



# The Celtic Cross

December 2016

Dear Friends,

Here is a question that has arrested our attention recently: *what “uncommon, humdrum thing glows in the memory” of Christmases past?* We’ve been thinking about that question. How would you answer it?

Writer Anna Quindlen asks the question in a short piece, “The Time Machine.” Quindlen speaks as her older self to her younger self, a mother of young children caught up in the stress of producing the magic of Christmas for her young family. (A stress which, interestingly enough, is not new. “In 1874, a British actress wrote ‘Christmas is a season of such infinite labour, as well as expense...that every woman I know is good for nothing in purse and person for a month afterwards.’”)

It is common knowledge that the month leading up to Christmas can be full of infinite labor as well as expense. In the face of this, some would offer bromides such as “Relax,” “Let it go,” “don’t sweat the small stuff, and it’s all small stuff.” But, Quindlen responds, “That’s absurd. Lots of small stuff is really big. My children can track their childhoods in tree ornaments...” The trick is to “figure out what small stuff is passing minutiae and what is enduring memory. Find that. Worry about that,” charges Quindlen.

How many of the things that glow in our Christmas memories were made of small stuff, humdrum things that somehow became uncommon because they were the portals through which the spirit of Christmas entered our days? The moment when the room was darkened and the tree lights came on, the card from the friend we felt had forgotten us, squatting before the nativity scene to put baby Jesus in the manger, the look in the eyes of the man receiving the meal tray, the book or song that appeared only in the season when darkness came early, the pink and purple candles in the Styrofoam ring, watching the woman with Alzheimer sing every word of the carol, picking out pajamas for the child you’d never meet, the calendar with the doors, the smell of cranberry bread passed out to the neighbors, standing on the ladder to hang the greens in the sanctuary, leaning against the older brother in the pew as the carols were sung, the smell of wax as the light of the candle spread...

There is power in the small stuff, in the small moments, small gestures, more power in them, perhaps, than in the mound of presents under the tree or food upon the plate. Doesn’t God more often choose small stuff as the portals to enter our lives — a whispered word, a young girl, a little town, a manger, a star, a baby?

“Advent is the liturgical season of vigilance,” writes Robert Barron. As we enter the season of waiting, let us be vigilant in looking into the small things, putting effort into small gestures, caring about the small stuff. Some of that humdrum small stuff will one day glow in our memory as the moment when God drew near.

Expectantly,  
Carter and Kerry

1. Anna Quindlen, “The Time Machine,” in *Goodness and Light*, Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 2015, p. 60.
2. Robert Barron, “What are You Waiting For?,” *Goodness and Light*, p. 5.

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## Advent at First Presbyterian Church

### Come and Worship

Unless otherwise noted, services at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Sermon podcasts now available on the church webpage.

- December 4: Second Sunday of Advent.  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- Wed., Dec. 7: Service for Wholeness, 7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.**
- December 11: Third Sunday of Advent.  
Cherub Choir Sings  
Congregation Meeting Follows to Elect Associate Pastor Nominating Comm.
- December 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent.  
Celtic Choir sings  
**No Sunday School because of the Deacons' Breakfast**
- December 24: 5:00 Family Candlelight Service  
The children will prepares us for Christmas with "Stars, Angels, Shepherds, Kings."  
10:00 Special pre-service music from Handel's *Messiah* begins at 10:00 p.m.  
10:30 Candlelight Communion Service of Lessons and Carols  
Guest instrumentalists will join soloists and our adult choirs to help us to celebrate the mystery, wonder and joy of this holy night.
- December 25: **11:00** Service of Lessons, Readings, and Carols **(Note time change!)**  
**Come as you are to celebrate the birth of the Christ child.**

### Come and Serve

Cluster Outreach Giving Tree: Pick up a card from the cornucopia in the lobby and purchase some new clothes or pajamas for a child in our community.

Community Meals: Thursday, December 8: Help serve and clean up the meal at 4:45 p.m.

Prime Timers Caroling **(but all are invited!)**: Wednesday, December 14 at 2:00 p.m. at Manatawny Manor. See p. 5 for more details including lunch plans.

Sr. Seekers: November 27, 6:30-8:00—come help decorate the sanctuary!

Jr. Seekers/Prime Timers: November 27, 6:30—8:00—preparing treat bags for Operation Backpack Children with the Prime Timers.

