

Sunday, November 27, 2016

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Psalm 105:1

THANK YOU to those who are serving us during worship today.

MUSICIANS: Jan Johnson & Angie Meester

GREETERS. Today – North Door – Steve & Charlene Kramer

South Door – John & Jodi DeBerg

Next Sunday: North Door – Mike & Kayla Stirling

South Door – Ken & Nancy Mehmen

USHERS. Today, a.m. – Delbert Cordes

Next Sunday – Ken Meester

VALET PARKING. Today – Rollyn DeGroot

Next Sunday – Chet Hay

COFFEE SERVERS. This week – Gene & Janet Venenga

Next week – Clarence & June Karsjens

SUNDAY SCHOOL. This week – Kamie & Nancy – *The Birth of John Foretold*; Brandy & Joel – *The Birth of John Foretold*

Next week – Kayla & Shelly – *The Angel Visits Joseph*; Stacy – *The Angel Visits Joseph*

Please note: If there are any differences between the schedule in the bulletin and the schedule in the Shepherd's Staff, please follow the schedule in the Shepherd's Staff.

THIS WEEK AT PARKERSBURG CRC

Today 9:30 a.m. – Worship Service
 10:45 a.m. – Sunday School
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – Prayer Time at Jean Trey's house
 6:15 p.m. – Life Plus
Next Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Worship Service
 10:45 a.m. – Sunday School
 6:00 p.m. – Worship Service

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Annie Allspach would like to thank all those who sent get well cards and also birthday cards. Thanks also to the Sunshine Circle for their gift. God bless you all.

To the many who have made turning 92 a wonderful occasion and a gift from our Lord and Savior, I extend my heartfelt thanks to each one of you. My prayer is that each one of you will receive the answer to all your prayers. **Jean Trey**

Paul and Ruth Haan are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. Paul Haan and Ruth Gibbs were married on December 26th, 1956, in Strawberry Point. Please join them at an open house in their honor on Saturday, December 10th, 2016 from 2-4pm at the church. The couple requests no gifts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is invited for coffee and fellowship following the worship service this morning.

There will be no second offering next Sunday.

There is a survey in your mailboxes that was mistakenly omitted from the packet of discussion notes and it is now in the mail slots. The council would like to have the completed surveys returned by Sunday Dec 11.

World Hunger Campaign: The grand total of \$690.80 was sent to World Renew. The Sunshine Circle wants to thank you again for your generous giving!

Thank you to all who helped with the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes this past week. We delivered a record number of 668 shoeboxes to Waterloo for delivery to the Processing Center! Praise the Lord!

There are some leftover Operation Christmas Child t-shirts available in the fellowship hall for those who would like one. No cost, first come first served.

The General Fund Collection for November 13 was \$2,396.75. The target amount for each week is \$2,400.00.

COOKIES & TREATS! Timothy Christian School is having a Cookie Walk on December 2nd from 8:30am-11am at United Reformed Church (608 S. Adams, Wellsburg) or until the cookies run out! Choose from thousands of beautifully decorated cookies, fudge and other treats. Pay by the pound and fill up your box! Hot Cider and Coffee will also be available. To place an order for local delivery, please call 641-869-3679 on Thursday, December 1st before 3pm or Friday, December 2nd before 10am. We look forward to seeing you!

You are invited to attend the 69th annual Christmas with Wartburg at Neumann Auditorium on Saturday, December 3 at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m and Sunday, December 4 at 3 p.m. It will last approximately 90 minutes. This year's concert is based on the "O Antiphons" used in Christian liturgies throughout the world. The theme O Night Divine is taken from Adolphe Adam's beloved Christmas song "O Holy Night." The concert will take the audience on a musical journey that explores the wonder and mystery of both night and holy light found throughout the Christmas story. Seven Wartburg musical groups will perform: the Wartburg Choir, Wind Ensemble, Castle Singers, Ritterchor, St. Elizabeth Chorale, Kantorei, and Kammerstreicher, a string orchestra. Tickets are available online at www.wartburg.edu/christmas or by phone at 319-352-8691 (Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. - noon).

Future Date: Christmas Tea, Wednesday, December 7th at 1:30. Janet Schildroth will be our speaker and will show us "Symbols of Christmas." All ladies are invited. Bring a friend.

A Christmas Concert Fantastique will be Sunday, December 11 at 3 PM at the Parkersburg United Methodist Church. This concert will feature piano duets by Anna Mae Schnucker and Amy Truax. They will be assisted by Pam Hart, Susan Sivola, Aaron Ellermann, Stan Thompson, Chris Schnucker, Ben Schlamp and Kelsie Tingle. Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall following the concert.

Goin' to Grandma's! Home for Christmas at Grandma's house will be held here on Sunday evening, December 11, at 6:00 p.m. We need Grandpa and Grandma, and LOTS of aunts, uncles and cousins to complete our program. There are speaking parts, and musical selections, as well, for which need volunteers. Please let Angie know TODAY (or as soon as possible) if you can fill one of the roles. Scripts will be handed out next Sunday, so we need to know who we can plan on! This is always a fun night and we hope to see some new faces on stage!

Goodies for Grandma's House! Donations of goodies for supper at Grandma's house after the Home for Christmas program on December 11 will be appreciated!

Please mark the evening of December 21 on your calendars as we plan to journey through Bethlehem with the Sunday School and Life Plus kids, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Be sure to wear your traveling clothes as we will walk the streets of Bethlehem on our way to the live Nativity. Be sure to invite your friends and family!

The Worship Committee has set Saturday, December 24th at 6 PM for our annual Candlelight Service. This year, all of our Sunday School Children are asked to be part of the service. In order to have a part for each child, we need to know how many families will be here that night. Please tell Marcia or Jan who is able to be here.

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

November 27, 2016 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: **Psalm 118:1-4**

*Song: TCH 11 **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Advent Reading and Response: Darrell Druvenga

Song: TCH 86 **Jesus, Name Above All Names**

Children's Sermon

Old Testament Reading: **Isaiah 11:1-9**

*Hymn: TCH 43 **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering: 1) General Fund
2) Christian Education

Hymn: TCH 244 **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Jeremiah 23:1-8** (pg. 1210)

Message: **THE RIGHTEOUS BRANCH**

Applicatory Prayer

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 245 **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 2 **Holy God, We Praise Thy Name**

*Postlude