

NORTHMINSTER NOTES DECEMBER 17, 2017

TODAY IS THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Childcare for infants through 2s is offered in the Nursery at 9:15
Preschoolers meet for Sunday School at 9:25 in the Music Room downstairs
Elementary Sunday Schoolers (K-5th) start in worship at 9:30 with parents
Junior Highers (6th-8th) begin in worship at 9:30

Worship/Service of Lessons & Carols is at 9:30 in the Sanctuary

Fellowship Time with Fair Trade Coffee Sale follows the worship service in Logan Hall

"Blue Over You" ticket sales during Fellowship Time

Confirmation Class meets in the Guild Room at noon

"Amahl & the Night Visitors," a children's Christmas opera, will be presented in the sanctuary at 4.

Christmas Hams for Hemenway

On Tuesday, December 19th, Soup at Six at Hemenway Methodist Church in Evanston is serving a Christmas dinner of ham and all the trimmings to the hungry and homeless.

Northminster provides those hams.

If you'd like to contribute to their purchase, place your gift marked "Hemenway Ham" in a pew envelope this Sunday,

December 17th or bring it to the church office by December 19th. Thanks.

Questions? Email Carol Lounsbury (colounsbury@gmail.com) or Nancy Doyle (ndoyle2560@gmail.com).



Amahl & the Night Visitors, a children's Christmas opera in one act, is happening today in the Sanctuary at 4 p.m. This holiday miracle opera is a "must see" for children of all ages.

Bring your family and friends. A freewill offering will be gratefully accepted to benefit Fury Theatre Youth Programs.

Service of the Longest Night, December 21st

The winter solstice is the longest period of darkness in the year, and on this night we will come together in St. Andrew Chapel to worship. This joyous time of year isn't joyous for many and the blazing lights of the season cannot illumine all the shadowed parts of our lives. So we will gather for prayer in word and song, for contemplation, for anointing, for healing, and to rest in the embrace of our God, who is with us always -- in our joys and in our struggles.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS WEEK

December

- 18 Al-Anon (10:15 a.m. Library)
Bell Choir Practice (6 p.m. Bell Room)
- 19 Mom's Morning Out (9:15 a.m. Nursery)
Bible Study (10 a.m. Westminster Place)
Boy Scouts (7:30 p.m. Room 2)
- 20 Session Meeting (7:30 p.m. Guild Room)
- 21 Mom's Morning Out (9:15 a.m. Nursery)
ToGather (6:15 p.m. Logan Hall)
Advent Service of the Longest Night (7 p.m. Chapel)
Choir Practice (7:30 p.m. Choir Room)
- 22 Mom's Morning Out (9:15 a.m. Nursery)
Office Closes (12 p.m. Merry Christmas!)
- 23 No Activities
- 24 Sunday Worship (9:30 a.m. Sanctuary)
Christmas Challenge Class (11 a.m. Youth Room)
Family Christmas Eve Service (4 p.m. Sanctuary)
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service (9 p.m. Sanctuary)
Christmas Cookie Reception (10 p.m. Guild Room)

Opportunity to Order Bob Chesnut's Book

Some Northminster members were unable to buy Bob Chesnut's book, *Meeting Jesus the Christ Again: A Conservative Progressive Faith*, because his supply was exhausted before the queue ended November 26th when he was here for the adult education class.

Bob is sending a further supply of his book to John Morrison for sale to anyone who would like to have one. Please advise John (847-869-5950) if you would like to buy a copy and he will get it to you. The cost is \$20.

Welcome Visitors!!

Please stop by the visitor table in the entryway for a gift and information about Northminster.

Then, come downstairs for Fellowship Time in Logan Hall!