

# Welcome!

**ALL WHO COME TO WORSHIP GOD ARE ALWAYS WELCOME HERE.**

This is Christ's Church and together we are seeking to love the world as the Beloved did. We also seek to be as embracing as Jesus was. Therefore, everyone is invited into full membership and ministry regardless of age, sexual orientation, race, ethnic origin, or worldly condition.

**A special welcome**, to those who are visiting us for the first time today, and to our regular visitors. **Please be sure to sign the pew register, where you will also find nametags.** We hope you'll use them so we can introduce ourselves and get to know you during Social Hour. **We use nametags too, so you can get to know us!**

**Join us** for Social Hour, downstairs in the Social Hall, following worship.

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	<b><u>Serving this Morning – 3 Advent</u></b>	<b><u>December 24 – 4 Advent</u></b>
Liturgist	Gordon DeVinney	Patricia Boone
Sound System	Lisa Foster	Janet Lowry
Ushers	Sara & Dan Bick Team 3	Teri Miles Team 4
Offering Assistant	Dan Bick	Margaret Champion
Social Hour	David Foote Agape Group	Sandee Ernst

  

	<b><u>Christmas Eve 7:30 p.m. Service</u></b>
Liturgists	Frank Burdick, Pete Tuff
Sound System	Chris Miller
Ushers	
Communion Servers	Pete Tuff
Offering Assistant	

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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS

Gwen Ramgobin admitted to Christian Village in Mt. Healthy, Dick & Barb Carter and family (Jane's brother and sister-in-law) Barb is in ICU in Chicago, Bill Porter, Bob Jones, Peter E. Tuff (Pete's dad), Tim Bick (Dan's brother) cancer treatment continues, Alfred Bick & Joann Bick (Dan's Parents) Al is under hospice care, Jane Carter continued recovery, Maria Cabrera's son Jose, Margaret Standriff and Sandee Ernst & family, Charles Miller (Chris Miller's dad), Rosa Channell, Carmie Apel (Earl's mom), Yvonne Hailey (Lynn's mom), Caz (Dave Chalk's grandson), Billie (Lew VanderNaald's mom), Marianne Ignatius, Brian Tansey, Mike Pentz (Jean Snyder's brother), Bill Rogers, Beatrice Smith (Diane Smith's mother), Jan Gallagher, Julie Malkin. **Contact the church office to update our prayer list.**



## STAY CONNECTED TO MT. AUBURN

- 🔗 Visit our website at: [www.mtauburnpresby.org](http://www.mtauburnpresby.org), check out our calendar
  - 🔗 Check us out on Facebook @ Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church
  - 🔗 Questions? Comments? You may contact the church office: ([office@mtauburnpresby.org](mailto:office@mtauburnpresby.org)) or (513.281.5945)
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# HELP WANTED!!

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## **CHURCH OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The church office will be closed December 25-26 for the Christmas holiday.

Both Pastor Stacey and I will be out of the office December 27-29. We still need a volunteer for December 28, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (or whatever time you can donate!) All that's required is to answer the phone, check messages and greet visitors, please let me know, 513.281.5945 or [office@mtauburnpresby.org](mailto:office@mtauburnpresby.org). –Debbie

## **IHN OPPORTUNITIES FOR JANUARY!**

The next opportunity to volunteer with IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network) is on January 12 and 13. If you can help coordinate this outreach or would like to volunteer please contact Laura Marsh.

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# MEETINGS - EVENTS & F.Y.I.

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## **LONGEST NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE**

On Thursday, December 21, at 6:30 p.m., in the sanctuary, there will be a Service of The Longest Night. For some of us, Christmas can be a bittersweet time of year. This service recognizes that the holidays are not a season of joy for everyone and invites us to bring those feelings to God for healing and transformation.

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## **CHRISTMAS EVE POTLUCK DINNER – ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

We hope you will join us at the Potluck Dinner in the Social Hall Christmas Eve at 6 pm. Bring a dish to share. Ham will be provided by the church. Heather Graden and Anne Marciniak, hosts for the dinner, will appreciate clean-up help in the kitchen.

