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Chiming in...

The season of preparation is now upon us. Thanksgiving food items are on sale and everywhere you look, marketers are busy trying to convince you that Christmas is right around the corner! I do not mind the early advertising, since I love Christmas. I have learned to accept it as something retailers like to do in their own competitive world.

For me, the holidays or HOLY DAYS, as I like to think of them, are an opportunity to celebrate and remember. It is a time to have an ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE in all things.

To be perfectly honest though, I have had years when I was not grateful or ready to celebrate. Often the "Keeping up with the Jones' mentality" would grab hold and I would be out like a maniac trying to buy more and do more, when I had very little.

One year in particular, I sat in a school Christmas concert audience, feeling anything but merry. The strangers around me were talking about their Christmas plans which included flights to Disneyworld or the Bahamas. They were sporting new winter wear. I sat there and looked at my sorry excuse for a coat and could feel no joy. We had no money for Christmas and I couldn't afford boots for my children. I was in full blown depression and silently, and even angrily, I hated my neighbors. But then I remembered something a friend once told me. "Those are 1st world problems", he said.

What he meant was, our problems of not being able to fill the living room floor with presents or fly off to Cancun were small compared to the problems of ¾ of the world where they have no money for food or shelter, and live in fear. Sadly, that could be in our own neighborhood! So when my daughter came out to sing a solo, I took a deep breath and made a decision.

I reset my attitude. I would from now on look upon the season as a time to celebrate what we do have – which is plenty. I would look upon the season as a time to remember that there are those who need my help. I would remember that I truly have so much to be grateful for and have so much I can share.

So as I am preparing to feast on food, I will not forget those who have none, and bring in food for the food pantry. As I am preparing to pile up the presents (we will have a few), I will not forget those who may have none and will bring in some for our church giving tree.

I will live with less, so others can have more and I will fill my heart with an ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE.

By remembering our neighbors during the holidays, we make our holidays HOLY. As a Christian, that is my greatest wish.

May your season, be filled with simple things and simple blessings. May your neighborly sharing bring you joy and may your darkness be filled with the light of God in your hearts during this season of love. IN service to the Christ child, I wish you and yours the very merriest of HOLY DAYS.

Rev. Sue

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Elevator Concerns

WE WILL BE STREAMING THE SERVICE DOWNSTAIRS. As many of you know, our elevator into the sanctuary is not working. In the meantime, we are setting up the parlor as a place for people to sit and watch and listen to the service upstairs. At the Quarterly Meeting, they approved monies to go towards repairing the elevator. It will take some time. Please come join us! We apologize for this inconvenience and ask for your patience.

~IMPORTANT~

If you have a **pastoral emergency, and cannot reach Rev. Sue through the office, you may call her at 781-724-9831**, or call Deacon Debbie Kelchner at 401-524-2007. Rev. Sue is on vacation Friday, November 28th – Sunday, November 30th. You may also call Judith Anderson at 401-829-2750.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE NEWS

For more information on any of the following committees, please contact the church office at 635-8472 or email Dawn at dawn@ucc.necoxmail.com

Board of Deacons

BG Shanklin, Deacon

Going in Circles

Going around in circles. Usually this is not seen as a positive phrase. It conjures up images of

confusion, frustration, ...lost time. The Health and Wellness Committee disagrees and in fact, would enjoy having our Church members circling round and round. Perhaps they have a point. That point is not about confusion but about relaxation and release.

The Health and Wellness Committee's thought of the Congregation milling about is a benevolent one. By walking within a physically defined path, a guided path, the body concentrates on remaining within the path and thus is 'occupied' with a task. The mind is allowed to roam freely and trusts the body to guide it. This is the basis of the practice called a "walking meditation." It is a way of disconnecting and connecting simultaneously. Kind of like giving the kids something to do, while you go off to take a break. Your body is 'the kids' and your mind gets to take the break. This is not conjecture – the benefits have been studied and documented and found to have many long term positive effects. No pills, no salves, just a path.

