



# GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas

**January 4, 2026**

**10:00 A.M.**

### **WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Communion**

Children's Sunday School

**11:00 AM**

Coffee and Fellowship

**11:15 AM**

Adult Sunday School

Task Forces Meetings

## Baptism of the Lord

**January 11, 2026**

**10:00 A.M.**

### **WORSHIP SERVICE**

Children's Sunday School

**11:00 AM**

Coffee and Fellowship

**11:15 AM**

Adult Sunday School

Trustees Meeting

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

**January 18, 2026**

**10:00 A.M.**

### **WORSHIP SERVICE**

**11:00 AM**

Coffee and Fellowship

**11:15 AM**

Adult Sunday School Class

Session Meeting

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

**January 25, 2026**

**10:00 A.M.**

### **WORSHIP SERVICE**

**11:00 AM**

**Congregational Meeting**

Coffee and Fellowship

**11:15 AM**

Adult Sunday School Class

Deacons Meeting

## From the Pastor...

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

Sometimes Presbyterians, whose rally cry is "reformed and always reforming," meaning "always embracing the new thing God is doing," get stuck in old practices. We enjoy worshiping and fellowshipping together on Sundays. But for some reason, we usually sit in the same seat each week. How about sitting next to another one of God's children whom we do not know or a new member or visitor? And, is it upsetting when there's a change from the usual order of service? I'm not saying that the old way of doing things is necessarily wrong or unproductive, but life changes. We need to be open to those changes. We also need to know how to move toward change.

After prayerful consideration, the Session believes that we need to change our leadership structure and meeting schedules beginning in 2026. The Session is working on changes to our by-laws for congregational consideration and the elders believe that moving Task Force meetings and Boards to Sunday following worship will allow more participation of members. Please note the Spring schedule for meetings:

January 4	Task Forces
January 11	Trustees
January 18	Session
January 25	Deacons

February 1	Task Forces
February 8	Trustees
February 15	Session
February 22	Deacons

March 1	Task Forces
March 8	Trustees
March 15	Session
March 22	Deacons
March 29	Task Forces

April 5	EASTER
April 12	Trustees
April 19	Session
April 26	Deacons

IN CHRIST,  
Phil

## **ANOTHER CHANGE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

As the Vision Committee, Stewardship Task Force and the Session have prayerfully considered our 2026 budget, and in conversation with staff members: the unison decision is that the church office will be open from 8:00am to 12noon on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Office Administrator Kristen Connell-Franchetti will be available on those days and during those hours. This change will begin on Monday, January 5, 2026.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Any offerings received after December 31 will be credited for 2026 income tax purposes. If you desire your to be counted for 2025, please make sure the church receives them by December 31, 2025.



**MISSION GIFT CARDS:** The Mission Task Force is asking for monetary donations so they can supply gift cards to the homeless in our neighborhood. You can drop off checks or cash to the church office.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We are continuing the study on "Pilgrim's Progress" by John Bunyan. We welcome new people to join. Each lesson has a built in 23 minute video with interactive discussion in the class. You do not have to read through the book to be in the class. We are working through each chapter. We are discussing very practical struggle that we have in our journey as Christians including such topics as dealing with temptation, discouragement, doubt, and the importance of Christian fellowship.

### COMMUNITY DINNER January 8 - 5:30 PM

**HELP AND FOOD ITEMS NEEDED:** Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen, clean up and to provide dessert for the Community Dinner. Please sign up or call the church office if you can help.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the chapel. If you received envelopes this year, you will be given envelopes again for 2025. If you requested no envelopes, you will not be given envelopes for 2025. If are not on the list to receive, but would like them for 2025, please email Kathi Lynch at [kvlynch@verizon.net](mailto:kvlynch@verizon.net) or contact the church office.

**ANNUAL REPORTS:** It is that time of year when we begin to ask for the reports for the Congregational Meeting. If you are responsible for an annual report, please email it back to the church **no later than January 11, 2026** at [church.office@pcwoodbury.com](mailto:church.office@pcwoodbury.com).



### REMEMBER IN YOUR

**PRAYERS:** A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including Nathan Wadding, Cameron Wadding, Jarrod Fetty, and Wesley Tatham.

### IN MEMORIAM

Florence D. Carver  
Florence E. Hillman

September 11, 1923 – November 27, 2025  
October 16, 1921 – December 11, 2025

*"I am the Resurrection and the Life; he who believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."*

*John 11:25*

**NEW ADDRESS:** Matilda (Tillie) Canning's new address is:

Spring Village @ Hammonton  
45 US -206, Room D-101  
Hammonton, NJ 08037

If you would like to visit – or join her for a meal, meal times are: Breakfast, 8:30; Lunch – 11:30, and Dinner 4:30. Cost is \$5 for lunch and \$10 for dinner. Call (609) 561-8977 for more information.

**APPORTIONMENT:** The first offering envelope in the box is for the Per Capita offering. This offering of \$40.00 per member (\$80.00 per couple) helps offset the Per Capita Apportionment. If each member donates their share, over \$10,000 would be freed up for church programs and Mission use.

**What is per capita?** *Per capita* funding is how Presbyterians mutually share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future. It is how Presbyterians are trained to become better elders and ministers. It is how Presbyterians discern God's call in their lives. It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the wider church by serving on GA, Synod and Presbytery committees and commissions. It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the Church universal as we commit ourselves to work and live in fellowship with "all persons in every nation" (*Book of Order*, G-4.0101). The Westminster Confession says, "all believers, are therefore, under obligation to sustain the ordinances of the Christian religion where they are already established, and to contribute by their prayers, gifts, and personal efforts to the extension of the Kingdom of God throughout the whole earth" (6.058). Per capita is a fundamental way in which all of the nearly 10,000 congregations and governing bodies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are connected and participate in the work of the wider church. Because it is rooted in the connectional and covenantal nature of the Presbyterian Church, as affirmed by the ordination vows taken by elders and ministers of the Word and Sacrament, per capita could be called the Presbyterian Covenant Community Fund. *Please remit the forty dollars per member to the church during January.*