



Crescent Connections

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December 2017 Pastoral Letter ...

Blessed Greetings from Pastor Lynn

Welcome to Advent and our Special Edition of the church newsletter. During this season we are encouraged to “Stay awake! “ In the busyness of our lives today it is not so much that we aren’t staying awake enough, but rather that we are not getting enough sleep. Work demands increase, school deadlines press in, running with children to programs and classes, to-do lists that are endless. Often we can barely take time to enjoy the success of a project or feel good about crossing one more item off our to-do list before we hear the siren call of another job to be done. It can be exhausting.



Is this what Jesus meant when he tells us to stay awake? I think not. Advent is a season for preparing to see Christ in a new light, to be reminded of what is ultimately important (and what is not), to remember and to honor. Family traditions are fun and are treasured moments for sure. But ultimately what this season is about is Christ. When Christ comes first in our lives, all things will be found in their proper order.

Here at CAPC we have remained awake to God’s calling to work and to serve in so many different ways. As you read through this newsletter you will get but a sampling of the many wonderful things happening here in our midst. It is God at work in our lives and in our community that allows for the incredible blessings we see unfold. Even as the physical campus is renovated, so are our hearts and Christ’s vision for His church. As we pray we see growth in ministries and missions that before was thought impossible. New events bring bountiful harvests of laughter, fellowship, outreach and joy.

There are many traditions that remain firmly in place, I think that will always be one of the blessings of this church community, but these traditions do not hold us back from reaching further.

To everyone who works so hard here at CAPC, all of our volunteers that make this the incredible place it is—THANK YOU! To those who give so generously so that mission and ministry can continue for current and future generations—THANK YOU! For anyone who has not had an opportunity to come home for worship, you are warmly invited to do so—we have left the Light on for you.

The Light shines brightly here at CAPC because of the outflow of the Holy Spirit that breathes new life and new energy. That is what we are called to stay awake to in this blessed season. To awaken to joy, to fellowship, to service....to Christ. May your Advent season be rich in blessings and abundant in God’s grace as together we journey to Christmas.

In Christ,

Pastor Lynn



AROUND THE CAPC CAMPUS



KITCHEN RENOVATION...WHAT'S HAPPENING?

You may be wondering what is happening regarding our renovation project in the kitchen. With the plans drawn up and bids being received, we were a bit surprised by some of the prices. We wanted to make sure we made the best use of the funds under our stewardship and so have gone back out to get additional bids (just to be sure we were getting a good price). Meg Keyes is serving as our General Contractor (she is properly licensed, insured and experienced). We will be having bi-weekly meetings to stay on top of the project and hope to actually see some activity soon!

BOILER REPAIRS

Our boiler was in need of repair and was down for a bit this past month. It is back up and running and we are reviewing companies to handle our maintenance going forward.

AND CAMPUS UPGRADES

Here are some other highlights:

- receiving proposals for new gates and fencing over at the entrance to First Place to improve security
- purchasing additional security cameras
- constructed and installed new banner system for front lawn
- installed shelving in closet outside Guild Room
- conducted a yard sale to begin cleanout of tunnel
- renovated and installed large cabinet for main office

MAKING A JOYFUL NOISE....

Many THANKS to team who helped plan and move the choir loft into its new position. Besides from many of us working and supporting the Live Nativity, many hard working souls stayed after to do some heavy lifting, as well as a lot of cleaning. This new layout really brings the choir forward toward the congregation and also enhances and focuses the beautiful sound.



CAPC'S FIRST EVER LIVE NATIVITY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

What a wonderful success our first Live Nativity and Petting Zoo was as we launched our Advent season with a bang! Shepherds wandering through the crowds with their animals (very pet-able), Mary, Joseph and baby sitting in our new crèche (of course we made room for them!), hot chocolate, cookies, tree decorating and carol singing--everything came together in a wonderful, warm way.



THANKS TO THE NATIVITY TEAM!

Special 'thank you' to everyone who worked so hard to make the event such a success! It was wonderful to see so much laughter, good cheer, and truly dedicated work that yielded such a great launch to our Advent season. There is so much to celebrate in our event and I certainly heard a lot of 'when we do this next year' kind of talk! Always a good sign. The attention to detail was wonderful, and the warmth with which our guests were greeted reflected the Christian spirit we truly felt.



