

## Prayer & Praise

Please notify the Church Office of any updates to this list.

For Those Dealing with Cancer: Ned and Bill Wagner, Steve Metcalfe, Jan Weisen, John Purpura (Rob's father), Debby Johnson, William (John Urban's dad), **Sharon Clark** (Marvin Jones' sister)

For Others: Lowell Hall, David Wooster, Ann Rearick, Adeline Shihdanian (pain), Art & Lois Woodward (recovering), **Richard Jarvis**, Kathie Churchill, **Brad Patch** (recovering), **Verna Bradford** (health), **Noah MacFarland** (Recovering from accident)

Our Men & Women in Military Service: Matthew Holt (Coast Guard), Rebekah Sorensen (Navy), Kori Sorensen (Navy), Dan Hunt (Army, Lora Wooster's nephew) Chris Marino (Marines, Masterson's nephew), Ryan Lynch (Marines, Corinne Volpe's nephew) & his friend, Evan Tabbi

Our Missionary Families: Doug & Jen Mann, Jay & Teanna Sunberg, Gil and Sarah Thibault, and family, Dorothy Tarrant, Jonathan Phillips, Dave & Betsy Scott, JW & Celeste (our LINKS missionaries in a Creative Access area)

Our pastors and their families in Kosova: Selim and Edona Kolgeci – Suhareka; Imir and Janette Gashi – Pristina

Our Homebound Members: Jorie Grenon, Ruth Black, Beverly Desmond, Muriel Rapalje, Alice Persampieri

## The Lectionary Readings

For Sunday, December 16, 2018  
**Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6**  
**Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18**

### Pastoral Staff

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## Dates Worth Noting:

- Dec. 9 - TODAY Small Groups end!!
- Dec. 13 - Campus Kinder Haus Christmas Show
- Dec. 14 - WOW Hobby Club @ 6 PM
- Dec 16 - Children's Christmas Program
- Dec. 19 - WOW Christmas Caroling
- Dec. 23 - One Service @ 10 AM
- Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Service @ 6 PM
- Jan. 5 - WOW Breakfast Club @ 7:30 AM
- Jan. 12 - WOW Event TBD

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| 12/10 | Casey Connor<br>Art Woodward  |
| 12/11 | <b>Anil &amp; Aparna Beeral</b><br>Karen McCloskey                                |
| 12/12 | Kim Polsgrove<br>Corrine Volpe  |
| 12/13 | Charlie Caldwell<br>Dante Foster<br>Richie Gardenhire<br>Victoria Simon           |
| 12/14 | Bob Johnston<br>Randall Rapalje   |
| 12/15 | David Detwiler  |
| 12/16 | <b>Jim &amp; Linda Masterson</b><br>Richard Jarvis<br>Judy Mann<br>Margaret Whyte |
| 12/18 | Bethany Mohnkern  |
| 12/19 | Shiloh Doane<br>Andrew Guimaraes<br>Jason Priest                                  |
| 12/20 | Holly Davis   |
| 12/21 | Donna Brickley<br>Brooke Doane<br>Sophia Eckardt<br>Tyler Kerr                    |
| 12/23 | Emily Davis<br>Adam Ducharme<br>Maureen Mulcahy                                   |
| 12/26 | Ashley Prax   |
| 12/27 | Allana Malas<br>Joan Lyons  |



# WOLLASTON CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

December 9, 2018



2ND SUNDAY OF Advent

**WELCOME!**

If you are a guest worshipping with us today, we extend to you a warm welcome! Please leave your contact information with an usher or greeter and if you need special assistance in any way. **Children ages 4 through grade 4, are invited to Children's Church prior to the sermon. Nursery care is available on the Lower Level for children three years and under. We provide a safe and loving environment with screened and competent staff.**

## This Week

- Today** 6:30 PM Early Youth Event
- Monday** 6:30 PM Church Board Meeting
- Thursday** 6:30 PM CKH Christmas Gathering
- Friday** 6:00 PM WOW Hobby Club

**Next Sunday, December 16, 2018**

- 8:00 AM Worship Service
- 10:00 AM **Children's Christmas Program and All Church Reception**

**Exciting Changes Happening!!**  
**So, what do you think so far??**



**Women's Ministry**  
**Caroling, Cookies and Cocoa**  
**Wednesday, December 19 at 6:30 pm**  
Ladies, please join us as we spread some Christmas cheer to neighbors living near our church. We will meet in the MGR and return there afterward for hot chocolate and cookies and fellowship. You are welcome to bring your children with you. Questions? Contact -Patsy Malas at [wow@wollastonazarene.org](mailto:wow@wollastonazarene.org) or 617-320-9496.



