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"Growing in God's Love, Serving All God's People"
through "Rejoicing, Renewing and Reaching Out"

Advent and Christmas Services

December is my favorite month of the church year. I pray that all of you might let go of all of the busy-ness, stress and anxiety of this time of the year which is entirely counter to the anticipation, hope and peace of the Kingdom which this season truly embodies. A great way to enter into this Spirit is by practicing it on Sunday mornings which will include the following carols this year, many at both services:

Dec. 6th—One Candle is Lit (to the tune of Away in a Manger), Good Christian Friends Rejoice, O Come O Come Emmanuel. *This service remembers the prophet and cousin of Jesus, John the Baptist. We will sing O Come All Ye Faithful at 11:15 as well.*

Dec. 13th-- O Little Town of Bethlehem, Joy to the World, In the Bleak Midwinter

Dec. 20th-- God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman, Angels We Have Heard on High, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear. *This service dramatically remembers Mary, Joseph, the Angel Gabriel, Elizabeth and Zechariah.*

Dec. 24th – 5:00 p.m. Christmas pageant and 9:00 p.m. candle-light communion service with special music at approximately 8:30 p.m.; filled with all your favorite carols.

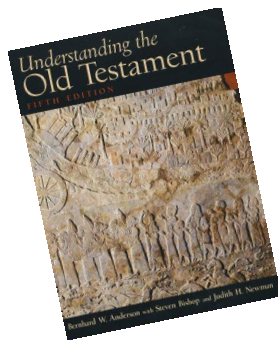
Dec. 27th— **Combined 10:30 a.m. service*** with Rutgers Sociology Professor, Dr. Nancy DiTomaso, preaching: Do You Hear What I Hear, I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day, O Holy Night, Far, Far Away on Judea's Plains

Jan. 3rd-- **Combined 10:30 a.m. Epiphany service*** with Director of Children's and Youth Ministries, Christie Alston preaching: Gentle Mary Laid Her Child (Good King Wenceslaus tune), What Star Is This with Beams So Bright, We Three Kings, The First Nowell

Have a hopeful, joyful and peaceful Advent, Christmas and New Year. Come Lord Jesus and make all things new! David

**Please note the combined holiday service time for these Sundays*

2015		December				2015	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1 2:00 p.m. Prayer Grp 7:30 p.m. Session 7:30 p.m. Scottish Dancing	2 9:30 a.m. - Job Networking 10:00 a.m. - Thrift Shop 4:15 p.m. - K.K. 5:15 p.m. - Joyful Noise 5:30 p.m. - Middlers 6:30 p.m. - Wed. Nite Live 7:00 p.m. - HS & Adults 7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir	3 9:30 a.m. Meditating on the Word 7:00 p.m. Small Group	4 7:00 p.m. Needle Nite	5	
6 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:35 a.m. Coffee Hour 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service	7	8 2:00 p.m. Prayer Grp 7:30 p.m. Officer's Dinner 7:30 p.m. Scottish Dancing	9 9:30 a.m. - Job Networking 10:00 a.m. - Thrift Shop 4:15 p.m. - K.K. 5:15 p.m. - Joyful Noise 5:30 p.m. - Middlers 6:00 p.m. - Carolling 7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir	10 9:30 a.m. Meditating on the Word 7:00 p.m. Small Group	11	12	
13 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:35 a.m. Coffee hour 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service	14	15 1:00 p.m. Small Grp 2:00 p.m. Prayer Grp 7:30 p.m. Committees 7:30 p.m. Scottish Dancing	16 9:30 a.m. - Job Networking 10:00 a.m. - Thrift Shop 5:00 P.M. Combined Youth Group Christmas Party and Elf Movie Night 5:15 p.m. - Joyful Noise 6:30 p.m. - Wed. Nite Live 7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir	17 9:30 a.m. Meditating on the Word 7:00 p.m. Trustees-cancelled 7:00 p.m. Small Group	18	19 9:30 a.m. Food Bank	
20 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:35 a.m. Coffee hour 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service	21	22 1:00 p.m. Small Grp 2:00 p.m. Prayer Grp 7:30 p.m. Scottish Dancing	23 9:30 a.m. - Job Networking 10:00 a.m. - Thrift Shop 5:15 p.m. - Joyful Noise 6:30 p.m. - Wed. Nite Live 7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir	24 5:00 p.m. Family Service 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service/ Communion	25 <i>Christmas</i> 	26	
27 109:30 a.m. Worship Combined Worship	28	29 1:00 p.m. Small Grp 2:00 p.m. Prayer Grp 7:30 p.m. Scottish Dancing	30 9:30 a.m. - Job Networking 10:00 a.m. - Thrift Shop 5:15 p.m. - Joyful Noise 6:30 p.m. - Wed. Nite Live 7:30 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir	31 New Year's Eve	Jan 1 <i>New Year's Day</i> 		



New Sermon Series on the Good News of God's First Testament

I am excited to announce an exploration of the good news in the Old Testament over the next year or so. I will likely cover the chronological development of Old Testament with an eye for the *Hesed* or steadfast love of God which God displays to the people of Israel and beyond.

