



# Branches

Alexandria First Presbyterian Church

“I am the vine, you are the branches.”

December 2018

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## A Note from Nick

Dear Friends,

Ready or not . . . December is here! And with it comes all of the busyness of the season. As children everywhere are busy making their lists for Santa, we too are making lists. Not lists for Santa, but to-do lists! Each of us probably have very similar to-do lists . . . all filled with lots of Christmas oriented stuff – like shopping, baking cookies, wrapping, planning parties, decorating, and much, much more. But hopefully amidst all of the chaos of Christmas, our time together as a church family will help to remind us of the true meaning of the season.

So for that reason I want to add a few more invitations to your busy calendar. First and foremost I want to invite you to our Sunday morning worship throughout December. The first 3 Sundays of the month we will celebrate Advent together as we prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ. This year my sermon series during Advent is entitled “Getting Ready for Christmas” and hopefully it will help all of us get *spiritually* ready for the arrival of Jesus (not Santa). Also add to your calendar the fourth Sunday of the month, December 23. On this date we will have a special service of *Lessons & Carols*. And of course don’t forget our Christmas concert, “Peace on Earth,” on December 9 at 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. Like always, the choirs have been busy practicing and we can be sure that we are in for a real treat on December 9!

Then on Christmas Eve we will gather for two services—at 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. The 6:00 p.m. service is a family friendly service that will be led by the children and youth of church. There will be a special Christmas pageant that will tell the Christmas Story—complete with donkeys! The 9:00 p.m. service is a traditional candlelight service with communion.

I also want to draw your attention to a new worship service that you should add to your calendar in December . . . our Blue Christmas Service. On December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. we will pause amidst the busyness of the Christmas season for a slower, more reflective service that acknowledges that not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas holidays. This short service will be an opportunity to acknowledge loss, accept where we really are, while lifting up healing and hope.

It is *my hope* that through our worship, concerts and celebrations we will be reminded of the gift of salvation that comes in the form of a newborn baby. The promise and love revealed to us in the birth of Jesus Christ is truly the best gift we can receive. Please remember this blessing amidst all of your other Christmas distractions—Emmanuel is born! God is with us!

In Christ,

*Pastor Nick*

## Tending the Flock

### Baptisms

Baptism is the visible sign of an invisible event: the reconciliation of people to God. We rejoice with those who are celebrating their baptism anniversary this month. It was in December that Kyle Adam Ferdinando, Katelyn Heilig, and Kyle Braeden Kunich became children of God through the sacrament of baptism. Congratulations and blessings!

### New Members

On November 18 the following new members were welcomed into the life and ministry of our church:

Rachel and Gene Geissing (Eugene), 119 Rick Road, Milford, New Jersey 08848

David Grossmueller, 257 Ellis Road, Milford, New Jersey 08848

Heidi and Kyle Hedden (Elena), 638 Vulcanite Avenue, Alpha 08865

Maggie Purcell, 414 Henley Court, Doylestown, Pennsylvania 18901

We bid them all a warm welcome!

### Inclement Weather

During an instance of bad weather, an early-morning decision will be made whether or not to hold worship. Under consideration will be the condition of the roads in general and of our church parking lot specifically. If the worship service is canceled, word will appear on the church website and an outgoing message will be placed on our voice mail.

## December Birthdays

<b>1</b> Jason Czerna	<b>9</b> John McDowall	<b>18</b> Oscar Philkill	<b>24</b> Christine Wenzel
<b>3</b> Jack Bender	<b>11</b> Denis Goldman	<b>20</b> Kristina Brophy	<b>26</b> Audriana Stagg
<b>4</b> Brad Bondor	Avery Schaefer	Cyndi McDowall	<b>27</b> Ellie Lyons
Eric Strangfeld	Tracy Folmar	<b>21</b> Roger Wiehl	<b>29</b> Lori MacWilliam
<b>5</b> Matthew Tiedeman	<b>15</b> Jeremy Apgar	<b>22</b> Ron Unkert	<b>30</b> Tim Sassaman
<b>6</b> Jackie Rollins	Tim McGuire	Tammy Unkert	<b>31</b> Olivia Pulsinelle
<b>9</b> Debbie Heinbach	Jerry Phelps	<b>24</b> Hailey Apgar	



