



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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SUNDAY November 21, 2021

9:30 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE
In-Person and
Virtual Worship Service

11:00 A.M.
CHURCH SCHOOL for all AGES

FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT November 28, 2021

9:30 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE
In-Person and
Virtual Worship Service

11:00 A.M.
CHURCH SCHOOL for all AGES

12:00 Noon
ADVENT CHRISTMAS PARTY
Advent wreath making, crafts and lunch will be provided. 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. Please sign up by **Nov. 21st**.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

LUNCHEON

December 21st

12:00 Noon

ALL women of the church
are welcome to attend.

300th ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

will be sold in the chapel after worship service. Don't delay - once they are gone, there will be no more.



We seem to have a lot of Holidays, maybe more than ever. But truth be told we do not hold all of them in the same level of esteem.

There are religious holidays, which I would hope and pray rank very high with most. There are holidays to celebrate famous people- but as we now know that would be subject to further scrutiny. We have holidays to honor our veterans and to commemorate those who died in service to our country. We also have other types of holidays- some noteworthy, others maybe not so much. There is Arbor day but then there is Valentine's Day. There is Earth Day, but then there is Halloween. And now we approach Thanksgiving – a holiday now present in many nations throughout the world. A holiday with a long if not somewhat muddled explanation of its actual roots.

Suffice it to say George Washington issued the first National Day of Thanksgiving in 1789 and Abraham Lincoln fixed the date of the celebration in 1863. No two finer advocates could a holiday have.

Giving thanks is a simple task yet how often do we ignore it, put it on the back burner or perhaps delegate it to thinking it so common it is a trite. How sad - do not we greet people daily with good morning or good afternoon, is that trite? We ask people how are you? Is that trite or is that just an expression to feign concern and just move on with our day? I would hope not. If giving thanks has become trite and

meaningless then God help us all!

Giving thanks is not just a blessing to others, it is a blessing to us. Giving thanks is a humbling act which makes us more human. Giving thanks is an act that will help the recipients of our gesture of kindness to pay it forward. Giving thanks is contagious in the most positive of ways.

There is so much we are thankful for in our lives, our families and in our church. So much that we can arise each day and go to bed each night with the prayers of Thanksgiving in our hearts. As that wonderful hymn says, *Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One, Give Thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.*

Let us on this special holiday truly Give Thanks.

Milt Fredericks
Lay Pastor of Congregational Care

POINSETTIAS:

Order forms for Christmas poinsettias have been mailed this week 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 5th.**



THANK YOU to Mary Mottola for donating and setting up the beautiful display of fruits and vegetables in the sanctuary. They will be donated to the GWCM food pantry after Sunday's service.

SUNDAY ADULT CLASS: Dave Platt will be leading an Advent series based on the four Advent Candles: The Light of Christ - Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. The class will be based on the scriptures that reveal these aspects of Christ's coming. We will discuss how these have a direct effect on how we should live and how we can love those around us. Please join us on Sundays after Worship at 11:00 am.



THANK YOU TO ALL who have turned in their pledge cards. If you have not done so yet, please mail it to the church or email your commitment to Kathi Lynch: kathi.lynych@pcwoodbury.com. Thank you!

**COMMUNITY
DINNER
Thursday
December 9
5:30pm**

**Dee's Market
Alternative Christmas Bazaar
November 21, 28 & December 5
in the Chapel from 10:30-12:30**

Dee's Market has been a way to honor Dee Tanzola and support local, national and international ministries. Please consider making a donation to one of the ministries: Urban Promise, Cuba, Habitat for Humanity, GWCM Food Bank, Community Dinner and Family Promise and sharing this as a gift with a friend or family members.

♫ SOUTH JERSEY CHORAL ARTS CONCERT will be held on Sunday, December 12th at 3:00 pm in the sanctuary. All are invited to come and enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Nancy Dunda and family on the death of her husband, Tom, Joe and Kathy Federici, Ed Parkin, Dick Hill, Wendy Kunz, John Leone, Al Edwards, Meg Orem, Charlotte Nelson, Janet Muhm, Judy Fetty, and Alex Jenei. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including Jonathan Gabler, Nathan Wadding, Cameron Wadding, Jarrod Fetty, and Wesley Tatham.

IN MEMORIAM

B. Marie Batten

November 4, 1928 - November 15, 2021

Friends may greet the family after 9am on Thursday, November 18 in the Kelley Funeral Home, 125 Pitman Ave, Pitman, NJ. Funeral service will be at 10am.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord"

DEACON NEWS: We will be collecting shampoo, socks (men and women) and soap for toiletry bags to be given out at the Food Bank for the holidays. The collection starts Oct. 31 and will end on Nov. 28. A collection bin will be in the Chapel. Thank you in advance for your donations!

ADVENT 2021

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT WOODBURY



**NOVEMBER 28
HANGING OF THE GREENS**
Luke 21:25-36

**DECEMBER 5
MUSIC & COMMUNION**
Luke 3:1-6



*LESSONS
and
CAROLS*

**DECEMBER 12
LESSONS & CAROLS**

**DECEMBER 19
LEAPED FOR JOY**
Luke 1:39-45



**DECEMBER 24
CHRISTMAS EVE @ 6:30PM**
Luke 2:1-20

**DECEMBER 26
CASUAL WORSHIP**
Luke 2:41-52

