

## Upcoming Events

Sun. Dec 22	Christmas Joy & Two Coins a Meal Offerings
Tues. Dec 24	Traditional Service at 7pm Midnight Communion Service at 11pm
Weds. Dec 25	Christmas Day, Church Office Closed
Weds. Jan 1	New Years Day, Church Office Closed



Weeks Dec. 22 – Jan. 4, 2019

### Church Staff

<b>Pastor</b> Alex Peterson	<b>Organist</b> Katherine Nold
<b>Office Admin.</b> Linda Warren	<b>Faith Nurse</b> Linda Hamilton
<b>C.E. Director</b> Carrie Sumrall	<b>Custodian</b> Orlando Rodriguez
<b>Music Director</b> Heather Hundt	

## Poinsettias

Many thanks to all who purchased poinsettias in memory or in honor of their loved ones. Please see the insert to find the full list of dedications. As a reminder, please pick up your poinsettias after Christmas if you wish to keep them. Any flowers remaining in the sanctuary by Jan. 5 will be given to homebound church members or other people who would appreciate the holiday gift.

## The Refuge

Our church hosts *The Refuge*, our city's mobile winter homeless shelter, from Jan 19 through Feb 1. Please mark your calendars and prayerfully consider how you might be called to share in this ministry, whether as a cook, a chaperone, or by donating food. Then sign up for those opportunities on the bulletin board in our association room! Please also mark your calendars for Sundays Jan 19 and Feb 2, as our entire congregation will work together on those days to set up and take down for this ministry. For details, please contact Linda Hamilton, Laurie Pagel or the church office.

## Church Renovations

In January, our church will see a number of long-awaited repairs and renovations. Our sanctuary and adjacent rooms will have their plaster and paint redone over the next several months, while a storage area adjacent to the dining room will be renovated to better serve as a food pantry and as long-term storage. Thank you to all who generously gave to support the restoration of our church.

### Prayer Concerns

Dustin & Emily McConnell  
Gloria & Jon Michelson  
Willard Schaefer  
Emma Liogghio  
Barb Scrimger  
Germain Blais  
Denise Rowden (*sister in law of Bob & Karen Rowden*)  
John Kaseta (*friend of Holly Smith*)  
Sandy Smith (*mother in law of Holly Smith*)  
Holly Smith  
Larry Muir  
Chuck Dixon  
Amy Sullivan (*friend of Dixon family*)  
Sue Vermillion  
Robert Lee  
Jane Waldron  
Lena Brown  
Donn Mosher  
John Burns  
Van Dyke Family  
Bill Smoot  
Frank Richard (*Carol Lyons brother*)  
McKim Family



### Worship Attendance

**Sunday, December 8**  
Adults-100, Children-20  
**Sunday, December 15**  
Adults-84, Children-4

### December Birthdays

5	Dolores Downie
10	Bob Lee
16	Paul Lenneman
25	Grace Van Dyke
31	Sam McKim



### Making Connections

**Church Hours:** M-F, 10am-2pm

**Pastor Hours:** Pastor Alex has office hours on Mondays, 10am—2pm or anytime by appointment.

**Pews News Deadline:** If you want your news item in Pews News, please submit your info the Wednesday before the next issue.

**2019 Per Capita:** \$28.77

**Going Deeper:** To learn about becoming a Christian or a member here, please contact our office.

## Lent Soup & Study: A People's History of Christianity

Every Monday evening in Lent (March 3—April 7) we are offering a class on *A People's History of Christianity: The Other Side of the Story*, by Diana Butler Bass. This series will feature a soup potluck dinner from 6 to 6:30 PM, followed by a class from 6:30 to 7:30. In that hour, we'll learn about historical figures and events often overlooked by most church histories and how their examples of prayer and faith can enrich our own spiritual journeys today. While the class will focus on Bass' book and while reading ahead of time is encouraged, no purchases or homework are required to get something good out of this series. Just bring your curiosity! Lent is a time of spiritual growth and reflection, so we hope this class can encourage and grow your own faith.

## Mitten Tree

The Christmas tree in the association room still has room to be lovingly decorated with hats, mittens, gloves & scarves for adults & children. All donated items go to Love INC to clothe the needy.