## November Flowers

**November 4** Flowers were given to the glory of God by Barbara McLaren with thanks for all our blessings

**November 11** Flowers were given to the glory of God by LuAnn and Pat Keefe

**November 18** Flowers were given to the glory of God by Lori and Dave MacWilliam in celebration of their wedding anniversary

**November 25** Flowers were given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for His blessings

## Advent and Christmas at Alexandria Church

### Worship Events



- December 9** Christmas concert at 3 and 6 p.m.  
Share the flyer on page 5 with family and friends!
- December 23** Service of Lessons and Carols at 10 a.m.
- December 24** Christmas Eve children's pageant at 6 p.m.  
Christmas Eve candlelight service and communion at 9 p.m.
- December 30** First Sunday after Christmas at 10 a.m.



### Poinsettias

Orders are currently being taken for poinsettias. Your flowers will decorate the sanctuary during Advent which you may take home following the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Fill out the order form on page 9, place it in an envelope marked "Poinsettias" along with your payment, and leave them in the large envelope on the bulletin board or in the offering plate. Checks should be made out to Alexandria First Presbyterian Church with "Poinsettias" in the memo section. The last day to place your order is Sunday, December 2, 2018.

### Advent Devotionals

Advent is here! Be sure to pick up your copy of this year's Advent devotional from the narthex. *Peace on Earth* will equip, inspire, and challenge you to a faith that is active and alive in the Spirit of our Lord during this holy season. This year's devotionals are written with both children and adults in mind. Be sure to pick up your copy today.

### Christmas Joy Offering

Gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering support the un-met needs of families who have given their lives to the mission of the Presbyterian Church USA; some of them after retirement, others while they continue to serve. It also helps students at racial ethnic schools and colleges to develop their gifts and find their calling. As we celebrate Jesus' love flowing into, through, and beyond our lives this Christmas, our gifts bear joyful witness to the power of that uncontainable love to change lives. Look for giving envelopes in the pew racks. The offering will be received on Christmas Eve.

### Service of Lessons and Carols

#### December 23 | 10 a.m.

This beloved tradition continues as the holy story that celebrates the birth of Jesus is told through scripture, music, and prayer. Stories from Genesis through the Gospels are interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns, and choir music.

### Pageant Presented by the Alexandria Church Youth

#### Christmas Eve | 6:00 p.m.

Have you ever wondered what the animals at the manger were thinking on the blessed night that Jesus Christ was born? Wonder no more! The Christian Education and Youth Ministry Team will host a Christian play performed by the youth of our church telling the complete Nativity. Please join us with them in the stable. You'll be glad you did!

### First Sunday after Christmas

#### December 30 | 10 a.m.

Join our church member and friend George Erlandson as we celebrate our new born King as a family of faith.

## Blue Christmas Service

**December 19 | 7 p.m.**

A Blue Christmas service, or Longest Night service as it is also called, offers an alternative to the joy of the seasonal celebrations for those who find themselves in places of darkness due to loss of a loved one, depression, or other difficulties. In fact, blue Christmas services are held on or around the winter solstice—when daylight is fleeting and darkness lingers. For those who find themselves in a long, dark night of the soul, such services offer a glimmer of light.

When you hear “Come to the Blue Christmas service” you might think it is a service where you will get depressed. But in all truth, in a Blue Christmas service you are reminded that even as things get darker, the light comes. You recognize the light of Christ in the service.

The National Mental Health Association makes some coping recommendations for the holiday blues:

- Keep expectations for the holiday season manageable
- Make a list and prioritize the most important activities. Be realistic about what you can and cannot do
- Remember that the holiday season does not automatically banish reasons for feeling sad or lonely
- Let go of the past. Don't be disappointed if your holidays are not like they used to be. Life brings changes
- Do something for someone else
- Enjoy holiday activities that are free, such as driving around to look at Christmas decorations
- Don't be afraid to try something new. Celebrate the holidays in a way you have not done before
- Spend time with people who are supportive and care about you
- Find time for yourself. Don't spend all your time providing activities for your family and friends

Please, we welcome you to share the flyer below with someone you know.

