** Concordia UCC Weekly Update**

**Friday, December 6, 2019**

**Sunday December 8** – 2nd Sunday of Advent - Rev. Joan Mier, Pastor

**Sermon:**  “Brood of Vipers”

**Small Talk:** “John the Baptist”

**Scripture Readings**: **O.T**.: Isaiah 11:1-10 **Epistle:** Romans 15:4-13

**Gospel:** Matthew 3:1-12

**In Service to God**

**Poinsettia Orders**

If you would like a poinsettia in Memory or honor of anyone for the Christmas Eve Service, there is an order form below or on the welcome table. Cost again this year is $15, please attach your check or to the form.

**Accompanist**: Jennifer Hampsten

**Liturgist:** Rayonda Montgomery

**Advent Candle:** David, Cindy & Noah Landry-Spreen

**Ushers:** Steve Keim & Marie Gemmingen

**Coffee Hour:** Jean Meckfessel & Darlene Schwab

**Sunday’s Schedule**

* Worship Service – 2nd Sunday of Advent
* Sunday School – Coffee Hour – Council Meeting

**Prayer Concerns**

**Al & Emma Lee Wunderlich, Dale Hoepfinger, Brenda Waelti, Terry Bailey, Mel & Betty Mueller, Sharon Stallmann, Mike Gomric, Don Sliment, Bill Mueller, Gloria Ellermeyer, Debbie Gain, Douglas Anders, David Blue, Bob Miller, Randee Rittmeyer**, **Cory Teamen, Mike Toth, Beth Humes, Cheryl Partee, Pam Donavan, Audry Partee, Madi Stone, Nolan Vogt**

**Reminder:** **Please let me know by Thursday of any changes to the prayer list.**

**IL South Conference Prayer Concerns**

Each week we pray for a church, clergy and retired clergy of the Illinois South Conference.

**Churches & Pastor:**

Freeburg St. Paul’s UCC, Rev. Earl (Johanna) Crecelius

Godfrey Congregational UCC, Rev. Richard McCreary

**Retired Pastor:**

Rev. Michael & Elizabeth Marx, Owensboro, KY

**Next Sunday**

* Worship Service – 2nd Sunday of Advent
* Sunday School – Coffee Hour
* Women’s Brunch, 11:00 @ 4204

**Sunday is the deadline to contribute for the Kindercottage Adopt-A-Child. Our child this year is Ayanna Brown, she is 2 months old. Bring unwrapped gifts (size 3-6 months, diaper size 4 or toys appropriate for an infant) or gift cards for various stores for Mom (write child’s name & MOM on the envelope). We are also collecting hats & gloves to donate for all the children at Kindercottage.**

**Miscellaneous Announcements**

* Thank you to everyone who came to the Family Night/Peanut Stab, fun was had by all. Special thanks to our entertainment: Maxwell Juhas, Aly Riley & Kevin Juhas.
* Bible Study every Wednesday at 1:00 P.M. “Not a Silent Night” is an Advent Bible Study leading up to Christmas. All are welcome to join!
* If you would like to be a Liturgist on a Sunday morning, there is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table.
* **December 10 –** Lunch at the Sr. Center in Millstadt for Chicken & Dumplings @ Noon, if you would like to go let Doris know or leave a message at church by Sunday. All are welcome!
* **December 15th** - Women’s Guild Brunch, 11:00 A.M. at 4204. We will again have a gift exchange so bring a wrapped gift ($15 limit). There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome table if you would like to join us. All Women are invited!!!!
* **December 22nd**- Christmas Caroling to the shut-ins. Asking for Christmas Cookies donations, if you would like to donate some please bring them to church that morning.
* Have a recipe you love? Want to share it with your church family? The 175th Anniversary committee will be putting together a cookbook to share with the congregation. Please submit recipes to Rayonda. Looking forward to trying some new recipes & finding family favorites!

**Birthday’s**: 12/9–Jan Peak, 12/13-Mandy Wuebbels,

12/14-Darlene Schwab & Cari Klaus

**Calendar for Week of December 8, 2019**

12/9 6:00 P.M. Quilting

12/10 9:00 A.M. Quilting

12/11 1:00 P.M. Bible Study

7:00 P.M. Choir Practice

Pastor Joan’s office hours will be Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00 A.M – 1:00 P.M.

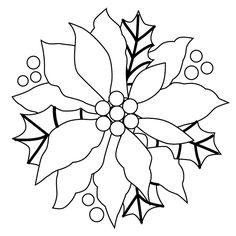
**UPCOMING DATES**

* **Dec 8-**Weinachfest**,** St. James, Millstadt \*\*
* **Dec 14 & 15 –** Christmas Market, St. Paul’s,

Columbia, 8am-4pm \*\*

* **Dec 15**-Women’s Guild Brunch, 11:00 @ 4204
* **Dec 21-**St. Paul’s Belleville Christmas Concert 7PM\*\*
* **Dec 22 –** Christmas Program & Caroling
* **Dec 24 –** Candlelight Service at 7:00 P.M.

\*\*See Bulletin Board for more information

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**Poinsettia Order Forms**

**A CHANCE TO HONOR OR REMEMBER A LOVED ONE DURING THE UPCOMING CHRISTMAS SEASON.**

**In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Orders due by December 15th**

**The Cost is $15.00, make checks out to Concordia UCC.**

**You may pick them up after the service on Christmas Eve.**