

THE TRINITY TIMES

THE NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2017

From the pastor

The first December that we lived in Franklin, our family drove around Franklin to see all the Christmas lights, and we drove by a house in Rebel Meadows that was covered in Christmas lights—in fact, the entire yard was covered in Christmas lights. Blinking, color-changing, racing Christmas lights. I believe the home belonged to a man named Chuck Smith, who, when he moved to Pebble Glen, took his enormous Christmas light display with him. We went to see the Christmas lights at that location as well, and discovered that he had added music and animation. It was kind of a Christmas light extravaganza. When he literally ran out of space at his house and yard, and neighbors complained about the traffic jams in their neighborhood, he moved his incredibly large Christmas lights and sound display to what was then the yard of the People's Church. I don't know whether Mr. Smith continues to display his Christmas lights but I do know that he operates a website called Planet Christmas which is dedicated to helping people decorate their homes and lawns with Christmas lights and sounds in a great big way.

But really, who would notice anything less than a big, loud display of Christmas lights and sound? A tiny tree and minimal lights may be my preference or your preference, but no one will notice it. It's the big things that make a splash, create a difference, grab our attention.

And yet when the prophet Isaiah speaks a word to God's discouraged people, he tells them to think small. So small, in fact, we may have to get down on our hands and knees, maybe even use a magnifying glass to see what Isaiah wants us to see. It's just a little fleck of green, a tiny shoot, but there it is, coming out of that stump—perhaps even a charred stump, from where the enemy had set the city on fire. The surest way to slow the recovery of an enemy's territory was to set it on fire, burn it to the ground, reduce everything to stubble.

Unfortunately, we are acquainted with that kind of devastation as we saw pictures of wildfires raging in California. The fires have destroyed entire subdivisions, acres of woods and property, leaving only ashes and scorched patches of earth. It will surely be a long time before the land in northern California recovers. While we wait, we'll have to turn our attention to what is small—little acts of kindness in the form of money or clothing or water or food

given by strangers to strangers who have lost everything. These are the little bits of green just below the surface, barely peeking through rough terrain, rocky ground, charred stumps.

Isaiah bids us to get down on our hands and knees and squint—squint at the shoot that is coming out from the stump of Jesse, the branch that is growing out of his roots. Look closely and in the small things, see the Spirit of the Lord at work, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord. It may take a microscope to see those wolves dwelling peacefully with the lambs, but there they are. Or the leopards playing with the young goats, and the lions with the calves and the infants playing with poisonous reptiles. It's not flashy like a Christmas light display, but it's a clear, true glimpse of what life in God's kingdom looks like—harmony and peace and joy and happiness and hope.

We are an impatient people, though. In our times of deepest darkness and great despair, we demand more than a little bit of green. We need something stronger than a shoot poking out of a stump. Under the weight of our grief and our sorrow, we don't want to squint to see God's kingdom, we want God's kingdom of love and light to be as visible as a 20 foot, brightly-colored Christmas tree. We want this kingdom of goodness and hope and joy to be sensational, not subtle; obvious, not hidden.

It's hard to think small when we dream big. When we dream of every hungry child being fed. When we dream of war being no more. When we dream that our loved one's suffering will cease, or that the lame will walk and the blind will see and the deaf will hear. It's hard to think small when our big dream is of a society where no one judges based on race, no one hates because of fear, no one is rejected. We dream big—of justice and righteousness for everyone.

And we wonder, what chance does a tiny shoot have against the deep shadow of sin?

We start small, we think small, small as a shoot pushing up from a stump; small as a newborn baby, small as a little piece of bread and a tiny sip of juice. Jesus said, "whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you remember—that light overcomes darkness, hope conquers despair, forgiveness

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Bill Dougherty (2017),

Hank Schomber (2019)

Hank Howerton (2017)

Cindy Turner (2018)

Lee Ann O'Brien (2017)

DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND LECTIONARY READINGS

December 3 First Sunday of Advent/Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:17-19;

1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

December 10 Second Sunday of Advent/Lessons and Carols

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13;

2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-18

December 17 Third Sunday of Advent/ Christmas Breads

Isaiah 6:1-4, 8-11;

Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55;

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24;

John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent/ Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14;

Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

December 31 First Sunday after Christmas Day

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 48;

Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

HANGING OF THE GREENS, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2!



If you are available on Saturday, December 2, at 10:30 a.m. to help with "Hanging of the Greens" to decorate for Advent and Christmas, come join the fun! Even if you're not tall enough or able to hang the greens, place the candles, decorate the tree or other assorted physical tasks, we still need folks who can open and sort the decorations for others to hang. Many hands will make the work go faster.

BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP – TRINITY AND ROOM IN THE INN COMMUNITIES WILL WORSHIP TOGETHER!

Date: Thursday, December 21

Where: Room in the Inn, 705 Drexel Street,
Nashville, TN 37203

Time: To Carpool, meet at the church at 1:45 p.m. (There is minimal parking available, so carpooling is highly encouraged. If you are driving directly to Room in the Inn, please plan to arrive there by 2:15 p.m.) The service will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Blue Christmas worship and communion offer a time of healing and support. An average of 40 people from Room in the Inn attend this service which has been held annually since 2007. We invite you to add to that number as you accompany the Room in the Inn guests and worship yourself.

Whether or not you are able to attend, please consider making a donation to the reception following the service.

MUSIC by Simon Thomas Jacobs
Music Director
NOTES
I look from afar...



...so begins the text of the Matin Responsory that will open our Service of Lessons & Carols on Sunday, December 10. While the text refers to the coming of Christ, I also find it appropriate for church musicians who often begin their planning for Christmas services "from afar" i.e., the summer! The service will be modeled after the Service of Nine Lessons & Carols broadcast every year from King's College, Cambridge with readings from scripture interspersed with carols and anthems. I am delighted that Laura Duke and her splendid choir from Linden Waldorf School will be joining us and singing as part of this service.

Christmas Eve this year falls on a Sunday which means we have to observe both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. At the 11 a.m. service, we will hear of how the young Mary was told by the Angel Gabriel that she was to give birth to Jesus

Christ and our wonderful mezzo soprano, Sara Crigger, will sing Schubert's timeless setting of *Ave Maria* at the offertory. I was interested to discover that this piece, made famous by countless performances at weddings and funerals, was in fact never intended for liturgical use. The original German text has nothing to do with *the* Mary, but the version heard in churches today was adapted to incorporate the Latin "Ave Maria" text.

At 4:30 p.m. on December 24 we hope you will join us for a festive service to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, with glorious music for organ and choir and culminating in the singing of *Silent Night* by candlelight. Please bring your friends and family as well!

ORGAN RECITAL BY SIMON THOMAS JACOBS IN CELEBRATION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



VOLUNTEER AT DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN ON DECEMBER 7

Downtown Presbyterian Church is looking for volunteers to help with their Waffle House on December 7th. The proceeds from the Waffle House go to help the homeless ministry in downtown Nashville. DPC is in need of volunteers to help decorate, set up the room, cook waffles, clean up afterward. DPC is a small congregation who wishes to partner with another small congregation like Trinity to make this annual event possible! If you are interested, please let Linda Rogers or Sally Hughes know.

ADULT EDUCATION IN DECEMBER

Dear ones! I have just finished reading a wonderful book, *Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph* by Adam Hamilton. I liked it so much that I've decided to teach this book as the curriculum for the adult Sunday School class during the four Sundays in Advent (Dec 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th) but it occurred to me that those who are not typical Sunday school attenders might enjoy this book as well, especially during the Advent season. So, I'd like to add an extra opportunity for Trinity members and friends to be part of this Advent study. In addition to teaching this book on Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:15, I would like to teach it from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoons of December 3, 10, 17 at the church. The extra 30 minutes allows me to teach the 4 lessons in 3 weeks.

Advent is the season in which we await the birth of the Christ child, but Advent can also be a fairly stressful season for a variety of reasons. Hamilton's book offers a bit of calm in the midst of chaos, and comfort in the midst of what can be a sad season.

CHILDREN TO FOLLOW THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Following the Time for Children in the worship service, in December the children will study the Christmas story in the Sunday School wing with Cindy Turner. The themes and Bible references are:

Birth of John the Baptizer foretold; Luke 1:5-20

Annunciation to Mary; Luke 1:26-38

Mary visits Elizabeth; Luke 1:39-56

Joseph's dream; Matthew 1:18-25

Jesus born in Bethlehem; Luke 2:1-7

Shepherds and angels; Luke 2:8-20

Wise men visit; Matthew 2:1-12

Cindy will also be teaching from the book *Christ Legends* (by Selma Lagerlöf, Wildside Press, 2004, through Amazon.com) which has stories related to the season.

You can look at this book online *Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph*

Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph

From his beginnings as a humble carpenter to his all-important role as the earthly father of Jesus Christ, Joseph...

The book explores who is Joseph, how have fathers/stepfathers, other men shaped our lives, how do others see Jesus and Joseph in you, marriage customs in ancient Judaism, how Joseph reacted to Mary's pregnancy news, the events of the nativity story and life journeys we don't want to take. In addition to a book, there's a DVD segment we will watch, followed by discussion. Also, we will provide childcare if you'd like to come but have a child or grandchild.

