

Fairview Presbyterian Church Weekly News

“Love Grows Here!”

December 12-18, 2022

Join us on
Sunday, December 18th
at the 10:30am Worship Service for the



Fairview Presbyterian Church - 4264 Avonia Rd.

**** Please note that there will be no nursery care during worship,
so all – young and old – can enjoy the pageant! ****

If you are joining us virtually:

1. You can find us live on Sunday mornings on Zoom:
<https://zoom.us/j/905436486>
Meeting ID: 905 436 486
2. You can also find our service posted to our YouTube Channel later on Sunday,
here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvbiM00o6qnV6jwQTGKTQ>

Hope to see you on Sunday!

*Pageant Practice will be this Saturday, December 17 at 9 AM, in the Sanctuary. If your child is participating in the Pageant, please make sure they are here for practice.

Cookie Hour

There will be a “Cookie Hour” following the Children’s Christmas Pageant.

THANK YOU to Jen Lewis, who will be providing all the homemade cookies!! Except for during COVID, it has been a long-time tradition for the Lipphardt and Milewski Families to provide delicious cookies for a time to gather together after the Pageant. Thank you, Jen for honoring your family and continuing this special event for us!



Thank you to Don Twining for creating the Advent candles, and to Carol & Richard Loll for creating the new Nativity scene for our church! They are being enjoyed by everyone passing by!

Devotional Readings

If you want to base your devotional reading on our Advent angel scriptures, here they are:

November 27th – Angel appears to Zechariah – Luke 1:5-25, 57-80

December 4th – Angel appears to Mary – Luke 1:26-56

December 11th – Angel appears to Joseph – Matthew 1:18-25

December 24th – Angels appear to shepherds – Luke 2:1-20

January 1st – Angel appears to Joseph – Matthew 2:13-23

They are also available on a bookmark in the lobby!

*There are also other devotionals in the lobby.



At Christmas, we reach out to those who can't always make it to worship through Christmas cards and cookie tins. Over 150 cards came in to be distributed to our members at home alongside a tin of cookies baked by our deacons.

Love grows here and is shared with our church family!

Cookie Tray Pick Up

Pick up dates are TOMORROW, December 16, 10 am – 4 pm,
and this Sunday December 18 after church.

Thank you for your orders and support of this fundraiser! We sold 69 trays!

THANK YOU to our bakers, and the ladies who frosted and put the trays together!!



Session Summary

Session held its stated meeting on Thursday, December 8th at 6:30pm

- Opened with a devotional and prayer.
- Reviewed financial reports for November 2022. Approved the 2023 Budgets for Operations, Mission, and the Building Fund. All budgets will be presented to the congregation as information at the Annual Meeting.
- Called the Annual Congregational Meeting for during worship on Sunday, January 29, 2023. Potluck Luncheon to follow.
- Heard reports from all committees – Administration and Personnel, Worship, Mission and Nurture, and Christian Education.
- On recommendation from the Personnel Committee, approved hiring Susan Campbell to be our new Sexton, starting January 3, 2023. On recommendation from the Personnel Committee, approved year end stipends.
- On recommendation from the Nominating Committee, elected Scott Mahood as Clerk of Session; Gina Case as Treasurer; Jim Getz, Carol Loll, Ruth Scandale, and Lily Riberio as Financial Secretaries; Marty Manchester as Auditor; and Amy Tessier and Louise Hutchinson to the Memorial Committee.

TRANSCENDENCE
Erie's First All Professional Chorus
Presents their Première Performance
The Essence of Christmas

Saint Peter Cathedral
Erie, Pennsylvania
December 17, 2022 at 7:00 pm
Richard Robert Rossi, Conductor
FREE ADMISSION

MAESTRO ROSSI
JULIA JAMIESON, HARP

The premiere performance, entitled, *The Essence of Christmas*, will feature a variety of Christmas choral works by such renowned composers as Tallis, Britten and Lauridsen as well as Kirke Mechem's, *The Seven Joys of Christmas* with special guest artist Julia Jamieson, harpist. Richard Robert Rossi, conductor and composer, will also present a "world premiere" of his most recent composition, *O Magnum Mysterium* (Oh Wondrous Mystery).

Under the auspices of Saint Peter Cathedral, Erie PA
Sponsored in part by a generous gift from Herbert Lasky and in loving memory of his wife, Jane.

TRANSCENDENCE



**Congratulations to Amy Tessier,
who has been our Administrative Assistant for 17 years!**



Belize Mission Trip

We are heading back to Belize July 7-14, 2023 to do both construction projects and community outreach through Vacation Bible School type activities.

A \$50 commitment deposit is due no later than December 19th.

Questions? See Jake Tobolewski, Shannon Sanders, or Pastor Emily.

Snow Blower Raffle

Benefiting 9 year old Aiden Bartley who is battling a rare pancreatic cancer

Ticket donations are only \$5 each. If you would like to buy a ticket, please see Amy ASAP.
Drawing will be Friday, December 23.

Food Pantry Items Needed

cereal, canned fruits and soup, and plastic bags

Longest Night Worship Service

For many people the approaching holidays are not a joyous time. As families gather, the pain of lost family and friends is felt more sharply. Other losses of relationships, health, or jobs cloud our minds. For some people it is a most depressing time of the year. And the darkness of the lengthening days adds to the heaviness that many carry this time of year.

To shine a little light into this dark time of the year, St James and St John's Lutheran Churches are inviting the community to join them in a Longest Night worship experience on **December 21 at 7:00 PM at St James Lutheran Church. (The address is 6851 Old Ridge Rd, Fairview, PA 16415.)** The service is a quiet and reflective Christmas-themed worship service that offers the opportunity to acknowledge the grief, hurt, and pain in a safe environment. If you or a family member or a friend have a difficult time during these holi-days, please invite them to come with you to worship and quietly celebrate the most holy, most gracious gifts given to us... the gift of a loving Savior, Jesus Christ.



Join us for worship on Christmas Eve!

The 7pm service will include special music by a soloist and the 10pm service will include special music by the choir. Both services will include communion and candlelight singing of "Silent Night."

You can also join the 7pm service online on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4867091988>.
It will also be recorded and posted on Facebook and to our YouTube Channel.

**** Please note that there will be no worship service on Sunday, December 25th. ****

***There WILL be a worship service on Sunday, January 1.**

Adult Sunday School Class

The Adult Sunday School is on holiday break until January 8. Penny Quall's new class will be a study by Max Lucado: "Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World." If anyone would like to come and wants a book, please contact Penny at quallscpa@gmail.com.



Women and the Word: Bible Study for Moms

We invite all moms to join us for fellowship and study in the New Year to deepen our relationship with God and other mothers of His word.

We hope you can join us for a Kick-Off Luncheon Sunday, January 8th at 12:30pm at Leisel Zabo's home to select from several devotionals to study together and discuss a meet up time for gatherings going forward.

Please RSVP to Leisel via email: martigleisel@gmail.com by Monday, January 2nd. Questions? Please see Leisel or Pastor Emily.