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## **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING – Supporting Our Past, Present and Future Leaders**

By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you are providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need, as well as developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. Programs supported through this offering are: The Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, Racial Ethnic Schools and Colleges, Racial Ethnic Leadership Development. **The Offering will be received at both services on Sunday, December 24.**

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## IN COMMUNITY

Make and Take Advent Wreaths and “Wreath Bags to Go” were a HUGE success for all ages. “This is fun!” “So good to be with others.” “Very meaningful.” “Wonderful!” Are your purple candles burning a bit low? Extras are available in the social hall. See Carl Ward.

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## NEW MEMBER CLASS

Would you like to be part of a church like this? Pastor Stacey is putting together a new member class—day and date to be determined. If you’re interested in joining Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church, or if you simply would like to learn more about our church and its mission, you’re encouraged to attend. Please call the church office to indicate your interest and availability. 513/281-5845.

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## PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION – ENCOUNTERS

**Adult Encounters** meets each Sunday, 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m., in the Geier Room. Adults of all ages are welcome! **There will be NO Encounters class next Sunday, December 24.**

**TOMA (Teens of Mt. Auburn)** for middle and high school aged youth, meets monthly for dinner and discussion about faith and our call to live as God's people. Contact Heather Graden or Ben Marston for information about how you or your youth can get involved!

**Godly Play**, our education program for younger children (age 3 or so) through the primary grades, **meets in the Education Wing during worship.** GODLY PLAY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS! Please See Bri Leavitt-Alcántara for more info.

**Childcare** is provided **9:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Contact Ruth Anne Van Loon** re our Encounters programs.

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## OPEN STACKS BOOK CLUB – 2<sup>nd</sup> FRIDAY IN JANUARY

The date for the January book club is moved to the **second Friday, Jan. 12th, gather at 7, discussion at 7:30, at the home of Diane Smith and Rich Bitting.**

As decided a few months ago, we are following our new 'genre of the month' starting with a 'Mystery.' We chose a light hearted, easy to read but still adventurous mystery, "Skin Tight," by the prolific and funny author Carl Hiaasen.

*"Good, mean fun...A twisting, high-speed ride on a roller coaster without brakes."*

–San Francisco Chronicle

*Somebody wants Mick Stranahan dead, and the list of possible players is long: the plastic surgeon with the extremely shaky hands, the sleazy lawyers who advertises, the TV host whose taste for sensationalism is exceeded only by his vanity, and the hit man whose skin problems could fill a comprehensive (if bizarre) medical textbook. The whole thing is downright harrowing. It's Hiaasen at his best. And his best is very, very good.*

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## 2017 GIVING TREE...

The Board of Deacons thanks our MAPC members and friends for your overwhelming response to our annual Giving Tree, in support of our neighbors who are served by the St. George Food Pantry! The gifts filled the entire corner of the room by the Christmas tree. Please know that the families are appreciative of your generosity. For some, this may be their only gifts at Christmas. Joan Callahan, the Pantry Director, is deeply grateful for the ongoing support of our MAPC family.

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### MAPC CALENDAR DECEMBER 17 - 24

Date	Time	Group/Purpose	Room
<b>Sunday</b> <b>December 17</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b> <b>of Advent</b>	8:30 AM	AA	Geier Rm
	9:45 AM	Encounters	Geier Rm
	11:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	12:30 PM	Social Hour	Social Hall
	12:30 PM	150 <sup>th</sup> Christian Ed mtg.	Conference Rm
	2:00 PM	Chung-Hsien Lee Recital	Sanctuary
<b>Monday</b> <b>December 18</b>	6:00 PM	GLSEN	Social Hall
	7:00 PM	Meetup Support Group	Geier Rm
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>December 19</b>	6:00 PM	Web Design mtg.	Conference Rm
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>December 20</b>	11:00 AM	Staff mtg.	Conference Rm
	7:00 PM	Session	Geier Rm
<b>Thursday</b> <b>December 21</b>	6:30 PM	Longest Night Worship	Sanctuary
<b>Friday</b> <b>December 22</b>	5:30 PM	Organist practice	Sanctuary
<b>Sunday</b> <b>December 24</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>of Advent /</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b>	8:30 AM	AA	Geier Rm
		<b>NO ENCOUNTERS CLASS</b>	
	11:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	12:30 PM	Social Hour	Social Hall
	6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Potluck	Social Hall
7:30 PM	Christmas Eve Worship	Sanctuary	