*A Service of Remembrance, Comfort, and Hope*

*All Are Welcome*

*Blue Christmas*

MOVING TO A PLACE OF HOPE

*December 19 at 7 p.m.*

*Alexandria First Presbyterian Church  
141 Little York-Mount Pleasant Road*

Alexandria First Presbyterian Church Presents Its Annual Christmas Concert

# *“Peace on Earth”*

**Sunday, December 9, 2018  
3:00 and 6:00 p.m.**

**Featuring Vocal and Flute Soloists  
Chancel, Children, and Youth Choirs**

**Doors open 2:30 & 5:30 p.m.**

**Early arriving guests  
may wait in Fellowship Hall**

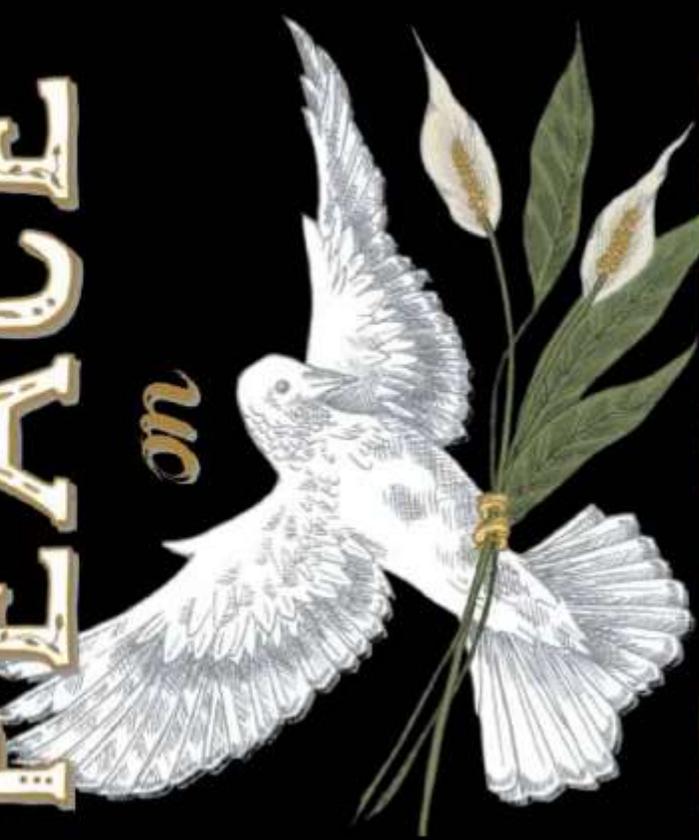
**Refreshments served  
following each concert**

**Childcare at 3:00 p.m. only**

**A free-will offering will be received**

**The Reverend Nick Hatch, Pastor  
Jerry Phelps, Director of Music Ministry**

# PEACE *on* EARTH



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## **! Christian Education News !**

*Please join us for Sunday school especially if we have not seen you yet this year!*

Give it a try, as there are a lot of good opportunities for fellowship and growth in your faith journey  
We have nursery care as well as Sunday school classes from grades pre K all the up through 12th grade  
Never too late to start!

### ***Kids Fellowship Day Out***

December 15 from 2-5 p.m.

Join us for our second Kids Fellowship Day Out  
Look on the church's Facebook for details and registration information  
Parents can sneak in a shopping trip and have an afternoon off  
while kids can come to AFPC and have fun  
Snacks will be served  
All ages welcome

### ***Youth Fellowship Gathering***

December 2 during church

A Youth Fellowship Gathering will happen right after the children's sermon  
"Charlie Brown Christmas"  
All grades welcome  
Fun for all!

### ***Youth Christmas Eve Play***

December 24 at the 6 p.m. service

We need actors and helpers of all ages  
If anyone interested in helping out with the play  
please contact Cyndi McDowall at 908-399-4813

### ***Youth Fellowship Gathering***

January 6 during church

A Youth Fellowship Gathering will happen right after the children's sermon  
"Faithful based New Year's Resolutions"  
All grades welcome

## New Directory Coming Soon

A big thank you to everyone who was able to participate in the photography sessions for the new photo directory. We can look forward to handing out the completed directories in the new year.