If you live far from the church, you may want to bring some lunch, eat with me at the church (because I won't go home), or just "hang out" until 2:00 PM.

I don't need to know who would come to Sunday school, but I'd like to have a sense of who might want to come to the 2 p.m. Sunday study because if it's not a good time for anyone, I won't offer the 2:00 p.m. study.

If you are interested, let me know via email or text (615-594-5765) or call/email the church office (615-297-6513; office@trinitypresnashville.org)

Peace,
Sally



Children with Cindy Turner during Time for Children on November 19

From the pastor (continued from page 1)

covers sin, life triumphs over death, that from a tiny shoot, the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.”

The big things we dream about match up with Isaiah’s small description of the reality promised by God through the person and work of Jesus Christ. We don’t stop believing that one day, we will see harmony and peace and wisdom at work in our world. We see it in small things, like a flower or a weed pushing up through the concrete in the sidewalk. A small reminder that with God, all things, big things are possible.

We see it in small things, like how a child overcomes a terrible family situation and grows up to become a teacher in that same high-risk neighborhood from which she came.

We see it in small things, like how a store owner decides not to prosecute, but instead to help the person who robbed his store.

We see it in small things, like a politician who listens to her constituency through town meetings and conversations, and visibly improves the community she serves.

Look for it in the small things. Examine your world for places where the tiniest green shoot is pushing up through a charred soil of stump. Look not for the big signs of Christ’s coming into the world, but to the small ways that Christ pushes through concrete hearts and create peace.

Barbara Lundblad, professor of preaching at Union Seminary, New York, wrote, “God’s Advent word comes to sit with us. This word will not ask us to get up and dance. Isaiah’s word is surprising but small. The nation Israel would not rise again. The shoot would not become a mighty cedar. The shoot that was growing would be different from what the people expected.”

When the Apostle Paul wrote his letter to the church at Rome, he wasn’t writing about the Christmas season, he was writing to a group of Christians who were hoping to see big things for Christ in their lifetime, but instead, were facing difficulty and discouragement. He was writing words of encouragement in a time of despair, words of comfort in a time of anxiety. He reminded them of something small: “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles, in him the Gentiles shall hope. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope by the power

Surely Paul could have chosen a more spectacular scripture from Isaiah to share with these uncertain and heavy-hearted Christians! Maybe Isaiah’s words about how the desert would rejoice and blossom; or how the glory of the Lord would rise upon them, or even that swords shall be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks.

But no. Paul was a down-to-earth guy and he chose a downright earthy image—one can’t get much more earthy than shoots and roots! While it’s lovely to think about blooms in the desert, thinking about a small shoot pushing out of a stump is more familiar. It’s easier to think small.

Think small, said Isaiah. That small glimpse of green promises to be a perfect plant. It promises to grow into a tree of peace, of righteousness, of justice. It promises to produce branches of hope and love and joy.

Think about small things but expect big results. A shoot has come forth from the stump of Jesse and the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of God as the waters covers the sea.



OFFICE HOURS FOR SALLY HUGHES

Sally has office hours Tuesday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and also by appointment if someone needs to come by earlier or later.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

New Address:
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Fall Issue of the Church Directory is available in the church office. If you find corrections that are needed, or if you prefer not to have your name or certain information in the directory, please call or e-mail the office. Also, if you want the directory as a PDF version, call or e-mail the office. Note: The directory is for private use of participants in Trinity's ministry and is not to be sent to a mailing list.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Carol Phillipy - 9

Gil Veda - 13

Sally Hughes - 17

Hank Howerton - 23

Barbara McClure - 24

David Phillipy - 26

Our apologies if we have missed your birthday or if it is incorrect. If we have missed or muffed your special day please call the church office at 297-6513 and let us know.

SPECIAL GROUP ACTIVITY MEETINGS

*****Presbyterian Women** meet the first Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Trinity parlor. This month PW will meet on Tuesday, December 5, at 10 a.m. in the parlor. We will study *Lesson Four*, "In Community with God's Messengers", from *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*. Bring your lunch for fellowship after the Bible study.

***For the month of December, our "Wandering Presbyterians" (the new name of our adult outing group) will enjoy a Christmas lunch at Mere Bulles on December 19th at 11:30 a.m.. We can leave from the church at 11:00, combining our cars. If you need to be picked up from your home, we can do that, too! We would like to have an idea of how many are going by Friday, December 15th, so email or call the church office or sign up in East Hall. A copy of the Mere Bulles menu will be on display in East Hall, or you can click on this link: www.merebulles.com.

