

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

- **Today in Adult Education:** What do we mean when we wish each other, "Peace be with you."? Why is Jesus named the Prince of Peace? There is a kind of peace that is an absence of conflict. Is there an active kind of peace? For what are we looking when we seek peace in ourselves? in our relationships? in the world? Join Micah Beck at 11:25 in Dodds Hall for what he promises will be "an open, rambling, discussion of peace as we read from various passages of both Testaments."
- **Next Sunday in Adult Education:** Our new Choir Director, Dr. David Neal, will make a presentation on the special music for the Advent and Christmas seasons. He'll discuss the origins and background of both traditional and recently composed works.
- **Bread for the World Farm Bill Campaign Launch**, on Zoom on December 6, from 4 to 5:30 pm. You will learn what it is and why it's important, and you'll hear from some leaders and allies about that. Most importantly, you will learn what you can do to help achieve a Farm Bill that prioritizes nutrition, equity, and sustainability. To register, contact Pam Pospisil at business4pam@yahoo.com to have the registration link forwarded to you.
- **Youth Choir:** Following our performance in church December 11, Youth Choir will not meet again until January 29. Join us then for a new season of great singing after church!

On December 11 after church we will cast, costume and rehearse a Children's Christmas Pageant which we will present December 18 in church. Meet in the Choir Room after church and fellowship time, starting at 11:20 am on December 11 to join in the fun!

- **"Christmas books inspire, delight, and build memories!** Enjoy the display of books in the Narthex telling the stories of Christmas past and present. Take time to read one to a child. Be amazed at the pop-up books regaling us with messages of joy. Bring your own book to add to the collection. Check with Phil Courtney for details."
- **Yuletide Dinner:** Yuletide Dinner is back! Join us Friday, December 16 at 6pm. Volunteers are needed! Check out the Yuletide Dinner webpage under the News & Events tab at ww.firstpresithaca.org. Please email Mylika at Mylika@firstpresithaca.org with any questions or to volunteer.
- **Advent Devotionals :** Advent begins today, and the Worship, Music, and Spiritual Life Committee invites you to enjoy Kindling the Flame of Love: A Celtic Advent Devotional, an Advent devotional offered by Presbyterians Today. This devotional is available to download by going to Presbyterians Today Celtic Advent Devotional. We will also have paper copies available in the narthex and the church office.
- **Photos for the Church Directory** - This week and next we will be taking photos for the church directory in front of the Christmas trees after the worship service. Meet Sara Carpenter up front!
- **The office follows ICSD "snow day" closures.** If the Ithaca City School District calls for a closure or delay, the church office follows Monday through Friday. For emergencies, call Kirianne at 607-882-1325.

- **Church will always happen, no matter the weather!** We will open our doors at 10am on Sunday in the worst weather. To staff, congregation, choir and all: only come when it is safe to do so.
- **The Church Office** hours will be mornings only while we search for a new Business Manager. For now, reach the main office Tuesday through Friday, 8:30am-12:30pm.
- **This is a public building!** From time to time coats and belongings have been disturbed or taken, especially when they are not in sight. Please keep belongings with you or leave coats at the narthex coat racks where ushers are nearby during services. We are so sorry for this inconvenience.

A Livestream of each Sunday's service is available to view anytime thereafter by subscribing to our YouTube channel or by visiting the church website at firstpresithaca.org.

For those for whom internet privacy is a concern, the livestream only shows the front of the sanctuary.

Our ushers this morning are:

Jeanette Miller, Sandra Greene, Stella Martz, and Harrison Faulkner

Our communion servers this morning are:

Micah Beck, Sandra Greene, Glen Dowell, and Margaret Shackell

Our greeters are:

Marilyn Ewing, Beth Patton, and Harrison Faulkner

The Flowers are given by Jan Morgan in celebration of life.

We hold in our prayers: Ann Cedarholm; Bobbie Collyer; Tom Hurst; Nancy Jenkins; Nita King; Betsy Mann; Martha Mapes; Gayle Park; Mark Radice; and Connie and Don Scott and family.