

~Announcements~

December 9, 2018

- Our Children's Church, "**Lion's Roar**", welcomes all children to join them. Following the Collect of the Day, children will go to their classroom with teachers and will return to join the congregation at communion.
- Today, the "**Looking for Jesus**" class for children 10 and up meets to explore what it means to "look for Jesus" not just in their lives, but in the lives of our St. Mark's family. This class meets once a month in the Library with the next class meeting January 6th. The children will be dismissed from church at the same time as the Lion's Roar children. Any questions about the class may be directed to Jennifer Henry or John Grigg.
- One more week for the **Family Fun baskets** that we are filling for the Foster Closet. Let's help to make this a great year for children that are separated from their families and placed in foster care. If there are no longer any tags on the tree, please see Anne for additional items needed.
- It's time to place orders for **Christmas flowers** in memorial or in thanksgiving for loved ones. The cost is \$20 and the forms are available on the bulletin board near the kitchen, on the table in the Parish Hall near the ambulatory walkway, and in the narthex. The deadline for submission of forms and payment is December 16th.
- Sending **Happy Birthday** wishes this week to: Skyler Mosher & Jake Clemens Dec. 10th, Dana Sebald-Van Doren Dec. 12th, and Elliot Wright Dec. 15th.
- Wednesday evening **Advent discussions**, led by Robin Ellis will continue on December 12th, and 19th, starting at 6:00 pm. The conversation based on the series, 'What are we waiting for?', will be followed by a brief service of Evening Compline.
- Newsletter deadline is on December 15th. Please submit articles no later than that date. Thank you.
- Please join the altar guild members for **Altar Cleaning** on December 15th at 10:30.
- The altar guild is **in need of one or more volunteers** to wash and iron small altar linens monthly. Please contact Barbara Hantz to help with this service.
- **A BABY SHOWER** for Rachael & Nathen Horne's New Baby Boy will be Sunday, December 16th at 3:30p – 5:30p. Please join our church family in celebrating this event. We are asking you to help create a "Mountain" of Pampers Swaddlers Diapers and/or check their baby registry on Amazon. These will be collected starting December 9th in the Parlor. The best part will be if you all come join the family – Rachael, Nathen, Sophie and Esther – on Sunday for a few activities including cake & ice cream. The Choir Cantata will follow at 6:30p – a light supper will be provided for those staying.
- On **December 16th at 6:30 pm**, come to our sanctuary to enjoy familiar carols and beautiful sounds as a combined choir from St. Mark's, Coldwater United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church presents a cantata, "**The Glory of Christmas**".
- If you have not turned in your **2019 Pledge forms**, please do so asap. Thank you!
- Copies of **Mark DeBolt's new book**, *Godbeast: A Christmas Poem Sequence* are available free in the parish hall. This is Mark's Christmas gift to you.
- Please place your orders for **Scrip** very soon. You will make the gift receivers happy and help to raise funds for our church. See Kathy Bair for all the details.

- **Please inform the church office if:** you have a new address; a new email address; a new phone number; want to receive information sent by email and you are not now getting it; and any other needed information for St. Mark's. Thank you.