***You are invited to join the **Changing Gears** group for lunch and fellowship at Westminster Presbyterian on Wednesday, December 13. This will be the Changing Gears Hand Bells Christmas Program. Reservations for lunch are required by noon on the Friday before, and there is a \$10 charge for lunch. Call Jill at the Westminster church office (292-5526) for reservations or if you'd like more information.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We welcome new members Alex Nunn and Michael Cuppet.

Alex, son of Steve Nunn and Paula Agnew, joined by transfer of letter from Historic Franklin Presbyterian Church in October.

Michael, is a senior at Belmont University and joined on Reaffirmation of Faith in November. He is from the St. Louis area and majoring in music. He was recently accepted for the Seminary at Princeton University.

THE ONLINE CALENDAR

For a complete list of activities, visit www.trinitypresnashville.org and click on “church calendar”. The calendar is updated regularly as activities are added, deleted, or changed. If your committee or group schedules a meeting using the church’s facilities, please contact Linda Rogers (297-6513 or linda@trinitypresnashville.org) so your meeting can be placed on the calendar, or if there is a facilities conflict, it can be resolved before scheduling.

LEARN ABOUT ADVENT

Advent” means “coming” or “arrival.” During the season of Advent, we celebrate Christ’s coming into the world and watch with expectant hope for his coming again. In its historical origins, the season of Advent was patterned after the season of Lent, a six-week period of penitence and preparation for Easter. Similarly, the four weeks of Advent present an opportunity for communal discernment and personal examination, as the church prepares to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord and looks with hope for Christ’s return.

The church year begins with the ADVENT OF OUR LORD, four weeks getting ready for the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Advent is a time of waiting and preparation for the arrival of the Son of God to live as a person among people. The color of Advent is purple.

The Advent wreath visually marks the time leading up to Christmas and symbolizes the increasing light as Christ draws near to us. The use of such wreaths began as a family devotional practice in German homes in the 1600s. Widespread liturgical use only dates back to the middle of the 20th century.

Each of the four purple candles around the periphery of the wreath marks one of the Sun

days in Advent; the white Christ candle in the center is lit on Christmas Eve. The Book of Common Worship (165-166) provides scripture readings to accompany the lighting of each candle. Some Advent wreaths include a pink candle. This custom can be traced to medieval practice that set aside the third Sunday in Lent (and later, Advent) as an occasion of joy and a respite from the rigors of the penitential season. If your Advent wreath has a pink candle, you may light it on the third Sunday of Advent. <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/faq-signsymbols/>

The deep blue of Advent highlights the expectant nature of the season, and of our faith. Thus we use deep blue for Advent to shade the season with a hint of expectation and anticipation of the dawn of Christ. Advent is a time to recommit to our faith and to our God – no matter the color! By using deep blue we err on the side of emphasizing the church’s hope-filled and faithful watch for Christ. The deep blue of Advent is meant to inspire in us the hope of faith, and to encourage us to keep watch for the promised light of Christ to break over the horizon, changing night into day, darkness into light, and filling our lives and our world with a holy and righteous splendor. <https://lutheranzephyr.com/2010/11/29/advent-blue-or-purple/>



75TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON





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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Sally Hughes

STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION

October 17, 2017

In addition to receiving the monthly budget report, the session discussed the upcoming Stewardship Campaign, agreeing November 19 would be Pledge Sunday. A "Minute for Stewardship" would be part of Sunday services leading up to Pledge Sunday with elders making presentations. The session also heard a suggestion that the weekly offering reconciliation procedure would be updated and a rotation of "counters" be established.

The session discussed David Phillipy's request that it send a letter of support on behalf of member Claude Spencer regarding his upcoming parole hearing and for financial assistance for him once he is paroled. Both requests were approved.

Alex Nunn, son of member Steve Nunn was received by transfer letter from Historic Franklin Presbyterian Church.

Instructions for operating the sanctuary sound system and making recordings to be used on the Trinity website were distributed. A discussion on assigning responsibility for doing this followed.

The session heard a report and saw a visitor's note expressing a most favorable reaction to Trinity's sending written notes to visitors each week.

The 75th Anniversary Dinner on November 5 was discussed and the session agreed invitations should be sent to those members who left and joined Second Presbyterian a year ago.

Hank Schomber gave a report on the meeting with the Presbytery Oversight Committee earlier in October.

The session reaffirmed its "online meeting" to call a Congregational Meeting on October 22 for the purpose of hearing and acting on the report of the nominating committee regarding the election of a new class of elders.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

October 22, 2017

The Nominating Committee presented Vira Baker, Bill Dougherty and Hank Howerton for the Session Class of 2020. There being no additional nominees they were accepted by acclamation. The new elders will be installed in January.

