



The Celtic Cross

December 2018

Letter from the Co-pastors

Dearly Beloved:

*“My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning.”
(Psalm 130:6)*

A young boy stands on a train platform. It’s near midnight. He looks down the track.

“It’s coming. Look real hard now!” encourages his mother. He does, but sees nothing.

*Suddenly, a white dot appears. It starts to shimmer. He turns to his father, who says, “That’s it! Keep watching. It’s coming!” Soon the whole place explodes in light as the train arrives right on time.**

You and I are like that young boy. We stand in the darkness of the world, a darkness which can often be deep as midnight, and we wait. Sometimes, like the young child, we wait on tiptoe, eyebrows raised in expectation. Sometimes we drop wearily onto a bench, dragging heavy burdens with us. Either way, we wait for something to appear, as promised.

“Look real hard now! It’s coming!” If the boy is turned in the wrong direction, he will not see the light that draws near until it explodes upon the platform. He will miss the pinpoint, the white dot that pierces the midnight hour and stirs hope; he will miss the shimmering that lends excitement and energy to the long waiting.

“Keep watch!” This is the cry of the scriptures, and the Church, in this season of Advent. Our whole life is an advent, remarks theologian Karl Barth. Our whole life is a standing on the platform waiting for the full explosion of Light upon the earth. But when we look real hard, facing in the right direction, and keep watch with the eyes of our heart, then even before the Light arrives, we can spot pinpoints of its coming, and see shimmers of its approach. Then the long dark waiting of midnight, though not yet eliminated, is illuminated.

Hanging in the church in this season will be a banner created by Jane Barndt. It depicts a company of people turned, leaning together away from darkness, reaching for the light. In these pages you will read of many ways to do the same, to turn, lean together, and reach for the light. We urge you to find ways to join the company of expectant people waiting on the platform, and share the energy and hope that appears even to those who stand in darkness.

Watchful,
Carter and Kerry

**David Boyd, “God with Us: Devotions for Advent,” p. 7*

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Advent at First Presbyterian Church

Come and Worship

December 2: 10:30 a.m. Worship, First Sunday of Advent.
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

December 9: 10:30 a.m. Worship, Second Sunday of Advent.
Cherub Choir Sings

Wed., Dec. 12: Service for Wholeness, 7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

December 16: 10:30 a.m. Worship, Third Sunday of Advent.
Celtic Choir sings

December 23: 10:30 a.m. Worship, Fourth Sunday of Advent
No Sunday School because of the Deacons' Breakfast

December 24: 5:00 p.m. Family Candlelight Service
The children will prepares us for Christmas with "Carriers of the Light"
10:00 Special pre-service music from Vivaldi's *Gloria* 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 30: 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.

Cream of Mushroom Soup for Cluster Christmas Baskets: We need 200 cans of soup for the 200 families that will receive Cluster Christmas baskets.

Community Meals: Thursday, December 13: Help serve and clean up the meal at 4:45 p.m.

Prime Timers Caroling (**but all are invited!**): Wednesday, December 12 at 2:00 p.m. at Manatawny Manor. See p. 5 for more details including lunch plans.

Sr. Seekers: December 2, 6:30-8:00—come help decorate the sanctuary!

Jr. Seekers December 2, 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.

Service for Wholeness, Wednesday, December 12, 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 or hope 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. We especially will be lifting up those for whom the Christmas season can be particularly difficult.

Advent at First Presbyterian Church, cont.

Come and Celebrate

Hanging of the Greens: Sunday, December 2nd, 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, and there will be an Operation Backpack project for junior high Seekers.

Prime Timers and church family: Saturday, Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. *Miracle on 34th Street* at Steel River

Sr. Seekers December 16, 6 to 8 p.m., Annual Christmas party. Dinner will be served

Jr. Seekers December 16, following worship until 3pm, Annual Christmas party. Lunch included

Deacons' Christmas Breakfast: Sunday, December 23, 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

College Students December 23: Join Carter, Kerry, Jeff, and advisors for lunch after worship.

Alternative Gift Opportunities This Christmas



SNEHA



Camp Kirkwood

Please join the Mission Committee at the Mission Bulletin Board following worship throughout the month of December to explore **Advent Alternatives**. You will have the opportunity to make donations as alternative gifts for friends and family members that support Habitat for Humanity, Heifer International, our Living Waters for the World mission, Kirkwood Camp, and SNEHA! 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 support our life changing mission and honor the Christ child.

