



Branches

Alexandria First Presbyterian Church

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

January 2018

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A Note from Nick

Dear Friends,

As I reflect on the beginning of the New Year I'm reminded of all of the New Year's resolutions that many of us will be making. Many of us make resolutions like: eat better, exercise more, get more sleep, etc. In fact, more people join health clubs in January than any other month of the year! There is something about the beginning of the New Year that makes us want to start fresh and make positive changes in our lives. It could be the fact that a New Year has begun, but I'd like to think that it is more than just the date on our calendars. You see, during Advent we light our Advent candles as a reminder that Christ's birth brings hope, peace, joy, and love into our world. Celebrating the birth of our Savior is a reminder of God's redeeming presence in our lives. The arrival of a Savior is inspiring and hopeful!

In the spirit of that renewed hope I would like to challenge each of us to think of a different type of New Year's resolution . . . could you think of one new ministry that you could begin this year? Maybe it would be singing in the choir, or joining a ministry team, or helping out with Vacation Bible School. Or possibly you might even consider if you are feeling called to be a deacon or an elder? There are lots of ways to serve God at Alexandria First Presbyterian Church! I hope that in 2018 you might consider adding a new ministry to your walk of discipleship.

It is my prayer that each of us will find new hope for 2018, not because of the calendar changing, but because of God's presence in our lives. May God bless you and your ministry to God in the coming New Year!

In Christ,

Pastor Nick

Tending the Flock

Baptisms

We rejoice with those who are celebrating their baptism anniversary. It was in January that Luke Bender, Patty Bender, Tyler Bender, Rebecca McKinnon, Alicia Scurti, and Ariana Scurti became children of God through the sacrament of baptism. Congratulations and blessings!

Inclement Weather

During an instance of bad weather, an early-morning decision will be made whether to hold worship or not. Under consideration will be the condition of the roads in general and of our church parking lot specifically. Check the church website or the outgoing message on our voice mail for information.

Thank You

The Worship and Music Team would like to thank each and every volunteer who helped out at the Christmas concert. This is an amazing church! Thank you to the ushers, the cookie bakers, the soup and bread crew, the stagehands, the parking attendants, the nursery helpers, the clean-up crew, and concert managers. Keeping things coordinated is a mighty task and all of you did a beautiful job. Please accept our heartfelt thanks. It was a marvelous evening.

Epiphany

Chalking the Door

The English word *epiphany* is rooted in the Greek word *epipháneia*. An epiphany is a revelation or manifestation. All six occurrences of epiphanies in the New Testament's original Greek language refer to Christ's coming. The story portrays the manifestation of God in person. The Most High is shown forth in the least likely, humblest guise.

A centuries-old Epiphany tradition is known as "chalking the door." On Epiphany, the day following the Twelfth Day of Christmas, guests gather at a home to invoke the Magi's and Christ's own blessing upon it. Drawing on the second chapter of Matthew — the only Gospel depicting the Magi — those gathered may read a brief responsive liturgy or say a prayer.

The initials CMB abbreviate a Latin house blessing, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, meaning "May Christ bless this dwelling." Chalking the door on the Feast of Epiphany involves writing with chalk these three letters, interspersed with crosses and flanked by the numbers of the present year on the lintel of a house's front door.

Epiphany is observed on January 6. Mark that day by chalking your own door. If you do, here's how your inscription will look: **20 + C + M + B + 18**



Annual Meeting of the Congregation

January 28 | 11 a.m.

The congregation will hold its annual meeting to receive statistical and financial reports for 2017, to receive the local and mission budgets for 2018, and to address matters of the corporation. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary. All members and friends of the church are welcome to attend. Copies of the annual report will be distributed Sunday, January 21.

Our Yankee Swap Is Coming

January 6 | 6 p.m.

Save the date of January 6th for a great time. We are holding our laugh-a-minute Yankee Swap gift exchange at the home of Lois and Doug Bondor. This is an adult night out for anyone who loves good company and great food. So hold on to that special or unusual gift from Aunt Tillie and share it with a church friend at our Yankee Swap. One gift per person/give one, get one! Remember, re-gifting is not only OK, but encouraged! Mark your calendar now and rsvp by January 4.



