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# Tidings

The Monthly Newsletter of  
House of Prayer Lutheran Church

December 2017

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In this season of Advent, my hope for you is that both sacred and secular moments and practices will bring you joy. For me, it's always a juggling act. I'm lighting Advent candles and reading Advent devotions – and – I'm picking up gifts and wrapping them while Bing Crosby sings 'White Christmas.' Perhaps you do that same juggling act each year. For some reason, this year it feels particularly important to me to keep my preparations in the right balance – not too much devotion to decorating and shopping and not too little devotion to waiting for the always-good news that God has come to live among us.

I suspect that it's easy for you and me to get swept up in the secular moments and traditions where we find happiness with family or friends, in the music that fills the air, or in the gifts through which we show our love. Maybe it's less easy to get swept up in the sacred moments and practices where we find joy or peace or hope, but opportunities abound! Short readings from devotional booklets can anchor our mornings or evenings. Holden Evening Prayer on Wednesdays at 7:15 puts us in the company of others who wish to breathe out stress and breathe in peace. And a simple meal of soup and bread in one another's company feeds body and soul. Saturday or Sunday worship grounds us in scripture and song as we begin a new church year together.

If you feel keenly aware of the challenges or sorrows that people you love (or you yourself) are experiencing or if, as Shakespeare put it, "the world is too much with us," let me invite you to the Service of Solace on Sunday, December 17, at 4:00. It's a simple, quiet service that includes readings, songs, candle lighting and communion -- all grounded in the gospel of John's witness that "The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." Anyone who finds the holidays difficult may find comfort and peace at such a service. Please invite anyone who might be glad for a bit of respite from the season's holly-jolly expectations.

This year, December 24 is both the fourth Sunday in Advent and Christmas Eve. It's not often that we light the fourth candle on the Advent wreath on the same day that we tell the story of Jesus' birth, is it? You'll hear Janet Waters preach in the morning, I'll tell the Christmas story with the children at the 5:30 service, and I'll preach at the 10:00 service. We'll hear again that "In Jesus, God is with us" – and that will be the best news of the season. It will speak to all the parts of our lives, all the messy, hopeful, dark, joyful, fearful, vulnerable, lovely parts of our lives. How good is that?

Grace, peace, and joy,  
Pastor

## Weekly Worship

Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School  
10:45 - 11:30/11:45

## Advent Worship

Holden Evening Prayer  
Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.  
December 6, 13, 20  
Soup Supper at 6:30  
December 13 and 20

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## Dates to Note

Service of Solace  
December 17

Church Council Meeting  
December 19

Deadline for January Tidings  
December 26

Children's Choir Musical  
January 7

Congregational Meeting  
January 21, 2018



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**HOUSE OF PRAYER MISSION STATEMENT**

*To share and spread Christ's message of love.  
 To nurture a vigorous and compassionate  
 church family, open to all.  
 To provide meaningful worship and Christian education.  
 And to actively reach out to help and serve others.*



**ELCA MISSION STATEMENT**

*"Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed,  
 gathered and sent for the sake of the world"*



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

December 2 & 3 Carla & Ernie Hill  
 December 9 & 10  
 December 16 & 17 Marcy & Dexter Street  
 December 23 & 24 Kathleen Almand  
 December 30 & 31

Flowers cost \$56.00 for two vases.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The Sanctuary Candle burns to the glory of God, given  
 by Karin Sullivan.  
 The Sanctuary Candle is \$20.00 for the month.

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

**Christian Education** June Fontaine & Kim Boyd  
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**Finance & Stewardship** open  
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## **STRIKE A POSE!**

Put your best face forward, and strike a pose! The new church PHOTO directory is being worked on, with a completion date (we hope!) by the end of January. Please see Kim Boyd after Holden Evening Prayer, after worship, or any other event I may happen to be attending to get your family photo taken. The backdrop is a soft gray velour color.

Feel free to call or email Kim at 215-901-1063 (cell) or [kimboyd61@hotmail.com](mailto:kimboyd61@hotmail.com) with any questions. Thank you, and don't forget to say "cheese"!