Deacons' Christmas Breakfast, Sunday, December 23, 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 23rd from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Please sign up on the church bulletin board or call the church office by December 17th so we know how many to seat and serve. Your free-will offering will help support the work of the Board of Deacons during 2019. **Clean-up help will also be heartily welcomed so the deacons can attend worship.**

Poinsettia Orders Due December 16th

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. 23. 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: Don Grim, Sara Grim, Ben Drago, Frank Evans, Jean Sweeney, Ruthann DeRenzo, Suzanne Fritsch, and Gene Dugan.

We remember and send condolences to the Picardi family, Tom Shepherd and family, Amy Shutt and family, Lynn Reichenbach and family, and the family of Earl Decker.

Thank you to all of the many hands that helped make the stewardship congregational dinner and program possible: Beth Ann Straub, Heather Temple, and the dinner crew; Bob Geyer and the Stewardship Committee; Seekers and Advisors; Michelle Thompson, Gary Rhoadarmer, 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; Johanna Costanzo; our "Master Class on Living Courageously" writer/director Sarah Pinard and "cast" of Kurt Holloway, Jo Ann Bathurst, Marlene Wrigley, Sue Moyer, Brad Chandler, Juliana Roseo, the Seekers, and Harry, Hermione, and Ron; costume and dragon designer, Diane Land, and set designer, Jen Drago; Ben Drago and stage crew; Bob Hartman and Bill Campbell. 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:" Brad Chandler, Barb and Tim Peckham, and Ashley Livezey.

Thank you to Sue Moyer, the Garden Committee 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.

"Live Courageously"



Live Courageously

TAKE HOLD OF THE LIFE THAT REALLY IS LIFE
1 THIMOTHY 6:18-19

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank you for your commitments of time, talents, and money to the ministry of this church in 2019. 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

New Clothes for Christmas

Thank you to all who picked up a card for gifts of children's clothing. Please bring these gifts, unwrapped (*no tissue paper please!*) and in a Christmas gift bag to church by **Sunday, December 2**. Please staple your card to one side of the gift bag. 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 and create a duplicate tag for the second 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!

Mushroom Soup for Cluster Christmas Baskets

Thank you for helping to make this a special holiday for these families. Watch the red label go up the mission 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)

Faith and Nature Trip to Conowingo Dam, December 1

Gather at the church at 9 a.m. for our annual trip to the Conowingo Dam in Maryland to see migrating birds, including bald eagles! Contact Mike Deegan if you have any questions.

Men's Breakfast, Saturday, December 8, 8 a.m. In Fellowship Hall

Tom Zeigler is this month's chef as we gather for an hour of good food and fellowship with a devotion led by Carter. Guests are welcome, as always. We will be done by 9!

Mark your calendars for the next Gathering of Guys—Men's Retreat, March 1-2!

Prime Timers' Events and Activities:

Wednesday, December 12— 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.

Saturday, December 15, 2 p.m.: "Miracle on 34th Street" 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!

Prayer Shawl Ministry,

The Prayer Shawl ministry will not be meeting until January, 2019.

Faithful Friends (adults in their 20s and 30s)

We will gather at Jeff and Sarah Pinard's house on Sunday, December 2nd for lunch following worship.

Christian Entrepreneur Group, Tuesday, Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m.—Comm. Room

The purpose of the group is to support the challenges and opportunities of members who are entrepreneurs, business owners, former business owners, future business owners, those interested in business ownership, sole proprietors, and professionals. Questions? Contact Mike Ferreri (610-246-8426) or John Macdonald (610-823-8852). Meetings last from 6:30 to 7:30 or 8:00.

Adult Spiritual Formation Opportunities (no Sunday School, Dec. 23/30)

Bible Studies and Book Studies

- **Men's Sunday Mornings, Sundays, 9:15 a.m. in the Pastors' Conference Room**
Topic: Second Corinthians Teachers: Gary James, Tim Peckham, and Joe Costanzo
- **Women's Sunday Mornings, Sundays, 9:15 a.m. in the Mary Ann Yost Room**
On hiatus for now. Check with Kerry when it will resume.
- **Sisters of the Way Bible Study:** 9:15-10:45 a.m. every Thursday. Leader: Kerry.
Childcare provided
- **Praying the Scriptures Group:** Tuesday, December 4 and 18, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Leader: Kerry
- **Next Week's Sermon:** Tuesday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m. Leader: Carter
- **Theology Reading Group:** In January, we will begin discussing our next book, In the End—the Beginning: The Life of Hope by Jurgen Moltmann (163 pp.). To get a copy of the book or to find out more, contact Carter. We meet at Carter's house.