We Told the Story

The Birth of King Jesus

On Christmas Eve, the children and youth of our church told the wonderful story of Jesus' birth by performing the play *The Birth of King Jesus*. Participants, including preschoolers up through high school students, filled the roles of the narrator, Mary, Joseph, an angel, shepherds, cows, and sheep and presented the nativity story with joy and enthusiasm. The Christian Education Team is grateful to the parents who enabled their children to participate by bringing them to rehearsals and helping them practice at home, the children and youth who brought the story to life with their heartfelt performances, a team of behind-the-scenes helpers, and everyone who was there to enjoy the play. May we continue to rejoice at Jesus' birth and feel the wonders of his love every day of the year!

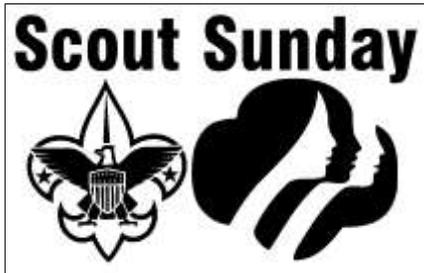
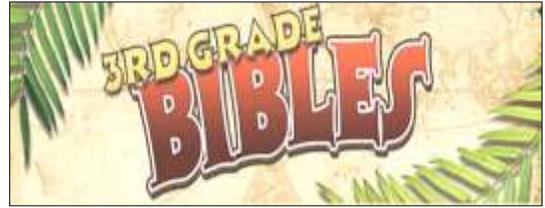


The Birth of King Jesus
Presented by the Sunday School of Alexandria Church

Bible Sunday

January 7, 2018

An exciting day in the life of our church family is coming up—the day our 3rd graders receive their own personal Bibles. Join us Sunday, January 7, 2018 as we present Bibles to our youngest Christian scholars.



Scout Sunday

February 4, 2018

A Scout is reverent. Scouting provides fun, fellowship and training to our youth while emphasizing honesty, self-reliance and respect. These values strengthen a Scout's character in family, community, and faith. Alexandria Church will celebrate Scout Sunday on February 4, 2018 during our family worship service beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Scout Sunday tradition was started to spread awareness through the community and to allow Scouts to live out their duty to God. All Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Scout leaders are invited to wear their Scout uniform or other Scout-friendly apparel for this special celebration. Come share your Scout spirit while doing your duty to God with Alexandria First!

January Birthdays

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2 Pat Gendek-Sutton | 7 Tyler Unkert | 14 Allison Lessig | 25 Karl Nielsen |
| 3 Richard Erlandson | 8 Craig Bender | 16 Howard Thomas | 26 John Lentine |
| 4 Andrea Pederson | Shirley Krautwald | 17 Lisa Schneider | Claire Parsons |
| 5 Will Fritsche | 10 Joe Bercaw | 18 Irene Fennell | 27 Ryan Abelman |
| 6 Kyle Ferdinando | 12 Alyssa Schuetz | 21 Dean Erlandson | Sarah Wardach |
| Isabel Navarro | 13 Isa Knapp | 22 Martha Harrison | 29 Maureen Sutton |
| Carol Pfefferle | 14 Lu Branson | Nancy Schumann | 31 Scott Schuetz |

Great News!

THE ARCHITECT'S DRAWINGS HAVE BEEN FINALIZED!
Please Join Us on Sunday, January 14 to Celebrate

Immediately after worship on the 14th we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and to have the opportunity to view the finalized drawings. Check out how the renovated youth room will be dramatically changed, including updated bathrooms. Team members will be present to answer any questions you may have about the drawings.
 So please join us!
 Blessings,
 The Capital Campaign Team



Caring Hands Crafters

Next meeting: Sunday, January 21 | 11:15 a.m.

There's always a warm and welcoming place waiting for you at our Caring Hands Crafters group. We meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month to share the projects we work on at home, to answer questions about knitting or crochet, and to make suggestions on how our skills might be used for the betterment of our brothers and sisters in Christ. We enjoyed our break over December and now we're rested up and raring to go! Our next gathering will be January 21. We do hope you'll join us for the

whole hour or just to pop in to enjoy a homemade treat and to see what we're up to! Please call the church office with any questions.