This is also not a new thought. Historical sites throughout the world have dedicated pathways used for thought and reflection. Evidence of the technique exist in 3,500 year old stone symbols. Sometimes these paths were quite arduous, requiring days to accomplish and personal hardship. To symbolically represent a pilgrimage and allow all to share the meditative experience, the circular "Labyrinth" path was devised. It was often a ring of concentric

circles winding back and forth: one path-one entry-many turns-one center-and then one exits by retracing the path back to its beginning. This is not a garden maze where hedges conceal the turns of the path. All turns are visible, one can chose to end the walk at any time and just walk away in any direction.

So - to promote this beneficial perambulation, the Committee is going to create a temporary Labyrinth on the lawn to the north of the Church. The Labyrinth at the Cathedral of Notre Dame de Chartres (to the right of Paris) upon which our temporary one is based, is inlaid flush on the floor of the Cathedral, made of honey colored limestone lined with marble, and has been in place for over 800 years. Ours will be made of clothespins, ribbon and string, and should last for about two weeks. It will be 40 feet in diameter and have 11 concentric rings, defining one way in, the same way out. Assembly should be completed by Saturday afternoon, Nov. 22nd, so please test it out and go for a spin, literally.

Bells are tolling...

Passings – Members & Friends

Our sympathies to the families of:

Hiram W. Emery, Jr.
October 29, 2014 (M)

Buildings & Grounds

Peter Derbyshire, Chair

In case you haven't noticed, Buildings and Grounds has been working on many projects...

The **holly trees** have been moved to the west side of the church. One has been planted in memory of Dr. Joe Sherer, one in memory of Marjorie Bullock, and the newest tree in memory of Bill Bullock. We are planning to light them for the holiday season.

New woodchips have been spread out in the playground behind the Parish House in order to satisfy coding issues for safety.

Our church vestry floors are being cleaned and waxed on December 1st – 4th. They will need these four days to dry. Please be advised of this time frame. We want them to be shiny for the holidays!

Finance Committee

Bob Hartnett, Chair

As the holidays near it is a good time to remind everyone just how important their financial support is to our Church. Without your continued support our Church would not be what it has become. The everyday expenses alone can be a challenge. When the elevator decided to call it quits a few weeks ago, the Congregation

was there to approve the funds needed to make these costly repairs. Thank you! Unfortunately, much more work has to be done and without you none of this would be possible.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

On December 24th, there will be two Christmas Eve services, 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm.

The 5:00 pm service will be geared for families with children. The music will include the Junior Choir as well as all of your favorite Christmas hymns. We will also have youth read the nativity story which will be complimented by a visual presentation. (If your child is interested in reading, please send an email to Heather at ssfaithful@ucc.necoxmail.com

The 10:00 pm candlelight service will feature ancient lessons and carols including the Adult Choir and special music.

**THERE IS NO
CHURCH SERVICE ON
CHRISTMAS DAY**

Health & Wellness Ministry / Shawl Ministry

Wendy Merriman

We are excited about our ministries -- BG Shanklin is constructing a labyrinth for all of us in back of the church, Christine Merriman is coming in December to share her new role as a Holistic Health Coach, and we are looking forward to our new Book corner.

Knitters are knitting, Sue Chase is keeping us in touch with the Wellness Center and Wendy and Judith attended an expo on "Finding Signs After Loss".

Our committee is available for your thoughts and ideas.

Bereavement - *Judith Anderson*
Shawl Ministry - *Pam Church*
Book Cart - *Karen Corrigan*
Community Outreach - *Susan Chase*
Other Health Concerns - *Wendy Merriman*

Each month, we will be sharing one of the above ministries. Please call the church office to contact any one of us.



CPR/AED Training

In order to provide support for the congregation should any one of us happen to go into cardiac arrest while we await the medical team, 11 more joined the group already certified in CPR and the use of the AED.

We thank them for their time and commitment.

Rev Sue Remick
Susan Chase
Cameron Church
Pam Church
Patrick Donovan
Debbie Kelchner
Kit Lawrence
Christine Merriman
Emily Rosenberg
BG Shanklin
Carolyn Wieman

We hope to offer another training in late spring.