Forum Class, Sunday Mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the Community Room

Continuing Series: "Our Town: What Does it Take to Revitalize a Local Community"

Drawing on the study of James and Deborah Fallows, and the prophet Jeremiah's admonition "to seek the welfare of the city," we continue to seek to better understand the needs, challenges, and opportunities in the greater Pottstown area by hearing from community leaders and partners.

December 2: Michelle Kehoe, Exec. Dir., Pottstown Regional Public Library

December 9: Twila Fisher and Cathy Sitko, Hobart's Run
(community initiative of The Hill School)

December 16: To be determined

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

365 Pocket Devotions, a devotional book with daily Scripture selections and meditations written by Chris Tiegreen can be purchased from the Spiritual Formation Committee. Available for only \$5, they make great "stocking stuffers!"

LIBRARY NEWS

It's that time of year again: Advent and Christmas! Come check out the many books the library has to offer about Christmas, Hanukah, and Advent. Also, there are many films just waiting to be seen by you.

—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 p.m.

Extended Rehearsal: Wed, Dec 19th 4:30-7:30; Pizza will be served

Full Rehearsal, all participants – Saturday, December 22nd,

Cherubs: 11:00am—12:00 p.m.

Celtic Singers: 9:30 a.m. –12:00 p.m.

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

Seekers News

JUNIOR SEEKERS, grades 6-8:

Dec. 2nd — 6:30 - 8pm — Operation Backpack treats — We will be stuffing holiday treat bags for Operation Backpack during the Hanging of the Greens.

Dec. 16th – After Worship - 3pm — Christmas Party — Join us for the Annual Jr Seeker party. Games, fun, fellowship, and food. Lunch provided

Advisors: Sarah Pinard, Mike Lipsky, David and Shannon Curtis

SENIOR SEEKERS, grades 9-12:

December 2nd - 6:30-8pm — Hanging of the Greens— Join the rest of our church family as we prepare the building for Christmas.

December 16th - 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. Dinner will be served

Advisors: Gwen and Tim Allen, Kim and Phil Wheelles

College Student Brunch, December 23 at Noon

We will gather at Chili's to catch up after the Fall Semester. Join Carter, Kerry, Jeff and your former advisors for lunch and fellowship. Chip in \$5 and the church will take care of the rest. Let one of us—or the church office—know if you can join us so we can include you in the group reservation!

Hill School Announces New Post-Grad Pottstown Scholarship

Hobart's Run and The Hill School have announced creation of The Hobart's Run Scholarship Fund. This gift will provide substantial student aid to a student from the immediate Pottstown area who wishes to attend The Hill for a post-graduate (PG) year. Interested candidates must submit a completed application by January 31 and schedule an interview with a Hill admission officer. For more information, check with the Hill School.

Session Digest

At its meeting on November 28, the Session:

- Shared joys and concerns.
- Discussed plans for the joint Elder-Deacon retreat on Saturday, January 19.
- Learned that a new Inquirers' orientation series has begun meeting and those ready to join the church will meet with the Session on Dec. 16.
- Received the Treasurer's Report and approved the monthly allocations to the Mission and Capital Improvement Fund. Received an interim status report on the Porter Broward grants.
- Approved Carter and Kerry taking vacation January 2 and study leave, February 3-10.
- Ratified the email votes to approve Rev. Linda Hale preaching on November 25, 2018 and to prove the gift agreement with the Zeigler Family Foundation.
- Developed a vision for our ministry in 2019 including goals and focus points for ministry.
- Received a report from the Administrative Committee concerning projects. The library and Mary Ann Yost room are virtually completed. The women's bathroom work will be undertaken in Jan. 2019.
- Received an update from the Nominating Committee on their work.
- Received a report from the Commissioner to the November Presbytery meeting.
- Also received reports from the Hospitality, Mission, Spiritual Formation, Worship, Personnel, and Stewardship Committees and Deacons.
- Please keep in mind the following prayer requests:
 - Worship: thanksgiving for this season when we truly are "four generations of Christians seeking together to grow deeper in Christ and to reach farther in love."
 - Hospitality: for the Christmas card distribution and for those attending the Inquirers' sessions.
 - Admin: for safe travels at Christmas and for safe and compassionate resolution at the border.
 - Mission: Thanksgiving for the congregational response to the Cluster Christmas gifts drive and for a generous response to the Christmas alternative gifts option in December.
 - 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 the response by committees to the question of the impact of the endowment on our ministry.
 - Nominating Committee: thanksgiving for those who prayerfully consider the call to serve and for completion of "the process;"
 - Spiritual Formation: thanksgiving for the growth of the Young Children and Worship team.

