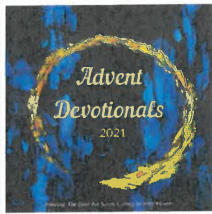


Advent Wreath Making

TODAY, November 28, 9:30 AM, Smith Hall



Join us for this family-friendly annual post-Thanksgiving activity. We will be making Advent Wreaths in Smith Hall during the Christian Education Hour at 9:30 AM for you to take home and light each Sunday in Advent. There will be no Sunday School on this day.



Advent Devotionals

Look for daily Advent Devotionals written by church members and staff to land in your inbox beginning today.

Las Posadas "Inns" Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 5, 11:30 AM

On December 5th, immediately following the 10:30am service, we will journey together as a church community in our "Las Posadas," Spanish for "The Inns", pageant. Traveling around the church building, led by our children and youth, we will reenact the journey of Mary and Joseph by knocking on doors seeking shelter. At each Posada, or Inn, Mary and Joseph ask for shelter and at each Posada they are refused until finally the Holy Family is recognized, and they and their friends are welcomed in with celebration.

Las Posadas can help us retell the story of our own sojourns to new life. It can remind us of those who continue to cross geographic borders, psychological barriers, social boundaries, and spiritual barriers in search of newness of life, justice, and safety. But by God's incarnational grace, we are welcomed, and in turn, we are called to welcome others who may knock at our "doors."



Arthur Melville (1855-1904) - Christmas Eve, 'And There Was No Room for Them in the Inn'

Our service and preparation have been adapted from ©2006 Local Church Ministries, Worship and Education Ministry Team, United Church of Christ, 700 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115-1000.



Decorating the Church for Christmas

Saturday, December 4, 9 AM

It is that time again to begin decorating the church during Advent. We especially need many hands that can help "fluff" the Christmas trees and put them up on Saturday, December 4 starting at 9 AM, meeting in Smith Hall. This is a wonderful time for the Second Family to gather, with masks, and socialize during these tasks.

Placing Poinsettias around the Church

Saturday, December 18, 9 AM

We need helpers to place poinsettias in the Sanctuary and the Chapel. **If you are able to help on either of these mornings, please contact Janet Short at jesasc73@aol.com.**



Service of Healing and Wholeness at Christmas

Wednesday, December 15, 7 PM
Livestreamed & In Person



CHRISTMAS CAROLS AROUND THE WORLD
with the Bells@Second
Sunday, December 19, 9:30 AM, Smith Hall

“Pocket” Alternative Gift Market

Special Collection: Afghan Women’s Fund



For almost a decade, Second Presbyterian Church has partnered with the Afghan Women’s Fund with the goal of providing a quality education to women and girls in Afghanistan. The two schools that we helped build brought transformation to their regions, becoming community and adult education centers outside of school hours.

Our collective heart breaks for those suffering in Afghanistan. Fahima Gaheez, Director of AWF, continues to work tirelessly to help her volunteer work force and others who have been targeted for their connection to AWF. AWF has been helping with the application process and fees, and is preparing to assist with travel and resettlement expenses as needed.

In the meantime, the people of Afghanistan have more urgent needs of food and safe shelter.

Please consider giving to AWF this holiday season. Gifts may be made through the church by check (made out to Second Presbyterian church, noting “Afghan Women’s Fund” in the memo line) or online through your realm account by selecting “Afghan Women’s Fund”.

Interested in purchasing Afghan Rugs? Contact Fahima at awforg@yahoo.com; she would be happy to help you make a purchase!

December Mission Fridays!

In coordination with our partners at Manna House, Glenwood Life Counseling Center, and CARES Food Pantry, we will observe the following collection schedule in December:

December 3: Goods for CARES

December 10: Toiletries, Hats, and Gloves for kits for Baltimore’s Homeless

December 17: Coffee, Creamer and Sugar for Glenwood Life Counseling Center

December 24: No Collection

December 31: No Collection

Angel Tree for Glenwood Life

The Angel Tree is now available in the Church’s Rotunda. We will again provide gifts to allow clients of Glenwood Life to “shop” for their families using earned participation points.

This year more than ever, Glenwood is seeing that its clients struggle to purchase basic goods.

Take an angel or use the Amazon Wish List (coming soon). If you take an angel or have gifts delivered to your home, please bring them, unwrapped, to the church by:

Sunday, December 12th.



Books for OrchKids



Did you know that 10 schools and 2,000 students participate in the OrchKids in-school and after-school programs?

As we have done for several years, Second plans to donate 75 carefully-selected books to be distributed among some of the program participants. Each book will contain a book plate wishing the students a, "Merry Christmas from a friend at Second Presbyterian Church."

To purchase books for OrchKids, make your check out to Second Presbyterian Church noting “OrchKids Books” on the memo line:

\$20 For one book, \$40 for two books, or even \$100 for five books would be appreciated!