Junior Choir



All-Church Christmas Caroling and light supper to follow. Please board the bus and join us for Christmas caroling as a church community on Sunday, December 21st from 3-5:30 p.m. Soup and homemade bread will be provided immediately following the caroling in the church vestry. Stephanie and the Junior Choir will lead us in song as we tour the town of Little Compton caroling to the homes of local shut-ins. Church members and families are highly encouraged to join us for a festive evening of neighborly Christmas cheer. What a great way for our church family to celebrate this Christmas season

together — don't miss out! Sign-up on the sheet posted in the vestry or call the Church office at 635-8472. Also, please feel free to make suggestions on who we should visit and we will do our best to accommodate!

Music Committee

*Peter Fallon & Steve Walker
Co-Chairs*

Using proceeds from the Hawes Brayton Trust, the Music Committee and the Congregation authorized the purchase of a hundred and twenty two year old Chickering symphony grand piano.

During the last few months, the piano has gone through minor repairs and refinishing and was delivered on November 19th. The delivery was interesting in that it had to be lifted by a boom on a truck and slid in through the fire escape. It was then gently moved to its present location.

The Music Committee is in the process of taking suggestions on the many different possibilities for the piano's use. Recitals and choir use as well as competitions featuring local pianists are some of the ideas that have been presented. We expect to hear many more.

We would also like to mention at this time, that the choir is in need of new members for all parts. We rehearse on Tuesday evenings and Sunday mornings before the service.

We do it because we have fun and love music!

Outreach Committee

*Shirley Hardison & Marsha LaPointe
Co-Chairs*



Donations are being accepted for our annual Christmas Food Baskets. In cooperation with the Little Compton Wellness Center, and other LC churches, over 50 baskets will be distributed to families throughout the Little Compton area just before Christmas. The baskets will be filled with the fixings for holiday dinners. You can drop your contribution into the specially marked basket on your way out of church or mail a check to the church office at your convenience. *Thank you from your neighbors in need.*



Participate in the "Giving Tree". Pick a gift label or two off the lovely tree that will be inside the church door just after Thanksgiving. Provide an **unwrapped** gift to the individual described on the label, "adult male", "young girl", etc. and place it back under the tree **by December 21st**. These gifts will

be distributed to local people before Christmas. A good gift idea for hard-to-find people is a gift card valid for use at one of our local merchants.

Sunday School

Heather Helger
Director of Children & Youth



S.S. Faithful

During this past month of November, the Sunday School children participated in a rotation based on Jesus' Lost Parables. Each workshop was based around one of the three stories. In their art workshop they learned the *Parable of the Lost (Prodigal) Son*. They created wire sculptures of the moment the loving father forgives his son. The focus of the cooking workshop was the *Parable of the Lost Sheep* and they created Cheerios sheep snacks. Finally, they learned the *Parable of the Lost Coin* and played a variety of games using coins.

Reminder that there is **NO Sunday School Nov. 30th**, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. If you remain in town over the weekend, we do encourage you to attend the service as a family to watch the lighting of the first Advent candle.

Advent CALENDAR Making

On this Sunday, Nov. 23rd, the RE Committee is hosting an Advent Calendar Making event, which is in lieu of Advent Wreath making this year. This change is due to the unfortunate mis-timing of

our Thanksgiving vacation which coincides with the First Sunday of Advent when we would typically make wreaths. Wreaths made too early would likely not last the Advent season, so we are trying something new by making calendars to use throughout the month instead. All church members are welcome to attend. We will meet upstairs in the Sunday School.

Christmas Outreach

This Sunday at Circle Time, families will be given a Christmas gift bag to fill with toiletries (a list will be provided). Please return no later than pageant Sunday, December 21st. These bags will accompany the Christmas baskets distributed to local families in need and are a much appreciated bonus to the families. We appreciate your participation and donations.

Christmas Pageant

The Christmas pageant this year will be held on December 21st. It is a new pageant, titled "It Wouldn't Be Christmas Without..." Pageant practices will be held after church on Dec. 7th and 14th with a dress rehearsal on Sat., Dec. 20th, time TBD.

Youth Group

The Youth Group spent their November meeting preparing an outreach project for our college kids. They made "Happy Advent" cards and wrapped them each up with chocolate advent calendar which were addressed and are now ready for mailing to our college-bound members just in time for the start of Advent.

