



The Celtic Cross

December 2017

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Dear Beloved,

This is a question we love: “What do you want for Christmas?” We love to ask it, and we love to think about answering it ourselves. It is a question that conjures up the enchantment of wishes, and sugarplums, and sparkling eyes in bright faces, whether those faces be clear as porcelain or wrinkled as leather.

We love this season. We love bustling about in glittering stores; we love doing our best to fulfill a wish or two on our loved ones’ list; we love the energy, excitement, and effort that so many people – including people who will have nothing at all to do with Jesus -- make to satisfy the longing of neighbors, particularly neighbors for whom this season brings not delight but dread. We love when soldiers and police officers collect toys; we love when classrooms collect canned goods; we love when the entrance of the church becomes cluttered with gifts and stockings and food; we love peering into the Cluster bags and finding little playful surprises tucked in the folds of the essential pajamas and socks and coats; we love catching the ringing of bells and the singing of choristers; we love the Alternative Gift Market, where we can purchase gifts that address the longings of people for things like a sustainable income, water that will not make children sick, or a safe, warm place to live.

We even love the work of the season: putting up the tree, stringing the lights, cutting the greens for the advent wreath, making the family recipe, participating in the programs. As you know, it takes a great deal of work to carry out the festivities that add much needed sparkle to the world when it is at its dreariest, a great deal of work to carry on the traditions that tie one generation to another. But we love doing the work because the festivities and traditions satisfy some longings within us.

Yet underneath the desire for sparkle and delight, there are deeper longings. A longing for the world to be put right, a longing for a sense that there is “a point to it all.” As the advent hymn says, “There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.” These deeper longings for the Love which anchors us in a world of woe will not be satisfied by bustle, but by stillness. Love comes quietly. So if we want to come to the end of this longing season with a sense of fullness, of being satisfied in spirit, then we need to accept the season’s invitation to quiet the soul – for a few minutes in the day around a household advent wreath, or 20 minutes of daily prayer with a devotional book, a half hour prayer-walk on the labyrinth, 45 minutes in the service for wholeness, an hour in a circle of Word-dwellers, perhaps even extended periods of retreat.

We love this season of the year when the Church give us a time and place to take the longing in our hearts. In Advent, the Church acknowledges that our longing is real, and deep, and – perhaps most importantly – shared. Shared not only by our spiritual sisters and brothers, but also, shared by God. Advent is the season of God’s longing.

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Advent at First Presbyterian Church

Come and Worship

December 3: 10:30 a.m. Worship, First Sunday of Advent.
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

December 10: 10:30 a.m. Worship, Second Sunday of Advent.
Cherub Choir Sings

Wed., Dec. 13: Service for Wholeness, 7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

December 17: 10:30 a.m. Worship, Third Sunday of Advent.
Celtic Choir sings

No Sunday School because of the Deacons' Breakfast

December 24: 10:30 a.m. Worship, Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 Family Candlelight Service

The children will prepares us for Christmas with "Midnight Miracle."

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 31: 10:30 a.m. Worship, Service of Lessons, Readings, and Carols

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.

Rolls for Cluster Christmas Baskets: This year we are asking for monetary donations so that we can purchase about 2200 rolls for the 200 families that will receive Christmas boxes from the Pottstown cluster. Please look for the bread Basket on Sundays on the table in the lobby or give to Marie in the office during the week as we need about \$350.

Community Meals: Thursday, December 14: Help serve and clean up the meal at 4:45 p.m.

Prime Timers Caroling (**but all are invited!**): Wednesday, December 6 at 2:00 p.m. at Manatawny Manor. See p. 5 for more details including lunch plans.

Sr. Seekers: December 3, 6:30-8:00—come help decorate the sanctuary!

Jr. Seekers December 3, 6:30-8:00—prepare treat bags for Oper. Backpack children.

Deepen your experience of the season by using the advent meditations written by church members and distributed by the Spiritual Formation Committee. Devotional materials also available for families and children.

Advent at First Presbyterian Church, cont.

Come and Celebrate

Hanging of the Greens: Sunday, December 3rd, 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. 3 following worship (see below)

Prime Timers and church family: Saturday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. *A Christmas Carol* at Steel River
Sr. Seekers December 17, 6 to 8 p.m., Annual Christmas party.