## Four Square

A long-standing fellowship tradition at House of Prayer, Four Square provides the opportunity for 4 entities to come together to dine and enjoy time together. It can be 4 couples, 4 families, 4 singles, or any combination of the above! Dinner has been the traditional meal of choice for 4 square fun, but some have done brunch or lunch as well, so the options are open! After 3 groups have been paired together, each will take a turn hosting the others at their home for a potluck meal. And, the host will also invite a 4<sup>th</sup> person/couple/family to join the meal on a day and time that works for all. Typically, the meals get scheduled once per month if possible and can continue for as long as you like! There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer if you are interested.



## Adult Forums – looking ahead

Our Adult Forums this Fall have been focused on the Reformation – on what it means to be a Lutheran, the historical events that shaped our church, and what it means to be a Lutheran in today's society. In January and February, Sandy Swanson will lead a Forum series on prayer and its meaning and role in our lives as Lutherans, and Lenae Badger and Naomi Just will lead us in considering music and art in the Lutheran Church. The best part of our Forums is the conversations we have with each other. Please join us in the New Year, and, if you are interested in leading a session, let Lynda Watt or Kathleen Almand know. We have lots of resources to share.

## SOCIAL MINISTRY REPORT

(Kathleen Almand, Cathy Martin, Co –Chairpersons)



### ELCA Good Gifts

Give the gift of a pig, a goat, chickens or some honey bees by purchasing an Advent Christmas Ornament provided by ELCA Good Gifts. Your gifts provide training, education, and resources to help care for animals and create new small business opportunities for selling eggs, honey, meat, and dairy products. Further information is on the table in the hall. Please make your check payable to House of Prayer and note the gift you choose.

### “Let That Little Light Shine”

A drive to raise funds to purchase powered lanterns part of ELCA Good Gifts program was very successful as indicated by the photo stickers on the wall display. This drive will aid a large portion of residents in Saharan, Africa who exist without electricity.

### Wellspring Christmas Boxes

Due date – Sunday, December 10. As usual boxes are available on the shelf above the coat rack and listed items needed are on the hall table or through the church office.

### Ascentria Christmas Tree

All of the gift tags requests for children in Foster Care were honored by our members. The due date was December 3.

Honduras Mission Trip in February

The New England synod will sponsor a mission trip to the Lutheran church community in central Honduras in February, 2018. Based on past experience, these trips are a wonderful opportunity to connect with God's global community and also our friends in the New England synod. Contact [Kathleenalmand@gmail.com](mailto:Kathleenalmand@gmail.com) if you are interested in learning more about the trip and how to support/participate.



## House of Prayer Church Council

### Draft Meeting Report November 21, 2017

- **Attendance:** Members: Pastor Henry, Ed Martin, Kathleen Almand, Kris Niendorf, Janet Waters, Kim Boyd, Marcia D'Alexander. Staff: Barbara Hutchinson, Lenae Badger, Kristen Croke. Quorum was achieved.
- **Devotions:** were led by Kathleen.
- **Last Meeting Report:** The report of the October meeting was approved.
- **Finance Committee Report:** Kris presented an overview of the current financial status – Council appreciates the new easy-to-read format of the report. Kris is also seeking a means to more seamlessly integrate banking information with the church financial accounts in the cloud-based version of Quickbooks. Council approved the financial report.
- **Pastor's Report:** Pastor presented a written report, highlighting: Vicar Jonathan's pending call; the unusually large number of HOP members in hospital; the two recent confirmands; the stewardship Sunday service; the planned Advent Holden Evening Prayer and soup suppers; and the progress made on the new website which will be launched before Advent. She presented several new potential members to Council for approval: Bob and Martha Linares, The Reverend Art and Rosalind von Au, Karin Jahnke, Cristian Melej and their children Julia and Sebastian. Council formerly approved these new HOP members.
- **President's Report:** Ed commented on the efficient process for the stewardship campaign. The stewardship committee in conjunction with the financial secretary will review the status of pledges and do reminders as needed. The 2018 budget will be based on this review; Ed will advise Kris on the process. Ed recommended that the church establish a central drop box account for photographs so that a full library can be accessible for the website and other purposes. Ed presented several options for the fellowship hall floor finish coloring and the Council approved the general concept of a multicolored finish. The floor will be installed in the next few weeks. No decisions have yet been made about replacing tables and chairs in the hall. The Council discussed how HOP might better prepare for emergency events such as extreme weather, active shooter, etc. Ed will invite Police Chief Olsson to attend our January retreat; Kathleen will research resources available on the web.
- **Committee Reports:** Oktoberfest committee will present a report to Council at the December meeting. Parish Life plans an Epiphany dinner and a Christmas party on December 15<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall.
- **Old Business:** Ed reviewed the results of the August Council brainstorming session and the subsequent emailed suggestions from Police Chief Olsson. Several items are already underway (nametags, photo directory); Council will review the suggestions from Police Chief Olsson in detail at the January retreat.
- **Next Meeting:** Will be December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Linda will prepare devotions. January retreat will be January 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 pm at HOP and January 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am-2pm at FiField fabrics. Congregational meeting will be held on January 21<sup>st</sup>; reports are due to Kristen by January 4<sup>th</sup>.