This weekend the group will be gathering with Amicable and Holy Trinity youth to prepare and bake Apple Pies as a combined group fundraising effort for their upcoming June Youth trip to General Synod in Cleveland, OH. We sold 15 pies this year. Thank-you to everyone who purchased pies. They will be delivered this Sun., Nov. 23rd at church.

Confirmation

November was a very busy month for our Confirmands. They attended the Quarterly Meeting, participated in a RI UCC Mission event and went on a MAC UCC Confirmation Retreat. The Quarterly Meeting served as a great diving off point for a discussion on what privileges and responsibilities they will have as future voting members of our church congregation.

At the Mission event they visited Park Place Church in Pawtucket, learning briefly about its wonderful history, it's very spiritually thought-out construction and its small sized congregation but large sized outreach efforts. The youth then got down to their mission which included the cleaning of chairs used each week in the soup kitchen which feeds the homeless and poor of the community. After their experience, they wrote prayers on paper hands and feet, symbolizing the fact that we are Jesus' hands and feet which are needed to serve today's world.

Last weekend the group attended a Confirmation Retreat with the theme of Encountering and Embodying Jesus. The

activities encouraged the kids to encounter who Jesus was and to then recognize that they each embody Jesus through their unique spiritual gifts.



One great activity asked them to view many varied images of Jesus, visit:

http://www.rejesus.co.uk/site/module/faces_of_jesus/ to see them for yourself.



Advent Wreath Lighting

Families interested in lighting the Advent Wreath should contact Heather. New families to the Sunday School and families who have never lit the wreath before will be given priority and are highly encouraged to sign up.

Office News



Perhaps you've noticed all the work being done around the church. We would like to thank **Peter Derbyshire** for all the countless hours he's put in, **Cameron Clark** for video taping our Worship services, and **Russell Sisson** for making our new shelves in the Conference Room!



CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Church Office will be closed on Wednesday, December 24th through Thursday, January 1st. The office will re-open on Friday, January 2nd.

Please feel free to fill out a **KEEP IN TOUCH** card (KIT) [which can be found in the pews] if you need to update your information with us.

If you would like to share something for the Church Bell Newsletter, please submit your ideas to the office at dawn@ucc.necoxmail.com The office will review and print as space allows. Gratitude stories about our church, news from the Boards or committees, etc. are appreciated.

IMPORTANT: Please inform the church office if you know of anyone who may be in the hospital or if any member or friend has passed away. Also, please let us know if you know of any members who are planning to relocate.



Worship Service on DVD

For a short time, we are recording our Worship service on video. The cost of a DVD is \$5. If you would like a copy, please call the Church Office (635-8472). As always, we have the sermon recorded on CD. The cost for a CD is \$3.



WISHING You WELL

Beginning Sunday, December 7th through Saturday, December 13th

Leadership will be calling every member's household to wish them well. We will not take more than 2 minutes of your time unless you wish to talk. **We will not be asking for any volunteers or money.** We just want to wish you well and offer an opportunity for you to share concerns or suggestions. If we miss you, we will leave a message inviting you to respond if you so choose. Consider it a courtesy call because you are so special to us! This represents 224 households. This year we are only targeting our members. If you wish to be called or wish to share compliments or concerns, and are not a member, you can contact Ted Merriman or Debbie Kelchner.



CHURCH DIRECTORY

WE NEED
YOUR HELP!

We have a goal to have a directory draft in your hands by Dec. 21st.

We will have cards in the pews, and invite everyone to **OPT IN**. Think of how valuable it will be for the leadership and the new pastor to have a phonebook of our members and friends that is as complete as can be! If you cannot come to church, you may: **call the church office to say, "I'M IN!"**

What will you want in the directory?

- *Names (Required)
- Children (Optional)
- *Address (required)
- Do we have it?
- *Phone (Helpful)
- Email (Helpful)
- Picture (Optional)

After the holidays, we will focus on pictures and have a professional printing by March.

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE OF DECEMBER 10th! LOOK FOR THE OPT IN CARD OR CALL US.

Our deadline for the January newsletter is Friday, December 12th. This is early because of the holidays.



DECEMBER 28TH IS 'BELL SUNDAY'!

