



# GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY of Advent December 10, 2017

9:30 A.M.

### WORSHIP SERVICE

*Music Celebration*

10:30 A.M.

### Dee's Alternative Gift Market

11:00 A.M.

### Church School for all ages

The Redemption of Scrooge -  
Christmas Present

12:00 P.M.

### Youth Group Christmas Party

7:00 P.M.

### SJ Choral Arts Concert

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent December 17, 2017

9:30 A.M.

### WORSHIP SERVICE

*Christmas Pageant*

10:30 A.M.

### Dee's Alternative Gift Market

11:00 A.M.

### Church School for all ages

The Redemption of Scrooge -  
Christmas Future

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Dee's Alternative Gift Market-  
December 10 and 17 in the Chapel from  
10:30-12:30. Opportunities will be available  
to purchase gifts that benefit local, national,  
and international mission: Urban Promise,  
Habitat For Humanity, Cuba Mission Trips,  
Youth Mission Trip and GWCM Food  
Pantry.

## YOUTH DIRECTOR NEWS

I cannot believe that it is December already; where does the time go? It seems like these past four months, since I began my position as the Youth Director, have just flown by. Through the fall, the youth had the opportunity to enjoy various events. We went apple picking, made scarecrows, and they especially enjoyed playing Bingo with the Membership and Outreach Committee at the Greene Building across the street.

In the middle of November, I was able to attend The National Youth Worker's Convention in Memphis, TN. It was a jam-packed four day event that comprised of Youth Ministry leaders from all over the country. It was an incredible experience and I learned so much! One of my favorite topics was about how we can continue to "Grow Young" as a church and the various ways to make ourselves attractive to younger generations, while still preserving our traditions and the things that make us unique as a congregation.

As we look ahead to a new year, I am very excited about some of our upcoming Youth Group events. There will be bowling trips, Super Bowl parties, a Senior High retreat, and of course the 30-Hour Famine. I look forward to seeing many familiar faces out at these upcoming events, as well as some unfamiliar ones who are looking for something new.

May God continue to bless you and your loved ones during the Christmas Season and into 2018.

Blessings,  
Becky Schad  
Youth Director



## CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

supports a variety of needs: The Board of Pension's income supplement, nursing home care assistance and emergency need grants for retired church workers; the Racial Ethnic Schools and Colleges of the Presbyterian Church (USA); and our church's special interest missions in Honduras and Nepal. Envelopes are provided in the pews. Checks should be made payable to our church. Please give with joy!

*JOY*

**CHRISTMAS PARTY** for all the women of the church will be held on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. All women are welcome. Any questions see any member of the Women's Association.



*Christmas Eve  
Worship*

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
Sunday, December 24

**NO 9:30 AM Service**

5:00 PM Family Christmas Eve  
Service

10:00 PM Traditional Christmas  
Eve Service

**NEED A RIDE?** If you would like a ride to the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve service, please call the church office.

**USHERS NEEDED** for Christmas Eve Family and Candlelight Services. Please contact Ed Parkin (856) 464-8542 or the church office.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS:  
ADVENT BLOCK**

*The Redemption of Scrooge Advent Study*  
November 26 – December 17

*The Redemption of Scrooge*, based upon Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, will explore the world of Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim, and the Cratchits, with an eye to Christian faith. We will begin at 10:45 in the Chapel with a brief video clip and then youth and adults will head to their classrooms at 11:00 for this Advent Study. The Adult Class will be taught by Bernie and Betsy Carlson.

**ADULT CLASS** with Dave Platt will be continuing a series entitled, *Praying the Names of Jesus*.

**COMMUNITY DINNER**  
*Thursday, December 14*  
**5:30 P.M.**



*Join the church and community for  
a time of delicious food  
and fellowship!*

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** The family of John Craig upon his death, Florence Meyer, Brian Praetzel, Wayne Dahmer, Emma Mustard, Fred Davis, Dorothy VanHorn, Megan Lolly, and Amelia Exley. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including Jonathan Gabler, Nathan Wadding, Cameron Wadding, Jarrod Fetty, and Wesley Tatham.