**Deepen your experience of the season by using the advent meditations written by church members and distributed by the Spiritual Formation Committee.**

## Advent at First Presbyterian Church, cont.

### ***Come and Celebrate***

Hanging of the Greens: Sunday, November 27, 6:30 p.m.: We will enjoy dessert, divide up to decorate God's house, and end with a carol-sing in the sanctuary. Families can make an advent wreath for home, there will be a special activities for children, and Operation Backpack project for junior high Seekers and Prime Timers.

"From Christ's Table to Your Tree," Alternative Gift Market, Dec. 4 following worship (see below)

Prime Timers and church family: Saturday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. *It's A Wonderful Life* at Steel River

Sr. Seekers December 18, 6 to 8 p.m., Annual Christmas party.

Jr. Seekers December 11, following worship Christmas Pool Party

Deacons' Christmas Breakfast: Sunday, December 18, 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

College Students December 18: Join Carter and Kerry for brunch after the worship service.

### **"From Christ's Table to Your Tree," Alternative Gift Market, Dec. 4**

Please join us following worship on December 4! The Women's Bible Study will once again be making their delicious beef barley soup. Lunch will be served and the bake table will be offering boxes and trays of holiday cookies suitable for gift giving, the office, or simply enjoying at home. You will also have the opportunity to purchase alternative gifts for friends or family members that support Heifer International, our Living Waters for the World mission, Kirkwood Camp, and more! You will receive a letter acknowledging your purchase for tax purposes and you will be provided a card to give the recipient of your gift. Please come out and support our life changing missions!

### **Service for Wholeness, Wednesday, December 7, 7:15 p.m.**

Come join us for our Advent service of prayer for the brokenness in the world and in our mind, body and spirits. If you or someone you care about is in need of healing in this season, or if you simply want to pray for our hurting world, come and join us for this important and meaningful spiritual practice. Our administrative assistant, Marie Kayati, will reflect on God's working for wholeness in her family.

### **Deacons' Christmas Breakfast, Sunday, December 18, 8:30—10:00 a.m.**

You are cordially invited to our annual Deacon's Christmas Breakfast! Join your church family for a wonderful breakfast, December 18th from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Please sign up on the church bulletin board or call the church office by December 12th so we know how many to seat and serve. Your free-will offering will help support the work of the Board of Deacons during 2017. Clean-up help will also be heartily welcomed so the deacons can attend worship.

### **Poinsettia Orders Due December 9**

Purchase a plant (\$9 each for five-bloom plant) in honor or memory of friends or family. You may take them home after worship on Dec. 18. Fill out the Sunday bulletin insert or contact the office.

## Church Family News

**Please keep in your prayers the following members who have been ill or hospitalized recently:** Ruth Ann DeRenzo, Jean Hollenbach, Joe Faubert, Anna Chilton, Dawn Skelly, Marcia Zeigler, and Audrey Buckley.

**We extend our condolences** to the family of Maurine Hunnicutt.

**Thank you to all of the many hands that helped make the stewardship congregational dinner and program possible:** Beth Ann Straub, Jaylee Ferreri and their dinner crew; Kurt Holloway and the Stewardship Committee; Seekers and Advisors; Tim Allen, Don Kisella, Chuck Krueger, Andy Lane, and the clean up crew; Children's Choir director, Jo Ann Bathurst; Music Director, Cindy Foust, accompanist, Deb Voytko, our performers including our adult choir and children's choirs, our "Finding Where My Money Went" writer/director Sarah Pinard and "cast" of Bill Campbell, Bill Dupree, Patty Picardi, Ben Drago, Kurt Holloway, Abby Campbell, Emily Weber, Ashley Livezey, and Corinne Hofmann, and the pastors. Thank you to Jon Allen for tracking and counting the pledge cards and to Marie Kayati for her great support. **Thank you** to those who offered "Minutes for Stewardship:" Heather Temple, Bob Geyer, and James Thompson.

**Thank you** to Sue Moyer and Bill Wilson for their leadership roles, and for all those who showed up for the church work day.

**Thank you** to Andy Lane and Charlie Jenkins for a day of completing repairs and installations around the church and for Mike Matrone staying to 1:30 a.m. to paint the sanctuary roof beams after the sanctuary lights were replaced.

**Thank you to** Karen Stacks, the Spiritual Formation Committee and all those who wrote Advent Meditations for our Advent Meditations booklet.



### "Letting Our Blessings Flow"

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank you for your commitments of time, talents, and money to the ministry of this church in 2017. If you have not yet sent in your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible to save us a phone call or email. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Stewardship Committee, the church office, or the pastors. If you need a new pledge card, contact the church office.

