

The Friend

Christmas Pageant

December 15 at 9:00 and 10:30 am

Advent Worship Schedule

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

November 27

December 4, 11

December 18 (Blue Christmas)

Christmas Concert

Featuring: Bells of Praise, Sanctuary Choir,
and Worship Band

December 22 at 5:00 pm

Pre-Concert Reception at 4:00 pm

Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve:

2:00 pm - Family-friendly service with Christmas Carols

4:00 pm - Service of Candles and Carols
featuring the Worship Band

10:00 pm - Service of Candles and Carols
featuring the organ and Sanctuary Choir

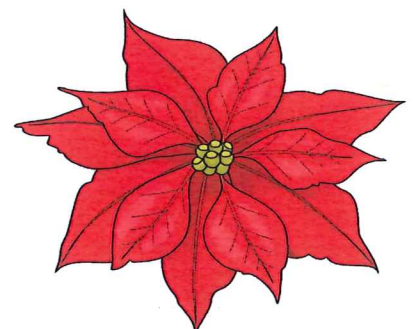
Christmas Day:

9:00 am - Traditional

December 2019

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PRAYER & JOY

Return

Matt Flom, Pastor

*A voice cries out:
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
 ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
 and every mountain and hill be made low;
 the uneven ground shall become level,
 and the rough places a plain.
 ⁵ Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
 and all people shall see it together,
 for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."
Isaiah 40:3-5*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus,

Grace, Love, and Peace be to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Advent is here, it's time to get ready for the coming of Jesus. Now you might say, "Wait one minute, Matt, don't you mean the coming of Christmas?" Well, yes, Advent is getting ready for the coming of Christmas, but it's also a time that we remember that Christ is coming again to make all things new.

This year for our Wednesday evening Advent services, we will be using the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy, which is such a favorite here at St. Philip's. The texts for the Advent series are coming from the second half of the book of Isaiah, which speaks to us about the return of Israel from exile. The theme of return is powerful for us today because so many people live mobile or chaotic lives. Do you know someone who has drifted away from the family of faith? Christmas is a great time to return to the church, return to our faith family, and return to our Lord. One of the best Christmas gifts we can give someone is a grace filled invitation to worship with us this Advent and Christmas season.

This year our Advent services are at 6:00 pm. You can invite a neighbor, family member, or friend to the community supper at 5:30 pm and then go to worship together. Food, fellowship, and faith are truly beautiful gifts to give this holiday season.



Always Remembering

Margie Guelker, Visitation Pastor

Christmas is coming quickly this year. Some of us will panic about this wondering how to get everything done. Others will take a deep breath and give thanks that they have been given yet another Christmas to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

There have been changes for many in our congregation. Some have lost loved ones. Others have moved to facilities for more care. There are those who will not be able to be in worship on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day and they will miss this.

I urge you to remember those for whom circumstances are difficult. It doesn't take much -- a card or a phone call or a small gift will mean a great deal. Your visit will be welcomed, but in giving this gift you will also receive the gift of a smile or a memory shared.

Ask the person you visit to share a memory or two about their childhood Christmas or a time when their own children were small. Ask them about their favorite Christmas carol or holiday food. And listen deeply to the memories that are shared. Be a blessing as Jesus was a precious blessing to all of us that frosty night in Bethlehem.

You didn't ask, but I will share this anyway. My favorite Christmas Carol is Jesu Bambino. I wait to hear it each Christmas season. It comes to me in different ways -- at a church service or on the radio in the car or over a speaker in a store. When I hear it, I pause and smile and remember and wipe away the tear.

Jesus is born. Merry Christmas.

New Sounds

Cheri Sykes, Worship Band Leader



Greetings! After two months, the dust is starting to settle. Each week, the band gets more comfortable with each other personally and musically. We're all excited about the process of growing as a cohesive band, especially this first year.

You may have been noticing some new sounds. Electronic keyboard/synthesizers are very much part of Christian contemporary music. They offer great flexibility, producing realistic electric piano, organ, guitar, strings, solo leads, horns, and pads (background mood ambience) sounds. These options help make every song unique, true to style, and, I hope, more interesting. In my left hand, I cover electric bass, so essential to the bedrock of a song, as it locks in with Chris Porter's drumming.

