

# *This month at* Northminster

December 2019



## Worship

### Come Home for Christmas

In Advent we are focusing on passages from Isaiah. Preparing for Christmas is like preparing for holiday guests. We'll think about preparations we make, expectations we have, experiences we anticipate. The prophet has a clear vision of what the Messiah will bring to the world.

If you know someone who has drifted away from church or who has never been involved, this is a good time to invite them to join you. We will have music, scripture, prayer and the sharing of Christmas traditions. We continue to worship in Calvin Hall and our Worship Arts Team will be sure we are inspired by our surroundings.

Join us this month as we travel together through the time of preparation to the time of celebration. Come home for Christmas. We miss you when you are not here.

### Vivaldi's Magnificat

On **Sunday, December 8th**, our Chancel Choir and orchestra will present Baroque composer Antonio Vivaldi's Magnificat at 9:00 and 11:00 am. Join us in this exuberant setting of "Mary's song," based on Luke 1:46 - 55.

### Christmas Eve Worship

**Tuesday, December 24th** at 4:00, 7:00 and 11:00 pm.  
4 pm – children will participate in a pageant.  
7 pm – quiet candlelight and communion.  
11 pm – Chancel Choir will sing (30 minute music prelude begins at 10:30 pm.)

### Make This a Season of Prayer

Stop by the prayer ministry's table during Advent, pull a name card from the box and add that name to your prayers. Please add your own name to the box so another person may pray for you. May the joy of the season fill your heart!

## Events

### Countdown to Clothe-A-Child

**Thursday, Dec 5, 9 am to Noon**

We'll meet in the Gathering Place at 9:15 am for coffee and doughnuts. then we'll carpool to Target at Glendale and meet 68 great kids from School 55. Each child needs a shopper! We also need helpers at check-out and getting purchases on the bus. We'll return to Northminster for pizza and games.

Cost for this event is \$10,000. Look for envelopes in the pews or in your offering boxes. Volunteer sign up in the Gathering Place on Sundays or on the Events page of our website. Contact Carol Frohlich (cfrohlich71@att.net), Sandy Corbitto (scorbito@att.net), or Melodie Sarver (msarver@ecommunity.com).

### College Care Package Assembly

College care packages are being assembled on Sunday, **December 8th**, at 10 am in the Gathering Place. Drop off donations on or before the 8th at the church c/o Maureen Wilson.

### Let's Go Caroling!

YOU are invited to go caroling at 12:45 pm on **Sunday, Dec. 15th**. All ages are encouraged to join us. Lunch will be provided if you sign up by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, December 11. Go to the Events Page of our website or call the church office (317-251-9489). After lunch, we'll drive to Broad Ripple and carol for about an hour, finishing by 2 pm. Contact John Wright (johnwright@northminster-indy.org or 317-251-9489).

### Annual Bake Sale

Donate your favorite goodies! Buy your favorite goodies! Eat your favorite goodies! Bring baked goods on **Sunday, December 15**, at 10 am in the Gathering Place.

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### **Events - continued**

#### **Pokagon 2020!**

**Friday, January 31 – Sunday, February 2**

Pack your hats, gloves and toboggan racing pants! Spend the weekend with your church friends and family at Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park. All are invited! Details and registration forms are on the Events page of our website. **Registration Deadline: Sat., Dec. 7th, 2019.** Hurry - only 20 rooms reserved!

### **Mission Opportunities**

#### **Christmas Joy Offering**

By giving to the Joy Offering, you provide assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need. The Joy Offering assists in the development of future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges, and by equipping communities of color with tools to thrive and prosper. Specially marked envelopes will be available in Calvin Hall sanctuary.

#### **Hats and Mittens**

Congregational Life Team is sponsoring a collection for hats, gloves, scarves and mittens for adults at Wheeler Mission. Pick up an extra item or two and bring them to Northminster **by December 15th.** Contact Carol Frohlich: 317-840-5071.

#### **Food Pantry Tuesdays**

Mission Team's Pantry Partners needs volunteers on the second Tuesday each month. Shifts are four hours, at Second Presbyterian Church. Contact John Reed: 317-919-6505 or [bjkreed@comcast.net](mailto:bjkreed@comcast.net).

### **Save These Dates**

#### **Annual Meeting of the Congregation**

**Sunday, January 26, 2020**, at noon. Details coming soon.

#### **Italian Night 2020**

Italian Night is **February 22nd**. Mark your calendars and start growing your best curly chef mustache!

### **Sign Up - July 2020 Kenya Trip**

Only a few spots are still open to go to Kenya for two weeks, working in schools of the Umoja Project and experiencing some of Kenya's people, culture, landscape. Price reduced to \$4000 per person. Some scholarship funds available. Final commitment/first payment due January 15. Save your place on the list! Please email Pastor Teri Thomas ASAP: [terithomas@northminster-indy.org](mailto:terithomas@northminster-indy.org).

### **Education**

#### **God + Faith + Art**

**Sundays, Dec 1 - 22, 10 am, Board Room**

Experience Advent stories and scriptures through art. We'll explore different mediums, ages, cultures, styles. Absolutely no experience is necessary! Will be led by some of Northminster's most distinguished artists in residence. Community invited!

#### **December Youth Group**

12/8 - A trip to the cinema: A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood. Time: TBD

12/15 - Youth Group 5:30 -7:30 pm at NPC. Bring \$3.00 for dinner. Friends always welcome!

12/22 - Youth Christmas party. Bring a White Elephant gift \$15 or less and a snack to share. Friends always welcome!

#### **Caregiver Support Group**

Monday, December 2nd at 6 pm

Wednesday, December 4th at 1 pm. All invited.

#### **Health Support Group**

Thursday, December 12th at 7 pm. Everyone welcome.

#### **3B Exercise**

Mondays at 2:30 pm. No-cost, low-impact exercise class, for strength, cardio and balance, for adults.

Chair Yoga is offered on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 2:45 pm.

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