With joy and thanksgiving,  
Kurt Holloway, Chair,

### Celtic Cross by email and Online Giving

To receive your newsletter by email, contact our church administrative assistant, Marie Kayati, at [fpoffice@fpcpottstown.org](mailto:fpoffice@fpcpottstown.org). To make a one-time or recurring donation online, go the church webpage, [www.fpcpottstown.org](http://www.fpcpottstown.org) and click "Donate," and follow the step-by-step instructions.

## **Letting Our Blessings Flow at Christmas**

### **Calling all Christmas Cookie Bakers!**

The Elves are making a change to the bake table at our “Table to Tree” Alternative Gift Fair and celebration to be held on December 4. This year, we will only be selling boxes and trays with a variety of holiday cookies - appropriate for gift giving, the office, or simply enjoying at home. More bakers with more variety will provide a better selection for all! Please deliver cookies to the Associate Pastor’s office by Friday morning, December 2. Please see the weekly bulletin for additional details and sign-up. What are your family favorites?

### **New Clothes for Christmas**

You can make it possible for a child in need in Pottstown to have new clothes or pajamas at Christmas. Select a card from the cornucopia in the lobby, purchase a new outfit in the proper size, place the unwrapped gift in a holiday gift bag (no tissue paper please) and attach the card. Please bring these gifts to the church by December 18.

**Christmas Joy Offering will be received in December** to benefit retired pastors and racial ethnic ministries.

## **Opportunities for Fellowship (see also pp. 2-3)**

### **Men’s Breakfast, Saturday, December 10, 8 a.m.**

Food, fellowship, and devotionals led by Carter—what a great way to begin the day!

### **Prime Timers’ Events and Activities:**

#### **Saturday, December 10, 2 p.m.: “It’s A Wonderful Life” at Steel River Playhouse**

All tickets have been sold of our church’s allotment! But you can still join in by purchasing your tickets directly from the Steel River ticket office. All ages invited!

#### **Wednesday, December 14— Lunch and Caroling at Manatawny Manor**

Lunch at TGI Friday’s at noon in Coventry Mall. Then we will carol at Manatawny Manor at 2 p.m. If you need a ride, contact Tom or Mary Ann Hudson.

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry, Tuesday, December 20 at 7 p.m.**

The Prayer Shawl ministry will meet in the library from 7 p.m. to about 8:30 p.m. Please join us as we create loving comfort for our church family and the wider community.

### **Faithful Friends—Saturday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m.**

For all of the details, check with Kerry and Carter.

## **Conversations on Race**

Last summer, a number of church folks wondered how we might be ambassadors for reconciliation in a time of unsettling national headlines related to issues of race. 27 people gathered in Kerry and Carter’s house on November 14 for an initial conversation. A second gathering will take place on Monday, January 23 at Carter and Kerry’s house at 7 p.m. to discuss questions raised by the book, Waking Up White. If you are interested in the discussion itself, or in getting a copy of the book, please contact Carter or Kerry.

## Spiritual Formation Opportunities (no Sunday School, Dec. 18 and 25)

### ADULT SUNDAY MORNING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Men's Sunday Mornings (Pastors' Conference Room)** Teachers: Gary James, Wesley "Binky" Huff,, Tim Peckham, and Carter  
**The Acts of the Apostles (Bible study)**
- **Thoughtful Christians (Mary Ann Yost Room)** Leader: Debbie Remelius  
**The Names of God**
- **Forum (Community Room)**  
**December 4 and 11: Christmas Carols and Stories**  
Do you want to know the stories behind some of your favorite Christmas carols? Come join Carter for discussion—and the music of the season.
- **Faithful Friends on Sunday (Fellowship Hall)**  
Tim and Gwen Allen and Kim Wheelles moderate the informal faith discussions inspired by current events using the resource, "The Wired Word." Grab your coffee and relax around the table in Fellowship Hall.

### WEEKDAY OPPORTUNITIES

- **Sisters of the Way Bible Study:** 9:15-10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 1, 8, and 15.  
Teacher: Kerry
- **Praying the Scriptures (Lectio Divina)** Meets on Tuesday, December 6 and 20 at 7:30 p.m.  
Leader: Kerry.
- **Next Week's Sermon:** 7:30-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13. Teacher: Carter
- **Theology Reading Group** will resume in 2017. For questions, contact Carter.