## **MUSIC NOTES FROM LENA E**

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> when the Children's Choir will present their short opera, "A Night for Dancing" by Hal Hopson during worship. It depicts a shepherd boy and many animals rejoicing at the birth of Jesus and travelling to the stable to worship him. Ten young singers will be participating, with solos for all. Plan to invite another family to come with you!

The Adult Choir will not be presenting a cantata this year, as rehearsing for only 45 minutes on Sunday mornings just doesn't give us enough time to prepare multiple pieces. We will miss doing that, and miss your participation in those as well.

As has been our tradition the last several years, we will have a Family Choir at the 5:30 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. This means anyone of any age may participate. Please let me know if you are interested and I can send you the sheet music and a soundfile or CD to practice with. We will have brief rehearsals after church or after Sunday School (I can meet with people at both times) on Sundays, Dec. 10th and 17th to run through the piece a couple of times. Let me know if you will be at worship on Christmas Eve and would like to sing with us!

Another Christmas Eve tradition at HOP is to have instrumentalists from the congregation play some Christmas carols before the worship service begins or to accompany the congregational carols. So far we have harp, trumpet, violins and flute! Please let me know if you play an instrument and you'd like to participate, and let me know what carols you'd like to play. Thanks!

## **FROM THE OFFICE**

Remember, if you are shopping online to shop through [smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). House of Prayer can receive 0.5% of eligible purchases through Amazon's charitable giving. Contact Kristen if you need instructions on shopping through [smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.Amazon.com).

Please note the following address change: Sally Nettles 13 Cedarledge Lane, Cohasset, 02025.

Visit our new website! It's still at [www.houseofprayerhingham.org](http://www.houseofprayerhingham.org).



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

*June Fontaine and Kim Boyd, Co-Chairs*

All the Sunday School students heard a special Godly Play story from Pastor Henry earlier this month, called "The Other Red Sunday" about Martin Luther. After the story, the children were able to wonder about it together. The story was enjoyed by all. We were pleased to have a couple of visiting families with us that day to join us.



Mrs. Boyd and Mrs. Wegener's classes will be filling a Christmas dinner box for Wellspring once again. They will also go shopping on one of the Sundays to purchase a gift for Ascentria.

We began the Advent season "unofficially" on Sunday, November 19th with the Sunday School's Annual "Advent Event". In Godly Play, the children learn that "the church tells time in colors" as well as by season and also that the church year ends on the Sunday before Advent and then begins again on the first Sunday of Advent- that for every ending there is a beginning and for every beginning there is an ending- thus the "circle" of the church year. The color and season will indeed be changing to purple and Advent. Sometimes, the purple may be blue, as well. Help your child find these colors in the church, in the colors on the Altar cloths, and on the beautiful blue paper weavings that adorn our halls outside the Fellowship Hall. Pastor led this lovely intergenerational activity and it is a reminder that we are in the Season of Advent-a time to prepare for the "mystery of Christmas". As the season gets busy with shopping, wrapping, parties, children's school concerts, etc., I hope you and your family will find a special peace as you enter our building, enjoying the calm, peaceful colors of Advent and listening to the Bible stories, Pastor's children sermons, and sacred music that will be a part of worship here during the season. Watch as each week a new candle is lit on the Advent Wreath at church and perhaps light the one you made at the Advent Event at home, pausing to use one of the devotionals that Pastor offered. So, enjoy those Advent Wreaths, pause to look at the beautifully colored

