

2018 Year-End Gift Giving

By George Ross

I have received questions regarding contributions toward the repair and restorations needed to the Sanctuary building. The simple answer is an enthusiastic “yes” we are accepting contributions to the Facilities Fund in 2018 for this purpose. In fact, a generous donor will match contributions received, up to \$50,000 total.

You will hear more details from Stewardship and Property on this project early in 2019. I just wanted to let those interested in making a 2018 gift a little heads-up.

Your generous, special gifts to the Church for this project or any other purpose would be a blessing and put to very good use.

REMEMBER: For a gift to be considered deductible for 2018, the gift must be received by the church on or before Monday, December 31, 2018. Or, the gift must be delivered by mail post-marked in 2018.

Calendar

Sunday, December 30	10:00 a.m.	Worship– Lessons and Carols
Monday, December 31		Pre-School Closed
Tuesday, January 1 New Years Day		Pre-School Closed Office Closed
Wednesday, January 2		Pre-School Closed
Thursday, January 3	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Pre-School Closed Outreach Meeting Youth Reno Team Worship Meeting Property Meeting

Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and ...



In memory of
Mary Jane & Randy Gutshall
by Dan Gutshall



Remember in Prayer...

Kimberley Aden, Judy Bedillion (Debbie Braden’s mother) Bob and Pam Benson, Charlotte Berglund, Gale and Elaine Boylan, Glenn Conner, Larry and Gerry Cook (friends of Judy Klein), Jose Gonzalez, Carl Heldwein, Bob Hiller, Carolyn and Tom Hopper, Dave Keim, Nancy (Linda Martin’s friend), Katie Meredith, Jack Moore, Josh Moore, Kathy (Larry/Glenyce Payne’s daughter), Merrylin Opendo, Nolan Perret, Betty Phillips, Bill Salisbury (Tammie

Wright’s father), Roger (Judy Schuler’s brother), Robin Soergel, Catherine and Bill Trask, Patricia Zalusky-Taylor, Harold Wohlwend

(Names added this week are in bold.)

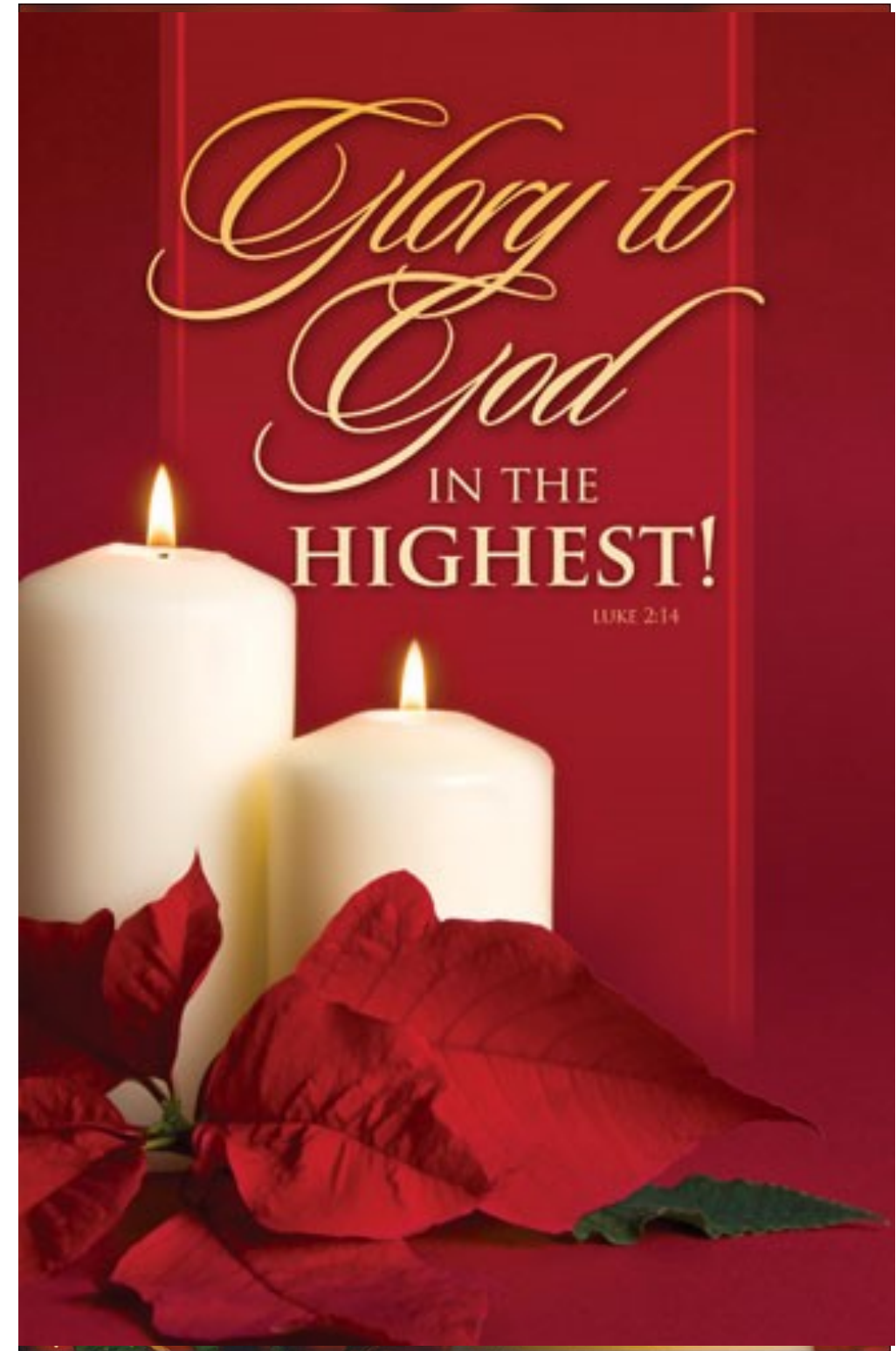
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Chris Gesdorf, Ryan Gulick,
Alice Harper, Tod McVey, Bruce Neu**