### ADVENT MEDITATION BOOKLETS

Pick up a collection of daily meditations written by church members and compiled by the Spiritual Formation Committee in the church lobby. A daily reflection on Advent, Christmas and the importance of faith and community as we walk through this holy season!

### DEVOTIONAL BOOKS FOR 2017

Jesus Always a devotional book with daily Scripture selections and meditations written by Sarah Young can be purchased from the Spiritual Formation Committee. Available for only \$5, they make great "stocking stuffers!"

### Library News

Advent is now upon us and we know what that means...Christmas will be here soon! To help celebrate the holiday and to foster reflection this Advent season the church library has a variety of books and DVDs to assist in doing exactly that. From classics such as "It's a Wonderful Life" and "Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street" to new books about Advent that can help delve deeper into the meaning of Christmas. So grab a steaming mug of hot cocoa, a movie or book, and relax. If you have any questions about the library or would like suggestions, feel free to ask either Laura or Kathy Hazeltine.

—Laura Hazeltine

## Children's Music—Christmas Pageant Rehearsals

Preparations for the Christmas Pageant are in full swing . Here are some important practice dates to keep in mind.

**Cherubs (ages 4-6) --** Sunday mornings during Sunday School

**Celtic Singers (grades 2-5) -** Wednesdays at Music and Rec, 4:30—5:45

**Full Celtic Rehearsal—**Wed., Dec. 21st, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. A pizza dinner will be served!

**Full Rehearsal, all participants –** Saturday, December 17th, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Pageant : Christmas Eve, 3:30 to run-through and get in costume!**

## Seekers News

### JUNIOR SEEKERS, grades 6-8:

**Thank you to all of our church members who came out to support our Operation Backpack food drive. Thanks to your support, and that of people in our community, we were able to raise \$200 in donations and fill two carts with food. How great is that!!!!**

**Dec. 11th –** Junior Seekers are having a Christmas pool party at the Pottstown YMCA. We will meet in Fellowship Hall after worship and have lunch together (bring a bagged lunch). We will play some games and head over to the Y for some swimming. The event will end at 4PM with parent pick-up at the YMCA. Please bring a snack to share after swimming.

Advisors: Jeff and Sara Pinard, Rosie and Sandro Roseo, and Mindy and Mike Lipsky

P.S. Your wonderful team of advisors is busy coming up with a fantastic, spectacular, truly astounding spring schedule. We'll send it your way as soon as we're done finalizing all the awesome.

### SENIOR SEEKERS, grades 9-12:

**Bible study - Dec. 11, 5-6:30 , we will look at the story of the nativity in the context of "Fear Not"**

**December 4th - After worship -** Help us sell our soup mixes & shop the other great items that will be for sale!

**December 4th - 6-8PM -** Movie night! We'll have popcorn & sundaes and watch a movie together. If you have a suggestion for the movie, please bring it along.

**December 18th - 6-8PM - Christmas Party -** What will be inside the candy ball this year?!? Might not be candy. You'll have to show up to find out! Also bring a \$10 gift for our gift exchange.

Advisors: Gwen and Tim Allen, Don and Melinda Kisela, and Kim and Phil Wheelles

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## College Student Brunch, December 18 at Noon

Check with Carter and Kerry for the details and so we can include you in the group reservation!

## Session Digest

At its meeting on November 16, the Session:

- Shared joys and concerns.
- Agreed to move the time of worship on Christmas Day, Dec. 25 to 11:00 a.m.
- Decided to move the December Session meeting to Sunday, Dec. 11 following worship.
- Received the Treasurer's Report and approved the monthly allocation to the Mission Fund. The allocation to the Capital Improvement Fund was deferred.
- Approved purchase of four stoles for choir robes from the Memorial Fund.
- Developed a vision for our ministry in 2017 including goals and focus points for ministry..
- Approved an expenditure of approximately \$2500 from 2017 Porter-Broward funds to pay for a heating/air conditioning unit for newly dedicated Camp Kirkwood cabins so that they can be used year-round.
- Approved a Sexual Harassment Policy now required of all Presbyterian Churches by our insurance carrier.
- Received the report of the Nominating Committee of the slate to be proposed for election to serve as the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, and called a congregational meeting for December 11 following worship to act on the report.
- Approved the job description for a part-time (15 hrs./mo.) interim staff position to handle responsibilities related to the Sunday School until the Associate Pastor position is filled.
- Received reports from the Hospitality Committee, Mission, Administrative, Spiritual Formation, and Stewardship Committee and Deacons.
- Please keep in mind the following prayer requests:
  - Worship: for meaningful and joyful worship in Advent and at Christmas;
  - Hospitality: for those joining the church;
  - Administrative: for continued guidance in maintaining our buildings and meeting our budget;
  - Mission: for an enjoyable and successful "Table to Tree" gift market on Dec. 4.;
  - Stewardship: that the efforts of the Committee might be well received and result in a fruitful completion to the Fall campaign;
  - Nominating Committee: thanksgiving for those who have said, "yes," to serving on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and prayers that those called to serve as officers will also say "yes;"
  - Spiritual Formation: thanksgiving for all who participated in the Advent Meditation booklets.

