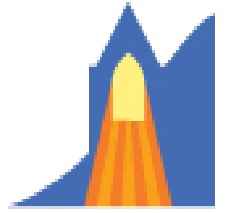


The Presbyter

Celebrating
100 Years
1912 - 2012



First Presbyterian Church

December 2014

Clarks Summit, PA

Looking Ahead: Christmas Eve Services:



6:30 p.m. - This service is "child friendly." Children and young people will experience the story of Jesus' birth in a new way.

9:00 p.m. - A service of Lessons and Carols. Our teen and adult choirs will lead the singing as the scriptures are read and the message is given.

11:00 p.m. - Our evening concludes with a special Jazz Communion. We will share the bread and cup and rejoice in the birth of the Savior, accompanied by the sounds of swinging shepherds.

On Sunday, December 28, there will be worship at 10:00 a.m.

The Way Advent Program—An Evening for All Ages

Wednesday, December 3 - This event brings us together as a church family to celebrate the life of Christ using Christian symbols called Chrismons. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. (Dinner at 5:15.)

The Mission and Justice Committee will give a brief presentation on what our annual Alternative Gift Market is all about, and why we as Christians are called to care for our sisters and brothers in need.

The Mending: Congregational Memorial Service Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 p.m.

You are invited to a unique Advent Service of Remembrance, as we affirm God's love for us and the loved ones we have lost.

In a reflective jazz vespers format, we offer the Lord's Supper, prayers for God's healing, and the opportunity to honor our loved ones by lighting a candle in their memory.

This has become an important worship service for many, and we are honored to provide this opportunity for our members, friends, and the whole community. Come and join us!



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Notes from the Session Meeting on November 11, 2014

Beverly Bright, Clerk of Session

1. Session passed the 2015 budget and went over the financial report for the first ten months. Contributions for your 2014 pledges can be made up to and including December 31st. Your pledges make everything happen at First Presbyterian.
2. Session approved changes to the Personnel Policy as submitted by the People in Ministry Committee.
3. The Session would like to wish everyone a happy and blessed Christmas and may 2015 bring all of us Good Health and Happiness.
4. The next Session Meeting will be on Sunday, January 18, 2015 immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any member of session or the Clerk. THANK YOU for all you do for us.
5. The annual meeting of the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit will be on Sunday, February 1, 2015.

**The Presbyterian deadline for
The January issue is
December 12, 2014**

The Presbyterian is a monthly newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church, 300 School Street, Clarks Summit, PA 18411.

All visitors are welcome to worship with us. **Worship services will be held at 10:00 a.m.** Child care is available all morning. Communion is observed the first Sunday of every month.

If you do not attend a church in this area, we invite you to any and all of the events, programs, and worship services described in this newsletter. Please call the church office to arrange child care. Our sanctuary and Fellowship Hall are both handicapped accessible.

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Sexton	John Conklin

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION
FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE
FOR THE MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2014**

REVENUE

Budget	\$ 325,000
Actual Received	<u>273,523</u>
Difference	\$ (51,477)
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EXPENSES

Budget	\$ 337,750
Actual Expenses	<u>307,541</u>
Difference	\$ (30,209)
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<u>BUDGET VARIANCE</u>	\$ (34,018)
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PLEDGE INCOME

Budget	\$ 262,500
Received	<u>232,807</u>
Difference	\$ (29,693)

Per Capita Update 2014:
Total Received to date - \$3,746

**Is Your
Pledge?
Up to Date?**

As 2014 comes to a close, all who are able are asked to bring their pledges up to date by December 31.

As you can see, we're running a little behind. If we all work together, 2014 can be closed in a more favorable financial position.



From the Pastor

William G. Carter

As the season of Advent comes, our prayer is for a new heaven and a new earth. Sure, we have four weeks to haul out the holly, put up the lights, and wrap the packages. The Baby Jesus is already celebrated in the shopping malls that dare to play his songs and put a crèche in the center court. And the general frivolity that comes in December is a wonderful distraction from the darkest nights and shortest days of the year.

But what we want is a new heaven and a new earth.

The current earth shows signs of wearing out. Our loved ones age and get sick. Violence and aggression are everywhere. Beloved public figures embarrass themselves. Many of our trusted institutions are corrupted by greed or have simply gone off the rails. People are still hungry, the mighty take advantage of the weak for their own gain, and the Garden of Eden is heavily polluted. If we could, we would welcome a new earth.