Bring a bell to church with you on December 28th and we can ring in the New Year together!



DO YOU HAVE A FEW MINUTES FOR PRAYER?

Rev. Sue is offering a Program for ADULTS called –E.C.P. (Exploring Contemporary Prayer)

It is open to all at any time. We will use resources from *Scripture Echo*.

We will gather on Sundays in the **Parish House Conference Room from 11:30am – 1:00pm** on the following dates:

- Sunday, December 14th**
- Sunday, January 11th**
- Sunday, February 15th**
- Sunday, March 8th**
- Sunday, April 19th**
- Sunday, May 17th**

We hope to see you at our next gathering!



The 21st Annual Ben Wilkie Memorial Tree Spree will be held on Sunday, December 7th from 1:00 – 7:00 PM in the Wilbur School gym. Dozens of themed decorated trees as well as other donated items will be available to win. All proceeds from the Tree Spree are used to fund scholarships administered by Little Compton Dollars for Scholars.

Coming in Our Next Issue...

- Committee News
- More news and fun
- More Blasts from the Past
- Children's Page

*Maybe Christmas,
the Grinch thought,
doesn't come from a
store.*

~ Dr. Seuss

"Away in a Manger" PLATE



Make this special plate as a gift to give this Christmas.

What you need:

- Clear glass plate
- Acrylic craft paint
- Paintbrush and water
- Black permanent marker

What you do:

1. Turn plate upside-down on table. Paint one of your palms brown, and press it on the center of the plate.
2. Rotate the plate so fingers point down. Using yellow paint, make a straw bed in the palm.
3. Mix white and brown paint for Jesus' face. Use white paint for a swaddled body.
4. Paint a yellow star above Jesus and a yellow border around the plate rim.
5. When paint is dry, turn plate over. With the marker, draw dots for Jesus' eyes and write the words of Luke 2:12 around the plate rim.

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Wendy Merriman

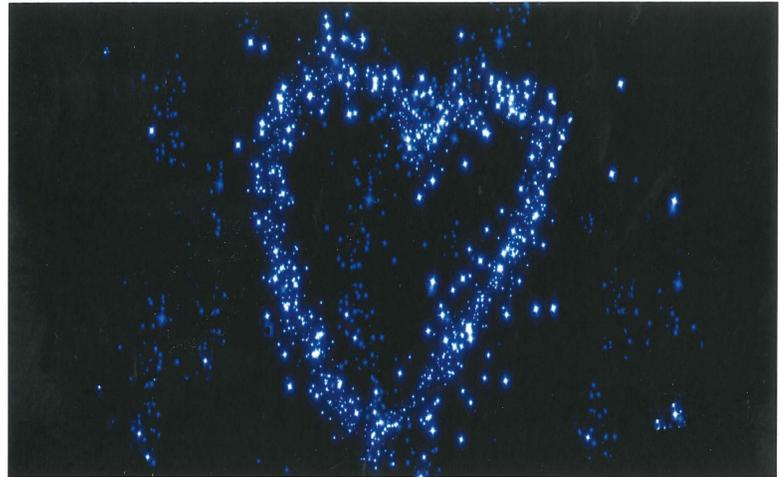
Deb Ross

gtcc
Greater Tiverton
Community Chorus

presents

Our Favorite Things

under the direction of **Beth Armstrong**
Melissa Woolverton, Accompanist



Friday, December 12, 2014 at 7:30 PM

St. John the Baptist Church 945 Main Road Westport, MA

Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 7:30 PM

First Congregational Church 300 High Street Bristol, RI

Sunday, December 14, 2014 at 2:30 PM

St. Theresa's Catholic Church 265 Stafford Road Tiverton, RI

Tickets \$12.00, children 16 and under admitted free

For information call (401) 253-7987

Email: bestar3@cox.net or go to www.gtccchorus.org



This program is supported by the Westport Cultural Council through a grant from the Helen E. Ellis Charitable Trust administered by Bank of America.

Lucy Chase

Bill White

Tom Schmitt

Hate Schmitt

A Blast From the Past!

Marjorie Simmons, Church Historian

United Congregational Church Christmas Bazaar

Our first Christmas Bazaar was held on December 2, 1961 in the Parish House which was followed by a supper in the church.