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## Financial Report (General Fund)

Budgeted income for the year:	\$608,932	Deficit to date (including money owed
Budgeted income through Oct 31:	507,443	to mission and capital improvement):
Actual income through Oct 31:	452,186	(\$21,680)
This time last year:	455,102	Deficit this time last year:
		(\$45,660)
Budgeted expenses for the year:	608,932	
Budgeted expenses through Oct 31:	507,444	<b>Please help us catch up for the</b>
Actual expenses through Oct 31:	457,577	<b>year!</b>
This time last year:	474,873	

## **Congregational Meeting, Dec. 11 following worship**

The Session has called a congregational meeting to take place on Sunday, Dec. 11 following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a search committee to fill the Associate Pastor position. The slate proposed by the Nominating Committee includes Jane Deegan, Don Kisela, Donna Rhoadarmer, Rosie Roseo, Heather Temple, Julian Weber, Marlene Wrigley, and Tom Zeigler.

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## **Please Welcome Our Newest Members**

### **Brad and Katie Chandler, 433 N. Savanna Drive, (K) 267-261-4737; (B) 610-547-3561**

Brad is a Chester County native who recently moved back to the area with his wife Kathryn. A financial advisor by trade, Brad has worked at the Vanguard Group in Malvern for the past 5 years. Outside of work and date nights with Katie, he spends his time in class, working on a Master's Degree at LaSalle University. He also volunteers at his alma mater, Millersville, with his undergraduate fraternity. Katie is not only "PK" (Pastor's kid) but also a Navy brat who was born in Spain and grew up in Virginia. She loves that her background gives her a unique view of the world around her and a solid footing on the ground beneath her. She is a homemaker and wife, and a self-proclaimed lover of art, wine, and movie nights on the couch. She and her husband, Brad, moved to the area this summer from Bucks County.

### **Jeremy Zella, 795 N. Franklin Street, Pottstown, PA 19464, 610-248-4040**

Jeremy and his wife, Katie, are newly married and new residents in the north end of Pottstown. Jeremy is a Marine and presently works for a government contractor in the computer security field. Katie works as a manager in retail and often has to work on Sundays.

### **Ruth Munyan, 2759 St. Anthony Way, Gilbertsville, PA 19525, 856-219-3680**

Ruth is the Mother of 7 children, and a Grandmom. Ruth worked as a Telephone Operator and an Artist. She is now retired and has moved to Pennsylvania where she currently lives with her son and daughter-in-law.

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## **Counters Corner: Thank you to our Counters for December!**

Head Counter: Hank Phillips

Regular Counters: Dedra Phillips, Barbara Winter, and Chuck Krueger

## Music Notes

The music during this lovely time of anticipation fills the heart with hope. Our Chancel Handbells will ring us in to service on December 4th with Judy Phillips' "An Advent Fantasy" which is based on the three 14th century hymn tunes "Genevan" by Bourgeois, "Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland" (its text was composed by Martin Luther and the inspiration for a cantata by Bach) and "Puer Nobis" - "What Star is this that Shines so Bright!" The Chancel Choir will offer Mark Shepperd's "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" as the anthem. Deb's offertory, communion and postlude pieces, "Canticle of Turning", "Lost in the Night" and "My Lord, What a Mornin'" will be played on piano while J.S. Bach's "Canticle of Joy" will all be performed on the organ.

The Chancel Choir's anthems for this advent season are truly beautiful! Larson's "Surely, the Time is Near" and Cindy Berry's "Keep Silence", featuring Tim Detwiler on clarinet, will definitely set the tone of awe and wonder! The Chancel Handbells will also be performing on Sunday December 18th. Their prelude to the service is entitled "Carols for the Newborn King", based on the hymn tunes "Cradle Song", "Sussex Carol", and "The First Nowell".

