

**Christ Presbyterian Church
Announcements - December 2**

Attendance: 9:00am - 139 11:00am - 70

Childcare (ages 0-5), available 8:45am to 12:15pm

Kids in Worship, exit after the Doxology, Children's Classrooms

Children's Chapel, 10am, Children's Classrooms

Youth Bible Study (MS & HS), 10am, Youth Room

Faith-Conversation-Friendship, 10:15am, Lake Room

Communion at CPC is completely gluten-free, and the cup contains grape juice, so that all may partake freely.

Faith Café - Spiritual Disciplines for Growing Disciples

Today - Fasting 

A fast is self-denial of feed, habits, or comforts in order to attend to the presence of God. Learn how emptying ourselves can make room for God to fill us. Led by CPC member Donna Wilson.

December 9 - Wrap-Up

Putting it all together: what did we learn, how did we grow, in what ways did we become more attentive to God's work in us or in the presenters? What steps do you want to take to go deeper in discipleship?

Led by CPC members Andrea Lawson and Barry Sherbeck.

Lessons & Carols: Bright Stars of Bethlehem

 **TODAY - 7pm, First Congregational Church**

1609 University Ave., Madison

All are invited! This special ecumenical Advent concert will offer a truly meaningful way to prepare for Christmas, as you hear and participate in music and readings that bring to life both the Bethlehem of Jesus' birth and the Bethlehem of today. The CPC Worship Band is performing and supporting this endeavor for the fifth year! The evening will include a time of refreshments and fellowship and a free-will offering will be collected to support Bright Stars of Bethlehem.

Inside the Trauma of Family Separation

Tuesday, December 4, 7pm 

Join us for a screening of *The Atlantic's* documentary about the fight to reunify families followed by a discussion and Skype Q&A session with Jodi Goodwin, the documentary's featured attorney. Presented by CILC.

Calling all Parents and Caregivers!

Join us on Sunday, December 9, at 10:15am in the Emmaus Room for some well deserved fellowship. Whether you have a five month old or a 15 year old, all are invited. We will connect, catch up, and discuss how to strengthen our sense of community. If you can't make it, but want to participate please contact Jami Wood at jamilane.wood@gmail.com.



Concerts By the Lake ... coming up at CPC!

Perfect Harmony Men's Chorus

Friday, December 7 (7:30pm) & Sunday, December 9 (3pm)

Perfect Harmony is at it again with a fabulous and fun show that includes all your favorite holiday classics, like "Christmas Chopsticks," "Santa Won't You Please Come Back," and "Silver Bears!" This show will have you thinking "What the...frolic?!" Tickets on sale at perfectharmonychorus.org.

Madison Area Concert Handbells at CPC

Saturday, December 8 (7pm)

"Christmas Traditions" – a concert featuring treasured works from long ago and contemporary favorites. Advance tickets: madisonhandbells.org.

Carols & Barrels! - Third Space Event



Monday, December 10, 6:30pm, One Barrel Brewing

Find yourself some Christmas cheer and beer for a good cause! Enjoy tasty One Barrel beers accompanied by your favorite carols and Christmas songs by a live band from CPC. \$1 of each special beer sold will go to Mendota (thanks One Barrel!). Guests are also invited to donate mittens, gloves and hats for Mendota elementary students. Third Space is a series of events free and open to the community!

Stop by the Giving Tree for Mendota & Fairhaven School!

One of the ways CPC celebrates Advent is the Giving Tree.

This year we focus on children via two of our missions partners:

- ⇒ Mendota Elementary School in Madison: clothing, toys and household needs for individual students and their families
- ⇒ Fairhaven School for Children with Disabilities: donations for student scholarships

FYI ... we have some new Mendota School requests!

2019 Budget/Pledge Update: Grace, Gratitude, Generosity

With a \$60,000 gap between projected income and the 2019 proposed budget, Session has a very challenging task if it is to present a balanced budget to the congregation by our January 13, Congregational meeting. That gap can be narrowed if all those who pledged in 2018 renew their pledges in 2019. Pledge cards are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Questions? Contact Shannon Wardall at shannon@cpcmadison.org or (608) 257-4845.

PRAY ... Please pray for Richard Fallis, Jeanette Osborn, Susan Becker, Sally Jamieson, Ron Wiecki & Sara Lubbers, Sally MacDonald, Shelby Harrison, and Alexander McMiller

December Deacon on Call

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Envelope = Invite a friend!