The animals were great fun (and a real draw for the crowds...and for us as well!). The creche was top notch and all of Janna's clearing made way for a perfect setting. Signs were helpful for guests to follow (nice of CC Board to lend us their new sign board) and it was great to have people in the hallway and out at the banner to help draw people in and direct them when they got here. Everyone who dressed up for the event were great sports, and the costume designers were incredible in organizing the costumes! The tree decorating was terrific (wow!) and yielded a tree that was beautiful and PERFECT for this event and our season! Topping all of this off was great hot chocolate, cookies and

other refreshments that welcomed people in, warmed their hearts and bodies, and offered hospitality that said 'we are glad you are here' (without breaking the bank!).

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SO WELL DONE!! THANK YOU ONE AND ALL--

Deacons: Dominique Stevens, Julie Downing, BJ Snyder, Noelle Perrine (Jeff Downing adjunct)

CEN: Janice Haer, Pat Baker, Stephanie DeGeneste, Chrystal MacArthur

Mary and Joseph: Wendy and McRae Nkellefack

Youth Ushers: Luna Agudelo, Nicholas and Kristopher Archer-Kennedy, & their cousins Ryan, Jordan, and Malonee.

Kings: Nick Stevens and Rogelio Agudelo, Jr

Decorating: Janna Peterson, Barbara Wensburg, Joan Pivnichny

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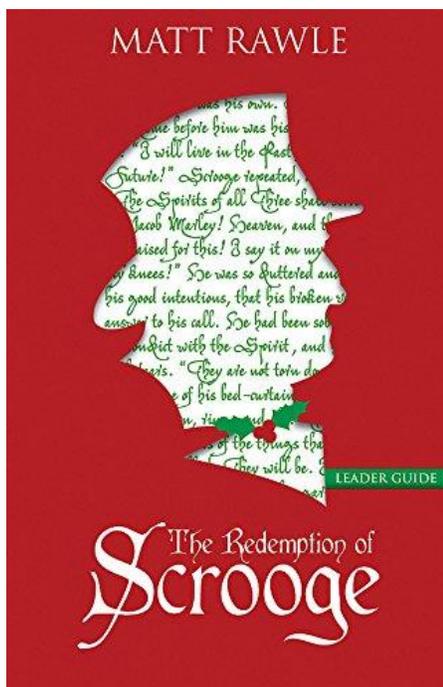
presents...

The Redemption of Scrooge

Adult Education series

Sundays @ 9 am

December 3, 10 and 17



Ebenezer Scrooge is a man in dire need of a second chance. Is redemption possible for such a greedy, dark and sad character? *The Redemption of Scrooge*, from Matt Rawle's The Pop in Culture Series, shows us how the teachings of Jesus can be found in Dickens' Christmas classic. From the ghosts of Christmas past, to the Life of the present, and the resurrection of Christmas future, this Advent study will "bless us every one" and reinvigorate our spiritual journeys as we look at this familiar story through the lens of faith.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST KINGDOM MEMBERS!

Nathaniel Rolland Villanueva-Torres
&

Jade Patricia Fidrych Pinto
were welcomed into God's Kingdom through
baptism on Sunday, December 3. What a
wonderful celebration and sign of God's
promises fulfilled.



CEN ON THE MOVE-COME JOIN US

The Christian Education and Nurture committee is always on the move-planning, organizing, teaching, creating and administering, and debriefing a myriad of events during the course of a program year. Whether we're determining what might be the best curriculum choice for Sunday School students or a suitable movie title for Family Movie Night, we keep our vision in mind: *to promote biblical literacy, nurture Christian fellowship and encourage lifetime service to Christ and the world.* We know that without vision people perish and lately we've been overjoyed to see the manifestation of our prayers and hard work as Sunday School attendance is improving and the youth of our church are highly visible serving as Acolytes, helpers preparing bag lunches, and the ones conducting the Heifer International sale to assist people in distressed communities world-wide.

CEN would love to have new workers on the bus as we depart for the future destinations that God intends for us. Whatever your age, talents and abilities, or hobbies, the Lord can use you. We generally meet once a month during the week at the church with the date and time being set around the availability of committee members. There are times we use phone conferencing in lieu of a face-to-face meeting, and also those times we'll meet more than once in a given month as dictated by the projects we're trying to accomplish. Don't worry if your busy schedule won't allow you to be present for every meeting, we provide notes and other methods of follow-up to ensure everyone is on board. CEN's invitation is an open one. We're on the move-Come Join Us. For further information contact Stephanie DeGeneste, smdeg7@juno.com or 732.545.9422.



The Christian Education & Nurture Committee
cordially invites you to...