Offerings from Deb at the keyboards during the advent season include "As the Dark Awaits the Dawn," which was composed for the 10th anniversary of the St. Olaf Christmas Festival, "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying", Bach's "O Blessed Emmanuel", Mark Hayes' "O Come, Little Children", and Liszt's "In Dulci Jubilo."

Along with the preparations for the annual Christmas pageant, our Children's Choirs will be singing during the December services as well. The Cherubs will offer an anthem on the 11th and the Celtic Singers on the 18th, Join the Celtic Singers, Cherubs, and Instrumentalists at the 500 PM service for their presentation of the Christmas pageant, "*Stars, Shepherds, Angels, Kings.*"

You won't want to miss the wonderful music planned for the Christmas eve service! The prelude music begins at 10:00 PM with the Chancel Choir and soloists singing selections from Handel's "Messiah." They will be accompanied by a small string ensemble which includes 2 violins, viola, cello and Deb on the harpsichord. As the service continues, the choir will offer several selections by John Rutter, "Angel Carol", "Star Carol", and the "Shepherd's Pipe Carol". The men of the choir will be featured during the offertory singing Courtney's "How Great Our Joy", followed by the rousing postlude "Joy To The World." Please join us at 10:00 PM as we celebrate the birth of Jesus through our musical offerings.

Wishing you "Love and Joy" during this Advent season!  
Cindy, Deb and Jo Ann

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## **Weekly Bible Readings—December**

**Dec. 5-11:** Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:5-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

**Dec. 12-18:** Isaiah 7:10-16, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25

**Dec. 19-25: Dawn:** Isaiah 52:7-10, 62:6-12, Psalm 97, Titus 3:4-7, Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20

**Day:** Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98, Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12), John 1:1-14

**Dec. 26-Jan. 1:** Isaiah 63:7-9, Psalm 148, Hebrews 2:10-18, Matthew 2:13-23

# December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Bible study 9:15 am Yoga 11 am Daisy/Jr GS/GS 4:30-7 pm Meal 5 pm HandBells 6:30 Choir 7:30	2 Soup Day	3 Alternative Gift Market set-up Faithful Friends 6:00 pm
4 Sunday School 9:15 Worship/ Communion 10:30 Alternative Gift Market Sr. Seekers Movie Night 6-8 pm	5 Cub Scouts 7 pm	6 Yoga 11 am Lectio 7:30 pm	7 Yoga 11:am M/R 4:30 pm Service for Wholeness 7:15 pm Committees 8:00 pm	8 Bible study 9:15 am Yoga 11 am Daisy/Jr GS/GS 4:30-7 pm Meal 5 pm HandBells 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	9	10 Men's Breakfast 8 am Relay for Life—Santa Breakfast 8am—12 pm "It's A Wonderful Life", Steel River Playhouse 2:00 pm.
11 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30 am Congregational Meeting & Session (after worship) Jr. Seekers Christmas Pool Party after worship (YMCA) Sr Seekers Bible Study 5-6:30 pm	12 Cub Scouts 7 pm	13 Yoga 11 am Next Week's Sermon 7:30 pm	14 Yoga 11 am Prime Timers Lunch (12 pm) and Caroling (2pm) M/R 4:30 pm Deacons 7:30 pm	15 Bible study 9:15 am Yoga 11 am Daisy/Jr GS/GS 4:30-7 pm Meal 5 pm HandBells 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	16	17 Pageant Rehearsal 9:00 to 11:30 am Deacons' Christmas Breakfast Set-up
18 Deacons Christmas Breakfast 8:30-10:00 am Worship 10:30 am College Student Brunch at Noon Choir rehearsal w/ Strings 7-9 pm Sr. Seekers Christmas Party 6-8 pm	19 Cub Scouts 7 pm	20 Yoga 11 am Prayer Shawl 7:00 pm Lectio 7:30 pm	21 Yoga 11 am Music 4:30 pm Compassionate Friends 7:30 pm	22 Yoga 11 am Daisy/Jr GS/GS 4:30-7 pm Meal 5 pm Choir 7:30	23	24 Family Candlelight Service 5 pm Candlelight Communion Service of Lessons and Carols 10 pm
25 Worship Service of Lessons, Readings and Carols 11 am	26 Church Office closed	27 Yoga 10 am	28 Yoga 10 am	29 Yoga 10 am Meal 5 pm	30	31



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