Mission Interpretation

It's What We Do



COME DRIVE WITH US! America's Grow-a-Row winter grocery store gleaning continues through Spring 2018. Come join our team of AFPC volunteers to drive produce from Clinton's Shop Rite to Phillipsburg's Branching Out Food Pantry every other Thursday (just over an hour door to door). Sign up on the Mission bulletin board outside the choir room or contact Lainey Johns.



BABY ITS COLD OUTSIDE! It's hard to imagine not having that coat, hat, or scarf when the temps turn frigid, but it's a harsh reality for many. Please donate to our Share the Warmth Clothing Drive January 14 through 19, 2018.



SCORE BIG WITH SOUP! It'll soon be the "Super" Bowl season and time to rally around your favorite NFL teams! To get in the game, the Mission Interpretation Team is holding a "Souper" Bowl Canned Soup Drive just in time for the NFL's February 4, 2018 big game. Please bring in cans of soup (preferably low sodium) starting Sunday February 4, 2018 through Sunday the 11th. Labeled boxes are in the narthex and the Fellowship Hall for your contributions. Look for the goal posts to score big with soup! Please see any member of your Mission Interpretation Team if you have questions: Brad Bondor, Evelyn Cameron, Lainey Johns, Marie Knapp, or Larry Reinfeld.

submitted by Lainey Johns

Christmas Joy Offering



This year's 2017 Christmas Joy Offering opportunity was received with joyful giving and compassion. Your donations this past December's Christmas Eve totaled just over \$700 dollars. It is truly Good News with equal distribution to The Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and student scholarships at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. Thank you for your continued and heart-felt generosity.



A Note to Parents

Parents, the Evangelism and Membership Team wants you to heighten your enjoyment of fellowship after church for the New Year 2018. It will be easier for you now that the Sunday school teachers and high school helpers will bring your children up to you, instead of you heading downstairs to get them after church. Please feel free to stay in Fellowship Hall after church and enjoy fellowship with your church family and we will bring your children up to you. We will make sure all children are reunited with their parents upstairs, but as always if you have any concerns please feel free to contact Barbara Pederson or Cyndi McDowall. Happy fellowshiping!





**SHARE
the
WARMTH**

Winter Clothing Drive to Benefit Trenton Rescue Mission
Sunday, January 14 through Friday, January 19
9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily

Donations may be left in classroom #5
Enter through the door by the church offices

Belts, handbags, shoes, coats, linens, towels, gloves, hats, blankets
Also sample sized shampoos, lotions, toothpaste, deodorant, toothbrushes, soaps, etc.

Emphasis on winter clothing, but all seasons are accepted

Contact Robin Vogel with questions

Please place all items in securely fastened plastic bags (no paper, no boxes)

Worn, torn, and stained items are also accepted

Insure all items are clean

No household items, toys, furniture, bric-a-brac

Please share this information to your neighbors and friends to help us increase our donation

Requesting Use of the Facility?

Just a reminder . . . Our governing board the Session approves all uses of the church facilities. Session meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month except during July and August. All requests will be considered by Session once a month at their regularly scheduled meeting. To request the use of our facilities for your group, please contact the church office and the request-form and building-use policy will be emailed to you. Please allow a minimum of one month for your event to be considered by Session.



Giving Envelopes

For those of you who requested numbered giving envelopes for 2018, please pick up your box from Fellowship Hall on Sunday. Call the church office if you cannot get to church to retrieve your box and it will be delivered to you. If you have questions, don't see your box, or want to request one please contact Karl Nielsen.

Grace the Sanctuary with Flowers



Many people enjoy providing flowers for Sunday worship in memory of a loved one, to honor someone, or to celebrate a happy occasion. This is easy to do! The 2018 flower chart is on a bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall along with the flower request forms. Please put your name on the chart for the date you wish to donate flowers. Then grab a form and jot down the information to be listed in the bulletin and check off the appropriate box for providing flowers or making a payment. *Please do not leave payments in the completed form envelope*, but instead put them in the offering plate, noting "flowers" on the memo line of the check. Cash payments may be put in the offering plate in an envelope with your name and the word "flowers." The cost is \$20. If you have any questions, please talk to flower coordinator Lois Bondor. She will give you a reminder call the week before your donation date. You are welcomed to take the flowers at the conclusion of the service. Thank you for participating in our flower ministry!