Jr. Seekers December 17, following worship, Annual Christmas party.

Deacons' Christmas Breakfast: Sunday, December 17, 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

College Students December 17: Join Carter, Kerry and advisors for brunch after worship .

"From Christ's Table to Your Tree," Alternative Gift Market, Dec. 3

Please join us following worship on December 3! The Women's Bible Study will once again be making their delicious beef barley soup. Lunch will be served (gluten free and vegan options available) 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 13, 7:15 p.m.

Come join us for our Advent service of prayer for the brokenness in the world and in ourselves. 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. Donna Force will reflect on how she has experienced God's working for wholeness in her life.

Deacons' Christmas Breakfast, Sunday, December 17, 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 17th from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Please sign up on the church bulletin board or call the church office by December 11th so we know how many to seat and serve. Your free-will offering will help support the work of the Board of Deacons during 2018. **Clean-up help will also be heartily welcomed so the deacons can attend worship.**

Poinsettia Orders Due December 10

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. 17. 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: Mary Ann Hartman, Nancy Orgill, Linda Hale, and Betsy McKissic.

Thank you to all of the many hands that helped make the stewardship congregational dinner and program possible: Gene Dugan, Jaylee Ferreri and their dinner crew; Bob Geyer and the Stewardship Committee; Seekers and Advisors; Dave Hofmann, Dave and Trish Weller, Chuck Krueger, 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 "Where Are They Now? The Life They Were Training For" writer/director Sarah Pinard and "cast" of Bill Campbell, John Macdonald Bill Dupree, Tim Detwiler, Andy Lane, and Seekers and hosts Marlene Wrigley and Jeff Pinard, and those strange ice dancers. 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:" Gwen and Tim Allen, Don and Sara Grim and Porter Stacks.

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

And finally, this excerpt of a note from Kerry: **"Thank you** for the refreshing shower of blessing you gave me through your notes, cards, reception, and the Session gift of a new robe(!) in celebration of the 35th anniversary of my ordination. I'm ready for Round 36, if it can be among you."



"Live Generously"

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank you for your commitments of time, talents, and money to the ministry of this church in 2018. 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,
Bob Geyer, 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. To make a one-time or recurring donation online, go the church webpage, www.fpcpottstown.org and click "Donate," and follow the step-by-step instructions.

Support the Church through Amazon Smile

If you plan on shopping this Christmas season on the Amazon website, you can support the church by shopping through the Amazon Smile website for charitable organizations. Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/23-1522639 and Amazon donates to First Presbyterian Church of Pottstown.

Living Generously at Christmas

Calling all Christmas Cookie Bakers!

The Elves will be selling boxes and trays with a variety of holiday cookies at our “Table to Tree” Alternative Gift Fair (see p. 3 for more details). If you can supply some home-baked cookies, please drop them off by December 1 at the church office.

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 and gender, place the unwrapped gift in a holiday gift bag (no tissue paper please) and staple your card to one side of the gift bag and bring to church by **Sunday, December 10**. If you choose, as some have in the past, to purchase more than one outfit/child, *please put each outfit in a separate gift bag*. The gifts of new clothes will be distributed to waiting children by the Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities, and you will have the joy of knowing you brought a smile to a child’s face at Christmas. Thanks for your support!

Rolls for Cluster Christmas Baskets

This year we are asking for monetary donations so that we can purchase about 2200 rolls for the 200 families that will receive Christmas boxes from the Pottstown Cluster with the fixings for their dinner. This will cost approximately \$350. Please look for the bread basket on Sundays on the table in the lobby or give to Marie during the week. Thank you for helping to make this a special holiday for these families and watch the rolls grow up the cross as our donations grow.

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

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

Men’s Breakfast, Saturday, December 9, 8 a.m. at Grumpy’s Restaurant

This month, we move off-site for the holidays, gathering at church member Gene Dugan’s restaurant “Grumpy’s” on High Street in downtown Pottstown (137 E. High Street). Gene will prepare a breakfast buffet for us and the cost will be \$7/person. Guests are welcome as always. So we can give Gene an approximate number, email Carter or contact the church office if you can come.

Prime Timers’ Events and Activities:

Saturday, December 9, 2 p.m.: “A Christmas Carol” 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 6— 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, Wednesday, December 13 at 12:30 p.m.