Of course, we will not be abandoning the beautiful grand piano. Look for it to be used as well, especially on traditional gospel songs. Between the grand piano and the synth, we have a rich palette indeed in the keyboard department.

We hope you enjoy what you are hearing so far, and that it is bringing meaning and joy to your worship!

PRAYER & JOY

Glorify & Praise Him

Connie Yerigan, *Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries*

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. Luke 2:20

Thanksgiving has come and gone, in what seems like the blink of an eye. I hope you all were able to enjoy time spent with family and friends. Perhaps you shared a meal and memories, told stories, gave thanks, and laughed together; for that is what this season is for.

Now we prepare our hearts for a new season. For some it is filled with sadness and loneliness. I pray those who find this time of year difficult will feel God's presence all around. For others, this season is about joy and sparkling lights. How ever you are feeling, I pray you are filled with love and anticipation for the birth of a sweet baby, born in a manger.

This is also the season for gift giving. Our youth have been busy making and gathering items to sell in their Holiday Market on Sunday, December 8. Money raised will go towards their 2020 Mission Trip to Nashville. Thank you to those who have donated items for them to sell! The kiddos are so filled with gratitude for your generosity.

Our youngest members have been working very hard on this year's pageant. I say it every year, but this year's pageant will be the best yet! Be prepared to be entertained and amazed as they retell the sweetest story of all. Join us on Sunday, December 15 at either the 9:00 or 10:30 am worship service...or both! Refreshments will be available in the Narthex after both services.

Grace and Peace to you all during this season.

December 2019

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| 1 – Youth Time (9:35 am – 10:20 am) S.P.A.R.K. of Faith (Ages 3 years – grade 5) | 18 – Advent Worship at 6:00 pm Dinner at 5:30 pm: Taco Bar |
| 4 – Advent Worship at 6:00 pm Dinner at 5:30 pm: Baked Potato Bar | 22 – No Youth Time (9:35 am – 10:20 am) No S.P.A.R.K. of Faith (Ages 3 years – grade 5) |
| 8 – S.P.A.R.K. of Faith (Ages 3 years – grade 5) Youth Holiday Market Sale (after both services) | 24 – Christmas Eve Worship Times: 2:00 pm - Family-Friendly 4:00 pm - Candles and Carols (Worship Band) 10:00 pm - Candles and Carols (Sanctuary Choir) |
| 11 – Advent Worship at 6:00 pm Dinner at 5:30 pm: Tater Tot Hot Dish | 25 – Merry Christmas! Worship time: 9:00 am |
| 15 – Christmas Pageant Day! Rehearsal at 8:30 am Pageant during both Worship services | 29 – No Youth Time (9:35 am – 10:20 am) No S.P.A.R.K. of Faith (Ages 3 years – grade 5) |



THANKS & SERVICE

Wrap Session

Val Sperry, President



For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:11-14

When I was growing up, my mom worked part-time at JC Penney's in the credit and catalog department. And with that came gift wrapping for customers, so she developed some impressive wrapping skills. I liked watching her smooth crisp creases along the edges of pretty paper, sometimes even making her own bows. I learned early on how to gift wrap at her side. My dad quickly caught on that I'd happily do all his wrapping for him, for the challenge of making boxes pretty and the chance to cover them with mounds of colorful curly ribbon. To this day, sometime before Christmas I'm likely to come home to a bag on my doorstep, containing gifts he would like wrapped for Mom (I long ago drew the line and said I won't wrap his presents for me). Even though I have a good selection already at home, I can't resist a stroll down the Christmas aisles to check out the newest pretty wrapping paper, ribbons and bows. They call my name, you know?

In recent years, Mom and I have been putting our gift wrapping skills to good use outside our homes. We've become a gift wrapping Mother/Daughter dynamic duo. We team up to volunteer as gift wrappers for the kids at the Kinshoppe event held at St. Philip's and again at Barnes & Noble as part of a fundraiser for a non-profit theater group she is part of. I pull out my Christmas t-shirts and holiday headbands and we tag team to wrap gifts while sharing the joy of the season with others. No challenge too big – I've wrapped round snow saucers, basketballs, and last year, I managed to wrap a box that was almost as tall as I am! Through the simple act of wrapping gifts for others, we've been blessed to meet some great kids at Kinshoppe and have some wonderful conversations with customers at Barnes & Noble. It amazes me the discussions you have and the connections you make with folks while they wait the 10 - 15 minutes it takes us to wrap all their gifts. Those volunteer gift wrapping sessions have now become one of our favorite things to do each holiday season.