Photos Wanted

The Presbyterian Planning Calendar, a popular publication of the Presbyterian Church USA, is seeking photos from congregations for use in its 2018-19 edition. Focusing on vital congregations and mission activities, the request for images also asks for examples of the "unsung heroes" of our congregation.

Photos should feature congregation members engaged in activities including worship, mission service, creativity and the arts, and direct outreach. The format of the calendar is "landscape," meaning photos should be wider than tall, and high resolution photographs with a minimum resolution of 2000 x 1500 pixels (no smaller than 1 MB) are requested for best printing. Please include a caption and photo credit with each image. If children are pictured, please ensure the use and distribution of your photo complies with your safe church policy.

The deadline for submissions is January 15, 2018. Photos should be emailed to the planning calendar manager, Jackie Carter at Jackie.Carter@pcusa.org. Feel free to call 502-569-5772 with any questions.





"for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up" Ephesians 4:12

Leadership Training Event 2018
 A Cooperative Effort of Educational Ministries of
 Elizabeth, Monmouth, and New Brunswick Presbyteries

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018
 at Princeton Theological Seminary

Snow date Saturday, February 3

See our bulletin board flyers for more information,
 call the church office, or visit
<http://presnb.com/2017/gathering-at-the-river-equipping-the-saints-2018/>

Breaking Out of Our Boundaries
 Connecting social media streams to the river of the water of life
 and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.
 8:00 a.m. registration in Stuart Hall

New Year Resolutions

When Americans make New Year's resolutions, a better relationship with God ranks almost as high as better health. Older Americans, African-Americans, Hispanics, and Christians are all more likely to say they've made their resolutions about God instead of about health. "We don't hear a lot of talk about it, but a relationship with God is still something people want," said LifeWay Research vice president Scott McConnell. "They have time at the holidays to think and they realize what they didn't do last year—things they value but are not living out. So they start the year with an aspiration to change."

While health and faith are the leading topics for New Year's resolutions, Americans also report addressing their use of time, relationships with a family member, workable finances, and relationships with a friend. "Investing in a relationship with God may encourage people to address other priorities as well such as spending time with family or fixing their finances. This research shows faith has a prominent place in New Year's resolutions. Many people want to take steps to make God a greater part of their lives."

Lisa Cannon Green is senior writer for Facts & Trends magazine

From the Presbyterian Historical Society

Quick trivia question: In what language was the first Bible in the Western Hemisphere printed? The answer is Algonquin.

Today you can find a “Made in the USA” Bible in nearly every hotel room in America; most Gideon Bibles, for example, are printed in the Nashville area. But Bible publishing in the American colonies was largely non-existent. English publishers provided the great majority of Good Books used in the colonies before the Revolutionary War, a dominance that was assured by a royal copyright barring their publication in the New World. Between 1663 and 1782, a span of 119 years, only three Bibles were published in America. All three are represented at the Presbyterian Historical Society.

John Eliot was a graduate of England’s Cambridge University and arrived in Boston in 1631. He soon began ministering to Native Americans in Roxbury. Eliot’s zeal to convert New England’s original inhabitants was shared by many of his fellow Puritans and by Parliament. The Puritans established villages for Native American Christians, or “praying Indians,” in modern-day Natick and Newton as well as other parts of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

Eliot was famous among Puritan missionaries for tackling the main barrier to conversion: language. With the help of an Indian known as Cockenoe, Eliot began to learn the native tongue. In 1646, he delivered the first Christian sermon in an Indian language at Nonantum, Massachusetts.

On a more local front, Eliot is related to one of the pastors of Alexandria Church: Henry Bond Elliott. Elliott served our church from 1844 to 1846. Ours was his first call following graduation from Union Theological Seminary in New York.