**Bible Sunday** - On Bible Sunday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders in our Church School receive new Bibles during the worship service. On November 19<sup>th</sup>, Ethan Sakhleh received his Bible. Congratulations and blessings on your faith journey!

**REMINDER:** If you have not turned in your Pledge for 2018, please return it to the Church Office or e-mail it to [kathi.lynych@pcwoodbury.com](mailto:kathi.lynych@pcwoodbury.com).

**MITTEN TREE** is up in the Chapel and ready for the mittens, gloves, and hats that will be given to Urban Promise in Camden.



**2017 Trustees Year-End Maintenance Update**



Since the last newsletter article in June, more projects have been completed. We continue to repair and refurbish our buildings in the hope that they will serve our congregation well for many years to come.

The following projects have been completed:

1. Contracted with William Gross to try to eliminate/reduce numerous leaks in the building, this included repair of shingles, reset gutters, install waterproof sealer on masonry walls and improvements to the flat roof.
2. Investigated installation of solar panels, etc. to reduce the energy bill. Attended meeting with representative and reviewed proposal.
3. Repairs and ultimate replacement to electrical panel that operates sanctuary lighting.
4. Purchased a large commercial refrigerator funded by a grant from Investors Bank to be used primarily for the community dinner.
5. Removed the hump in the doorway from the chapel to the sanctuary.
6. Received quotes for replacement of windows, painting and wall repairs in the sanctuary and awaiting authorization.
7. Attended seminar regarding the cemetery and options regarding its use.
8. Contracted to have condensate piping joints sealed in attic to reduce ceiling leaks in sanctuary.
9. Sealed areas in attic that squirrels entered above choir room. Trapped and removed 7 squirrels.
10. Cleaned carpets in sanctuary and floors in Fellowship Hall.
11. Two chairs repaired.
12. Youth Office and The Rock cleaned and painted.
13. New Air Conditioner installed in the Christian Ed Office
14. Humidifier installed in the piano in the Sanctuary.
15. Metal slats cut and installed in kitchen ceiling.

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: DECEMBER 10 - 16, 2017**

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>	8:45	AM	Adult Choir
<b>Of Advent</b>	9:30	AM	Worship Service/Music Celebration
	10:30	AM	Dee's Alternative Gift Market
	10:45	AM	Children's Choir
	11:00	AM	Church School for all Ages
	12:00	PM	Youth Group Christmas Party
<b>Monday:</b>	7:00	PM	SJ Choral Arts Concert
	10:00	AM	Pitman Bible Study
<b>Tuesday:</b>	6:30	PM	Girl Scouts
	7:00	PM	Trustees
	1:00	PM	60+ Small Group
<b>Thursday:</b>	6:30	PM	Cub Scouts
	5:30	PM	Community Dinner

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: DECEMBER 17 - 24, 2017**

<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	8:45	AM	Adult Choir
<b>Of Advent</b>	9:30	AM	Worship Service/Pageant
	10:30	AM	Dee's Alternative Gift Market
	10:45	AM	Children's Choir
	11:00	AM	Church School for all Ages
	7:00	PM	Pack Meeting
<b>Monday:</b>	6:30	PM	Girl Scouts
	7:00	PM	Session
<b>Tuesday:</b>	10:00	AM	Women's Association Workshop/Christmas Party
	6:30	PM	Cub Scouts
<b>Wednesday:</b>	8:30	AM	Men's Breakfast
	6:00	PM	Youth Group Christmas Movie Night
<b>Thursday:</b>	6:30	PM	Boy Scouts
	<b>Christmas Eve</b>		<b>NO A.M. Service</b>
	5:00	PM	Family Service
	10:00	PM	Candlelight Service