The Prayer Shawl ministry will meet in the library from 12:30 to 2p.m. Please join us as we create loving comfort for our church family and the wider community.

Faithful Friends—Saturday, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m.

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

Spiritual Formation Opportunities (no Sunday School, Dec. 17, 24, and 31)

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Men's Sunday Mornings (Pastors' Conference Room)** Teachers: Gary James, Wesley "Binky" Huff,, Tim Peckham, and Carter
Topic: The Psalms (Bible study)
- **Thoughtful Christians (Mary Ann Yost Room)** Leader: Debbie Remelius
Topic: Angels
- **Forum (Community Room)**
December 3 and 10: The Spirituality of Laughter
Come hear Rev. Susan Sparks, a Baptist minister and stand up comic, and Rabbi Bob Alper, a Rabbi and stand up comic, reflect on the relationship of laughter, grace, and faith (video of their joint presentation at the Chautauqua Institution this summer).
- **Conversations over Coffee (Fellowship Hall)**
The "Wired Word" conversations is on hiatus. But you are welcome to 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 7 and 14 with a brunch on the 21 (check with church office about brunch details). Teacher: Kerry
- **Praying the Scriptures (Lectio Divina)** Meets on Tuesday, December 5 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. Leader: Kerry.
- **Next Week's Sermon:** 7:30-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12. Teacher: Carter
- **Theology Reading Group** will resume in 2018. 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 2018—

Jesus Today 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

It's that time of the year again! As the song goes, Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year. The church library has plenty of movies, children's, adult fiction and nonfiction books for you to peruse this Advent season. A particular favorite of mine from last year is Starry Night by Debbie Macomber. It is a fabulous book. There is also a book that has ideas for activities which families (and individuals) can do together to celebrate Advent and Christmas.

—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

Extended Rehearsal: Wed Dec 20, 4:30-7:30; Pizza will be served

Full Rehearsal, all participants – Saturday, December 23rd,

Cherubs: 11:00am—12:00pm.

Celtic Singers: 9:30 a.m. –12:00pm.

Pageant : Christmas Eve, 4:30 to get in costume!

Confirmation and Seekers News

CONFIRMATION CLASS, grades 7-8:

Dec. 3rd — 5-6pm — “Rescued”. Dinner provided from 6-6:30 for those staying for Jr. Seekers

Dec. 10th — 5-6pm — “Doing It Another Way”

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 fill 3 carts with food (1183 items). How great is that!!!?

Dec. 3rd — 6:30 - 8pm — Operation Backpack treats — We will be stuffing holiday treat bags for Operation Backpack during the Hanging of the Greens.

Dec. 17th – After Worship - 2pm — Christmas Party — Join us for the Annual Jr Seeker party. Games, fun, fellowship, and food. Lunch provided

Advisors: Sarah Pinard, Rosie and Sandro Roseo, and Mike Lipsky

SENIOR SEEKERS, grades 9-12:

December 3rd - 6:30-8pm — Hanging of the Greens— Join the rest of our church family as we prepare the building for Christmas.

December 17th - 6:30-8PM - 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 Wheelers

College Student Brunch, December 17 at Noon

Check with Carter or Kerry for the details and so we can include you in the Chili's reservation!

Session Digest

At its meeting on November 16, the Session:

- Shared joys and concerns.
- Discussed plans for the joint Elder-Deacon retreat on Saturday, January 20 and agreed to invite a panel of local leaders to reflect on the challenges and opportunities facing the Pottstown area.
- Learned that a new Inquirers' orientation series will be offered with those ready to join the church meeting with the Session on Sunday, December 10.
- Received reports from the Co-pastors, Director for Children and Youth and the Clerk of Session.
- Received the Treasurer's Report and approved the monthly allocations to the Mission and Capital Improvement Fund.
- Developed a vision for our ministry in 2018 including goals and focus points for ministry.
- Approved Pottstown Works using their 2017 Porter-Broward grant for curriculum and recruiting materials.
- Approved the Christmas Joy Offering.
- Received the news that the church's Endowment Fund is a partial beneficiary of a trust set up by Paul and Jean Hughes. Agreed that since this gift was specified for the Endowment Fund there would be no "mission tithe" of this bequest.
- Received an update from the Nominating Committee on their work.
- Received a report from the Commissioners to the November Presbytery meeting.
- With Kerry not present, discussed plans for recognizing her 35th ordination anniversary.
- Also received reports from the Administrative, Hospitality, Mission, Spiritual Formation, Worship, Personnel, and Stewardship Committees and Deacons.
- Please keep in mind the following prayer requests:
 - Worship: thanksgiving for Kerry's service as a pastor;
 - Hospitality: for those attending our next Inquirers' sessions;
 - Administrative: for a safe and joyous Thanksgiving holiday for all;
 - Mission: for an enjoyable and productive "Table to Tree" gift market on Dec. 3;
 - Stewardship: that the efforts of the Committee might be well received and result in a fruitful completion to the Fall campaign and that the church continue to use our resources faithfully.
 - Endowment: thanksgiving for Paul Hughes and other Acorns of Faith;
 - Nominating Committee: continued trust in "the process;"
 - Spiritual Formation: thanksgiving for all who participated in the Advent Meditation booklets and prayers that they may be well-received and well-used.

Conversations on Race, in partnership with the Porter-Broward County Foundation present...

Nationally Acclaimed Author and Educator

DEBBY IRVING

who will speak and lead a workshop on

"WAKING UP WHITE"

Sunday, March 4

2:00—6:00

**Space will be limited: reserve a spot now by contacting the church office
fpoffice@fpcpottstown.org**

Financial Report (General Fund)

Budgeted income for the year:	\$568,491	Surplus to date (after all mission and and capital improvement allocations pd):
Budgeted income through Oct 31:	473,743	\$3006
Actual income through Oct 31:	452,769	Deficit this time last year:
This time last year:	452,186	(\$21,680)
Budgeted expenses for the year:	568,491	
Budgeted expenses through Oct 31:	473,743	
Actual expenses through Oct 31:	439,534	
This time last year:	457,577	

Counters Corner: Thank you to our Counters for December!

Head Counter: Hank Phillips

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

Family Faith Formation—

It is important to be thankful and show gratitude all year, not just around Thanksgiving. I found the wonderful idea for a “Gratitude Café” in *Faithful Families* by Traci Smith. This is a nice way to both show gratitude regularly and have a nice morning treat for your family.

The Gratitude Café

Materials: A variety of morning beverages (coffee, tea, orange juice, etc.); paper and pens/pencils

1. Choose how often to have a Gratitude Café. Once per week is a good place to start but this may be too much or little for your family.
2. On the morning of the Gratitude Café, wake up early and make a special beverage for each member of your family. Gather somewhere together, outside can be a good option depending on the weather.
3. Say something like, “*There is so much to be thankful for: the air we breath, the home we live in, the clothes we wear. Let’s each take a moment and write down some of the things we are thankful for. Let’s try to write five things each and then we will share them.*”
4. After an appropriate amount of time say “*Let’s share the things we are thankful for with each other.*”
5. After everyone has shared, close in prayer. “*God, we are thankful for all these blessings, Amen.*”

The first few times you do this, younger children may need prompting to think of things they are grateful for; or may need to draw pictures instead of writing.

I hope that thankfulness is or becomes a part of your family’s year round life.

In Christ,
Jeff

Midwinter Day of Reflection coming in February...

ABIDING IN LOVE

Led by Amy Shutt, Spiritual Director

February 3, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Mark your calendar, and watch for more information in January.

Music Notes

The music during this lovely time of anticipation fills the heart with hope. Our Chancel Handbell Choir rings us into the service on December 3rd with "Joyful Bells" by Hal Hopson. Anna Laura Page's "Fanfare for Christmas" which is based on the hymn tunes "Joy To The World," "There's A Star In the East," and "O Come All Ye Faithful" will be rung by the Handbell Choir at the 10:30 AM service on Christmas Eve Sunday.

The Chancel Choir's anthems for this advent season are truly beautiful! Farrell's "Longing for Light We Wait in Darkness," featuring Sarah Pinard on flute, Barrett's "An Advent Yearning," Sorenson's "Come To Us," and Chopin's "The Coming of the Lord," will definitely set the tone of awe and wonder, as we wait with an air of expectancy.

