



# Branches

**Alexandria First Presbyterian Church**

**“I am the vine, you are the branches.”**

**December 2016**

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Dear Friends,

## A Note from Nick

Sunday, November 27 marked the beginning of the season of Advent. Advent is the season of preparation and waiting, as we begin the process of preparing for the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. As a church family there is much we can do to share in this preparation together. First and foremost, we will celebrate the four Sundays of Advent in worship each Sunday with the lighting of our Advent candles—remembering the hope, peace, joy, and love that comes into the world through Christ. Secondly, please pick up a copy of the Advent devotionals and use that as a guide to navigate this time of waiting and preparation.

Our Christmas Eve services this year will be at 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. The 6:00 p.m. service is a family oriented service that will feature a Christmas pageant performed by the youth and children of our church. The pageant this year is entitled “Just a Little Christmas” and will include an especially joyful and fun telling of the Nativity story! The 9:00 p.m. service will be a traditional candle light service with communion. Both services will be fun and meaningful—and I ask that you consider even coming to *both* since they will be so different!

This year Christmas day actually falls on a Sunday, which means that we will be having worship on Christmas day. We will have one service at 10:00 a.m. I know that many of you have your own family traditions for Christmas morning, but I ask that you please consider adding a new tradition and attend our Christmas morning worship. The worship service will be a fun way to celebrate Christmas together as a family of faith. Just as you gather around your Christmas tree on Sunday morning with your family, we will be gathering together as family of faith to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. The service will be short and informal, and will feature a lot of singing and fellowship. And instead of a traditional sermon there will be an extended children’s sermon. I invite everyone, children and adults alike, to shift their morning celebrations to church and to even come in your pajamas! I will even come in *my* pajamas (and you don’t want to miss that)! I can’t think of a more fitting way to celebrate Christmas than to do so at church—and I hope to see you there!

May God bless each of you this Christmas as we together remember that God loved us enough that unto us a child is born, and that child is Emmanuel—God with us!

Peace,

*Pastor Nick*

# Advent and Christmas at Alexandria

*Worship every Sunday at 10 a.m.*

*Discover the excitement of the Advent season  
and rejoice in the Good News of Christmas!*

*Sunday, November 27*

First Sunday of Advent: Pick up your Advent devotional

*Sunday, December 4*

Second Sunday of Advent: Poinsettia orders thru December 11<sup>th</sup>

*Sunday, December 11*

Third Sunday of Advent: Christmas concert, Doylestown; see p 6

*Sunday, December 18*

Fourth Sunday of Advent: A service of lessons and carols, 10 a.m.

Christmas caroling, 2 p.m.

*Saturday, December 24*

Christmas Eve children's play, 6 p.m.

Candlelight and communion, 9 p.m.

*Sunday, December 25*

Christmas Day!



## Tending the Flock

### Baptisms

We rejoice with those who are celebrating their baptism anniversary. It was in December that Katelyn Heilig, Kyle Ferdinando, and Kyle Braeden Kunich became a child of God through the sacrament of baptism. Congratulations and blessings!

### New Members

It is with great gladness that we welcome new members to the life and ministry of our church. The following were received into membership on November 13, 2016:

Liz McMahon and Larry Reinfield  
1800 River Road  
Upper Black Eddy, Pennsylvania  
18972

Tom Santangelo  
13 Myrtle Avenue  
Milford, New Jersey  
08848

### Thank You Note

“This is just a note of thanks for your outpouring of love and prayers during the passing of Nora Bailey. Your prayers, cards, calls, emails, texts have helped us in ways you may never know. We do not take the love and friendship you continue to show us for granted. Our love for Alexandria will never cease. God’s continued blessings on each and every one of you!

With profound love,  
Nerva and Jelaine



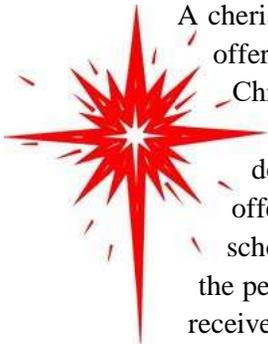
*May the love of God  
be near to you this  
Christmas!*

*With joy,  
Your Alexandria  
Church Family*

## Advent Devotionals

Advent devotionals entitled *From Heaven to Manger* are available in the narthex and Fellowship Hall. This devotional is based on Martin Luther's beloved hymn. See what special gift is "unwrapped" each week that comes from heaven above through the birth of Christ. The younger children will be given *Look around the Manger*, an Advent devotional where a sticker figure is added to the manger scene each day until Christmas. All are offered to you at no cost or obligation.

