

THE LIGHTHOUSE

Christian Church
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
Pacific Grove

December 2018

Upcoming Events

Dec 16 - Hanging of the Greens & Cookie Swap

Dec 20 - CWF White Elephant Gift Exchange & Party 11:00 AM

Dec 23 - Worship at 11 AM, Christmas Potluck Brunch after worship

Dec 24- Christmas Eve Candlelight and Worship Service 6pm

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
OF PACIFIC GROVE

*A Spiritual Sanctuary
for the Thinking Christian*

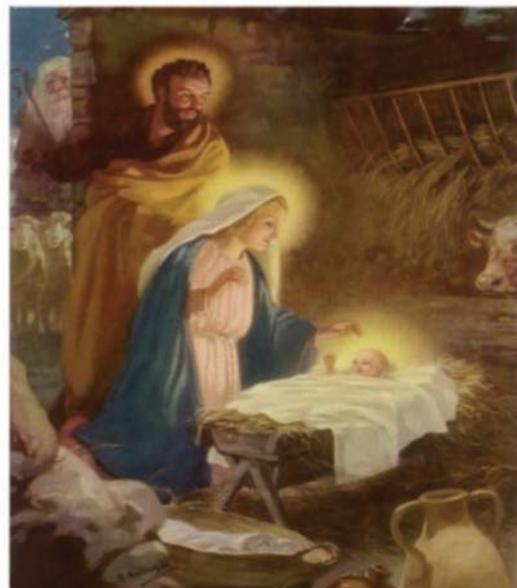
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*In essentials, unity.
In non-essentials, liberty.
In all things, charity.*



Notes from the Lion's Den



*For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. --- Isaiah 9:6*



When I was in seminary, it hit home to me that there are two very different Christmas stories in the Gospels – Matthew describes Zoroastrian Magi visiting the holy family at their house while Luke tells the story of shepherds and angels arriving at a manger. I asked my worship professor Doug Adams how he felt about the merging of the two stories in artistic renderings of the nativity. Professor Adams' face lit up telling me that the images of the nativity are so wonderful because they show us rich Magi and poor shepherds, celestial beings and human beings, two-legged and four-legged creatures all sharing in the mystery of the birth of Christ together. Since then, I have collected nativity scenes to display in my living room during the Advent and Christmas seasons to remind me that although they are Biblically flawed, they advance such a great message of inclusiveness and communion.

May the Holy Child of Bethlehem be born in us today!

Merry Christmas!

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Serving Our Church

Worship Leaders

2- Babette Wilson, 9- Dawn Wilson, 16- Alex Pardi, 23- Tom Hoy, 24- Ken Rockefeller,
30- Pinkie Weesner

Serving Elders

Thanksgiving

2- Kimberley Brown
9- Nancy Bingaman
16- TBA
23- Heidi Toy
30- Joy Brittain

Communion

Joy Brittain
Carole Bestor
Lori Robinson
TBA
TBA

Elder of the Month:

Nancy Bingaman

Deacon of the Month

Sandi Ellis

Flowers

2- Lori Robinson
9- Sandi Ellis
16- Open
23- Open
30- Negron's

Fellowship

Birthday Cake
Open
Open
Potluck Brunch
Negron's

Happy December Birthdays

1-Dawn Lowery-Peterson, 4-Sean Bigelow, 7-Patrick Flanigan, 8-Charles Murray,
9-Dawn Wilson, 10-Kimberly Brown, 12-Jannelle Bingaman, 19-Mike Dremel,
22-John Shykun, 24-Magali Negron

