



# GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
Sunday, December 24

**NO 9:30 AM Service**

5:00 PM Family Christmas Eve Service  
10:00 PM Traditional Christmas Eve Service

## NEW YEAR'S EVE December 31, 2017

9:30 A.M.  
**WORSHIP SERVICE**

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

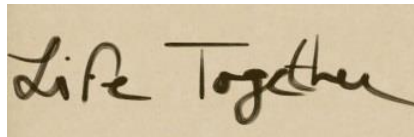
### CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

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*

### FROM THE PASTOR...

Merry Christmas! I hope that you are having a joy filled season and look hopefully to the celebration of Christ's birth in just a few days. Not only am I preparing for Christmas Eve service, but also planning for 2018. Yes, getting ready for a new calendar year. After prayer and discussion with the staff, I would like us to focus upon "Life Together." A season of recommitment to the ministry of Jesus Christ as members of the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury. On Sunday, January 7 during the 9:30 am service, we will have an opportunity to publically recommit to this body of Christ. Please prayerfully consider the statement below:



Journeying together as a spiritual community is a commitment to nurture one another's desire for God and to support one another in seeking a way of life that is consistent with that desire. During 2018, we are seeking to recommit to our church family by more participation in worship, study and service. We commit to these practices for 2018 as members of the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury:

- Make our weekly worship service a major priority in my life
- Participate in our Sunday School or Small Group Bible Study
- Share my gifts through service as part of my church community
- Support and pray for one another
- Speak the truth with love and grace.
- Practice conflict transformation along the lines of Mathew 5:23-24 and Matthew 18:15-20.

- Unplug from technology when we are together
- Work to solve problems through communication and action

### Prayer of Intention

*O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

I pray that you will join me on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> as we renew our baptismal vows and promise to fully engage as members of this congregation.

In Christ,  
Phil

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**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).

**MERRY CHRISTMAS from the Church Staff:** *Phil, Milt, Jack, Kristen, Kathy, Kathi, Jan, and Becky!*



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



**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed on Monday, December 25, and Monday, January 1.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS:**

**NO CHURCH SCHOOL** will be held on Sunday, January 7 and 14.

**WINTER BLOCK**

*Encouraging Others  
Strengthening the Art of Caring*  
January 21 – February 11

*Build Others Up!* As God's people live out their faith in this world, they need advice, challenge, and encouragement to persevere. Sometimes we need a reminder that we can be "spiritual cheerleaders" for other believers. These studies give models from Scripture for encouraging others and building them up in their faith, showing that as we support others, the blessing of encouragement comes back to us. The Adult Class will be led by Sue Beane and Stacey Oehler.

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

**COMMUNITY DINNER**  
*Thursday, January 11*  
**5:30 P.M.**



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

**YOUTH NEWS:** Save the dates:

- Club J bowling (grades 4-8): Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> – 12-3 PM.
- Senior High Bowling (grades 9-12): Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> – 12-3 PM.



**YEAR-END GIVING:** Any offerings received after December 31 will be credited to 2018 for income tax purposes. If you desire yours to be counted for 2017, please make sure the church receives it by Sunday, December 31. Thank you.

**2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES** will be available in the Chapel after Christmas. Please pick up your box.

**PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT:** The first offering envelope in the box is for the Per Capita offering. This offering of \$37.00 per person (\$74.00 per couple) helps offset the Per Capita Apportionment. If each member donates their share, over \$12,000 would be freed up for church programs and Mission use.

**ANNUAL REPORTS:** To all who are responsible for submitting an Annual Report to the Church Office, the deadline is **Sunday, January 7.**

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL/CORPORATION MEETING** of the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at **4:00 PM** followed by a dinner catered by Rode's.

**THANK YOU** for your donations to Dee's Alternative Gift Market. A total of \$2670 was donated to the following organizations:

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| Habitat for Humanity: \$595 | GWCM Food Bank: \$525 |
| Youth Activities: \$620     | Urban Promise: \$515  |
| Cuba: \$415                 |                       |

**A BIG THANK-YOU** to Linda Morgan, Linda Mohring, Connie Tighe, Jean Hills, Sue Gould, Peg Shirey and Kathy Federici for providing all the delicious goodies for THEO's during the year.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** 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.

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: DECEMBER 24 - 30, 2017**

<i>Christmas Eve:</i>		<b>NO A.M. Service</b>
	5:00 PM	Family Service
	10:00 PM	Candlelight Service
<i>Christmas</i>		Church Office Closed
<i>Tuesday:</i>	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
<i>Wednesday:</i>	7:00 PM	Boy Scout Leader Meeting
<i>Thursday:</i>	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: DECEMBER 31, 2017 – JANUARY 7, 2018**

Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
New Year's Day:		Church Office Closed
Tuesday:	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
Thursday:	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts
Sunday:	8:45 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Children's Choir
		NO Church School
	12-3 PM	Club J Bowling

