



**December 13, 2017**

**THIS SUNDAY  
December 17, 2017**

10:30 a.m., **Holiday Pageant: World At Midwinter**  
The Rev. James Galasinski and Carol Zimmerman, DRE

**Greeters:** Sheila Cerwonka, Volunteers Needed

**Worship Associate:** Theresa Witmer

**Social Hour Hosts:** Bill Hull, Erik & Jennifer Whittaker,  
David Nelson & Rebecca Pickens

**Collection Counters:** Lorraine Olendenski, Jon Montan

**When are YOU scheduled to host or greet?**

Check the full 2017-2018 schedule today:

**[Greeters and Social Hour Hosts](#)**

**CHURCH NEWS**

**Holiday Appeal:** The offerings received at our holiday services will go to support the Church and Community Program. If you didn't see James' letter describing the program, our commitment, and how to make our donation, you can find it **[here](#)**.

**Cookies and Snacks:** If you like to bake, please bring cookies or snacks for the social hour after our holiday pageant.

**Holiday Greeters?** If you can be a greeter this Sunday, December 17 or next Sunday, December 24 at 10:30 a.m., please **[email Sara](#)**.

**Social Hour Hosts Needed:** **[Email Sara](#)** if you can be a Social Hour Host on Sunday, December 24 at the 10:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. service.

**Survey:** Help us craft our new mission statement by taking this quick and easy **[online survey](#)**. It only takes a minute and your voice matters.

**Winter Solstice Service:** On Thursday, December 21 at 5:30 p.m. there will be a family-friendly Winter Solstice celebration followed by a simple meal of soup and bread. Volunteers are needed to bring soup, bread, or cookies; please contact Carol Gable by December 17 if you can help.

**Holiday Shopping Ideas:** Check out these **["locally sourced" gift ideas](#)** -

note cards, a Max Coats book and poster, suncatcher - that just might make perfect stocking stuffers for our UU friends and family!

**Don't Forget Your Name Tag!** And be sure to check out the beautiful new cabinet in the Social Room. Click [here](#) to learn more about the local artist who built it and see photos of the installation. If you need a new name tag, let Sara in the [church office](#) know.

## [December Newsletter](#)



Watch for weather-related cancellations on our website [calendar](#) and [Facebook page](#).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**This Sunday:** Our children and youth will be attending or participating in the holiday pageant. [Learn more here.](#)



**The Vote is In:** As part of the MakerSpace class on democracy, all our children in religious education voted to give \$100 to each project, Nature Up North, Syrian Refugee Hunger Project and our Nursery.

**Holiday Pageant Rehearsal Schedule:** Join us for pageant rehearsal on Sunday, December 17 at 9:30am. We will perform the pageant on Sunday, December 17 at 10:30am. Please contact Carol via [email](#) with any questions.

Check out this week's [faith development inspirations](#).

## IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION THIS WEEK

**RE Ambassador:** Jeff Frank

**Nursery:** Jean Williams-Bergen, Rachel Sturges

## SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

**Church and Community Program:** The thrift shop needs substitute volunteers in February, March and April to help cover their snowbird regulars. If you could help out this winter, please contact Carol Linn or call C&CP at 315-386-3534. To learn more, read their latest newsletter [here](#).

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Campus Kitchens:** The program that offers free meals here on Monday nights always needs extra volunteers during the holidays when students are away from campus. If you can volunteer to help out, please sign up [online](#) for the shifts that work for you.

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## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

### **Thursday, December 14**

7:00 p.m., Worship Committee Meeting

### **Sunday, December 17**

9:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal

9:00 a.m., Children's Choir Rehearsal

9:30 a.m., Holiday Pageant Rehearsal

10:30 a.m., Holiday Pageant

### **Monday, December 18**

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation

### **Wednesday, December 20**

4:30 p.m., Handbell Choir Practice

6:30 p.m., Religious Education Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m., Third Wednesday Chalice Circle

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