And heaven? Heaven is slow in intervening. The prophet Isaiah's ancient fist-shaking prayer is still relevant:

“O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence –
as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil -
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence.” (Isaiah 64:1-2)

We want God to come. We want all things to be made new. That is the Advent prayer.

But are we willing to back up this prayer with our own pursuit of transformation? It would be nice for God to come and make the necessary changes. But truth be told, we will have to be changed too. It is not enough to wish for something that we ourselves would not pursue. A new heaven and a new earth is only to be welcomed by new people.

So that is why we keep the purple season of Advent. It is a time to shake off our sloth and choose God's ways of peace and justice. It is an opportunity to come home to God (AKA to “repent”), and to set better priorities for our time and energy. It is a season to see through all that is superficial and to seek the lasting love and holiness of God.

Sure, it will take some hard work on our part to welcome God's presence among us. That's what transformation is all about.

With you in the journey,

Rev. Bill Carter

Christian Education



It's for life!

THE WAY

The Wednesday Adulthood and Youth Christian Education

“I am the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE”

Supper, 5:15 * Gathering Time, 6:10 * Classes for all ages, 6:15

SAVE THE DATES!

Wednesday, December 3 - “Symbols of Christmas” Join us as we meet together as a church to celebrate the season of Advent. Event will start at 6:00pm. Please make reservations by December 1.

Wednesdays, December 24 and 31 - W.A.Y. classes to do not meet due to the holidays.

Spark (Newborn - 3 year old) enjoy Bible stories, songs and games in the nursery with teachers Myrna Diven and our Sunday caregivers. In December, our Spark students will hear about the stories of the angels visiting Mary and Joseph (Luke 1:26-38) and Jesus being born (Luke 2:1-20).

Power Xpress (4 year old - Grade 5) are divided into two age groups and experience Bible stories through interactive rotation classes. December 10 and 17: *Good News!* (Matthew 1:18-24; Luke 1:2-56; 2:1-7). Ordinary people were chosen by God to play a role in Jesus’ coming. Each of us is called to share the Good News of God’s Son, Jesus.

We Believe: The Story of God’s Faithfulness (Grades 6-8) Room 209 with Jana Schillinger. Using *We Believe: The Story of God’s Faithfulness*, our Middle School Class will spend the year digging deeper into the Old Testament, learning and experiencing how God revealed himself to the Hebrew people. In December students will be looking at the story of Joshua (Joshua 2; 3:1-49; 6; 24:1-28) and the birth of Christ (Isaiah 2; 7:10-16; 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-10).

PresbyYouth (Grades 9-12; college age adults) Room 111 with Jack Pittman and Darlene Scappatura. This winter, these students will be using PresbyYouth’s curriculum: *Nativity, Water and Wilderness*. This unit shows us that the poetry and stories of Christmas speak of a God who makes promises and fulfills them in sometimes surprising, even startling ways. Students explore this theme in December by looking at Old Testament prophecies of Christ (2 Samuel 7:4-17; Psalm 85; Matthew 1-2) and the story of the Magi visiting Christ (Psalm 72:10-12; Isaiah 60; Matthew 2:1-12).

Our adult classes will be combined for the weeks of December 10 and 17.

Talking About God Stuff (TAGS); Faith and Life - Room 206. December 10 and 17: *Bit Parts in the Christmas Story*. How well do you know the Christmas story? We know Mary, Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. We might even have met a few shepherds, wise ones, or an angel of two. But what about Zechariah and Elizabeth? Or nasty King Herod? They are just as much a part of the story of Christ’s birth. In two Bible studies - of Luke 1 and Matthew 2 - we will look at these “bit characters” who reveal the world that Jesus was born to save. All are welcome. Come and join us!

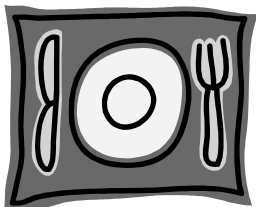
Wednesday Supper Reservations

Light Supper is served before The Way classes from 5:15-6:10 for those with **reservations**.

Suggested donation: \$3 per person.

Please return reservation slips no later than **Monday**. Slips can be placed in the **basket near the phone in the kitchen** or in the **offering plate**. You may also **call the church office** to make reservations.

Reservations slips can be found in the church office, in the kitchen, or in pews.





Christmas Pajama Drive

All PJ'S, wrapped and bearing attached tag, are due at the church by December 7th.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this project by providing pajamas to 90 children in 3 South Scranton Head Start Centers.