Offerings from Deb at the keyboards include Martin's "Song of Mary," Walther's "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come," Hayes' "Listen for His Coming," and J. S. Bach's "Now Blessed Be Thou, Jesu Christ." During the 10:30 AM Christmas Eve service, Deb will perform Hudson's "Variations on a Ground Bass" and Bach's "In Dulci Jubilo." Davenport's arrangements of "Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella" and "What Child Is This" will be offered during the 10:30 PM service.

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 "A Perfect Rose" on the 10th and the Celtic Singers will sing "Light One Candle" on the 17th. Join the members of the children's choirs for their presentation of the Christmas pageant during the 5:00 PM Christmas eve service.

You won't want to miss the wonderful music planned for the 10:30 PM 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. The choir will also offer several anthems during this service including Joel Raney's "In the Bleak Midwinter," Rouse's "What Child Is This," J. Daniel Smith's "O Holy Night," featuring soloist Michael Thornton, and Dan Forrest's "There Is Faint Music" offered by the men of the choir. 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

Weekly Bible Readings—December

Dec. 4-10: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; II Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

Dec. 11-17: Isaiah 6:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55; I Thess. 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

Dec. 18-24: Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

Dec. 25-31: Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:22-40

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And therein lies our hope. Because what does *God* want for Christmas? To come to us, and save us. Ultimately, this season of longing is a season of hope. And that is what we love most of all.

May your Advent season be blessed and full,

Carter and Kerry

P.S. If you can help with childcare during 10:30 a.m. worship on two or three Sundays between now and June, can you let Jeff Pinard know? We still have some holes to fill! Thanks to all who step up!

December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Soup Day	2 Alternative Gift Market set-up Faithful Friends 6:00 pm
3 Sunday School 9:15 Inquirers' Class 9:15 Worship/ Communion 10:30 Alternative Gift Market (after worship) Confirmation Class 5 pm Hanging of the Greens 6:30 pm	4 Cub Scouts 7 pm	5 Yoga 11 am Health Ministry Mtg. 3 pm GS 6:30 pm Lectio-Divina 7:30 pm	6 Yoga 11 am Prime Timers Lunch (12 pm) and Caroling (2pm) M/R 4:30 pm Relay 6:30 pm Evening Prayer 7:15 pm Committees 7:30 pm	7 Bible study 9:15 am Yoga 11 am Jr GS 5 pm Meal 5 pm HandBells 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	8	9 Relay for Life Santa Breakfast 8am—12 pm Men's Breakfast 8 am (Grumpy's) "A Christmas Carol", Steel River Playhouse 2:00 pm
10 Sunday School 9:15 Inquirers' Class 9:15 Session w/ new members 9:45 Worship (Cherubs sing) 10:30 am CF Candle Lighting 4-9 pm Confirmation Class 5 pm	11 Cub Scouts 7 pm	12 Yoga 11 am Relay Poinsettia sale 5:30 pm GS 6:30 pm Next Week's Sermon 7:30 pm	13 Yoga 11 am Prayer Shawl 12:30 pm M/R 4:30 pm Service for Wholeness 7:15 pm Deacons 8:00	14 Bible study 9:15 am Yoga 11 am Jr. GS 5 pm Meal 5 pm HandBells 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	15	16 Deacons' Christmas Breakfast set-up
17 (No Sunday School) Deacons' Christmas Breakfast 8:30 am Worship 10:30 am (Celtic Choir sings) Jr. Seekers Christmas Party (after worship) College Student Brunch 12 pm Sr. Seekers Christmas Party 6:30 pm	18 Cub Scouts 7 pm	19 Yoga 11 am GS 6:30 pm Lectio-Divina 7:30 pm	20 Yoga 11 am M/R 4:30-7:30 pm Session 7:30 pm	21 Bible study Brunch 9:15 Yoga 11 am Jr GS 5 pm Meal 5 pm HandBells 6:30 Comm Homeless Mem. Service 7 Choir w strings 7:30 pm	22	23 Pageant Rehearsal Celtic Singers 9:30am-12pm Cherubs 11am-12pm
24 (No Sunday School) Worship 10:30 am Family Candlelight Service 5 pm Candlelight Communion Service 10:00 pm	25  Merry Christmas!	26 Church Office Closed Yoga 11 am	27 Yoga 11 am	28 Yoga 11 am Meal 5 pm	29	30
31 Worship 10:30 am						



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