Christians traditionally give gifts at Christmas to remind us of the gifts given to honor Jesus' birth. This season, in addition to the presents you give friends and family, consider joining me in giving the gift of sharing the Good News of Jesus' birth with those who cross our paths. You never know who might be yearning to hear the Good News from you that day.

Joy and peace to you as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Board of Administration Highlights

- Stewardship Appeal is underway including Temple Talks and Growing in Faith, Equipping to Serve bulletin inserts
- Website re-design team is meeting regularly and making good progress
- BOA and Staff Retreat focused on visioning St. Philip's in the future, who do we want to be in 7 years and 12 years; what goals for this year and the next will help us realize that vision; planned for congregational input
- New phone app and ease of giving is being prepared for improved communication -Push-Pay

JOY & PRAYER

Advent

Advent means, "coming" in Latin. As we eagerly await the coming of the Christ child, we use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas. This year, for each week of Advent, we will place a banner in the chancel that symbolizes the week's theme.

The four weeks of Advent are:

- * Hope
- * Love
- * Joy
- * Peace



Because our sister church, Amazing Grace Hmong Lutheran, is holding a wedding on Saturday, December 21, the trees will not be added to the Sanctuary until after the 4th Sunday in Advent. Not to worry, the angels will appear in all their glory early in Advent.

Giving Trees and Lynwood Care Center Gift Table

Giving trees will be on display beginning Wednesday, November 20. This year, we will provide gifts for:

- **Kinship's Kinshoppe** - Gifts for men, women and teenage boys and girls.
- **Hope4Youth** - The organization will be putting together Christmas bags for the home's youth and their children.
- **In Love, Word and Deed** - An organization helping homeless men. A Christmas shop is available for clients to pick out gifts for their children. Items are all under \$10

Gifts for Kinshoppe need to be returned to the church by Thursday, December 5. Other gifts should be brought to the church by Sunday, December 15.

Also, we will be giving gifts to the residents of Lynwood Care Center. The table for Lynwood gift suggestions can be found in the Narthex beginning Wednesday, November 20.



Fall Trip #2

St. Philip's Disaster Relief

Before they had even returned from the fall trip, several team members were making plans for a return trip to Montgomery County, TX to continue the work in one particular house that was flooded by Hurricane Harvey. The family of eight had been displaced for over two years and their house was far from inhabitable. In mid-November, a team of 14 members made the journey back to Texas and spent six days working in this house.

In October, the living room floor had given way and replacing that was a priority. The rotted joists and supports were removed and replaced, new sub-floor was installed, followed by laminate flooring. New kitchen cabinets were ordered in Michigan by a SPDR team member and hauled to Texas. They were installed along with countertops, the sink, and the appliances. Three team members spent most of their days almost completing rewiring the house, installing light fixtures, switches, outlets, and a new service panel. The bathroom floor was rebuilt and flooring installed, walls were framed and sheetrock, the tub and surround were installed, and the water was hooked up. Work was also done on the exterior of the house, doors were installed, trim was put up, rooms were cleaned, and much, much more.

The team stayed an extra day than previously planned to get as much completed as possible. On Saturday evening, the whole family arrived to view all of the work that had been done. It was a fun and emotional time as they went from room to room checking out the work SPDR had done and the furnishings and appliances provided by the Episcopal Diocese of Texas.

Thank you to the 28 team members in October, the 14 team members in November, all of the SPDR supporters, and our partners in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas for making a difference in the life of this family.

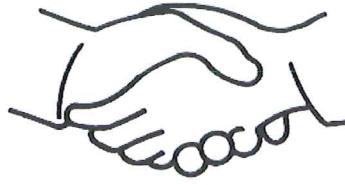
As the journey continues, let us not weary of doing what is good. (Galatians 6:9)

The Journey Continues



THANKS & SERVICE

Did You Know? Food & Clothing Shelf



The Food & Clothing Shelf of St. Philip's Is Moving the Outreach to the Community to Amazing Heights.