THE JOY OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY

December 2

"Hanging of the Greens" in the sanctuary. Meet at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 2.

December 8

LWS Winter Concert, 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary

December 10

Service of Lessons and Carols. Readings from scripture will be interspersed with congregational carols and anthems for choir and organ as we prepare for Christmas.

December 16

Open house and nativity viewing at the home of Hughes/Berger. Everyone invited! Contact the office if you'd like a ride.

December 17

Trinity's traditional Christmas Breads before and after the 11 a.m. service! Bring your favorites!

December 21

Blue Christmas Worship and Communion at 2:30 p.m. at Room in the Inn (meet at the church to carpool at 1:45 p.m.)

December 24

Morning Worship at 11 a.m. and our traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 4:30 p.m.

December 25

Christmas Day / The Nativity of Jesus Christ!

December 31

New Year's Eve/ Morning Worship at 11 a.m. We complete our first year with Rev. Sally Hughes.



OPEN HOUSE AND NATIVITY VIEWING ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

You are cordially invited to an open house and “nativity viewing” at the home of Sally Hughes and Will Berger on Saturday, December 16, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Come and enjoy refreshments, good conversation, and the 200+ nativity sets that Sally and Will have acquired over the years.

Directions to the house: take I-65 South to exit 65, turn left onto Highway 96, go to the fourth stop light and turn left on to Clovercroft Road. It's the 9th house on the left.

If you would like to carpool or need a ride, please call the office and we'll arrange transportation for you.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING ON DECEMBER 24

One of four denominational offerings, the Christmas Joy offering will be taken up during worship on December 24. Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

*The Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions

*Racial Ethnic Schools and Colleges

*Racial Ethnic Leadership Development



We take time during the Advent and Christmas season to consider the gratitude we feel. It's out of gratitude that we turn to support church leaders who dedicate their lives in service to Christ and the church. It's out of youthful wonder that students at Presbyterian racial-ethnic schools and colleges look forward to a life of faith, worship, and Christian leadership.

Funds from the Christmas Joy Offering help the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions provide critical financial assistance to eligible workers in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and their families, and to qualifying retired church workers and their families.

The Christmas Joy Offering also supports the education and development of our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. These schools are dedicated to creating opportunities and environments for racial ethnic students built on a foundation of Christian values. The offering benefits Menaul School and Presbyterian Pan American School, two secondary schools that ready students for a path of higher learning, as well as Stillman College, where graduates are prepared for lives of leadership and service.

Please give generously to the Christmas Joy Offering.

ALTERNATIVE GIVING FOR CHRISTMAS

In this year of such great need, there is even more reason to make our gifts count twice. Honor a loved one by making a gift in their name to a worthy organization working to give real assistance to those in need or to protect our precious world. A child would be thrilled to have given in their name a flock of chicks for eggs for a poor family or a cow for milk through Presbyterian Giving Catalog or Heifer International. From December 3 – 24, look for the display in the East Hall with information and catalogs containing a host of ideas. This is truly easy Christmas shopping that makes a world of difference!

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON 2017



photos by Hank and Judy Schomber



December 2017

A calendar that includes all building use, including LWS, can be found on the church website: www.trinitypresnashville.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 1 st Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship/Communion First Sunday Fellowship Time	4 * 8 pm AA Meeting	5 10 am Presbyterian Women	6 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	7 8 pm AA Meeting	8 6 pm LWS Winter Concert	9
10 2 nd Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Choral Christmas Worship After Worship Fellowship Time 3:00 pm Girl Scouts	11 * 8 pm AA Meeting	12	13 No Choir Rehearsal	14 6 pm LWS 7 th Grade Play 7 pm Session	15 Newsletter Articles Due 6 pm LWS 7 th Grade Play	16 11 am - 6 pm Open House & nativity viewing at home of Hughes/Berger
17 3 rd Sunday of Advent 10:15 am Christmas Breads 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Worship	18 * 8 pm AA Meeting	19 11 am Wandering Presbyterians meet at church to go to Miere Bullies Restaurant	20 No Choir Rehearsal	21 2:30 pm Blue Christmas Service at Room in the Inn 8 pm AA Meeting	22	23
24 4 th Sunday of Advent 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Worship After Worship Fellowship Time 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 * Christmas Day! 8 pm AA Meeting	26 Church office closed through January 1	27 No Choir Rehearsal	28 8 pm AA Meeting	29	30
31 No Sunday School 11:00 am Worship After Worship Fellowship Time						

* Church Office closed on Mondays