

The Belltower

December 2018

A Monthly Publication of Dunnellon Presbyterian Church

Declaring and Demonstrating the Promises of Christ



Our Celebration Schedule of Advent and Christmas

Sunday Advent Services

December 2, 9, 16, & 23 at 10:00 am

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services

Monday, December 24th

at 5:30 pm & 11:00 pm

Special Christmas Music Events

Chancel Choir Cantata "Sing with the Angels!"

Sunday, December 9th at 10:00 am

Annual Christmas Reception following the Cantata at 11:15 am

Dunnellon Community Choral "Christmas Sing-A-Long"

Saturday, December 15th at 3:00 pm

Holiday Concert

Central Florida Master Choir

Sunday, December 16th at 3:00 pm



Treasurer's Report

2018 End of Year Contribution Information

- ❖ To assist you with your “End of Year” Offering decisions, you may request an individual contribution statement, year to date.
- ❖ **End of Year Contribution Timeline:**
 - The Church Office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 31, 2018 and January 1, 2019.
 - All hand-delivered End of Year Contributions must be in the office by 1:00pm on Friday, December 28, 2018, - OR - placed in the Sunday Offering on Sunday, December 30, 2018.
 - All USPS mailed End of Year Contributions must be postmarked by Monday, December 31, 2018. Please be mindful of the Holiday Hours of your local Post Office, as the closing time generally relates to the daily postmark. Dunnellon Post Office closes at 5:00 pm on Monday, December 31, 2018.
- ❖ All contributions postmarked January 1, 2019 or later as well as all contributions placed in the January 6, 2019 Sunday Offering will be reported in the Tax Year 2019, regardless of the date on your check.
- ❖ All contributors will receive a “2018 Charitable Contribution Tax Report” by January 31, 2019.
- ❖ **IMPORTANT NOTICE** from the:
2018 Church & Clergy Tax Guide
“To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, please do not file your 2018 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. You may lose a deduction for some contributions if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church.”
- ❖ 2019 Offering Envelopes will be in the Narthex on December 9, 2018 for pick up. If you wish to *begin using* offering envelopes or *cease using* offering envelopes please call the office.
- ❖ **Contact Cheryl at chellgrendpc@bellsouth.net or 352.489.2682 and I will be happy to help you!**

I wish you all a Joyous Christmas and
a New Year filled with sustaining Hope and Peace!!

Cheryl,
Financial Assistant

Tis the Season: While we eagerly anticipate His second coming, we are also preparing to once again celebrate His birth. May you feel the true meaning of Christmas this year.

Until He Returns or Calls Us Home,
Craig Henry



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Presbyterian Men

December Men's Breakfast

Thursday, December 20, 2018 at 8:00 am

The DPC Men's Club **WILL meet** in December, at the Purple Sage Café.

Please notify Don K. 352-489-2682 by Monday, Dec. 17th if you will be attending.

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Presbyterian Women

PW Circles

December 5th

1:00 pm Pat McDowell Circle

6:00 pm Lydia Circle

The Evening Circle will meet at 6:00 pm on December 5th for our Annual Christmas Celebration and to decorate the big Christmas Tree in the Fellowship Center.

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PW Coordinating Team

will meet on Wednesday,
December 19th at 10:00 am.

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PW Quilt Circle

Tuesdays, December 11th
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

We continue to work on our own projects that will be given away. Come join us, even for a few minutes.

Any questions, call Jean K. at 489-2682.

Hope to see you there!

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Presbyterian Women Christian Community Action Committee

The Presbyterian Women Christian Community Action Committee thanks the congregation for its very generous support of our Thanksgiving Outreach Program. We were able to help 19 families including about 60 children.

Music

The small changes to our service that began in September were made to enhance our service which is liturgical in nature. You can discuss the aspects of what a liturgical service is with Pastor Jeff and why the changes were made. By their very nature, a choir is a liturgical leader of the church. As such, a choir does not always have to prepare an anthem every Sunday to participate in the weekly service. They do, however, serve as leaders in hymn singing and other tasks assigned to them by the pastor.

In our case, the choir continues to provide special music for Communion Services, and special Sundays throughout the year. The new additions of singing Responses at various times in the services have been demonstrated for the past few months, and we encourage the congregation to now join in with us at these times. By way of musical responses, we can each enhance the “rhythms and presence of God” in our lives. The responses will change within seasons of the church.

The choir has been asked to add singing of a Psalm on the second Sunday of the month, which will continue as a special sung response by them. It functions as a biblical way to sing our thanks to God and is generally sung as a response to the first reading of the Word. These will be different each month.

There are many ways a liturgical service can be conducted and these simple changes to our service are meant to add to our hearing of the word in its various forms.

Ephesians 5:19 Paul asks us to make the most of “singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts.”

Colossians 3:16 Paul states “Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.”

Sue Koppler,
Director of Music

Music and Community Activities

MOVIES WITH MEANING

Saturday, December 8th at 1:00 pm

Frozen River, 2008, rated R.

Not only does it take place around Christmas time, but... well, you'll see if you join us at 1:00 p.m. on the 8th for popcorn, drinks, movie and a perhaps-rousing discussion.



Dunnellon Community Chorale

Saturday, December 15th at 3:00 pm

"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" and time for the Annual Christmas Sing-A-Long.

Please save the date for Saturday, December 15th at 3:00 pm for this community affair. Included this year will be several familiar Christmas Songs, and "Twas the Night Before Christmas".

A time for Coffee or Punch and Cookies follows in the Fellowship Hall. The Chorale takes this time to thank the community for your faithful support of our various concerts throughout the year.

Concert Series

Sunday, December 16th at 3:00 pm

The Central Florida Master Choir

Our Concert Series continues Sunday, December 16th at 3:00 p.m. with The Central Florida Master Choir's holiday concert. The first half will be the performance of Giacomo Puccini's "Gloria Mass", followed by a variety of selections such as "Ose Shalom" and "Sleigh Ride". This is sure to put you in the Holiday Spirit!

A festive announcement for a family night Christmas dinner. The text is centered within a decorative border of holly leaves, red berries, and white flowers. The text reads: "FAMILY NIGHT CHRISTMAS DINNER", "Wednesday, December 12th at 6:30 pm", "The Christmas Dinner is sponsored by the Pat McDowell Circle", "Roast Pork will be provided.", "Please bring your favorite side dish to share.", and "Come Enjoy Wonderful Food & Fellowship!".

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH



**CHRISTMAS
CANTATA
AT 10:00 AM**

**"SING
WITH THE
ANGELS"**

**FOLLOWED BY THE
CHRISTMAS RECEPTION
AT 11:15 AM**

On December 9th the Presbyterian Women are planning a Christmas Reception following the choirs' Christmas Cantata.

There will be a sign-up sheet on December 3rd for you to indicate what you would like to bring to share.

Memorial Garden

Volunteers are working to keep the garden looking good. The cool weather is here, so maybe the weeds won't grow so fast.

Any questions about the garden, call Jean K. at 352-489-2682.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

*Glory
to
God
in the
highest
heaven!*

LUKE 2:14, NR5V