Journey to Bethlehem



Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017

9:30 a.m. Sharp

**Guild Room &
Assembly Room**

A unique Sunday School presentation that depicts the Christmas Story primarily through the eyes of Mary & Joseph.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH MISSION & OUTREACH...

Bake Sale to support Presbyterian Women's Projects



The Presbyterian Women's Birthday "Thanks" Offering began in 1922 when women were encouraged to donate one penny for each year of her age (or a dollar if she didn't want to reveal her age!) as a birthday gift to a school in Kochi, Japan. Since then the idea of giving to specific projects has been the practice and many mission projects that have improved the lives of women and girls around the world have been funded. While the dollar amounts and projects have changed over the years, the one constant is the commitment to improving the lives of others.

Since the Presbyterian Women's Committee reviews proposals and selects recipients before the offering is collected and received, grant amounts depend on the amount collected during the 2017 Offerings. Thanks to the enthusiastic support of the Crescent congregation with donations of delicious baked goods and the generous donation of money for them, the CAPC Mission "Bake Sale" collected \$435 for use in support of the 2017 selected projects.

The recipients of the 2017 grants are:

First Hand Aid Rural Clinic Development Initiative (Cuba) PW's only international grant for 2017, our offering will help build, fund, stock and staff six medical clinics located in Presbyterian churches in impoverished rural Cuba.

The Family Justice Center – Safe Haven for Domestic Violence (South Carolina) This is the only domestic violence center that shelters victims of abuse in two Counties in S.C. and it only has the capacity to shelter 11 people. Our donation from the Bake Sale will help fund the construction of a new shelter capable of housing 30-33 people, which is more in line with their needs.

Navajo Water Project (New Mexico) Our gift will help provide running water systems to 40 families who live on The Smith Lake Navajo Reservation who currently store water in pots, pans and 55 gallon drums. Upon completion, households will have pumps, sinks and running water for showers, resolving issues of sanitation, health and social justice.

THE MISSION COMMITTEE GIVES ITS "THANKS" TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THIS PROJECT AND PERMITTED US TO MAKE THIS GENEROUS DONATION.



The Box Project Holiday Family Match

The Mission Committee's Christmas Outreach Project:

A chance meeting on an airplane in 1962 between Coretta Scott King and a lady from New Hampshire, Virginia Naeve, led to a discussion of poverty in America and what one person could do to help. Mrs. King knew of a family living in poverty in rural Mississippi, gave Mrs. Naeve their name and she initiated contact, began corresponding with them and sending boxes of clothing, food and supplies that the family needed. Soon neighbors heard of her actions and began giving her boxes of items to send to Mississippi, so other families were added to the mailing list. Things kept growing until Virginia got the idea of MATCHING UP SPONSOR FAMILIES DIRECTLY with families living in poverty and The Box Project was born! It has grown from friends piling up boxes in Virginia's living room in 1962 to where it is today, having matched and helped over 15,000 recipient families.

Because the goal of The Box Project is to match a sponsor family with a compatible recipient family with the two families staying in contact and the sponsor family providing support via boxes on a regular (usual monthly) basis, it is very difficult for large families to get a long term sponsor. This problem led to the development of the Holiday Sponsorship where a large family that had been on the waiting list for a full time sponsor would be offered for sponsorship as a one-time/Christmas Holiday recipient family.



As those who participated last year recall, we sponsored Feleshia Daniel and her five (5) children as a Holiday Family Match. Upon learning that they were still on the waiting list for a full time sponsor, the Committee decided we would like to sponsor her family again. Because of the extremely high shipping costs last year (due to the overwhelming generosity of the CAPC congregation!) the Committee elected to have people ship gift items directly using free shipping and USPS flat rate shipping options, or donate Walmart gift cards or money to purchase them. Sign-up sheets have been posted and the Committee really hopes that the congregation will show its usual generosity in giving the Daniel family another nice Christmas.

Members of the Mission and Outreach Committee: Pat Fleming (Chair);
Leslie Fagan; BJ Snyder; Winnie Neal; Sam Diony; Thylenne Torres; Noelle Perrine



Ongoing Mission Projects

STARFISH FOOD COLLECTION

Non-perishable foods have been collected throughout the year and taken to the Plainfield food pantry, Starfish. The congregational response has been wonderful, especially our recent Thanksgiving collection, which resulted in 20 very full bags of food delivered! Items may be dropped off in the bin in the Church office. Starfish is extremely appreciative of our contributions.

BINGO!