David Koch, Presbyterian Historical Society

Our Church History

Here are the highlights from our church community from 10 years ago in 2008.

- After much discussion and prayerful consideration a balanced budget of \$265,030 was approved
- Joyfully approved to endorse Tom Jones’ move to the status of Candidate for Ministry from Inquirer. Tom expressed his heartfelt thanks to the congregation for all their loving support and financial assistance
- The Manse Task Force presented its final recommendations
- A group of adults tended to much needed repairs in New Orleans following the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina and another group traveled to West Virginia to help in that impoverished area
- Approval was granted to establish a pipe organ restoration fund with the goal of restoring our pipe organ
- A change of names was given to the various church committees. They will now be referred to as ministry teams
- A plan of a pastor sabbatical to be taken every 5 years was introduced and approved
- Richard Smith was hired as Director of Youth Ministry
- There were 58 students enrolled in the Sunday school program
- The congregation sponsored a bus trip to Riverside Church, Manhattan to attend a concert by the Altino Chorale
- Session held a day-long retreat for the elders at the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church



Deacons Highlights

December 5, 2017

- Deacon Evelyn Cameron read from Ephesians about love and compassion
- The cares and concerns of the congregation were shared. Several members are recovering from surgery and a memorial service is planned for the beginning of January
- Carol Van Norman bought a grave blanket and placed it on Art Pfefferle's grave
- 13 turkey boxes were completed. There were 2 boxes of extras and 18 turkeys. Kingwood GSA provided turkeys as well
- Christmas families: Tammy coordinated this project. There are two families and one little boy
- Two large boxes for additional toys for children
- Plants for shut-ins: Poinsettias and candy canes for 4 members
- Servicemen/women: February. Pat will provide a list of items
- The Ministry Teams provided their reports:
 - Christian Education: The Christmas concert is on December 10 with performances at 3 and 6 p.m. and there is a play on Christmas Eve. A group of children were taken to see the movie *The Star*
 - Evangelism/Membership: there was a low turnout for the bowling event; caroling will be on December 17 with 5 houses to visit, followed by refreshments; thinking about having 2 banners on the lawn in January to increase church visibility; the Yankee Swap will be on January 6 at 6 p.m. at the Bondor's; Marion Schick's memorial service is also January 6; Game Day will be February 11 at 2 p.m.; and Fellowship Night Out will be at Marianna's on March 3
 - Mission Interpretation: winter gleaning from Shop Rite in Clinton continues; clothing drive coming in January; Caring Hands Crafters made caps for the veteran's home; Christmas Joy Offering will be taken during Advent; Sunday school is participating in sending chickens to the needy; Alice Hansen is coordinating the food pantry
 - Personnel: Budget review of staff salaries was completed
 - Stewardship/Finance: some people, who usually pledge, have not responded yet so total amount of pledges is not available



Lord,

In the midst of winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce —
remind us of the warmth of your love.

In the midst of winter, when days are short, dawn comes late,
and dusk arrives early —

remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.

In the midst of winter, when the flowers of spring still lie hidden in the earth,
when leaves are off the trees,
and the world seems bleak —

remind us that Easter is but a short time away.

And when in our lives we feel as if we are experiencing a season of winter,
reach out to us with the power of your resurrection so that we may feel the warmth of your love
and see your light that alone can take away the darkness of our soul.

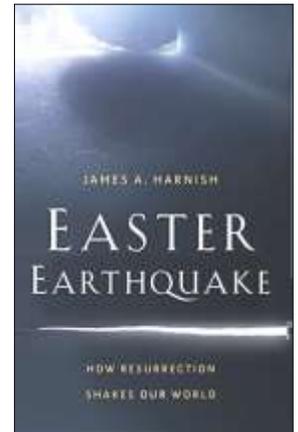


11th Annual Churchwide Lenten Study

Moving along in the liturgical calendar, we are looking forward to the Lenten season. This year Ash Wednesday falls on February 14, followed by Easter on April 1. Members of the Christian Education Team are gearing up for our 11th annual church-wide Lenten study.

We encourage you to participate in this unique opportunity to be in the Word with fellow Christians during the Lenten period.