Community Distribution Facts:

- We have served 1,637 visitors since opening in September of 2017.
- We served 98 visitors in October 2019.
- We have distributed 20,970 pounds of food in 2019.
- We distributed 409 pounds of clothing in October 2019.
- We partner with the Wednesday community suppers.
- We partner with St. Philip's Benevolence Committee with the Thanksgiving baskets.
- We partner with SHIP (Safety Health Improvement Partnership) who has provided us with a commercial refrigerator and freezer, a commercial grade scale, a commercial work table and three produce racks.
- We partner with Second Harvest Heartland Food Distribution and by the end of October have placed 46 orders of food.
- We purchase the following items which we are unable to purchase from Second Harvest: coffee, taco seasoning, ranch dressing, thousand island dressing, toothpaste, and can openers.

Fundraising Facts:

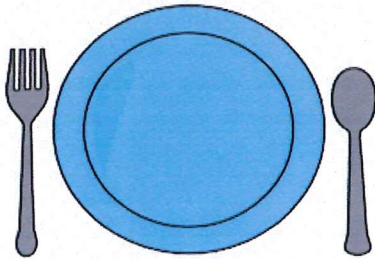
- We will be promoting, "The Reverse Advent Calendar" for a second year.
- CenterPoint Energy has given 876 pounds of food and \$674.
- CenterPoint employees have given \$295 of donations which have been matched.
- Love that Olive has donated 158 pounds of food from a sponsored food event. We have received over \$1,000 from eight donors, including the St. Philip's Endowment Committee, Garage Sale Group, and Parish Fellowship Committee (Parish Fellowship has also donated over 1,000 pounds of food collected in their fundraisers).
- The Cummins Corporation donated 36 left-over Thanksgiving bags of non-perishable food items in 2018, approximately 900 pounds of food.
- Harold Kurtz has donated funds from the sale of his most recent book, "Letter to Phil." More books are available in the Food & Clothing Shelf. Harold is generously donating the proceeds of those books to the F&CS also.
- Many St. Philip's members have included the Food & Clothing Shelf in their monthly philanthropy giving.
- In February the ELCA will be partnering with St. Philip's by exhibiting three mosaic art pieces.

Thank You for the Holiday Book Fair Support

The Library Group thanks everyone who supported the annual Holiday Book Fair. We hope you found wonderful books for your family, friends, and yourself. We also thank our hardworking group members in organizing, setting up, displaying books and helping people shop. We couldn't do it without our partners at The Red Balloon Bookshop. The staff at the Red Balloon are a delight to work with. If you like what they have to offer, check them out at 891 Grand Ave., St. Paul.



Community Supper Volunteers Needed Through Advent

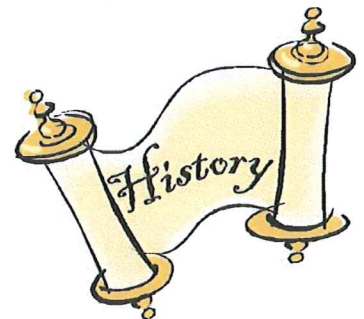


We need a half dozen or more people willing to assist with Community Supper through Advent. We are looking for help for the following shifts: 3:30 - 5:30 pm, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, and 6:30 - 7:30 pm (or end of the supper). If you can assist, please contact Renee Youngberg at [falkum23@gmail.com or 763-258-7807]. Thank you to all the people who are currently helping. We now are serving over 100 people consistently per week.

Heritage Group Continues Work with Church Records

The Heritage Group continues its charge to gather, sort, and classify records pertaining to the history of St. Philip's Lutheran Church. The group is working on a Vision and Mission statement which will be discussed at the next meeting on Tuesday, December 10.

Other areas of interest include: records of marriage licenses, Confirmation pictures, and endowment records. Work continues in the storage of materials. If anyone in the congregation has materials they wish to donate, please bring them to the office to the attention of the Heritage Group. The group will take printed material as well as photographs and other materials.