Our profit totaled \$834.11.



If you look closely at the artwork above, you will see the various tables that were featured at the bazaar.



Easiest Ever Christmas Candy

Ingredients:

12 oz. vanilla or chocolate flavored candy coating or almond bark cut into pieces.

1 ½ cups chow mein noodles

1 cup salted peanuts (feel free to use different kinds of nuts in this recipe)

Directions:

Line cookie sheet with waxed paper. In a 2-quart saucepan, melt candy coating over low heat, stirring constantly.

Stir in chow mein noodles and nuts.

Drop by teaspoonfuls onto cookie sheet.

Let stand until set. Store in refrigerator.

Makes 36 servings

Church Chuckles

“Yes, Joseph and Mary were traveling to Nazareth,” Reverend Martin responded to a question from a young man in his Bible study class, “but I don’t think they would have called it a weekend getaway.”

A Sunday School teacher asked his class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. One confident child replied, “They couldn’t get a babysitter.”



Bible Trivia
Miraculous Pregnancies



Did you know?
Christmas Fun Facts

How many of the following can you answer?
 (Answers in next month's newsletter).

1. Whose astounded mother called herself the "handmaiden of the Lord" when told she would bear a child?
2. Who gave birth to a son when she was 90 years old?
3. What woman, long barren, gave birth to twins?



The Candy Cane is one of the most familiar symbols of Christmas. It dates back to 1670 in Europe but didn't appear in the U.S. until the 1800s. The treat we see today, where the shape is Jesus's hook to shepherd his lambs and the color and stripes hold significance for purity and Christ's sacrifice, became common in the mid 1900s.

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 Christmas trees remove dust and pollen from the air!

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 "Silent Night" was written for a choir when the church organ broke down!

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 The names of Santa's 8 original reindeer are Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Dunder, and Blixem. Rudolph came later.

~~~~~  
 "A Christmas Carol" was written by Charles Dickens in 1843. It took him just six weeks.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Traditionally, members and friends of the United Congregational Church have donated poinsettias in memory of loved ones for our Christmas Eve Services.

Please fill in the following for the wording in the bulletin: ***Please print clearly.***

Given by: _____

In loving memory of: _____

In celebration of: _____

In honor of: _____

Number of plants _____ @ \$9.00 each. Total _____

Please make checks payable to: **United Congregational Church**

Indicate below if you will take your poinsettia or leave it for the Visiting Committee to distribute.

IMPORTANT ~~ PLEASE CHECK ONE:

I will take my plant Please give my plant away

If no boxes are checked, we will assume that you are not taking them.

All poinsettias may be taken after the Christmas Eve service you attend.

DEADLINE: Orders must be received by December 17th.

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Merry Christmas!



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JANUARY 2015

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28 "BELL SUNDAY" NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Shawl Ministry	29	30 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM Adult Choir	31 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	1	2	3
4  COMMUNION SUNDAY Guest Preacher, Rev. Jennifer Geary NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Shawl Ministry	5	6  11:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Adult Choir	7 4:00 PM FIRST Lego League-Vestry	8  3:00 PM Junior Choir 7:00 PM Religious Ed Committee	9	10
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18  10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Shawl Ministry 11:20 AM Confirmation Class	19	20  10:00 AM Visiting Committee 6:30 PM Finance Committee 7:00 PM Adult Choir	21  4:00 PM FIRST Lego League-Vestry 6:30 PM Trustees	22 3:00 PM Junior Choir	23	24
25  10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Shawl Ministry 3:00 PM Ecclesiastical Council for Amy Edwards. Reception to follow.	26	27  7:00 PM Adult Choir	28 4:00 PM FIRST Lego League-Vestry	29 3:00 PM Junior Choir	30	31  T-LC Homeless Awareness Sleepout 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Group

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21  CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT FIRST DAY OF WINTER FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Shawl Ministry 11:20 AM Confirmation Class 3:00 PM All Church Christmas Caroling	22	23  7:00 PM Adult Choir	24  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Junior Choir Singing <i>There will be no Trustees Meeting tonight</i> 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service 10:00 PM Christmas Eve Service	25  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	26 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	27  8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Group
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