Financial Report (General Fund)

Budgeted income for the year:	\$601,033	Deficit to date (after all mission and capital improvement allocations pd):
Budgeted income through Oct 31:	500,861	
Actual income through Oct 31:	475,681	(\$14,831)
This time last year:	452,769	
Budgeted expenses for the year:	601,033	
Budgeted expenses through Oct 31:	500,861	
Actual expenses through Oct 31:	479,812	
This time last year:	439,534	

Health Ministry News

Merry Christmas! In this season we are thankful for all the donations of supplies and equipment that help so many people in various ways. The supply closet across from the sound room has items such as bandages, pillboxes, wraps, braces for wrist, elbow etc, adult depends in various sizes and other items. If you or your family/friend is in need please help yourself. There are some bags in there for larger items.

We continue to keep larger equipment in the attic. There is a new equipment waiver that we need signed as well. These can be found in a folder outside of Dawn's office. You can also leave that for Dawn on her desk or in her mailbox on the wall next to her office. Thank you for helping us keep our equipment organized and in good condition. - -Blessings in mind, body and spirit, Dawn

Family Faith Formation

People often call this time of year "The Season of Giving". For many of us it is also "The Season of Getting". The amount of time I spend on making a Christmas list and thinking about what I want to open on Christmas morning is embarrassing.

This year, take time with your family to talk about giving. Spend time talking about who your family is getting presents for and what might be a good present. Ask your children for input; they are surprisingly perceptive and may come up with something you have overlooked.

It is also important to include children in the whole process of giving; from purchasing or making the gifts, to wrapping, to the actual giving. I realize that including children in this can lengthen the process during an already busy time of year, but these experiences are important for them.

Talk to your children about ways that your family gives gifts to people you don't know. Maybe you donate to a thrift store, or give clothes to the Cluster, or help with Community Meals, or you sponsor a child. Including the whole family in discussions about where your giving goes teaches them valuable lessons about giving.

I pray that in this season of giving, you and your family give joyously and freely, showing the love of our Lord to the world. Merry Christmas! —Jeff

Building Bridges

From the TED Talks website's TED Ideas Worth Spreading section comes an inspiring video talk about "What it takes to become racially literate." The introduction of the video states:

"Over the last year, Priya Vulchi and Winona Guo traveled to all 50 US states, collecting personal stories about race and intersectionality. Now they're on a mission to equip every American with the tools to understand, navigate and improve a world structured by racial division. In a dynamic talk, Vulchi and Guo pair the personal stories they've collected with research and statistics to reveal two fundamental gaps in our racial literacy -- and how we can overcome them." These two dynamic young women passionately relate their quest to listen to personal stories about race, learn from them, and find new, innovative ways to bridge racial inequality. They have even published a 224-page racial literacy textbook based on their research. You can find their talk at:

https://www.ted.com/talks/priya_vulchi_and_winona_guo_what_it_takes_to_be_racially_literate

Music Notes

Our list of music selections being offered during the month of December.

Sunday, December 2nd - 1st Sunday of Advent

Prelude: "Alleluia" from "Exsultate Jubilate" - Mozart (Chancel Handbells)
 Anthem: "Blessed are The Ones Who Wait For You - Foley (Chancel Choir)
 Offertory: "The Yearning" - Courtney (Chancel Choir)
 Communion: "Breath of Heaven" - arr. Tornquits (Piano)
 "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" - arr. Hayes (Piano)
 Postlude: "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn" - arr. Lasky (Organ)

Sunday, December 9th - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Prelude: "Ave Maris Stella" - Grieg (Organ)s
 Anthem: "Come Holy Savior, Come" - (Cherubs)
 Offertory: "Prepare the Way of the Lord" - Larkin (Chancel Choir)
 Postlude: "He Came Down" - arr. Lasky (Organ)

