



# Abiding Peace NEWS & NOTES

December 2, 2018

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## *Midweek Advent*

Christmas is just around the corner. How easy it is to lose focus on the main message of the season. A way to help prepare for our Savior's birth is worshiping him during our Midweek season.

Please consider joining us for worship on **Wednesday, December 5, Wednesday, December 12, and Wednesday, December 19.** All worship times will begin at **7:00 p.m.**



There will also be a Soup Supper before each of the services beginning @ **6:15 p.m!** Sign up is in the entryway.

## *Ladies Christmas Party*

All Abiding Peace ladies are invited to a Christmas party and White Elephant Gift Exchange on **Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, @ 6:00 p.m.** at *Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano* located in Algonquin. It's a great opportunity to relax and enjoy the ladies of our congregation.



We will also reveal our Prayer Partners and select new ones for the coming year. This is a fun way to interact with fellow members throughout the year. There is a box for Prayer Partner submissions outside the church office.

***New Member!***

***Welcome!***



Please join us in welcoming Cheryl Haynes, daughter of Mike Waddell to our church membership. Welcome, Cheryl, to our AP family!

## ***Birthday and Anniversary Greetings***

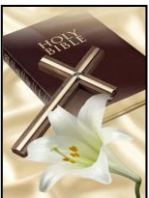
Happy Birthday greetings this week go to Faith Miller (December 1), Aurora Vanderheyden (December 3), Mary Rose Hogan (December 6), Grace Garritano (December 8), Emily Symonds (December 16), Britta Cuming (December 17), and John Stroh (December 19).



Anniversary best wishes sent to Mark & Sandy Jones (December 1) and Mark & Yolanta Kreklow (December 9). Enjoy your special days!

## ***An Encouraging Word***

**Vision for Christian Living - 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**



How can we thank God enough? A thousand thank yous won't cover all he has given us—lives, homes, families, jobs, health, friends, the Bible, the freedom to worship him, and, above all, the gift of his Son's death on the cross for our sins and his resurrection so that we can have eternal life with him. We can thank him by returning all that he has given us, prayerfully determining a percentage of our income to be given as soon as we receive it, before we pay our earthly obligations—and then using the remainder in ways that will glorify him. We can thank him by using our lives and talents and possessions in ways that will please him and let others see God's Spirit in us, praying that he will guide us daily to serve him by serving others.

## ***Christmas Caroling***



Share the joy of our Savior's birth by joining us for some Christmas caroling **Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, at 4:30 p.m.** We will meet at Heritage Woods in South Elgin. All are most welcome to join in!

A gathering at the Greg Miller home will follow caroling. There will be a sign up in the entryway. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

## ***Sunday School Christmas Practice***

In addition to the work we will be doing on Sunday mornings in preparation for the Children's Christmas Eve Service this year, a practice has been scheduled for **Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. - pizza lunch included. Please make every effort to have the children here for this important rehearsal. Thank you.



## ***Christmas Worship at Abiding Peace***

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
@ 6:30 p.m.**

*Children's Christmas Service*

**Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
@ 10:00 a.m.**

*Christmas Day Festival Service*

**Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>  
@ 10:00 a.m.**

*Only one Service this Sunday*



## ***Mission Prayer***



*Vietnam* – We praise you, Lord, for the incredible privilege of being part of your plan to bring the gospel to the Hmong in Vietnam. May the window of opportunity for building a theological training center in Hanoi have a lasting spiritual impact on countless souls. Lord, continue to use

us as your instruments to share the good news of Jesus to our loved ones, the people in our communities, and groups all over the world. Amen.

## ***Service to Our Lord***

	<b><i>December 2</i></b>	<b><i>December 9</i></b>
<b><i>Pianists</i></b>	<i>Becky Miller</i>	<i>Dave Frick</i>
<b><i>Ushers—8:00</i></b>	<i>Jeff Bruemmer</i>	<i>Brandon Brooks Kaeyla Brooks</i>
<b><i>Ushers—10:30</i></b>	<i>Howard Smith Jake Kalenowski Al Schubring</i>	<i>Earl McCormack Freda McCormack Dan Woltman</i>
<b><i>Refreshments</i></b>	<i>Ostgaard Krause</i>	<i>Free</i>

## ***Give Thanks to the Lord!***

Worship Attendance ~

November 18: 75

November 25: 71

Thank Offerings ~

November 18: \$2,593.00

November 25: \$2,940.99