- Source: *Easter Earthquake, How Resurrection Shakes OUR World*, James A. Harnish, Upper Room Books
- Synopsis: “Harnish invites us to explore how Jesus’ resurrection shifts our assumptions about ourselves. The earth shaking promise of Easter is that God has not forsaken any of us. The risen Christ will meet us along the confused, chaotic, fearful paths of our lives and speak the same words the women hear at the tomb, ‘Do not be afraid.’ ” (book jacket)
- This is a 7-week study. It will begin the week of February 11 and run through Easter
- Study groups have been scheduled with the following leaders: Nancy Schumann, Renee Skibinski, Stacy Butts and those sharing leadership for the Wednesday Women’s Bible study
- Another option will be to follow the study independently
- Sign-up for those planning to participate will take place between January 7 and 14
- If you will not be present on either of those Sundays, please contact Renee Skibinski via phone or via e-mail
- Participants are asked to cover the cost, payable upon receipt of the book when it is distributed on Sunday, February 26



December Flowers

- December 3** Flowers were given to the glory of God in celebration of Eric Strangfeld’s birthday
- December 10** Flowers were given to the glory of God in celebration of the Lyons’ anniversary
- December 17** Flowers were given to the glory of God
- December 24** Poinsettias were given to the glory of God by the congregation in memory and in honor of those most important in their lives
- December 31** Flowers were given to the glory of God by Oscar Philkill in loving memory of his wife Doris

Worship Assistants

- Jan 7** LuAnn Keefe
Jan 14 Craig Bender
Jan 21 Robin Pulsinelle
Jan 28 Rick Carroll

Ushers

- Jan 7** Norgard family
Jan 14 Martha Harrison, Carol Van Norman
Jan 21 Norgard family
Jan 28 Butz family

Communion Servers

- Jan 7** Evelyn Cameron, Steve Cameron,
LuAnn Keefe, Pat Keefe



Special Dates

Also see the main calendar on page 13

- Jan 6** Yankee Swap
Jan 7 Communion, Bible presentation
Jan 21 Confirmation parents meeting

Coming Up

- Feb 3** Equipping the Saints
Feb 4 Communion, Scout Sunday
Feb 11 Confirmation kick off, Game Day
Feb 14 Ash Wednesday, communion



Our Ministry Team Officers

Building and Property Marty Gunderman (E), Jim Hansen (E)

Christian Education Alicia Apgar (D), Cyndi McDowall (E),
Barbara Pederson (E)

Evangelism/Membership Lois Bondor (E), Howard Jones (E),
Cathy Torrey (D), Carol Van Norman (D)

Mission Interpretation Brad Bondor (E), Evelyn Cameron (D),
Lainey Johns (E)

Nominating Joan Carroll (E), Cyndi McDowall (E)

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

Stewardship and Finance Pat Keefe (D), Karl Nielsen (E),
Robin Vogel (E)

Worship and Music Jeri Bone (E), LuAnn Keefe (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.

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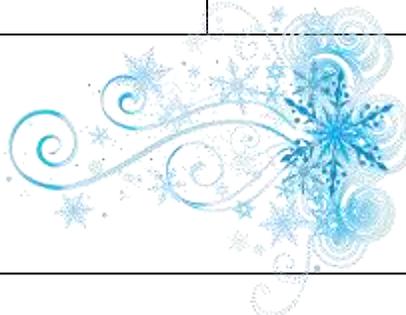
How to Reach the Pastor

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
- Via his email: nhatch@alexpres.org

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7 9:00 Christian Ed meets 10:00 Worship, communion, Bible presentation 11:00 Refreshments, fellowship 4:00 Boy Scouts 5:30 Boy Scouts	8	9 9:00 Bulletin deadline 9:30 Bible study 6:30 Boy Scouts	10 9:30 Bible study 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Session	11 6:30 Brownies 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:30 Boy Scouts	12	13 Presbytery, Bound Brook Presbyterian Church
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Deacon of the Week
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 January 14 Cathy Torrey
 January 21 Carol Van Norman
 January 28 Pat Keefe