Sunday, December 16th - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Prelude: "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus" - arr. Martin (Piano duet with Sarah Pinard)
 Anthem: "Carol of Prophecy" - McRae (Celtic Singers)
 Offertory: "E'en So, Lord Jesus - Manz (Chancel Choir)
 Postlude: "Postlude on Israeli Tunes" - arr. Lasky (Organ)

Sunday, December 23rd - 4th Sunday of Advent

Prelude: "In The Bleak Midwinter" - arr. Martin (Piano)
 Anthem: "Come To Us" - Sorenson" - (Chancel Choir)
 Offertory: "The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came" - arr. Hopson (Organ)
 Postlude: "Noel Nouvelet - arr. Wood (Organ)

Monday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Service - 5:00 PM

Prelude: "Sussex Carol" - arr. Hayes (Piano)
 Pageant: "Carriers of the Light"
 Offertory: "In Dulci Jubilo" - J.S. Bach (Organ)
 Postlude: "Hallelujah Joy!" - arr. Hayes (Piano)

Monday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Service - 10:30 PM

Prelude: "Gloria" - Vivaldi (Chancel Choir, Strings, Harpsichord)
 Lessons: Various Carols with Piano and Strings
 Offertory: Angels We Have Heard On High - arr. Manor (Chancel Choir, Piano, Violin)
 Communion: O Holy Night - Larson (Strings Quintet)
 "Away In A Manger" - arr. Taylor (Piano)
 Postlude: "Sing Ye Noel" - arr. Allen (Organ)

—Making a Joyful Noise unto the Lord ~ Cindy, Deb and Jo Ann.

Lectionary Readings for December

For the week of December 3-9: Mal. 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Phil. 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

For the week of December 10-16: Zeph. 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Phil. 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

For the week of December 17-23: Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:47-55 or Psalm 80:1-7; Heb. 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

For the week of December 24-30: I Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Col. 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

Counters Corner: Thank you to our Counters for December!

Head Counter: Hank Phillips

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

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<p>1</p> <p>F&N Conowingo Dam 9 am Earl Decker Funeral 11:15 am</p> <p>Cub Scouts Fundraiser 12 pm)</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Sunday School 9:15 am Inquirers' Class 9:15 am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am Faithful Friends lunch (after worship) Hanging of the Greens 6:30 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Cub Scouts 7 pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Yoga 11 am</p> <p>GS 6:30 pm</p> <p>Lectio-Divina 7:30 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Yoga 11 am M/R 4:30 pm Relay 6:30 pm Evening Prayer 7:15 pm Committees 7:30 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Bible Study 9:15 am Yoga 11 am JGS 5 pm Meal 5 pm Handbells 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Men's Breakfast 8 am</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Sunday School 9:15 Inquirers' Class 9:15</p> <p>Worship (Cherubs sing) 10:30 am</p> <p>CF Candle Lighting 4-9 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Cub Scouts 7 pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Yoga 11 am GS 6:30 pm Gathering of Entrepreneurial People 6:30 pm Next Week's Sermon 7:30 pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Yoga 11 am Prime Timers Lunch (12 pm) and Caroling (2pm) M/R—Pageant Rehearsal 4:30 pm Service for Wholeness 7:15 pm Deacons 8:00 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Bible Study 9:15 am Yoga 11 am GS 5 pm Meal 5 pm Handbells 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>"Miracle on 34th Street" Steel River Playhouse 2 pm</p>
<p>16</p> <p>S 9:15 Inquirers' with Session 9:45 am Worship 10:30 am (Celtic Choir sings) Jr. Seekers Christmas Party (after worship) Sr. Seekers Christ- mas Party 6 pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Cub Scouts 7 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Yoga 11 am</p> <p>GS 6:30 pm</p> <p>Lectio-Divina 7:30 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Yoga 11 am M/R Pageant Rehearsal 4:30-7:30 pm GS 6 pm Session 7:30 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Bible Study Brunch 9:15 Yoga 11 am GS 5 pm Meal 5 pm Handbells 6:30 Choir 7:30 pm</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Deacons' Christ- mas Breakfast set-up</p> <p>Pageant Rehearsal 9:30am-12pm</p>
<p>23</p> <p>(No Sunday School) Deacons' Breakfast 8:30 Worship 10:30 am College Student Brunch Christmas Eve Rehearsal 7 pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Family Candlelight Service 5 pm Candlelight Com- munion Service 10 pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p> Merry Christmas!</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Yoga 11 am Meal 5 pm</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Worship 10:30 am</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Office closed</p>					



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