## Christmas Joy Offering



A cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Because Advent and Christmas shine a light not only on our world's greatest hope but also on our world's greatest need, the PCUSA provides this timely opportunity for congregations to support causes specifically designed to bring Good News of great joy to the poor in circumstance or spirit. The receipts from the offering are distributed equally to The Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and student scholarships at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. Look for giving envelopes in the pew racks this month. Your gift may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings and will be received in worship on Christmas Eve. Thank you for your continued and heart-felt generosity.

## The Season of Advent

Pope Gregory the Great (6<sup>th</sup> century) was the first to fix Advent's length at four weeks. Advent literally means "coming" or "arrival" in Latin. The season of Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year in the western churches which observe the liturgical calendar. In modern times, Advent is a season of preparation; a time when Christians ready themselves both for the coming of the Messiah at Christmas and his return as Judge and Redeemer at the end of history. Leading up to Advent in the liturgical year is a growing emphasis on the consummation of history, which comes to a climax on the final Sunday of the liturgical year, a Sunday known as Christ the King. Following Christ the King Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. On this Sunday, there is an emphasis of the return of Jesus at the end of history. The second and third Sundays of Advent focus on John the Baptist's promise of the Messiah's coming. The fourth Sunday of Advent tends to highlight the annunciation, when the angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will bear a child who will be the Son of God. Advent concludes with the celebration of Jesus' actual birth on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

In the four Sundays which constitute Advent, there is a marked shift from the expectation of the consummation of history to the preparation for the incarnation and nativity of Jesus the Messiah. As a result, it is in the season of Advent that the beginning and end times meet, and we as Christians remember that the roots and the destiny of human history are firmly embedded in the Sovereign One whom we call Immanuel "God with us."





# POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

*Due by December 11<sup>th</sup>*

Orders for Christmas poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary during December are now being collected. You are encouraged to take your poinsettias home following the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

The plant sizes and costs are below. Checks may be made out to Alexandria First Presbyterian Church, noting "poinsettia" in the memo section.

The last day to place an order is Sunday, December 11, 2016. Simply place your order in an envelope marked "Poinsettia Sale" along with your payment. Feel free to either mail it to the church, leave it in the Worship and Music Team's mailbox located by the church offices, or place it in the large envelopes marked "Poinsettia Orders" found on the narthex and Fellowship Hall bulletin boards. Payment must accompany your order.

### Please Print Clearly

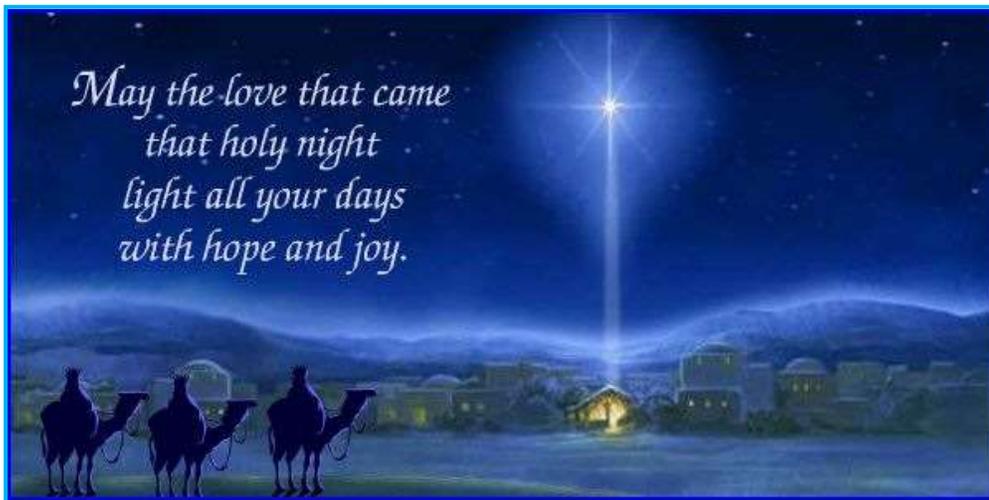
Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of (insert name) \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone \_\_\_\_\_ In Honor of (insert name) \_\_\_\_\_