During advent, we are moving from the first book of the Old Testament to what was probably the last book written and included in the Hebrew scriptures, the book of Daniel. I decide to do this because Daniel is apocalyptic literature and Advent is about the blessed apocalypse or final and complete revelation of God. David

"Jesus of Nazareth" Small Groups

Dear friends in Christ,



Small groups are rejoicing in the wonderful 70s mini-series, *Jesus of Nazareth*. The groups meet on Tuesdays at 1

p.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the work room. We have very relaxed groups who love to see new faces.



Mission Committee News and Updates.

The Mission Committee welcomes your participation in our 2016 goal of becoming a part of refugee resettlement in NJ. God's Law says that His people must "show love to those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were" ... "aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, strangers to the covenants of promise" (Deut. 10:19, Eph. 2:12) We hope to join Willow Grove Pres. and All-Saints' Episcopal in this blessed Christian outreach.

During this year, many people have volunteered to deliver bagged lunches to Elizabeth. Without your help, the Meal Ministries would not be able to continue, so THANK YOU VERY MUCH to everyone who has participated in shopping runs to BJ's; setup on a Sunday for meal assembly, and for delivery to Elizabeth! It is always rewarding to obey the Biblical injunction to "feed the poor and hungry." Unbeknown to us, we may meet and feed an Angel! More volunteers are always needed – if you feel the call to help in any way, please contact Jean Fraser at fromage7703@gmail.com, or 908 239-3660.



**“PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
STRETCHING HANDS,
MINDS AND HEARTS FOR
MISSION”.** Presbyterian

Women are all women in the

**Church: we encourage each woman to take
part actively in what-ever is of interest to
her AND SUPPORT OUR ON-GOING
EFFORTS.**

The monthly Needle Nite at Fanwood Presbyterian Church is scheduled for Friday, December 4th at 7:30 p.m. in Westminster Hall. Enter from Marian Avenue.

The new pattern, for the quilters is ‘Half Square Triangles’ which will be the project for this year.

The knitters and those who crochet have brought in many items that they had made. Beth Israel Hospital in Newark has received, for the new born, 12 afghans, 7 sweater and hat sets and 5 hats. The Seafarers, through the Christmas at Sea Project, will get 22 scarves, 6 hats and 38 ditty bags. Also, 4 lap robes have been delivered to Nursing homes. This month this group will continue on their projects for charity.

All are welcome to come and see what is being done and to join the group.

If fabric, batting or yarn is needed, Needle Niters may e-mail their request to needlenite@fanwoodpc.org. The donated materials used end up in many forms usable by the charities that receive them.

The Needle Nite Participants then take their newly learned skills for their use at home.

For further information about these projects or directions to Fanwood Presbyterian Church please call the office at 908-889-8891 or e-mail admin@fanwoodpc.org or check the web www.fanwoodpc.org.

Brighter Christmas Tree

It’s time for the Brighter Christmas Tree Project. Please take a tag from the Christmas in the narthex. Each tag represents a gift for the clients of United Family in Plainfield. A small number of tags are specifically marked as December birthday gifts for the Park Hotel residents. After you make your selection, please enter your name on the sign-up sheet next to the number corresponding to your tag. Feel free to share a tag with a friend if the cost seems prohibitive. Bring your unwrapped gift along with the complete tag to the church no later than December 13th. If you have any questions, please call Shirley Pillow at 908-889-5602.

The Reading Group

The Reading Group will meet on Friday, January 15 at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Lorna Everhart, 19 Paterson Road, Fanwood. The book to be discussed is a novel by Jo Jo Moyes, titled Me Before You. The novel brings to life two people who could not have less in common. It is a heartbreaking romantic story. If you are interested in reading this book and joining in on the discussion please let Lorna Everhart or Cena Pollitt know. All are welcome.

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Date	Date	Date	Date
1	9	17	25
2	10	18	26
3	11	19	27
4	12	20	28
5	13	21	29
6	14	22	30
7	15	23	31
8	16	24	

2016 Flower Calendar

The 2016 Flower Calendar is now in the Narthex. Participation in this ministry provides flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings and is an opportunity for you to honor or remember loved ones or special life events. Please clearly sign your name and phone number next to the date of your choice and you will be contacted prior to that date as a reminder and for information regarding your dedication. Our florist creates a beautiful arrangement at a cost of \$40. If you have any questions, please call Susan Wayman at 755-2330.

Middler Basketball Clinics and Pick-up Games

With the basketball season upon us and me coaching middlers again, we will have a good turnout for both the clinics at 4:30 p.m. and pick-up games at 5:15 p.m. All middlers are welcome to join both and middlers and older the pick-up games on Sundays, Dec. 6th and 13th.