stained glass window ornaments that were colored with paint pens, think of the children that will be helped by your cutting out of pictures, a service project our children have begun to embark on to help students at the South Shore Collaborative. (We are still in need of sports magazines and there will be a bin to collect these in the hallway. Also wanted are gently used or new children's books for those in transitional housing or are homeless.) Thank you to all the Sunday School teachers and Pastor, who helped to make the Advent Event a time enjoyed by all those who participated. A special new addition this year was the personal messages that were added to Advent Calendars that will be distributed to our members who are not able to come to church. We wish the blessings of this special time of the church year on each and every one of our Sunday School families and teachers and look forward to exploring these stories together with you during the coming weeks.

Upcoming Sunday School dates for December and January:

Sunday, Dec. 3, 10, 17 and 31

Sunday, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28







## **Ramblings with Ed**

I received an e-mail last week from Dana looking for this month's "Ramble". I totally forgot since I have been gone for the last ten days. This "Ramble" is coming to you from my office here in Qiaotou. It is quite large, definitely bigger than my office in Hingham. However, it is clean, not cluttered!

This picture is from this morning's sunrise when I was out walking and pondering. God's creation is in China, too!

So what was I pondering? Actually I was thinking about the success of our recent stewardship campaign. I am saying this without looking at the numbers. I am hoping like a beautiful sunrise that we all appreciate God's creation and how House of Prayer fits into it. If we all are thinking that way then we should be heading for success!

That being said let me give you a friendly reminder. If your commitment has slipped your mind because you have been too cluttered (see above!), we are waiting for you.

Now, as the end of the year is approaching and you are thinking of tax strategies, below are some ways you can help House of Prayer and help lower your taxes. These are things to take advantage of now because who knows where the "tax reform" will take us.

### **End-of-Year Gifts**

Now is the time to complete your 2017 income tax planning. Consider making use of the income tax charitable deduction. Your 2017 year-end gift to House of Prayer can significantly reduce your income tax while helping to support our various missions and ministries. You can use these year-end strategies to fund the balance of your pledge or if that is already made, use it for supporting a project or program at House of Prayer that is dear to your heart.

#### **Gifts of Cash**

Writing a check to House of Prayer by December 31 is a simple way to reduce your income taxes. Make sure that the check is dated and your envelope is postmarked by December 31. Then your gift will qualify as a 2017 gift, even if it is not received by House of Prayer until the first week of 2018. Some employers will match charitable gifts, meaning your gifts are worth more. If your company or firm has a matching gift program, please enclose the form along with your check.

#### **Gifts of Stock**

The S&P 500 stock index has appreciated just under 50 percent since the end of 2012. If you own an appreciated stock, it is more tax wise to contribute the stock than your cash. A gift of appreciated stock generally offers a two-fold tax savings. First, you avoid paying capital gains tax on the increase in value of stock. Second, you receive an income tax deduction for the full fair market value of the stock at the time of the gift. If you are interested in this gift, we have a form which will walk you through the procedure of donating the stock to House of Prayer using the churches broker/dealer, Stifel Nicolaus & Co.

#### **Gifts of Life Insurance**



A gift of life insurance can provide a significant year-end charitable deduction. You could purchase a new policy or donate a policy that you currently own but no longer need. To receive a deduction, designate House of Prayer as both the owner and beneficiary of the life insurance policy. Check with your insurance agent for the details before doing this.

I hope I have enlightened you to some ideas to help both House of Prayer and you financially.

With that, Nancy and I want to wish you a very, merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year!

Ed



	<b>Happy Birthday</b>		<b>Happy Anniversary</b>
December 1	Kathy Gray	December 31	George & Lynda Watt
December 2	Morgan Lundin		
December 10	Jane Ohlson		
December 12	Ingrid Lancaster		
	Dalton Vassallo		
December 17	Chris Hayes		
December 24	Barbara Buntrock		
	Ed Martin		
December 28	Mabel Ericson		
December 29	Molly Folino		

If you would like to have your birthday or anniversary added to the calendar, contact Kristen in the office.