QUANTITY	COST/POT	SUB-TOTAL
____ 6.5" pot (15" tall, 1 plant, 5-7 blooms)	\$ 8.00	\$ _____
____ 7.5" pot (18" tall, 2 plants, 10-12 blooms)	\$ 15.00	\$ _____



**ORDER TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## Frosty Fellowship Fiestas

Looking for things to do during the long days of winter? Our Membership Team is here to help with a few fun activities . . .

**Sunday, December 11**  
**Bucks County Choral Society *Mary Rejoices***  
**4:00 p.m.**



Tickets are \$17 for a group of ten or more. RSVP will be needed by November 27. Those attending the concert may also want to go out to dinner at the Plumsteadville Inn on the way home. Carpooling can be arranged, meeting at the church at 2:15. We'll be on the road by 2:30 in order to arrive in time to hear the prelude. Contact Lois Bondor or the church office for tickets and more information.



**Sunday, December 18**  
**Second Annual Christmas Caroling**  
**2-4 p.m.**

This event is open to members of all ages who would like to travel by car around the area. We'll stop at the homes of church members who are homebound. We will meet at church and carpool to the various homes, singing a couple of songs at each stop. We will return to church for hot cocoa and cookies.

**Saturday, January 7**  
**Yankee Swap and Gift Exchange**  
**6:30 p.m.**



This is a long time church tradition which we brought back last year. It is an adults-only gathering and attendees will each bring a wrapped gift that can be a gag gift, re-gift, nice gift, or white elephant along with an hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided, but feel free to BYOB if you want wine or beer. This will be held at the home of Cyndi and John McDowall.



## Christmas Eve Play

**Saturday, December 24 | 6 p.m.**

The Christian Education Team will present *Just A Little Christmas*, a Christian play performed by the youth of our church. Please join us as the children bring to life the complete Nativity story in an especially fun and joyful way. You'll be glad you did!

## Family at Christmas

The deacons are adopting a local family for Christmas. Be on the lookout for a tree in Fellowship Hall with tags on it. The tags will give you the items the family requests.

Thank you for  
**YOUR  
LOVELY  
DONATION**

## The Holiday Fund

**Deadline: December 13**

The deacons are collecting gifts for The Holiday Fund. Look for the boxes in Fellowship Hall and the narthex. Items especially needed are gifts for teenagers. Some examples are gift cards for Regal Cinemas, Starbucks, Kohl's, and Dunkin' Donuts; makeup kits; hair care products; and Axe gift sets. We are so very grateful for your loving kindness and support. See Tammy Sassaman with questions.

## November Flowers

- November 6** given to the glory of God by LuAnn and Pat Keefe in memory of Jim and Lorraine Keefe
- November 13** given to the glory of God by the Strangfeld family in celebration of Emma's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday
- November 20** given to the glory of God by Nancy and Lee Smith with gratitude for God's blessings
- November 27** given to the glory of God in celebration of Cindy and Joe Accardi's 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary



## News from our Presbytery

<https://pres-outlook.org/2016/>

Three bodies were established by the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly (2016) last June in Portland. They are the Way Forward Commission, the 2020 Vision Committee, and the All Agency Review Committee. All are all poised to begin their work with their leadership fully committed to close collaboration and open communication.

Way Forward Commission Moderator Mark Hostetter, All Agency Review Committee Moderator Deborah Block, and 2020 Vision Committee Co-Moderators Bernadette Coffee and Lisa Juica Perkins had a face-to-face conversation in Chicago on November 7. The goal was to discuss the scope of each body's tasks and begin to define the relationships between them. The leadership of all three quickly committed to working together and coordinating their activity as they move through their individual initiatives.

The leadership group observed that because the bodies have not yet had their first meetings, they could only speak for themselves personally, but that they firmly believed they have many strengths and resources as a denomination. "This is our God-given opportunity to discern together as Presbyterians who we are and how we will work together as the body of Christ—one body in Christ—defining what our covenant will be in change and in changing times."