## Mission Interpretation: It's What We Do



*Introducing . . . **BE - THE - CHURCH - DAY!** Sunday January 20, 2019:* Alexandria First is holding its first ever "Be the Church Day." This is a congregation-wide call to come partake in small service projects for just 90 minutes following a shorter worship time in the sanctuary. Come honor Martin Luther King, Jr.'s traditional day of service, by helping keep some **Wildlife** warm, send some **Love** for Valentine's Day, help out a **Horse**, get artsy with **Paint** or spread joy with a **Visit**. More details to follow. Sign up sheets will be located on the Mission Bulletin Board in the corridor later this month. Questions? See any Mission Team member. Join us and **Let's Be the Church!**



*A cherished Presbyterian tradition* since the 1930s, the **Christmas Joy Offering** is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Because Advent and Christmas shine a light not only on our world's greatest hope but also on our world's greatest need, the PCUSA provides this timely opportunity for congregations to support causes specifically designed to bring Good News of great joy to the poor in circumstance or spirit. The receipts from the offering are distributed equally to The Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and student scholarships at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. Look for giving envelopes in the pew racks this month. Your gift may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings and will be received in worship on Christmas Eve. Thank you for your continued and heart-felt generosity.



### Mission Riddle of the Month

**I work with needles, I'm not a nurse or a doctor,  
but what I do helps people in the hospital.**

**Who am I?**

**(Find the answer in the December 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday bulletin)**

*submitted by Lainey Johns*

## News from Presbyterian Church USA

### Aid to California

While the deadliest fires ever to strike California continue to burn, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has deployed four National Response Team members to Southern California, where residents are enduring both a mass shooting and several fires. They're serving as Disaster Spiritual Care Providers, working in American Red Cross shelters in Pacific Palisades and the San Fernando Valley. In the wake of the Camp Fire, PDA has approved an initial \$7,500 grant to the Presbytery of Sacramento; grant requests are also anticipated from Santa Barbara and Pacific presbyteries.

The Rev. Dr. Kate Wiebe, a pastor at large in the Presbytery of Santa Barbara said, "The shootings and the fire occurred within 24 hours. For those folks, they are very entwined, so you can't separate it out. People are overwhelmed and distraught. They're experiencing a wide range of emotions and reactions." Mass shootings bring out issues of blame and anger in a way that natural disasters don't always do. Like firefighters who are increasingly called upon year-round to battle fires in the wildland urban interface, second responders like Wiebe are seeing less and less down time.

Jim Kirk, associate for PDA's National Disaster Response said, "I hope the denomination will be prayerful and generous in their support of our Presbyterian family who are still in harm's way.

*submitted by Mike Ferguson | Presbyterian News Service*



## Capital Campaign Update

### What's New in December?

- Framing is complete in the basement
- Spray foam installation is complete in the basement
- Electrical work in the basement is wrapping up
- Dry wall has been delivered
- The loan is COMPLETE and DONE!



# Training for Presbyterian Leaders

## SAVE THE DATE

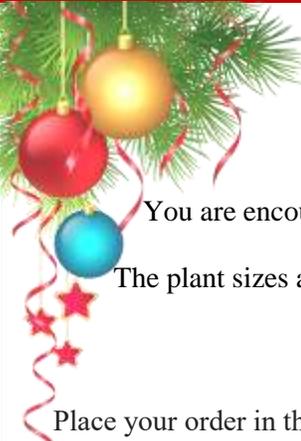
### EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

Saturday, February 2, 2019

First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen

270 Woodbridge Avenue, Metuchen, New Jersey

- Registration opens at 8 a.m.
- Workshops for deacons, elders, clerks, treasurers, and youth leaders begin at 9 a.m.
- The heart of the day is worship at 11 a.m. Discussion and lunch follow
- Afternoon breakout sessions allow participants to explore topics that excite their own passions in ministry
- Visit the website for a full schedule of events and online registration: <https://equipping-the-saints.org/>



## POINSETTIA ORDER FORM



Orders for Christmas poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary during December are now being collected.

You are encouraged to take your poinsettias home following the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

The plant sizes and costs are below. Checks may be made out to Alexandria First Presbyterian Church, noting "poinsettia" in the memo section.