Anniversaries

15- Scott & Janet Billets

December 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2</p> <p>Meditation with the Pastor 9:45 AM</p> <p>Worship 11 AM</p> <p>1st Sunday In Advent</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Clergy Lectionary at 10AM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Girl Scout Mtg @ 5:30 PM</p> <p>Choir 7:00- 8:30 PM</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Lunch Bunch @ Toasties @ noon</p> <p>Trustees Mtg @ 6 PM</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Church Women United @ 9:30 AM</p> <p>Chalice Closet 1-4PM</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Bill Trumbo Memorial Service 9:30 AM</p> <p>Chalice Closet 1-4pm</p> <hr/> <p>8</p> <p>Chalice Closet 1-4pm</p> <p>Wedding @ 1PM</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Meditation with the Pastor 9:45 AM</p> <p>Worship 11 AM</p> <p>2nd Sunday In Advent</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Clergy Lectionary @ 10AM</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Girl Scout Mtg @ 5:30 PM</p> <p>Choir 7:00- 8:30 PM</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Chalice Closet 1-4 PM</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Chalice Closet 1-4 PM</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Meditation 9:45 AM</p> <p>Worship 11 AM</p> <p>3rd Sunday In Advent</p> <p>Hanging of the Greens and Cookie Exchange</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Clergy Lectionary @ 10AM</p> <p>Administrative Board Meeting 6PM @ Kilgore/Wilson Home</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Girl Scout Mtg @ 5:30 PM</p> <p>Choir 7:00- 8:30 PM</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Christmas Potluck and White Elephant Exchange 11 AM – 1 PM</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Chalice Closet 1-4 PM</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Chalice Closet 1-4 PM</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Meditation 9:45 AM</p> <p>Worship 11 AM</p> <p>4rd Sunday In Advent</p> <p>Christmas Potluck Brunch</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carols 6 PM</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Girl Scout Mtg @ 5:30 PM</p> <p>Choir 7:00- 8:30 PM</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Meditation 9:45 AM</p> <p>Worship 11 AM</p> <p>1st Sunday in Christmas</p>	<p>31</p>					



Happy Thanksgiving!

We hope you are enjoying time for rest and reflection with your friends and family today. Many of us in the Powell family have had the chance to gather in Indiana and reflect on the wonderful legacy of our parents, Jim and Peggy Powell and their ministry over the past 40+ years. To honor that legacy and their love for the church and their commitment to its future, we are inviting you to join us in establishing a scholarship in their name!

Their love and encouragement have surrounded our lives, just as their faith and commitment have nurtured the church. We like to think that we never took them for granted, but after dad had a life-threatening heart event that resulted in bypass surgery two years ago, we knew we wanted to do something tangible and lasting to celebrate them sooner rather than later. Drew and his great friend, Gaylord Yu, consulted with Jim and came up with a plan. Peggy agreed whole-heartedly, and then Than, Laura, Elizabeth and their families joined in.

In late October, we began the Jim and Peggy Powell Scholarship at the Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago. The scholarship will honor them, and it will encourage emerging leaders for the church and world by helping to ensure full tuition, stipend, and housing support and providing for internships and other tailored learning experiences. Much of Jim and Peggy's ministry was spent with Church Extension helping start new churches and fund the buildings and infrastructure of our denomination. With this scholarship we hope to help further support the church by training the leaders who will serve in those churches. As Jim and Peggy say, "We delight in the fact that this scholarship will make it possible over time for new leaders to be educated and nurtured into their faith and leadership and that it will happen with them having the possibility of doing so without debt."

Our plan is to fully endow the scholarship at \$250,000, to secure this funding within the next six months, and to celebrate the first Jim and Peggy Powell Scholarship recipient in May 2019. We know the plan is ambitious; we also know that we can do it with your help.

What can you do? 1) Consider a gift that will help make this a reality and 2) Make plans to come to Chicago during Memorial Day weekend to celebrate Jim and Peggy. There will be a private reception at to honor them on Saturday, May 25, 2019, at 4:30pm, followed at 7:00pm by DDH's 125th Anniversary Banquet. Drew and Gaylord are the Masters of Ceremony for the banquet. More information about DDH and its 125th Anniversary Celebration is at ddh.uchicago.edu.