## New Church Directory

A new church phone directory has been made and is now available for you to pick up from the narthex. You are welcome to take as many as you need. Perhaps one for home and an extra one to keep at work or in the car? Please report any changes to the church office.



November's partial shipment

## Caring Hands Crafters

**Next meeting: Sunday, December 18 | 11:15 a.m.**

During the month of November the Caring Hands Crafters focused on knitting and crocheting warming caps for all branches of the military. Most of the caps were made with colors specific for each branch and were sent to *Knots of Love* in California where they were distributed to veterans all over the country who are undergoing cancer treatments. The group also made red and green themed caps to be shipped in time for Christmas. Won't you join them at their next meeting to learn more about their group and their mission?

## December Birthdays

**May God's awesome blessings be upon you this day and in the year ahead**

<b>1</b> Jason Czerna	<b>9</b> Debbie Heinbach	<b>18</b> Oscar Philkill	<b>22</b> Tammy Unkert
<b>3</b> Jack Bender	John McDowall	<b>20</b> Kristina Brophy	<b>24</b> Christine Wenzel
<b>4</b> Brad Bondor	<b>11</b> Denis Goldman	Cyndi McDowall	<b>26</b> Audriana Stagg
Marie Knapp	Avery Schaefer	<b>21</b> Patti Bender	<b>27</b> Ellie Lyons
Eric Strangfeld	<b>14</b> Alicia Apgar	Dorothy Erwin	<b>28</b> Bill Grundmann
<b>5</b> Matthew Tiedeman	Tracy Folmar	Roger Wiehl	<b>29</b> Lori MacWilliam
<b>6</b> Jackie Rollins	<b>15</b> Tim McGuire	<b>22</b> Ron Unkert	<b>30</b> Tim Sassaman
			<b>31</b> Olivia Pulsinelle



## You're the Best

The deacons would like to thank the congregation for all their turkey dinner donations and help. Because of your very generous support, they were able to deliver 25 boxes full of food and turkeys to Frenchtown Presbyterian Church's food pantry. Special thanks also goes to the Kingwood Girl Scouts who decorated and filled 12 of the turkey dinner boxes, to the Alexandria Girl Scouts who decorated 15 boxes, and the Boy Scouts who collected a huge toy tub of non-perishable foods. Happy Holidays to you all!

## We Did the 'Write' Thing

Thanks to everyone who cleaned out their desks, cars, purses, and sofa cushions to find old writing utensils. The youth will get a penny per writing utensil to help cover the cost of the mission trip. This was a one-time event.



## Session Highlights

### Regular Meeting | November 9, 2016

- Elder Jeri Bone led devotions with a reading of thanks and appreciation for all God has given us and how we should always be appreciative. She read portions of scripture and finished with prayer
- Deacon Eric Strangfeld commented on the continued good works of the deacons and highlighted the food collection for Thanksgiving with all contributions to go to the Frenchtown Food Pantry
- A period of study was held using *Extravagant Giving (Five Practices of a Fruitful Congregation)*, pages 112-123. A discussion of the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 30-37) and its implications on extravagant giving was held. Stories were shared of our own experiences with generosity. The group responded with an Affirmation of Faith in unison
- The following motions were approved:
  - authorization to launch an appeal to the congregation for short term financial assistance (gift cards and cash via the church) for Ed and Alice Muztafago due to the recent fire in their residence
  - the Membership and Evangelism Team requested approval to have a church-wide bowling event on November 20 at Frenchtown Lanes
  - the reception of three new members into the congregation pending their Affirmation of Faith include Liz McMahon, Larry Reinfield, and Tom Santangelo
  - a building-use request by Girl Scout Troop 80107 to hold "World Thinking Day" on February 18 with setup on the 17<sup>th</sup>
  - a concert by Bucks County Choral Society along with the Prometheus Chamber Orchestra. Carpooling will be available
  - the annual Christmas caroling to our shut-ins on December 18 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. followed by refreshments at the church
  - a traditional "Yankee Swap" Christmas gift exchange and party on January 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of John and Cyndi McDowall
- There was a discussion about building liaison coordinators and their responsibilities and a call for additional volunteers
- Karl requested the submission of team budgets so the 2017 church budget can be prepared in time for the December meeting of session
- The Building and Property Team is soliciting ideas for improvements to the purple room. Fall clean-up at the church Saturday, November 12 from 9-12 a.m.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. with a pastoral prayer of concern for those in the congregation in need of our support, followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison, and then the passing of the peace