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Saturday	Dec 2	Dec 9	Dec 16	Dec 23	Dec 30
Usher					
Communion Asst		Ann Moegle			
Reader					

Sunday	Dec 3	Dec 10	Dec 17	Dec 24	Dec 31
Ushers	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.
Acolyte					
Communion Asst/ Cross Bearer	1. Brandy Hugo 2. Janet Waters 3. 4.	1. Janet Waters 2. 3. 4.	1. Ann Rasmussen 2. Sandy Swanson 3. Janet Waters 4.	1. Janet Waters 2. 3. 4.	1. Janet Waters 2. 3. 4.
Reader	Ginny Just			Donna Hudson-Bryant	
Light Wreath					XXXX
Coffee	Shepherd Committee	1. Leah McGaughey 2.	1. Ann Rasmussen 2. Sandy Swanson	1. 2.	1. Etta Peterson 2. Sandy Swanson
Kids snack					

Altar Guild – Kathy Gray & Donna Hudson-Bryant

*Christmas Eve*

	5:30 p.m. service		10:00 p.m. service
Ushers	1. Vassallo 2. Vassallo	Ushers	1. 2.
Acolyte		Acolyte	
Communion Assistants	1. Donna Hudson-Bryant 2. Leah McGaughey 3. 4.	Communion Assistants	1. 2. 3. 4.
Reader	Dalton Vassallo	Reader	





# Prayer List

*"Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act."  
Proverbs 3:27*

Adams, Maureen (friend of Grays)  
Ahlstrom, Nancy (friend of Gerda Hall)  
Anderson, Arlene (friend of Diezemann's)  
Armstrong, Sophie (Bergman's granddaughter)  
B., John (friend of Gray's)  
Badger, Tim  
Bernard, Jamie (friend of Chris Hayes)  
Bryson, Caitlin (friend of Chris Hayes)  
Bush, Nancy (friend of Rita LaPlante)  
Carlson, Joanne (Linda Lundin's sister)  
Clifford, Kathy (friend of Kim Boyd)  
Collins/Nava family (friends of Dana Abbott)  
D'Allesandro, Diane (friend of Leah McGaughey)  
D'Arcy, Peggy  
Daley, Katie (friend of Chris Hayes)  
Dauber, Lynda (friend of Parsekians)  
Denehy, Tom (brother of Kate Bergman)  
Dleon, Lucia (friend of Karen Nilsson)  
Dresser family (friends of Leah McGaughey)  
Everett, Glenn (friend of Lenae)  
Ferdinand, George (friend of Mary Jane P.)  
Fichtner, Shirley (sister of Vicki Haukom)  
Foley, Marylou (friend of Rita LaPlante)  
Forrest, Liz (friend of Kim Boyd)  
Fraser, Jack (friend of Linda Lundin)  
Gifford, Bill (friend of Chris Hayes)  
Gilarde, Vinny (friend of Chris Hayes)  
Gilmore, Lois (sister of Vicki Haukom)  
Glennon, Tom (friend of Parsekian's)  
Hackemer, Henry  
Hall, Christopher (friend of Vicki Oman)  
Hall, Kevin (nephew of Rae & Gerda Hall) ☆  
Hammerquist, Harry & Colleen  
Harmon, Rose (friend of Chris Hayes)  
Higginbottom, Sophia (friend of Rita LaPlante)  
Hussey, Brendan (friend of Croke family) ☆  
Husted, Susan (friend of Ruth & Gus Diezemann)  
Isles, Andrea (sister of Katie Linscott)  
Kalla, Judy (friend of Bill & Chris Hayes)  
Kiely, Mary (friend of Victoria Warneck)  
Kroll, Gertrude (friend of Ursula Hackemer)  
Lawless, Pat (friend of Joan Philipon)  
Leary, Erin (Millie's granddaughter)  
Leary, Kris (daughter of Millie Hill)  
Lewis, Mary Ellen & Paul (friends of Bill & Chris Hayes)  
Lombard, Dan (friend of Victoria Warneck)  
Lundin, Kurt  
MacKennon, Linnie (friend of Lundins)  
Mears, Les  
Mitchell, Marcia  
Mulcahy, Jennifer (niece of Diezemanns)  
Mulkern, Carol (LCC member, friend of many)  
Newcomb, Erin (friend of Mabel Ericson)  
Nickele, John (friend of Parsekians)  
Occhipinti family (friends of Dana Abbott)  
O'Donnell, Kathleen (friend of Rita LaPlante)  
Oliveira, Andrew (friend of Croke family) ☆  
Olsson, Adam (Doris' grandson) ☆  
Olsson, Emily (Doris' granddaughter) ☆  
Olsson, Todd (Doris' grandson) ☆  
Paresky, David (friend of Parsekians)  
Parker, Marilyn (friend of Dorothy Flett)  
Parsekian, David  
Patterson, Betty  
Pitman family (friends of Pastor Henry)  
Rawlins, Betty (friend of Myrtle Hickman)  
Rawlins, Patty (friend of Myrtle Hickman)  
Renee & John (friends of Dana Abbott)  
Richardson, Al (friend of Kristen Croke)  
Richardson, David (Victoria's uncle)  
Roger & Audrey (friends of Naomi Just)  
Scott-Rawlins, Cherese (friend of Myrtle Hickman)  
Sheehan, Alice  
Street, Bill  
Sullivan, Elizabeth (daughter of Alice Sheehan)  
Sullivan, George (friend of Bill Hayes)  
Surprenant, Louise (sister of Joan Philipon)  
Trubiano, Norma (friend of Diezemanns)  
Varraso, Margaret (friend of Rae & Gerda Hall)  
von Lange, Hans-Jochen (friend of Ursula Hackemer)  
Warhaftig, Andrew (friend of Victoria Warneck)  
Wilson, Matthew Leary, Erin (Millie's granddaughter)  
Winiewicz, Judy (friend of Bill & Chris Hayes)  
Wood, Ann (friend of Chris Hayes)