To make your gift, give online at ddh.uchicago.edu. or send a check payable to "Disciples Divinity House" with "Jim and Peggy Powell Scholarship Fund" on the memo line and mail it to 1156 East 57th Street, Chicago, IL 60637. Don't hesitate to reply to this email for more information or to consult with Jim (jimpowell1973@gmail.com) or Dean Kris Culp (kculp@uchicago.edu) about ways to make this gift.

We know this time of year is a special one for celebrating friends and family. We are incredibly thankful for you and what you have meant to our Mom and Dad through the years. Happy Thanksgiving!

With thanks and love, Drew Powell, Than Powell, Elizabeth Young, Laura Rodriguez, & our families



Annual Cookie Swap and Hanging of the Greens

Join us after worship on the Third Sunday of Advent (December 16) for our annual cookie swap and hanging of the greens. Bring your favorite homemade Christmas Cookies and take home an assortment. You can bring your own cookie tin or we will provide containers and bags. While we are sampling the cookies, we will be decorating the sanctuary with greens and decorating a Christmas tree in Jones Hall. Fun!!



Christmas Brunch Potluck

Join us for a Christmas Brunch Potluck on Sunday, December 23 after worship in Jones Hall. Bring your favorite brunch food to share.

Welcome to our new Nursery Attendants

We now have four nursery attendants watching the nursery on Sunday mornings! In accordance with our Safe Church Policy, two attendants will be in the Nursery each Sunday. Larissa Sutter and Taylor Ibanez will be working most Sundays with Faith Harris and Sat Jiwan Khalsa will serve as back-up attendants. Please make our new employees feel welcome at our church.



Larissa Sutter



Faith Harris

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The trustees are currently making plans to upgrade our PA system in the church sanctuary that will improve the quality of sound as well as make the sanctuary safer. Some contributions have already been made and we still need to raise approximately \$5000. An engraved plaque will be posted near the PA system that will be similar to the one that was created for the organ fund. Please contribute as you can.

This is my gift to be used for the PA System fund. \$ _____

I would like to be acknowledged for this donation or would like to give this gift in honor of someone special, so please engrave this name on the plaque:

ENCOURAGED BY THE WORD



Each month we will feature favorite passages from the Bible that have been selected by members of our congregation. We encourage you to share verses that have special meaning to you. We have forms to fill out at the back of the sanctuary, or you may send an email to Janet Billets.

Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.” Jesus turned and saw her. “Take heart, daughter,” he said, “your faith has healed you.” And the woman was healed at that moment. —Matthew 9:20-22 NIV

*It wasn't a “magic cloak,” for it had long deteriorated. What opened her heart to the miracle of healing was her faith. It was alive in her as it is alive in us today.
—Jean Saltsman*

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. —Psalm 100:1-2 KJV

This was one of the first psalms that I had to memorize in Sunday school with my favorite third/fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Isaacs. She was so loving and caring and surrounded you with her arms that made you feel safe. It is also where the psalms turn from sadness and sorrow to praise psalms. I also like the fact that we are to come before God with singing, something so important to me. And many times, it is where I feel most connected to God. —Joy Brittain

**Create a pure heart in me, O God, and put a new and loyal spirit in me.
—Psalm 51:10 GNT**

When I was in summer camp, one night they prepared a campfire, and each camper wrote a verse of Psalm 51. I chose Psalm 51:10. We prayed and threw the paper on a fire. After that day I felt that I had to change my life to be a better Christian and human being. —Magali Negron

**This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
—Psalm 118:24 ESV**

IN MEMORY OF BILL TRUMBO

This was surely one of Bill's favorites. Every time he was worship leader he would start by quoting this verse. It was how he lived. —Jean Saltsman



Mark your calendar.... Blue Theology Sunday is January 20.
We will have a learning/serving group visiting from Danville Congregational Church
that weekend.



Annual Christmas Potluck/White Elephant Exchange

THURSDAY, December 20, 11:00 AM

Jones Fellowship Hall

*Always a fun time. The whole church congregation is invited!
Bring some food to share and a truly crazy white elephant
"gift" to exchange.*

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF PACIFIC GROVE

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