*Janet Dobson and Tyler Kusma
Christian Education and Growth
Committee.*



Holiday Cookie Exchange on December 7

Ready...set...BAKE! Nothing says the holidays like a batch of freshly baked Christmas cookies. Add some variety to your cookie jar by joining us on **Sunday, December 7 at 2:00PM** in Fellowship Hall for a cookie exchange. We'll have hot cider as we sample the baked goods, chat, share recipes, and of course -- swap cookies! Want to join us? Please bring 6 dozen cookies and a few copies of your recipe to share. Happy baking!



**KEEP
CHRIST IN
CHRISTMAS**

Board of Deacons

Care Team Ministry Coordinators are:

Independent & Assisted Living: Sara Ann Hosier 587-0371

Emergency Needs: Jo Conklin 563-0211

Time of Loss: TBD

Emergency Home Repair/
Maintenance:

John Conklin 563-0211

Please let the Board of Deacons Care Team Coordinators or the church office know if anyone is in need of care.

We're here to care for FPC members and friends and we count on all of you to let us know when help is needed. This is our ministry and our Christian privilege to care for you.



*For the grace of
God has appeared,
bringing salvation
for all people.*

Titus 2:11, ESV

Carolers will visit church members and assisted living and local nursing homes on Sunday, December 14. We will meet for a quick lunch immediately following the 10 o'clock service. If anyone is interested in joining the group just let Beverly Bright know by email or by calling at:

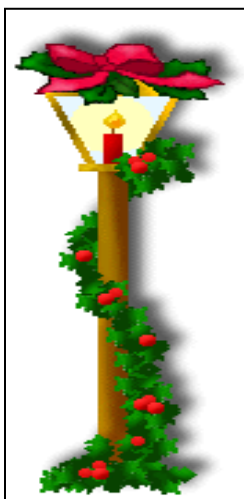
bbright908@aol.com - (570) 587-3216

We would love to have you join us.



Caroling Caravan

Special Music Concert for Sunday, December 21 at 11:30 a.m.



“Santa Ron and the Christmas Big Band” has been delighting audiences with a unique blend of standard and jazz seasonal arrangements for over twenty years. The eight piece band, founded by Ron Leas, boasts many fine area musicians, including his son, Jeff, and is the only one of its type in northeastern Pennsylvania performing virtually every popular Christmas tune published. They entertain at churches, private parties and play to capacity crowds annually at the local eateries during the holiday season.

The band will perform a one hour concert on December 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in our church sanctuary. There is no admission fee and a free will offering will be taken for the band.

Mission and Justice Committee News

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is: ‘What are you doing for others?’”

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET

On Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 6:00 at the WAY, Mission and Justice will give a brief presentation on what our annual Alternative Gift Market is all about, and why we as Christians are called to care for our sisters and brothers in need. Come see a short inspirational video and hear about some of what we offer at the market, then join us at our Annual Alternative Gift Market Sunday, Dec. 7 after the 10:00 service downstairs during the fellowship time. You will find distinctive gifts and crafts made by exceptional artists from places both far and near, sweets made by local kids, coffee, tea and treats from Equal Exchange, examples of how to save money and resources with creative gift wrapping, and ways to give an innovative gift to those you love that will help people with basic needs. Bring your check book, plan to shop for the holidays and enjoy a wonderful opportunity to bring hope and joy to others in our world whose needs are great.

BAKED GOODS NEEDED

The Bethel AME winter homeless shelter is up and running for the season. Recently The Bethel Church and The Keystone Rescue Mission Alliance joined together to run the shelter this year. Because KRMA serves meals 4 evenings each week and St. Francis Kitchen covers the other 3 evenings, there is no longer a need to provide Bethel with Sunday evening meals. However, there is a need to help provide Bethel with baked goods for evening snacks and continental style breakfasts. If you are interested in helping with this mission, look for the sign up sheet in the Narthex.

CELEBRATE THE LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THE VOLUNTARY ACTION CENTER IN A COMMUNITY PROJECT TO SUPPORT LOCAL HOMELESS PERSONS

We are joining The Voluntary Action Center (VAC) in creating “Care Bags” to be donated to KRMA Shelter (formerly Bethel AME Shelter), the Community Intervention Center, St Anthony’s Haven and the Catherine McCauley Center. Last year, 500 Care Bags were assembled and distributed to homeless shelters through a combined community effort in the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. First Presbyterian of Clarks Summit, through the Mission and Justice Committee, helped assemble the Care Bags with Fourth grade students at the South Abington School.

This Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 2015, VAC is again asking schools, businesses and community service organizations to donate one item to place in the Care Bag. However, based on the success of last year, VAC’s goal is to collect 600 of each item by January 12, 2015. These items will be organized and distributed on Monday, January 19, 2015 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The Mission and Justice Committee has decided to collect and donate 600 travel sized (1 ounce) hand sanitizers to this worthy venture.

If you would like to help reach our goal of 600, please place the travel sized hand sanitizers in the orange basket in the Narthex. Collection runs through January 11, 2015. Thank you in advance for your support.

AEM FOOD PANTRY

The AEM Food Pantry is located at the Dalton United Methodist Church, located at 125 South Turnpike Road (570-563-1619). The Pantry is opened Monday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. to residents of the Abington Heights and Lackawanna Trail school districts in need of emergency food supplies. To receive food, a current drivers' license or State ID card for adults, a current utility bill showing street address and a PA Access Card for all household members under the age of 18, need to be shown. No proof of income is required. Due to the generosity of the community, persons can receive emergency food twice a month. Currently 50 families utilize the Pantry each week.

HEATING ASSISTANCE FUND

About five years ago, as the cost of heating oil began to skyrocket, the Ministerium realized there are members of their congregations that would not be able to pay for oil. Their answer was to establish a Heating Assistance Fund, funded by congregational and individual support. To access this fund, please contact Rev. Bill.

Our church has been a long time contributor to these funds. The Deacons have organized the bi-annual congregational food drive during the months of April and October for over thirty years. Monetary contributions to the Food Pantry have come from the Women’s Association, Board of Deacons and the Mission and Justice Committee. The Mission and Justice Committee also contributes annually to the Heating Assistance Fund.



We are skipping December so everyone can enjoy the holidays. We will resume on January 22nd at Judy Cutler's home. Come join us as we discuss: **A Secret Gift: How One Man's Kindness - and a Trove of Letters - Revealed the Hidden History of the Great Depression** - by Ted Gup. In hard economic times like these, readers will find bestselling author Ted Gup's unique book uplifting as well as captivating. Inside a suitcase kept in his mother's attic, Gup discovered letters written to his grandfather in response to an ad placed in a Canton, Ohio, newspaper in 1933 that offered cash to seventy-five families facing a devastating Christmas. The author travels coast to coast to unveil the lives behind the letters, describing a range of hardships and recreating in his research the hopes and suffering of Depression-era Americans, even as he uncovers the secret life led by the grandfather he thought he knew.

Prayer and Share

Prayer and Share is looking for new participants. We meet every Wednesday morning at 10:00 to pray for those named on Sunday worship prayer cards, people who we are personally asked to pray for, friends and family members, local, national and world concerns. Confidentiality is practiced. We share a brief Bible verse and devotion from Upper Room before we begin our prayers. This group began in the 1970's and has been meeting continuously since then.

PLEASE JOIN US.

Questions? Call Myrna Diven

586-8821



Do you ever wonder what the Stephen Ministry is and why we are listed as a "Stephen Ministry" Congregation? This is a program that trains lay people to provide confidential, one on one care for people in need. Our Stephen Leaders, John Conklin, Judy Cutler, and Rev. Bill Carter, attended a week long training program to learn how to train and supervise the Stephen Ministers. The Stephen Ministers go through 50 hours of training and roll playing with the Stephen Leaders to prepare them to help people who are struggling with an issue. It can be working through the loss of a loved one, a loss of a job, divorce, illness, or just the stresses of everyday life. The Stephen Ministers will sit with you for an hour a week to help bring Christ's love and healing into your life. Everything is strictly confidential, even from the other Stephen Ministers and Leaders. This may be a short need or something that goes on for a number of months. Our Stephen Ministers are ready and able to help you. Contact one of our Stephen Leaders if you have a need and would like a Stephen Minister to talk to or just to find out more about this program.

Flower Calendar

The 2015 Flower Calendar has been placed on the bulletin board next to Rev. Carter's office. If you would like to contribute a bouquet for the sanctuary next year, please write your name on the Flower Calendar and you will be contacted.



Volunteer needed:

An additional person is needed to assist in the production of the Sunday bulletins on Thursday afternoons. Please contact the office if you are interested. TRAINING will be provided!

Year-end Housekeeping Details

2015 Pledge Cards

If you have not already done so, please turn your 2015 pledge cards into the church office.

Office Closing

The church office will be closed on Thanksgiving and the day after (November 27, 28) and December 25. The church office will close at noon on Christmas Eve and New Years' Eve.