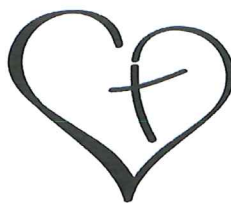
Christmas Concert and Reception



Join us Sunday, December 22 at 4:00 pm in the Gather Corner for a pre-concert reception, including coffee, hot cider, and cookies. At 5:00 pm, we will move to the Sanctuary and enjoy music and ministry featuring the Bells of Praise, Sanctuary Choir, and the Worship Band.

THANKS & PRAYER

Update From Tokyo, Japan



Dear Friends in Christ:

Recently Japan got a new emperor and we wanted to share a little about that event.

Emperor Naruhito formally proclaimed his ascendancy to the throne on Tuesday, October 22, in a centuries-old ceremony attended by dignitaries from more than 180 countries, pledging to fulfill his duty as a symbol of the state.

The first Japanese emperor born after World War Two, Naruhito acceded to the throne when his father, Akihito, became the first Japanese monarch to abdicate in two centuries after worrying that advancing age might make it hard to perform official duties. Naruhito, whose name means, "a man who will acquire heavenly virtues," became the 126th Emperor of Japan in May, the latest in an unbroken line that stretches back 14 centuries.

(The rest of this news can be found on the Global Missions bulletin board by the Prayer Room and Nursery.)

As servants of Christ, we are here to share the Gospel as Paul did in front of the Areopagus in Athens. Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - through indeed he is not far from each one of us. "In him we live and move and have our being." Acts 17:22 - 28

On another note, in the last two months, Japan has encountered very severe typhoons (hurricanes) and there has been extensive flooding, destruction of property, and the loss of many lives. The intense rain (up to 40 inches) in some places over two days, has created havoc and fear and much anxiety for a significant number of people. In three storms there have been 170+ deaths. The vast majority is from drowning. Over 74 rivers overflowed their banks.

Please pray that:

- Through various TV and radio programs about Christianity, the Japanese can see how Jesus gives deep meaning to our lives.
- We may be effective witnesses for Christ here in Japan
- Consolation and hope may be given to those with personal and property loss in the recent severe weather.

We give great thanks for your support of us and our ministries here in Japan!

In Christ,

Jim and Carol Sack

Thank You

Thanksgiving Baskets

Thank you for your generosity in helping us provide 73 Thanksgiving baskets this season. The need exceeded our first goal of 50, so with your contributions, we were able to help even more people!



Trunk & Treat

A big thank you to all the volunteers that helped with this mission project! We were able to reach 170+ children on Halloween night. The kids received a goody bag with information about St. Philip's Church, a Christian wristband, and a sucker in the shape of a cross. They also gathered candy from the 15+ cars with decorated trunks. We thank the volunteers who donated candy, decorated cars, passed out cider and candy, and helped clean up.

I would like to thank everyone for all their well wishes and prayers as I recover from my surgery.
Thank you, Pastor Matt for visiting me.

Linda Benson



On behalf of the St. Philip's staff, we would like to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas!

PRAYER & THANKS

Endowment Committee



The St. Philip's Endowment Fund

Memorials & Gifts

Contributions were received in memory of:

Don Davis

Katherine Larson

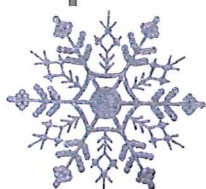
Beth Terpstra

Gifts in any amount may be given in memory of someone or to participate in the present and future of St. Philip's through the Endowment Fund. Gifts may take the form of cash, personal property, stocks and bonds, life insurance or bequests from 401K, IRA, and other retirement accounts.

For more information on St. Philip's Endowment Fund visit our website at [www.splcmn.org].
Select the Ministries tab and click on Endowment.

Thank you for your support!