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December 30, 2018

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Order of Worship

1st Sunday after Christmas Day

10:00 a.m.

We Gather

A quiet time of prayer and preparation for worship.

Eternal God, your Son Jesus is the true bread from heaven. Draw us to Christ that we may receive nourishing grace for our journey in this world and know at last the joy of everlasting life with Him who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRELUDE

*HYMN "Silent Night, Holy Night" #122

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Cynthia M. Benz

PNC UPDATE Chris Gesdorf, PNC Co-Chair

OPENING SENTENCES (Psalm 96) George Ross

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

Ministers: sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Leader: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;

Ministers: tell the good news of salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

Ministers: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.

Ministers: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Leader: Let the whole creation sing for joy at the presence of God, who is coming.

Ministers: God is coming indeed, to judge the earth with righteousness, and the peoples with equity and truth. Praise the Lord!

CHILDREN'S TIME AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Dr. Cynthia M. Benz

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please bring Prayer Cards forward to Cindy during the Passing of the Peace.)

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this! He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

SPECIAL MUSIC "Once in Royal David's City" Lynn McVaney, soloist

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 1 (selected verses) George Ross

God creates the world and declares it to be good and blesses it

CAROL "Of the Father's Love Begotten" #108 (v. 1-2)

SECOND LESSON: Genesis 22:15-18

God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of the world will be blessed

CAROL "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" #82

THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah

CAROL "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" #123 (v. 1)

FOURTH LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9

The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation

CAROL "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" #129 (v. 1,2)

FIFTH LESSON: Luke 1:26-35, 38

An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child

CAROL "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" #143 (v. 1,4)

INVITATION TO OFFERING Dr. Cynthia M. Benz

OFFERTORY "What Child Is This?"

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION Dr. Cynthia M. Benz

SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-7 Dr. Cynthia M. Benz

Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem where Mary gives birth to her child

CAROL "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" #128

SEVENTH LESSON: Luke 2:8-16

Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah

CAROL "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" #136 (v. 1)

EIGHT LESSON: Matthew 2:1-11

Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus

CAROL "We Three Kings of Orient Are" #151 (vs. 1)

NINTH LESSON: John 1:1-14

The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth

CAROL "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #133

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Circle us Lord.

Circle us with the light of your presence, bright within this dark world. Enable us to be overcomers of fear and temptation. Enable us to be victors over dread and desire. Enable us to become that which you would desire.

(Silent Prayer)

Leader: Lord of creation, Lord of Salvation,

Ministers: Circle us with the light of your presence.

Leader: Circle us, Lord.

Circle our family within the shelter of your outstretched arms. Protect them in each moment of their daily lives. Protect them in the decisions that they face. Protect their homes and relationships.

(Silent prayer)

Leader: Lord of creation, Lord of Salvation,

Ministers: Circle our families with the light of your presence.

Leader: Circle us, Lord.

Circle our fearful, divided nation with Advent love and hope. Create a desire to listen to the Advent message. Create a willingness to understand and respond. Create a need to reach out to the Christ Child.

(Silent prayer)

Leader: Lord of creation, Lord of Salvation,

Ministers: Circle our nation with the light of your presence.

Leader: Circle us, Lord.

Circle this world with the joy of your salvation. Where there is sickness and disease bring healing. Where there is hunger and despair bring hope. Where there is torture and oppression bring release.

(Silent prayer)

Leader: Lord of creation, Lord of Salvation,

Ministers: Circle this world with the light of your presence.

Leader: These things we pray as Jesus taught us, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Angels We Have Heard on High" #113

*SENDING Dr. Cynthia M. Benz

Leader: Let us go to be the gift another needs,

Ministers: sharing God's blessings of love and grace, continuing our whole life through to tell the story we heard from the shepherds.

Leader: Let us go to be the comfort which can swaddle others,

Ministers: sharing Jesus' compassion with the poor and needy, welcoming the holiness offered by the most vulnerable we meet.

Leader: Let us go to enkindle the lives around us as we seek to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

*POSTLUDE "Joy to the World" #134

**All who are able, please stand*