☆ Denotes serving in military

December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 3PM Saturday Music rehearsal 4:30PM Worship Service
<b>3</b> Ascentria gifts due 8:30AM Adult Choir rehearsal 9:30AM Worship Service 10:50AM Coffee & Education Hour	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> 	<b>6</b> 7:15PM Holden Evening Prayer worship	<b>7</b> 9:30AM Bible study 6PM Youth Choir rehearsal	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 3PM Saturday Music rehearsal 4:30PM Worship Service 8PM Holiday concert to Benefit Wellspring
<b>10</b> Christmas dinner boxes due 8:30AM Adult Choir rehearsal 9:30AM Worship Service 10:50AM Coffee & Education Hour, Adult Forum	<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b> 2PM Art & Sacred Story	<b>13</b> 6:30PM Soup Supper 7:15PM Holden Evening Prayer worship 8PM W&M meets	<b>14</b> 9:30AM Bible study 6PM Youth Choir rehearsal	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 3PM Saturday Music rehearsal 4:30PM Worship Service
<b>17</b> 8:30AM Adult Choir rehearsal 9:30AM Worship Service 10:50AM Coffee & Education Hour, Adult Forum 4PM Service of Solace	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 2PM Art & Sacred Story 7PM Church Council meets	<b>20</b> 11:30AM Staff meeting 3:30PM Art & Sacred Story 6:30PM Soup Supper 7:15PM Holden Evening Prayer worship	<b>21</b> <i>Winter solstice</i> 9:30AM Bible study 6PM Youth Choir rehearsal	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 3PM Saturday Music rehearsal 4:30PM Worship Service
<b>24</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i> 8:30AM Adult Choir rehearsal 9:30AM Worship Service 5:30PM Family Worship 10PM Candlelight Worship Service	<b>25</b> <i>Christmas Day</i> 	<b>26</b> <i>Tidings Deadline</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:30AM Bible study	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 3PM Saturday Music rehearsal 4:30PM Worship Service – Lessons and Carols
<b>31</b> 8:30AM Adult Choir rehearsal 9:30AM Worship Service – Lessons & Carols 10:50AM Coffee & Education Hour						

Other groups meeting schedule  
 Monday: 7AM AA, 10:00AM OA, 7PM US  
 Tuesday: 7AM AA, 10AM OA, 5:30PM Alanon, 7PM ACOA  
 Wednesday: 7AM AA, 9:15 AM BCC, 7PM Men's AA  
 Thursday: 7AM AA, 6:30PM Men's OA, 7PM Alanon  
 Friday: 7AM AA, 10AM OA