Ron Ackerman, Judith Bergeland, Edd Brooks, Josh Glood, Jeanine Grandstrand,
Jim Kugler, Dick Lekang, and Dawn Young



Financials

| St. Philip's 2019 | Actual October | Actual YTD |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Income | \$49,488.23 | \$554,538.34 |
| Expense | (\$57,493.37) | (\$558,602.98) |
| TOTALS | (\$8,005.14) | (\$4,064.64) |



December

JoAnn & Roger Kaye on 12/31/1949 for 70 years

Nila & Bud Carpenter on 12/7/1952 for 67 years

Donald & Charlotte Fauteck on 12/14/1957 for 62 years

Burt & Judy Ferrier on 12/30/1961 for 58 years

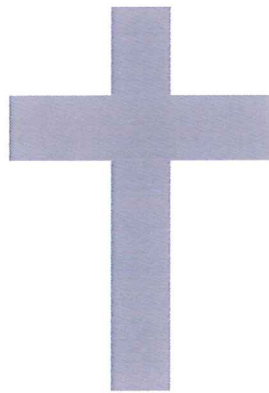
Mary & Ray Kukowski on 12/4/1965 for 54 years

Rodney & Sylvia Strand on 12/6/1969 for 50 years

Douglas & Miriam Haugland on 12/21/1974 for 45 years

Steven & LaVerne Poniatowski on 12/12/1981 for 38 years

Amy & Justin Simpson on 12/3/2005 for 14 years



The friends and family of:

JaNah Duncan

Paul Ikier



Finnian Nelson
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Friendly Takeaway



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9:00 am Traditional

10:30 am Contemporary

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Ministers: All members of the Parish

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|--|---|---|---|---|
| 1 9:00 am Worship 9:35 am Youth Time 10:30 am Worship; SPARK concurrent w/ worship | 2 12:30 pm Website Planning Meeting 1:00 pm Joy Circle 5:15 pm Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Mat Yoga 7:00 pm Gam-anon; GA Mtg. | 3 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 7:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal | 4 8:30 am WOW & Men's Work Crew 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am EA Group 4:00 pm Poinsettia Flower Pick-up 5:30 pm Community Supper 6:00 pm Advent Service; Bells of Praise Rehearsal 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal; AA Mtg. | 5 7:00 am Men's Book Discussion 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm Alanon; AA Mtg. | 6 6:00 pm Youth Lock-in | 7 10:00 am Kinshoppe Event |
| 8 8:30 am Youth Holiday Market 9:00 am Worship 9:35 am Youth Time 10:30 am Worship; SPARK concurrent w/ worship | 9 Friend Articles Due 1:00 pm Global Health Ministries 2:00 pm Lynwood Bingo 5:15 pm Chair Yoga 6:00 pm Benevolence Committee Mtg. 6:15 pm Mat Yoga 7:00 pm Gam-anon; GA Mtg. | 10 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 2:30 pm Heritage Group Meeting 6:30 pm Parish Fellowship Committee Mtg. 7:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal | 11 8:30 am WOW & Men's Work Crew 10:00 am Women's Book Club; EA Group 5:30 pm Community Supper 6:00 pm Advent Service; Bells of Praise Rehearsal 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal; AA Mtg. | 12 7:00 am Men's Book Discussion 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm Alanon; AA Mtg. | 13 | 14 9:00 am Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal |
| 15 9:00 am Worship with Christmas Pageant 10:30 am Worship with Christmas Pageant | 16 9:30 am Glory Circle 6:00 pm Executive Meeting 7:00 pm Gam-anon; GA Mtg. | 17 Assemble The Friend 9:00 am Library Group Meeting 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 6:30 pm Property & Grounds Mtg. 7:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal | 18 8:30 am WOW & Men's Work Crew 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am EA Group 5:30 pm Community Supper 6:00 pm Blue Christmas Service; Bells of Praise Rehearsal 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal; AA Mtg. | 19 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm Alanon; AA Mtg. | 20 | 21 12:00 pm Lifetouch Pictures |
| 22 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship 4:00 pm Christmas Concert Reception 5:00 pm Christmas Concert | 23 1:30 pm Knitters & Crocheters 7:00 pm Gam-anon; GA Mtg. | 24 Food & Clothing Shelf Closed 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 2:00 pm Christmas Eve Service 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Service | 25 Merry Christmas! Office Closed Food & Clothing Shelf Closed 9:00 am Christmas Day Service 10:00 am EA Group 7:00 pm AA Mtg. | 26 Office Closed 7:00 am Men's Book Discussion 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm Alanon; AA Mtg. | 27 | 28 |
| 29 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship | 30 6:30 pm Board of Administration Mtg. 7:00 pm Gam-anon; GA Mtg. | 31 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 7:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal |  | | | |



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