



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 23, 2018

9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Lessons in Carols

11:00 A.M. Church School

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2018

5:00 P.M.

Family Worship Service

A kid-friendly Service that will include music from the church choir, the lighting of candles and a children's Christmas story.

10:00 P.M.

Candlelight Service

The traditional Christmas Eve Service with a Christmas message, a musical soloist, and the lighting of candles.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 30, 2018

9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE



Joy to the World!

♫ **CHORAL ARTS OF SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY CONCERT:** Join us on Sunday, December 30th at 3:00 pm for a Holiday Musical Program in the Sanctuary.

LOVE THE GUEST IS ON THE WAY

Advent is here! Isn't that the cry you hear when out in the world amid the hustle and bustle? I think not. Our society is filled with people preparing for Christmas but how much of this preparation involves us preparing for the Christ child? We all know the answer to that question. Christmas begins on December 25th. After our month of preparing we then have 12 days to rejoice. Many miss the point and are relieved when all the fuss is finished on December... "time to clean up".

What does it mean to prepare? Perhaps we should focus on creating some quiet time when we can pray and contemplate the meaning of the coming of Christ? Our churches should be filled during the Advent Season. Just coming on Christmas Eve misses the point. Each year we are afforded the opportunity to stop and breathe in anticipation. We all know what happens when we neglect proper planning for an important event. Each year we should approach this season with the same focus and determination we bring to any important occasion in our lives. Despite the triteness, the slogans we encounter this time of year have significant meaning..."Jesus is the reason for the season", "Keep Christ in Christmas".

So we have one more week to welcome the season of Advent. I pray that we can be a witness to the community of our Love as Christians and our eager anticipation of 12 days of celebration to come!

"People look east, the time is near. Love the guest is on the way!"

Jack Hill
Minister of Music



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!



YEAR-END GIVING: Any offerings received after December 31 will be credited to 2019 for income tax purposes. If you desire yours to be counted for 2018, please make sure the church receives it by Tuesday, December 31. Thank you.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the Chapel. 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 \$11,500 would be freed up for church programs and Mission use.

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

MERRY



From the Church Staff:
Phil, Milt, Jack, Kristen, Janet, Kathy, Kathi and Becky

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT last Sunday was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Sandy Skinner and for all who helped make it a success.



PLEDGE CARDS: Thank you to those who have returned their pledge cards. If you have not returned yours, please do so as soon as possible so the Budget Committee can begin to formalize the 2019 Budget.

COMMUNITY DINNER
*Thursday,
 January 10th
 5:30 P.M.*



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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Fred Petri, Florence Hillman, Anita Corbin, Alex Jenei, Florence Meyer, Fred Davis, Emma Mustard, Brian Praetzel, Meg Lolly, Dorothy VanHorn, Amelia Exley, Meghan Orem, Judy Fetty, and Marie Batten. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including Jonathan Gabler, Nathan Wadding, Cameron Wadding, Jarrod Fetty, and Wesley Tatham.



THANK YOU DEACONS
 for decorating the sanctuary so beautifully!

IN MEMORIAM

Marie Evans

October 17, 1935 – December 12, 2018

"I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord"

Visitation for Marie Evans will be held at the church from 10:00 – 11:00 am on Friday, January 4th, 2019. A service will follow at 11:00 am.

ANNUAL REPORTS: To all who are responsible for submitting an Annual Report to the Church Office, the deadline is **Sunday, January 13. Reports must be emailed to the church office at church.office@pcwoodbury.com**

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL/CORPORATION MEETING of the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2019.

THANK YOU for your donations to Dee's Alternative Gift Market. A total of \$2695 was donated to the following organizations:

Habitat for Humanity: \$470	GWCM Food Bank: \$585
Youth Activities: \$485	Urban Promise: \$350
Cuba: \$555	Community Dinner: \$250

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: DECEMBER 23 - 29, 2018

4 th Sunday of Advent:	8:45 AM	Choir Rehearsal	
	9:00 AM	Prayer Room 3	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service/Lessons in Carols	
	10:45 AM	Children's Choir	
	11:00 AM	Church School for all ages	
Christmas Eve:	5:00 PM	Family Service	
	10:00 PM	Candlelight Service	
Christmas Day:		Church Office Closed	
Wednesday:	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	
	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts	
	7:00 PM	Boy Scout Leader Meeting	
Thursday:	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts	

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: DECEMBER 30, 2018 – JANUARY 6, 2019

Sunday:	8:45 AM	Choir Rehearsal	
	9:00 AM	Prayer Room 3	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service	
	3:00 PM	Choral Arts of Southern NJ Recital	
Monday:	6:30 PM	Girl Scouts	
	6:30 PM	Deacons	
New Year's Day:		Church Office Closed	
Wednesday:	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	
	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts	
Thursday:	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts	
Sunday:	8:45 AM	Choir Rehearsal	
	9:00 AM	Prayer Room 3	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service/Communion	
	10:45 AM	Children's Choir	
	11:00 AM	Church School for all ages	