## Deacons Highlights



### Regular Meeting | November 1, 2016

- Deacon Steve Cameron led with a selection from *Our Daily Bread*
- The cares and concerns of the congregation were shared with focus on those who are ill, in the hospital, recovering at home, and finding new homes to live in
- The deacons heard reports from the ministry teams:
  - Christian Education: reviewed financial information such as background checks; support to Ghana has been discontinued because there has been no feedback from them to let us know their needs; Christmas play has been selected; a discussion on financial support to give Bibles to third graders; Junior high outings are planned – bowling, go karting, laser tag; confirmation classes for 8<sup>th</sup> graders (10 potential students) are being planned; next year's mission trip has a projected number of 20 teens and 4 adults; the turkey dinner was successful and gained \$1300 for the mission trip; Shop Rite gift cards and clothing donations are ongoing; boxes of treats have been sent to the college students and one person in the military
  - Evangelism and Membership: an outing of bowling is planned; the walk in Alexandria Park brought out a few adults and kids; team is proposing dates for Christmas caroling and the Yankee swap
  - Building and Property: a clean-up day is scheduled on November 12; an Eagle project of building a basketball court is in discussion
  - Mission Interpretation: the team is figuring out what teams are responsible for which activities so that there are clear cut boundaries regarding duties; New ministries that are being considered include expanding our interaction with Norwescap and Grow a Row; the team is considering themes around mission to convey the purpose of mission
  - Stewardship and Finance: This year's theme is focused on celebrating generosity; for three weeks there will be a fellowship time with cake following Sunday service to emphasize generosity; themes are God's generosity, the church's generosity, and personal generosity; a second letter regarding the stewardship campaign will be mailed this week
- College boxes went out
- Turkey boxes for Frenchtown food pantry are coming along wonderfully; 28 turkeys are promised; packing day is the Saturday, November 19 at 8:30 a.m. There is a need for 2+ drivers because boxes take up more room than bags
- A new wheelchair has been donated; a home is being sought for it
- Christmas family: The needs of the parents as well as children will be identified; the parents will provide a wish list for the children; a box for gift giving will be in Fellowship Hall; gift cards are appreciated from places like Starbucks, iTunes, Dunkin Donuts, movies, Kohl's, gas, and WaWa; anyone who has a small tree for placing wish tags on it please let Cathy know
- January's project will be to consider the needs of people who serve in the military



## Messages from the Heart

Thank you for the opportunity to do my Eagle project. I learned so much and hope the members are happy with the improvements. Thanks, Jake Norgard



*The Grove at Alexandria Church, before and after*

I have been going to this church for most of my life. Similarly, I have been involved with scouting for many years. As my scouting journey progressed, the time came for me to start my Eagle Scout project. As you have probably noticed, our church now has an enclosure around the dumpster and the recycling can. This was my Eagle Scout project and I was very happy to do it for this church. I have long thought about doing my project for this church because of all the great experiences I have had from being a part of this church family. But my decision was confirmed when I saw how much this church congregation supported my family during my father's illness.

When my dad first found out that he had kidney failure he was told to immediately go to the emergency room. This was a huge surprise to him and he had no opportunity to prepare. He stayed in the hospital for about two weeks. In this initial stay at the hospital, my family received an immense amount of support from this church congregation. We received a dinner every night he stayed at the hospital so we would have time to visit him, and we received various offers for support. The amazing members of this congregation continued to support us through his recovery. The amount of compassion that this congregation has showed to our family has never ceased to amaze me. The Holy Spirit is truly present in the members of this church.

My project is now complete and I hope it will help express how thankful I am to be a part of such a great church family. I cannot possibly think of a beneficiary more deserving of this act of service than this church congregation. I am beyond happy to have had the opportunity to complete an Eagle Scout project for such a deserving church congregation at Alexandria First Presbyterian Church.

