COVID-19 Update

On Sunday, the ministry council decided to continue in person worship for the time being, with some additional safety measures in place. In light of that decision and recent government mandates, the following changes are being made to COVID-19 protocols.

- 10% Capacity
    - In light of the state requirements regarding group gatherings, Windover HIlls will be operating at 10% capacity, which is equal to 26 people in the sactuary. During worship will have an overflow space available in the fellowship hall
- Getting Serious
    - In addition to limiting our capacity, we are tightening and ramping up enforcement of our current protocols.
        - Masks: Mask are ***REQUIRED***, while we do acknowledge and that some people cannot wear masks due to health reasons, and can make accommodations for such people, everyone who is physically capable of wearing a mask is expected to do so at all times.
        - Distancing: Make sure that you stay 6ft from those outside your household *at all times* while attending church. A mask is not a substitute for physical distancing. Chairs have been spaced out further to make sure that physical distancing is possible at all times.
        - Temperature Checks: We have purchased new no-touch thermometers for the sanctuary. *Everyone* is required to have their temperature checked

before worship. Worship leaders have a responsibility to take their temperatures when they arrive.

Wisdom's Call (Tuesdays at 6:30pm) - Maccabees and The Messiah

This Tuesday, Wisdom's Call is starting our Advent study, *Maccabees and The Messiah* looking at how the story of the Maccabees, which is remembered by Jewish community during Hanukkah, is spoken about in the New Testament, and how understanding this important piece of Jewish history enriches our understanding of the biblical themes at the heart of the Advent Season.

Study Outline

1. Understanding Maccabees
    1. Reading: 1 Maccabees 1, and 1 Maccabees 3:38-4:60
    2. Recommended Reading: 1 Maccabees as a whole
2. How Scripture References Maccabees
    1. Reading: Daniel 8, Mark 13:14-23, Matthew 24:15-28,
    2. Recommended Reading: Mark 13 and Matthew 24-25 in their entirety.
3. Understanding Hanukkah
    1. Reading: Selected readings from Rabbi Jason Sobel of Fusion Ministries, TBA
4. Maccabees and the Messiah: Bringing It All Together
    1. Readings: TBA

Angel Tree

The Angel Tree is now up in the narthex! This year we will be working with the Washington Women's Shelter (Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA). Our church will be sponsoring a family of three…a mother, her 7-year old son and her 6-year old daughter. We have their wish lists and will have the honor of providing them with a wonderful Christmas! When you take an angel(s), please purchase the exact gift(s) written. Then return unwrapped with the angel attached by Sunday December 13th.
It's important that we first fulfill all of the wishes on the angels. However, if all the angels are taken and you would like to do more, they are also in need of extra gifts for the women living at the shelter. These women are looking to eventually

move to their own apartment and are in need of various items like kitchen utensils and appliances, tea towels and pot holders, plastic storage containers, and also enjoy bath and body products. You may purchase these and return unwrapped with either a green Christmas tree attached, or simply a note saying "extra" women's gifts.

Thank you so much for participating in such a wonderful ministry opportunity this Christmas season!
Please contact Jodie Deurbrouck at (412) 874 5992 with any questions.

Letter from the District - Cash for Clinics

Dear Pittsburgh District Clergy and Churches:

Pittsburgh based The Nyadire Connection ("TNC") has actively partnered with the Nyadire United Methodist Mission since 2013 to rebuild rural health clinics. So far 4 of the 6 clinics have been refurbished. Work on the 5th clinic is ongoing and your help is needed to help complete it. **The United Methodist Foundation of Western Pennsylvania has issued a challenge grant and will match up to $25,000 of donations received by December 31.**

Tax deductible donations may be mailed to The Nyadire Connection, c/o Christ United Methodist Church, 44 Highland Rd, Bethel Park PA 15012 or you may donate via PayPal through TNC's website at http://www.nyadire.org/donate.html. **Please specify that your donation is for "Rural Medical Clinics."**

To help meet the challenge, TNC is hosting a 1 hour webinar on Wednesday, December 2 at 7 pm during which several Zimbabweans will give testimony to the importance of the clinics. Details about the webinar are in the attachment.

Please consider supporting this very worthwhile cause and help share the word through announcements, newsletters, etc., as appropriate.

Thanks and blessings,
Pam Honeychurch
Administrative Assistant

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