The newest Missions project is a collection of Bingo prizes for our local Skilled Nursing Facilities (Nursing Homes). Prizes can be anything that would put a smile on the faces of residents. So far, deliveries have been made to The Woodlands, to AristaCare at Norwood and to Ashbrook. The Recreation staffs at these facilities are very, very grateful for CAPC remembering our Seniors. There is a box in the Church office for drop off of donations.

Who are Some of our Mission and Ministry Partners Here at CAPC?

Tim Keyes Consort – major sponsor of our Food Ministry program here at CAPC, Tim Keyes Consort is as much a philosophy as it is an organization. Tim Keyes continuously seeks out gifted and like-minded individuals to perform new and standard choral and orchestral repertoire. Tim Keyes Consort considers education a central component of its philosophy. Highly skilled instrumentalists and singers are paired with younger and less experienced musicians, inspiring and energizing both.

Plainfield Symphony Orchestra (PSO) – As New Jersey's oldest community symphony (now in its 98th year!) and the third oldest continuously operating community symphony in the United States, the Plainfield Symphony Orchestra represents the highest standard in musical excellence in programs designed to educate and uplift local audiences.

Learning for Life – learning never stops no matter what your age! Through lectures, workshops, speakers and more, participants are treated to educational experiences on Mondays (spring and fall sessions). Music, arts, crafts, lectures and more.

Narcotics and Alcoholic Anonymous – Each Tuesday NA meets at noon and AA meets at 7 pm to provide support and encouragement for overcoming addiction.

Latino-American Coalition – a program that meets M/W/F evenings to teach English and help youth navigate steps to citizenship and better schooling experiences.

Fountain of Praise Ministries – meets on Sunday mornings and Tuesday evenings to worship.





THE BEST GIFT

by Stephanie DeGeneste, Director of Children's Ministries

The relentless consumerism and crass commercialization of Christmas seem to me to be siphoning off the joy and true meaning of the holiday season. Long before the last of the Thanksgiving day delicacies are gobbled up or the cornucopia and other harvest decorations are stored away, we hear stores playing *Have a Holly Jolly Christmas* or see a deluge of television commercials featuring expensive cars with giant red bows. I sometimes wonder if there are neighborhood competitions underway with elaborate prizes to be awarded to the family on the block who illuminate their lights first, or the folks who design the most elaborate or creative lighting display. Perhaps you may think I'm about to launch into a Scrooge-like tirade regarding all the things I detest about the ways Christmas is celebrated these days. Quite the contrary, I'm not going to do that because when all is said and done, we can purposefully ignore what is going on all around us. It may be very, very difficult, but we don't have to get dragged into the secular quagmire. Our approach to Christmas is an off shoot of whether we're concentrating on receiving gifts galore or receiving **The Best Gift** and sharing it with others.

The Best Gift is receiving the Christ of Christmas in our hearts. Centuries ago there was no room for the Babe of Bethlehem in any of the inns, but is there room for Him "in" our hearts today? The meek and lowly Christ Child has so much to offer us, but are we crowding Him out with frivolous and trivial activities that possess little lasting value? I absolutely adore opening beautifully wrapped packages that pique my interest as to what might be hidden inside. Yet, nothing surpasses unwrapping the Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love anew and afresh during December days. As Christians we must intentionally carve out time to pray, read scripture, attend worship services, sing or listen to the great message-rich Christmas carols, give to the needy, fellowship with other believers, and share the Christmas story with some soul who may have no idea that Jesus is the reason for the season. Spending time in quiet contemplation and the previously mentioned activities are marvelous antidotes to the stress-laden days that will surely envelop and infect us if we allow that to be the case.

Isn't it great that **The Best Gift** has already been given to humankind? He is Jesus the Christ and we need no gold or silver to ensure He's a part of our lives. All we need to offer is a willing heart to receive Him. I pray that your heart is like the longing heart that is spoken of in one of my favorite Christmas hymns, written by Charles Wesley in 1744, *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*. The first stanza is:



Come, thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art-
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart!



May your heart long to receive **The Best Gift** this Christmas.

Stewardship



**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



October was Stewardship month, and our theme for the year was “Stewardship is HEART Work”. I want to sincerely thank all of our church family who participated in this very important time of reflection and giving. We heard some wonderful HEARTfelt words from those among us about our journey to stewardship, and what calls us to give. We give thanks for our many blessings bestowed upon each of us here at CAPC, and look to the Joy of this Season of Advent for the greatest blessing of all. At present we have received pledges from 35 giving units, including 5 which did not pledge in the past. Overall, our members increased their pledges of financial support. We still are waiting to hear from 10 members who made pledge commitments last year. If you would still like to pledge of your time, talents, and treasures for this coming year, it is never too late. Please contact myself, Elder Joan Pivnichny, or Pastor Lynn.

