Next week

Grace W
Carrie W
Alice W

Bob D
Dave V
Jan V

Bill B
John D
Tom V

Val H
Al H
Anna T

Nancy T
Hannah V

closed (JOJ)

Dec

Ken H
Val H

Dec

Mark T
Jim D

Next week

All God's Children



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