**The last day to place an order is Sunday, December 2, 2018.**

Place your order in the large envelopes marked "Poinsettia Sale" found in the narthex and on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. You can also place it in the Worship and Music Team's mailbox located by church office, or feel free to mail your order to church.

**Please Print Clearly**

<i>Your Name</i>	<i>In Memory of (insert name)</i>
<i>Your Phone</i>	<i>In Honor of (insert name)</i>

QUANTITY	COST/POT	SUB-TOTAL
___ 6.5" pot (15" tall, 1 plant, 5-7 blooms)	\$ 8.00	\$ _____
___ 7.5" pot (18" tall, 2 plants, 10-12 blooms)	\$ 15.00	\$ _____
<b>ORDER TOTAL:</b>		\$ _____



Contact LuAnn Keefe with any questions at 730-7381

## Deacons Highlights

## The Deacons

**November 14, 2018**

- Deacon Tammy Sassaman open with prayer
- The cares and concerns of the congregation were shared
- Reports were heard from the various ministry teams
  - Christian Education: November 18, bring a friend to Sunday School; December 15, Kids Day In and Parents Day Out; December 24, Christmas Play; December 9, Christmas concert
  - Evangelism/Membership: November 17, turkeys for Thanksgiving baskets and assemble baskets; November 18, roller skating; December 16, Christmas caroling; January/February, send servicemen/women care packages; January, Yankee swap; February, Valentine's party; March, dinner out; April, Easter egg hunt; May, Pentecost
  - Mission interpretation: Every other Thursday, Shop Rite gleaning; Christmas Joy offering on Christmas Eve; January 20, Be the Church Day; Souperbowl, canned good drive
  - Personnel: Personnel reviews are in process
  - Stewardship and Finance : November 4 was the beginning of the stewardship campaign; pledge cards have been mailed; Consecration Sunday is November 18, 2018
  - Worship/Music: December 9, Christmas concert at 3 and 6 p.m.; December 1, decorating church for Christmas; December 19, Blue Christmas service
- Collection for assembling the turkey boxes: most of the necessary items have been donated. Need 6-7 people to help assemble the boxes and bring the boxes to Frenchtown
- Bring in toys and place in boxes. Toys will be distributed locally
- Gift card drive: suggestions for gift cards will be put on the tree with recommended amounts and places. Gift cards for older kids, instead of a "gift." (Dunkin' Donuts, Starbucks, Amazon, Kohl's, Target, Ulta, 5 Below, Game Stop, Charming Charlie, Bath and Body Works, etc). No Visa gift cards or no Walmart gift cards



## Looking Ahead to Christmas

*A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great.*

*~ Proverbs 18:16 ~*

As the deacons look ahead to Christmas, they are collecting gift cards for local teens and gifts for children in need. Their giving tree is set up in the narthex with all the necessary details. Please see any deacon with your questions.

## Caring Hands Crafters

**December 16 | 11:15 a.m.**

We have an especially crafty time lined up for our next meeting. As you know, for a knitter nothing is more frustrating than a dropped stitch. We will learn a clever way to make amends with that errant stitch without having to undo your work. For those who crochet, there will be a demo on the ageless Granny Square stitch which, once learned, has many different uses. Santa said we could even serve up a few of the cookies that we had set aside for him! We promise we'll have a jolly time. Please don't miss this fun holiday gathering!

Also, if you can't get to our monthly meetings, there is another way you can be connected to this dedicated group of volunteers. Call or email the church and we'll put you on the distribution list for our monthly handout. It's just 2 pages long but will keep you up to date on new yarns, fresh skills to learn, and insights to the organizations we supply with our crafted works.



