



# GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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## 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY of Advent Christ the King Sunday November 26, 2017

9:30 A.M.

### WORSHIP SERVICE

*Hanging of the Greens*

11:00 A.M.

### Church School for all ages

The Redemption of Scrooge - Bah Humbug!

12:00 P.M.

### Advent Party

**\*Note time change!** Advent wreath making, crafts and lunch will be provided. Please bring a dessert or side to share. Bring clippers and additional greens if you will be making an Advent wreath (some greens will be provided). The sign-up poster is in the Chapel. It is very helpful to the Task Force to have an idea how many people to prepare for, so please sign up so we can be sure to have enough supplies for everyone.



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent December 3, 2017

9:30 A.M.

### WORSHIP SERVICE

*Communion*

10:30 A.M.

### Dee's Alternative Gift Market

11:00 A.M.

### Church School for all ages

The Redemption of Scrooge –  
Remembrance of Xmas Past

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**ADVENT DEVOTIONS** are available in the narthex and Chapel. This year over a dozen booklets are available for your choice.

### The First Wait Is Over (Almost)

As we move toward the Advent Season awaiting the birth of our Savior we also await the first Sunday of Advent-November 26 a day of worship, praise, celebration and joy in our church.

It all starts with the *Hanging of the Greens* service at 9:30, a service which tells us the background to the many images of Christmas. The church, thanks to our Deacons, will be decorated in the splendor of the season. At 10:30 we will have social time and invite you to help finish adorning the trees in the sanctuary. At 11:00 Sunday school begins and for many it revolves around *The Redemption of Scrooge*. At noon Christian Education provides a luncheon for all, we have music and singing, crafts and making the *Advent wreaths*.

On this day the *Deacons Toy Drive* for the Food Pantry clients concludes and the following Sunday, December 3, kicks off three weeks of *Dee's Alternative Gift Market* in the Chapel. This has always been a wonderful opportunity to spread the joy of the giving to just some of the missions our church supports.

In that vein, since many of us are always wondering about gifts for others, how about this for a teenagers, relative or friend. A devotional or scripture based journal. And if you are a parent, grandparent, Aunt or Uncle and have a little one on your list, what could be better than a Christian Bible. If you need some help in finding the right one don't hesitate to contact me at any time.

Wishing you, your family and friends a joyous Advent Season.

*Blessings,*  
Kristen Franchetti  
Christian Education Coordinator

## ADVENT SEASON



Sunday, December 17

### Fourth Sunday of Advent - JOYFUL

9:30 AM: Christmas Pageant  
The Redemption of Scrooge -  
Hope of Christmas Future

Sunday, December 24

### CHRISTMAS EVE

**NO** 9:30 AM Service  
5:00 PM Family Christmas  
Eve Service  
10:00 PM Traditional  
Christmas Eve Service



**STEWARDSHIP:** Thank you to those who have returned their pledge cards. If you have not returned yours, please do so as soon as possible so the Budget Committee can begin to formalize the 2018 Budget.

**MITTEN TREE** is up in the Chapel and ready for the mittens, gloves, and hats that will be given to Urban Promise in Camden.



**2¢ A MEAL** donations are being collected the month of November.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS:**

**ADVENT BLOCK**

*The Redemption of Scrooge Advent Study*  
November 26 – December 17

*The Redemption of Scrooge*, based upon Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, will explore the world of Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim, and the Cratchits, with an eye to Christian faith. Along the way we will meet the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come and learn about living with and for others in a world blessed by Jesus. We will begin at 10:45 in the Chapel with a brief video clip and then youth and adults will head to their classrooms at 11:00 for this Advent Study. The Adult Class will be taught by Bernie and Betsy Carlson.

**ADULT CLASS** with Dave Platt will be continuing a series entitled, *Praying the Names of Jesus*.

**COMMUNITY DINNER**  
*Thursday, December 14*  
**5:30 P.M.**



*Join the church and community for  
a time of delicious food  
and fellowship!*



**POINSETTIAS:** Order forms for Christmas poinsettias have been mailed to previous donors. If you would like to place an order and haven't received a form, please call the church office. Checks should be made payable to the "Flower Fund". **Forms are due back December 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY** for all the women of the church will be held on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. All women are welcome. Any questions see any member of the Women's Association.

**Dee's Alternative Gift Market**- December 3, 10 and 17 in the Chapel from 10:30-12:30. Opportunities will be available to purchase gifts that benefit local, national, and international mission: Urban Promise, Habitat For Humanity, Cuba Mission Trips, Youth Mission Trip and GWCM Food Pantry.

**DEACONS CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE:** The Deacons are sponsoring a Toy Drive for the GWCM Pantry clients. Please bring an unwrapped toy or toys suitable for babies through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Please – no violent themed toys. Toys need to be brought to the church (there is a table in the chapel) by **November 26<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you!



**SUMMER MISSION TRIP:** The Mission Task Force is planning a mission trip for the week of July 8, 2018 to Staten Island, NY. It will be in conjunction with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance group working there on recovery from Hurricane Sandy. The projects can accommodate some 14 and 15 year-olds with supervision, as well as those from 16 and up. The group will be housed at the Calvary Presbyterian Church. Our goal is to have a group of 10. Staten Island is about 2 hours from Woodbury. Free time activity includes beaches and trips into Manhattan. Please contact Dot Harris or Fred Hills for additional information or to volunteer for the trip.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Florence Meyer, Brian Praetzel, Wayne Dahmer, Emma Mustard, Fred Davis, Dorothy VanHorn, Megan Lolly, and Amelia Exley. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including Jonathan Gabler, Nathan Wadding, Cameron Wadding, Jarrod Fetty, and Wesley Tatham.

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: NOVEMBER 26- DECEMBER 2, 2017**

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday:	8:45	AM	Adult Choir
Of Advent	9:30	AM	Worship Service/Hanging of the Greens
	10:45	AM	Children's Choir
	11:00	AM	Church School for all Ages
	12:00	PM	Advent Party
Monday:	6:30	PM	Girl Scouts
	7:00	PM	Deacons
	7:30	PM	SJ Choral Arts Rehearsal
Tuesday:	1:00	PM	60+ Small Group
	6:30	PM	Cub Scouts
Thursday:	6:30	PM	Cub Scouts

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: DECEMBER 3 - 10, 2017**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday:	8:45	AM	Adult Choir
Of Advent	9:30	AM	Worship Service/Communion
	10:30	AM	Dee's Alternative Gift Market
	10:45	AM	Children's Choir
	11:00	AM	Church School for all Ages
Monday:	6:30	PM	Task Force Chairperson's Meeting
	6:30	PM	Girl Scouts
	7:00	PM	Task Force Meetings
	7:30	PM	SJ Choral Arts Rehearsal
Tuesday:	1:00	PM	60+ Small Group
	6:30	PM	Cub Scouts
Thursday:	6:30	PM	Boy Scouts
Saturday:	8:30	AM	Handy Helpers
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday:	8:45	AM	Adult Choir
Of Advent	9:30	AM	Worship Service/Music Celebration
	10:30	AM	Dee's Alternative Gift Market
	10:45	AM	Children's Choir
	11:00	AM	Church School for all Ages
	12:00	PM	Youth Group Christmas Party
	7:00	PM	SJ Choral Arts Concert