Sincerely, John McDowall



*Garbage and Recycling Area, before and after*

## Worship Assistants

- Dec 4** Nancy Schumann  
**Dec 11** Steve Cameron  
**Dec 18** Jeri Bone  
**Dec 25** Karl Nielsen

## Ushers

- Dec 4** Gunderman family  
**Dec 11** Strangfeld family  
**Dec 18** Jeanne Cole, Debbie Cortelyou  
**Dec 25** Skibinski family

## Communion Servers

- Dec 4** Brad Bondor, Doug Bondor,  
Lois Bondor, Nancy Schumann  
**Dec 24** Evelyn Cameron, Steve Cameron,  
Pat Keefe, Karl Nielsen



## Special Dates

*Also see the main calendar on page 13*

- Dec 18** Service of Lessons and Carols  
**Dec 24** Christmas Eve services

## Coming Up

- Jan 1** Communion  
**Jan 21** Presbytery sponsored leadership training



## Our Ministry Team Officers

**Building and Property** Doug Bondor (D), Marty Gunderman (E), Jim Hansen (E)

**Christian Education** Jim Bush (E), Barbara Pederson (E), Alicia Scurti (D)

**Evangelism/Membership** Lois Bondor (E), Debbie Cortelyou (D), Cyndi McDowall (E), Cathy Torrey (D), Carol Van Norman (D)

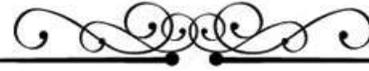
**Mission Interpretation** Brad Bondor (E), Steve Cameron (D), Lainey Johns (E), Alice Hansen (D)

**Nominating** Jim Bush (E), Joan Carroll (E)

**Personnel** Joan Carroll (E), Helen Jones (D), Laura Navarro (E)

**Stewardship and Finance** Pat Keefe (D), Denis Goldman (E), Karl Nielsen (E), Eric Strangfeld (D)

**Worship and Music** Jeri Bone (E), Evelyn Cameron (D), Howard Jones (E), Tammy Sassaman (D) *(E: Elder, D: Deacon)*



The vision of Alexandria First Presbyterian Church is to gather in God's grace and to be led by the Holy Spirit. We joyfully worship, prayerfully seek, and gratefully share as a loving family growing in Jesus Christ.

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF BRANCHES IS THE 3<sup>rd</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH**

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## How to Reach the Pastor

### Rev. Nick Hatch

- Through the church office Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **908-996-4333**
- By the church's website on the "contact us" link: [www.alexpres.org](http://www.alexpres.org)
- Via his email: [pastornickhatch@gmail.com](mailto:pastornickhatch@gmail.com)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				7:00 Chancel Choir 4:15 Worship and Music		
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>                      10:00 Worship, communion                      11:00 Fellowship and refreshments                      11:00 Christmas play practice</p>	6:30 Boy Scouts 7:30 Bible study	9:00 Bulletin deadline 9:30 Bible study 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:00 Deacons	6:00 Men's Bible study 9:00 Session materials due 9:30 Bible study	7:00 Chancel Choir 7:30 Boy Scouts		
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>                      10:00 Worship                      10:15 Sunday school                      11:00 Fellowship and refreshments                      11:00 Christmas play practice                      2:00 Boy Scouts                      2:15 Membership concert, Doylestown</p>	6:00 Boy Scouts	9:00 Bulletin deadline 9:30 Bible study 6:00 Boy Scouts  Last day to drop off gifts for local families	6:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Bible study 7:00 Session	9:00 <i>January</i> Branches deadline 7:00 Chancel Choir	7:00 Pack meeting	
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>                      10:00 Lessons and Carols                      11:00 Fellowship and refreshments                      11:00 Christmas dress rehearsal                      11:15 Caring Hands Crafters                      2:00 Caroling</p>	6:30 Boy Scouts 7:30 Bible study	9:00 Bulletin deadline 9:30 Bible study 6:00 Boy Scouts	6:00 Men's Bible study 9:30 Bible study 5:30 Girl Scouts	7:00 Chancel Choir		<p><b>Christmas Eve</b>                      6:00 Family worship, Christmas play                      9:00 Worship, candlelight, communion</p>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
<p><b>Rejoice! Christmas Day</b>                      10:00 Worship</p>	Church office closed	9:00 Bulletin deadline 9:30 Bible study 6:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Building and Property 7:00 Mission Interpretation	6:00 Men's Bible study 9:30 Bible study			<p><b>New Year's Eve</b></p>