Blessings,
Elder Laura Mann



Deacons

The Deacons this fall continue their tradition of Congregational Care, Communion set up, coffee hour and card ministry. Our team of 12 is a dedicated group of CAPC members who take great care in providing fellowship each week after the worship service. We have a special end of the month birthday cake for all celebrations and really enjoy being the catalyst for coffee and conversation each Sunday. We're the hospitality team for any special Sundays and provide the refreshments during events at CAPC. We were happy to be part of the first annual live nativity this Dec and were happy to provide hot chocolate, hot cider and cookies to the many visitors the church received. We're looking forward to continuing our traditions into the new year.

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Crescent Concerts

Music at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church

Yuletide by Candlelight

Saturday, December 16, 2017
at 5:00 pm

*The glow of candles
Will brighten
Crescent Avenue's sanctuary
For our forty-sixth
Annual musical
Gift to you*

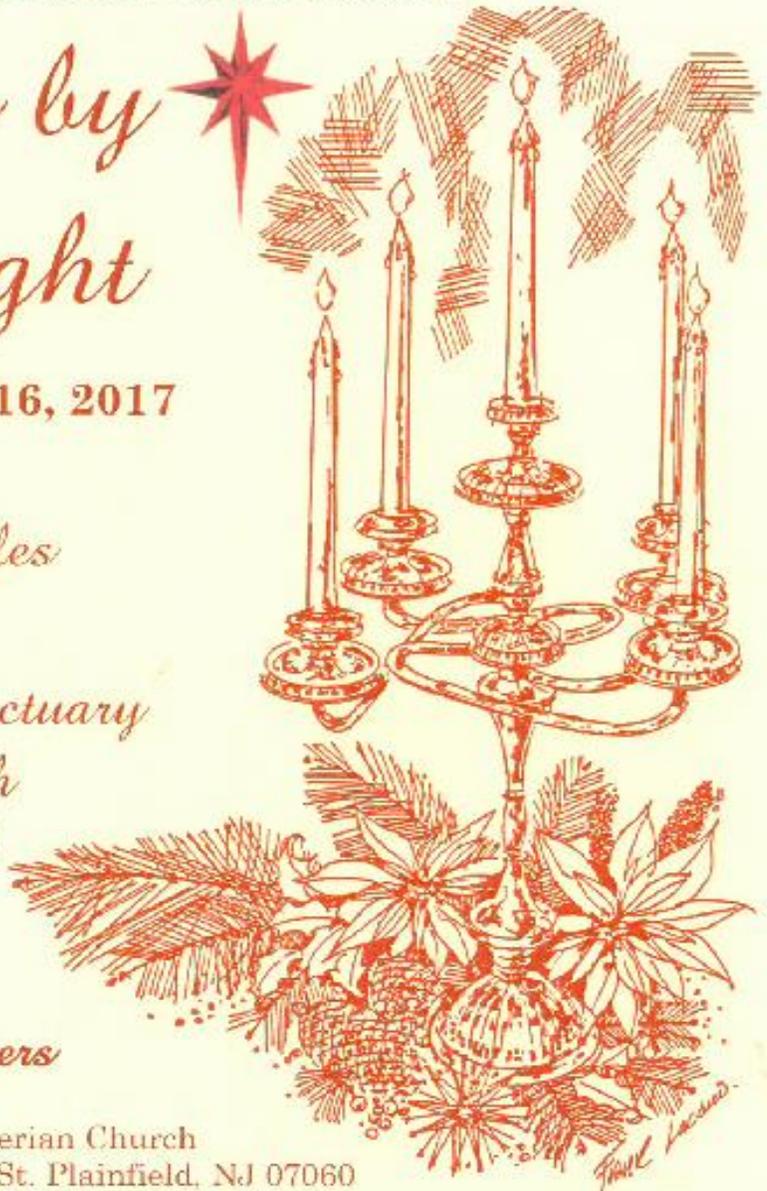
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Say "Merry Christmas" to the staff!

Once again we have been blessed with "above and beyond work" from our part-time staff.

Ron, Ruth, Stephanie, Deborah and Warren put in many more hours than we have a right to ask. Especially during Advent and Christmas, the extra projects seem not to stop. Most of us have asked for and gotten something extra from them this year- so it's time to give back.

