

# WAY-SHOWERS

Advent 2018

## First Sunday of Advent

December 2

*"Lead me in your truth, and teach me..."*

*Psalm 25.5*

- 8:30 am **Early Worship**  
9:40 am **Adult Education**  
11:00 am **Worship, Communion**  
11:15 am **Children in Worship**  
4:15 pm **Jubilate Choir Rehearsal**  
5:00 pm **Crafts for Children**  
Preschool\* through 5th grade will make crafts for the Advent and Christmas season. \*Young children should be accompanied by an adult or an older sibling.
- 5:00 pm **Youth Activity**  
5:00 pm **Advent Organ Recital**  
Our organist Rhonda Edgington will be joined by local musicians Jordan VanHemert on saxophone and Lauren Garza on viola at this year's Advent Organ recital. As with former years, there will be solo organ music, ensemble works, and congregational song around Advent and Christmas themes.
- 6:00 pm **Supper & Lighting of Advent Candles**  
A simple meal will be provided after the Advent crafts and activities.

### Bus Ministry:

Bus Ministry: On **December 2**, there will be a second bus pick up at 4:20 pm at Resthaven -40th St., 4:30 pm at Freedom Village, and 4:40 pm at Warm Friend.

## Second Sunday of Advent

December 9

*"See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way..."*

*Malachi 3.1*

- 8:30 am **Early Worship**  
10:00 am **St. Nicholas Breakfast**  
This will be a time to remember the traditions of St. Nicholas and to share breakfast in the Commons. There will be a special gift for each child and a gift to share with others!
- 11:00 am **Worship**  
11:15 am **Children in Worship**  
4:15 pm **Jubilate Choir Rehearsal**



## Third Sunday of Advent

December 16

*"Let this be known in all the earth..."*

*Isaiah 12.5*

- 8:30 am **Early Worship**  
9:40 am **Adult Education**  
11:00 am **Worship**  
11:15 am **Children in Worship**  
12:15 pm **Pizza Sunday**  
1:00 pm **Congregational Caroling**  
Share the spirit of celebration and joy with those who find it difficult to join us. Poinsettias, gift bags, and cards will be shared as we carol. You don't have to have a great voice, just a smile to share. Families and persons of all ages are encouraged to participate - many voices are needed!

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23

*"Let your face shine, O LORD..."*

*Psalm 80.19*

- 11:00 am **Worship**
- 11:15 am **Children in Worship**
- 12:30 pm **Jubilate Choir Rehearsal**

*No Early Worship, Church School,  
or Adult Education.*

## Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24

### 5:30 pm **Worship Service & Pageant**

Christmas carols will be sung and the Christmas story will be told as we worship the Christ child together. The pageant is a wonderful way for the whole community to celebrate the music and meaning of this season as the children act out the events of the Gospel story.

*~ Children are welcome in the service*

### 10:00 pm **Young Adult Open House**

If you are post high school to age 30 and in Holland for Christmas, please come to this special Christmas Eve Reception. There will be cookies, cider and hot chocolate! Reconnect with past members of Fish Club and High Hopes!

### 11:00 pm **Candlelight Communion**

Scripture lessons, carols, and music will fill our worship in a celebration of the birth of Christ. We greet Christmas morning sharing communion together, celebrating Jesus' birth.

*Original Advent artwork by Kari Miller Fenwood*

## Christmas Sunday

Sunday, December 30

- 11:00 am **Christmas Worship Service**  
A worship service of carols, scripture, poetry, Christmas celebration & reflection.
- 11:15 am **Children in Worship - only Preschool & K-1 will meet**

*No Early Worship, Church School,  
or Adult Education.*

## Epiphany Sunday

Sunday, January 6

- 8:30 am **Early Worship**
- 9:40 am **Adult Education**
- 11:00 am **Epiphany Worship Service**
- 11:15 am **Combined Children in Worship**
- 12:15 pm **Epiphany Celebration**

## Opportunities to Give

### Christmas Cookies for Caroling

On December 16 we will be caroling and sharing home baked treats with our homebound members. Please consider providing cookies for this special event. All cookies must be brought to the church by December 9. There is a sign up sheet in the gathering area and google form that can be filled out to let us know how many dozen cookies you are able to bring. Thank you for making this special for our members who will receive Christmas Carolers.

### Tree of Light

Become more involved in the lives of the community by selecting a tag off the tree in the Gathering Area beginning Dec. 2. This year, we are asking you to purchase \$25 gift cards to Meijer, Target, or Walmart, along with a Christmas card. Return gift cards with the Christmas card in an **unsealed** envelope to Hope Church by Dec. 16. For further details, please read the article on page 2 of the December newsletter.

### Christmas Offering

The Christmas offering will support Doctors Without Borders for the work they are currently doing in Yemen. Doctors Without Borders, was founded to bring medical professionals together to not only provide aid in war zones, but to talk about what they saw. In spite of the risks, this group refuses to watch in silence.

### White Gift Offering

On Epiphany Sunday, **Jan. 6**, bring a personal care product for a child or woman, wrapped in white tissue paper. These gifts will be brought forward during the offering, and later given to the Center for Women in Transition, a local agency assisting women and families caught in abusive relationships and empowering a hopeful future for them.