**Homebound Christmas Gift Bags**  
Our annual Christmas giving to our church family who can no longer attend church regularly has begun. Look at the display in the narthex this Sunday and sign up for an item to fill a bag. You may also want to give money as we will be purchasing a poinsettia for each person. **Please have all items in by December 16.**



**WOW Hobby Club**

We will meet on Friday, December 14 from 6-9 p.m. in the Metcalfe Gathering Room. This month we will have beaded ornament kits in addition to our regular puzzles, games & fun. Bring snacks & a friend! Contact Sarah Shobert with questions ([sjshobert@gmail.com](mailto:sjshobert@gmail.com)).



**The Bible Women's Project** will be performing on **TODAY, December 9 at 3 pm** in Cove. Tickets are \$10 at the door. It is an updated, abridged version. If you haven't seen it....GO!

**Financial Accountability**

For December 2, 2018

Tithes & Offerings	\$9,233.00
Faith Promise	\$1,436.00
Small Group Offering	\$0.00
Designated Ministry	\$25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,694.00</b>
Fiscal 2018-19 YTD	\$384,962.68
Weekly Average (Week 36)	\$10,693.00
Weekly Ave. Req. for FY 18-19 Budget	\$11,889.00

**“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse...”~ Malachi 3:10**



Scan here for online giving.

**L.I.F.T. (Ladies in Fellowship Together)**  
**Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm, Heritage Room**  
**ONGOING FALL BIBLE STUDY:**  
**Leading a Life of Balance. Contact Pam Jayne if you have questions.**  
**([pdmaj04@gmail.com](mailto:pdmaj04@gmail.com))**



**HELP** is needed to begin our *After School*

*Program on January 15th.* If you are able to help even on one Tuesday, even for an hour, it's worth it! Help is needed anytime, for any amount of time between 11:00 am and 5:30 pm.

**Helpers can:** Prep snack and drink  
Eat Lunch with kids (12-12:45)

**INTERACT WITH KIDS:** Play games, color, craft, read, help with homework  
Help during Snack time; Plan an activity  
CLEAN UP KITCHEN, MGR AND KIDSPOT (4:00-5:30)

**Is there a Tuesday that works for you to volunteer some time? Contact Pastor Bev for more information.**

**Something to consider...**

“How much longer until it's Christmas?”  
When my children were little, they asked this question repeatedly. Although we used a daily Advent calendar to count down the days to Christmas, they still found the waiting excruciating.

We can easily recognize a child's struggle with waiting, but we might underestimate the challenge it can involve for all of God's people. Consider, for instance, those who received the message of the prophet Micah, who promised that out of Bethlehem would come a “ruler over Israel” (5:2) who would “stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord” (v. 4). The initial fulfillment of this prophecy came when Jesus was born in Bethlehem (Matt. 2:1) —after the people had waited some 700 years. But some of the prophecy's fulfillment is yet to come. For we wait in hope for the return of Jesus, when all of God's people will “live securely” and “his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth” (Mic. 5:4). Then we will rejoice greatly, for our long wait will be over.

Most of us don't find waiting easy, but we can trust that God will honor His promises to be with us as we wait (Matt. 28:20). For when Jesus was born in little Bethlehem, He ushered in life in all its fullness (see John 10:10)—life without condemnation. We enjoy His presence with us today while we eagerly wait for His return. (Our Daily Bread)

***We wait, Father God, and we hope. We wait, dear Jesus, as we long for peace to break out. We wait, comforting Spirit, for all the world to experience Your love.***

**We wait for God's promises, believing they will come true.**