Session has authorized the collection of monies for Christmas bonus for our overburdened staff. Let's be as generous to them as they have been with us.

If you are able to contribute place your check or cash in an envelope marked Christmas staff bonus and help make their Christmas merry!



Staff Gifts
for Christmas



2017 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Many members and friends of CAPC remember loved ones during the holidays by making a donation for poinsettias, which are used by the Flower Committee to decorate the church, for the December 17th Worship Service.

Donations can be made to purchase a poinsettia in Honor of a loved one, as well as in Memoriam. Separate lists will be maintained for each designation, so keep in mind this special holiday greeting to a friend or family member.

You can:

- fill out the ordering postcard in the bulletin on Sunday
- stop by the church office to pick up a postcard
- call the church office
- sign-up on the home page of the website.

The retail cost of the type of poinsettia purchased is \$10.00. Send checks, in any amount, made out to "CAPC" (memo Christmas flowers) to the church office.

The deadline for ordering flowers is Monday, December 11th.

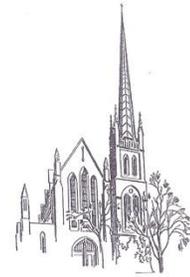
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Pat Baker
Glen Crane
Janice Haer
Janna Peterson

Class of 2019

Pat Fleming
Laura Mann
Nicholas Stevens
Henry Ward

Clerk of Session:

Emily Upton

Buildings & Grounds:

Nick Stevens; Henry Ward, Janna Peterson

Finance & Stewardship:

Joan Pivnichny; Nick Stevens, Laura Mann(Stewardship)

Membership & Evangelism:

Glen Crane(Membership), Laura Mann(Evangelism)

Mission & Outreach:

Pat Fleming; Leslie Fagan

Nominating:

Glen Crane; Laura Mann

Christian Education & Nurture:

Janice Haer; Pat Baker

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DEACONS

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Schedule of Upcoming Events...

Live Nativity & Petting Zoo

Saturday, December 2 1-4 pm Church grounds

Join in as we witness a living nativity complete with animals wandering in our midst (for petting and picture taking!). Soak in the music and then gather inside for warm cocoa, Christmas cookies while you decorate the Christmas tree, make a project and join in the carol singing! Free event, be sure to pick up our special booklet and Christmas ornament to adorn your own tree and remind you of this great event.

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Celebrations of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love

Sundays @ 10:30 am Sanctuary

What better time to come and worship than the Christmas season! Come and hear the traditional music you remember and the new music you will grow to love. This is a warm and welcoming community of faith that invites you to be a part of something wonderful—it just may be the best gift you receive this year! Gift yourself an hour a week to be moved, to be inspired, to be filled with the true Spirit of the season that can bring real joy.

Yuletide by Candlelight

Saturday, December 16 @ 5 pm Sanctuary

"*A Rose in Winter*" This popular annual event is open to the community and offered by the select Crescent Singers. Choral favorites – and a few destined to become favorites! – along with an opportunity to sing familiar carols with the whole family.

Journey to Bethlehem

Sunday, December 17 @ 9:30 am Church House

Come enjoy and experience the Christmas story as seen primarily through the eyes of Mary and Joseph. Crescent's unique Sunday School presentation, Journey to Bethlehem, puts guests in the role of Triumph Tour participants who make 3 stops on the way to the city of Jesus' birth. The "tour" starts promptly at 9:30 am in CAPC's Guild Room.

Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 24 @ 10:30 am Sanctuary

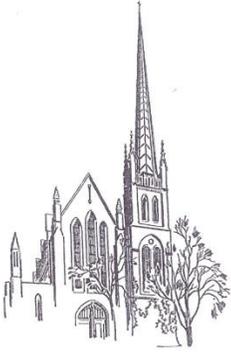
Claimed by many to be their favorite worship service of the year, this is the telling of the Christmas story through scripture and music that is powerful and joyous. The music-filled culmination of Advent services sung by the Chancel Choir, spanning music from ancient chant to carol arrangements to brand new compositions. Voices, bells, organ and hand percussion instruments.

Christmas Eve Communion Service

Sunday, December 24 @ 10 pm Sanctuary

Breathe in the holiness of the season as we gather to celebrate our Savior's birth and partake of Communion. The antithesis to the stress of consumerism often accompanying this joyous season, this service is full of the reverence, peace and deep joy this day is all about. The voices of our illustrious choir, joyous bells, candles pushing back the darkness, the pipe organ, flutists and Christmas message is bound to lift your spirit.





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