**It's the Most  
SWAPPABLE  
Time of the Year!**

**Join Us for  
Our Annual Yankee Swap  
Christmas Party**

**The Bondor's home  
50 Dennis Road  
Bloomsbury, New Jersey**

**Saturday, January 5  
6 p.m.**

**Bring one gift to give  
(used, silly, new, or nice)  
for every gift you take**

**RSVP to Lois Bondor  
by January 3**

## Worship Assistants

**Dec 2** Tammy Sassaman **Dec 24** Youth, 6pm  
**Dec 9** Glynn Skibinski **Dec 24** Pat Keefe, 9pm  
**Dec 16** Nancy Schumann **Dec 30** Brad Bondor  
**Dec 23** John McDowall

## Ushers

**Dec 2** Jim Bush/P Keefe **Dec 24** Fritsches, 6pm  
**Dec 9** Norgard family **Dec 24** E Cameron/J Solomon  
**Dec 16** Kunich family **Dec 30** Stagg family  
**Dec 23** M Harrison/C Van Norman

## Communion

**Dec 2** D Bondor, L Bondor, A Apgar, T Sassaman  
**Dec 24** L Keefe, P Keefe, R Skibinski, C Van Norman

Let  Snow

## Special Dates

*Also see the main calendar on page 13*

**Dec 9** Christmas concert  
**Dec 16** Caroling  
**Dec 19** Blue Christmas service  
**Dec 23** Lessons and Carols  
**Dec 24** Christmas Eve services

## Coming Up

**Jan 5** Yankee Swap  
**Jan 6** Epiphany, communion  
**Jan 20** Be the Church Day



## Our Ministry Team Officers

**Building and Property** Marty Gunderman (E), Jim Hansen (E)

**Christian Education** Alicia Apgar (D), Mary Goldman (E),  
Cyndi McDowall (E),

**Evangelism/Membership** Lois Bondor (E), Howard Jones (E),  
Sharon Solomon (D), Carol Van Norman (D)

**Mission Interpretation** Stacy Butz (D), Evelyn Cameron (D),  
Lainey Johns (E), Howard Thomas (E)

**Nominating** LuAnn Keefe (E), Cyndi McDowall (E)

**Personnel** Joan Carroll (E), Helen Jones (D), Flora Nielsen (E)

**Stewardship and Finance** Laurie Gregory (D), Robin Vogel (E)

**Worship and Music** LuAnn Keefe (E), Flora Nielsen (E),  
Tammy Sassaman (D) (E: Elder, D: Deacon)



The vision of Alexandria First Presbyterian Church is to gather in God's grace and to be led by the Holy Spirit. We joyfully worship, prayerfully seek, and gratefully share as a loving family growing in Jesus Christ.

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE  
OF BRANCHES IS THE 3<sup>rd</sup> THURSDAY  
OF THE MONTH**

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## How to Reach the Pastor

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- Through the church office Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 908-996-4333
- By the church's website on the "contact us" link: [www.alexpres.org](http://www.alexpres.org)
- Via his email: [nhatch@alexpres.org](mailto:nhatch@alexpres.org)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
						<b>1</b> 10:00 Chancel Choir	
<b>2</b> <b>First Sunday of Advent</b> <i>Last day to order poinsettias</i> 9:00 Christian Ed Team 10:00 Worship, communion 10:15 Sunday school fellowship 11:00 Refreshments 5:30 Cub Scouts Den 4	<b>3</b> 6:00 Webelos	<b>4</b> 9:00 Bulletin deadline 9:30 Bible study 6:30 Boy Scouts	<b>5</b> 9:00 Session materials due 9:30 Bible study	<b>6</b> 2:30 Staff 4:30 Worship and Music 6:00 Junior Choir 6:30 Youth Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b> <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> 10:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday school 11:00 Refreshments 3:00 Christmas concert 6:00 Christmas concert	<b>10</b> 6:00 Cub Scouts, Wolf Den 6:00 Webelos	<b>11</b> 9:00 Bulletin deadline 9:30 Bible study 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:00 Deacons	<b>12</b> 9:30 Bible study 7:00 Session	<b>13</b> 6:00 Junior Choir 6:30 Youth Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 2:00 Kids' Day Out see p 6	
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<b>23</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> 10:00 Lessons and Carols 10:15 Sunday school	<b>24</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b> 9:00 Sunday bulletin deadline 6:00 Worship, pageant 9:00 Worship, communion, candlelight	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>  Church office closed	<b>26</b> 9:30 Bible study	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	
<b>30</b> 10:00 Worship	<b>31</b> <b>New Year's Eve</b>						<u>Deacon of the Week</u> Dec 2 Carol Van Norman Dec 9 Tammy Sassaman Dec 16 Alicia Apgar Dec 23 Evelyn Cameron Dec 30 Sharon Solomon