2014 Annual Reports

CALLING ALL ANNUAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR 2014: All committees and boards are asked to submit their report of 2014 activities to the church office by December 27, 2014, electronically, if at all possible. The email address is office@fpccs.org.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit will take place on Sunday, February 1, 2015.

POTLUCK & GAMES! Come join us right after church on Sunday, January 11, 2015, for a potluck luncheon at 11:15 am, followed by games for all ages. Beverages, desserts, plates and utensils will be provided - please bring your favorite board game and a main or side dish to share. All are welcome, so please come join in the fun!

"Away in a Manger" PLATE



Make this special plate as a gift to give this Christmas.

What you need:

- Clear glass plate
- Acrylic craft paint
- Paintbrush and water
- Black permanent marker

What you do:

1. Turn plate upside-down on table. Paint one of your palms brown, and press it on the center of the plate.
2. Rotate the plate so fingers point down. Using yellow paint, make a straw bed in the palm.
3. Mix white and brown paint for Jesus' face. Use white paint for a swaddled body.
4. Paint a yellow star above Jesus and a yellow border around the plate rim.
5. When paint is dry, turn plate over. With the marker, draw dots for Jesus' eyes and write the words of Luke 2:12 around the plate rim.



Born king of the Jews

Matthew 2:1-2 says that after Jesus was born, wise men came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?" Complete the puzzle to discover what they found in Bethlehem.

Directions: In the grid below, draw lines by starting at the first number in each list and stopping at the last.



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Joys and Sorrows

Lectionary Readings



Thanks!

Thank You to The Pittmans, Keplers, Cochanes, Cocolins, Jamie Strong, Carol Shamonsky, and Farrells who helped with providing food for The Way this fall. If you would like to help in some capacity starting in January please give me a call (570-563-1887). It can be as simple as getting a salad together, making a dessert, setting up the drink station or cooking a simple entree (chili, sloppy joes, soup etc.). Reimbursements are given for your expenses.

Thank you also to those who have helped clean up especially when I had to leave early for a Camp Committee meeting.

Janet Dobson

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the office staff volunteers a very blessed holiday season and a sincere thank you for all your generous help.

Sandra E. Bailey

December 7

2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

December 14

3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8; 19-28

December 21

4th Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55; Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

December 28

1st Sunday after Christmas Day

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

Prepare
the way
of the
LORD.

ISAIAH 40:3

December Ushers

Sarah Ann Hosier &
Anne Deremer,
Ginny O'Brien (12/21)





FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

300 School Street

Clarks Summit, PA 18411-1536



Have a Green Christmas: Life, Creation, and Renewal

Advent Wreaths:

Rather than purchasing a fresh or artificial Advent wreath, you can make one. The lower branches of a Christmas tree that were cut to fit it into a stand make excellent wreath material.

“O Christmas Tree”:

If you have an artificial tree, it is best to use it as long as you can. If you purchase a live tree, go local. Visit a tree farm for a memorable outing with family or friends. After the holidays, treecycle!

Plant Indoors:

Plant winter bulbs such as amaryllis and paper whites for dramatic, fragrant blooms. These plants are exciting for kids to watch because they grow quickly.

Edible Decorations:

Attract wildlife outside with edible decorations. Coat pinecones with organic nut butter and roll them in seeds. Make garlands out of air-popped corn or chunks of stale bread. Keep watch for visiting animals.

Excerpts from “Ideas for Reclaiming Advent and Christmas” at presbyterianmission.org/justliving



Weekly Support Groups, Room 210

Sunday 7:00 AM - AA; 4:00 PM - OA

Monday 7:00 AM - AA

Tuesday 7:00 AM – AA; 7:30 PM - Big Book Group

Wednesday 7:00 AM - AA

Thursday 7:00 AM – AA; 7:00 PM - OA

Friday 7:00 AM - AA

Saturday 7:00 AM – AA; 9:45 AM - OA

December 2014

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>1</i> 12:00 PM & 6 PM Weight Watchers 7:00 PM Mission & Justice	<i>2</i> 10:00 AM PW Executive Board 7:00 PM Deacons	<i>3</i> 10:00 AM Prayer & Share 5:15 PM Light supper 5:30 PM Chapel/Teen Ch 6:00 PM Advent Program for Church Family. Reservations needed. 7:15 PM Adult Choir 8:30 PM Bell Choir	<i>4</i> 8:30 AM Mens' Breakfast 4:30 PM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Counseling Support Group 7:00 PM Building & Grounds 7:00 PM Christian Education 7:00 PM Finance	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> 10:00 AM Morning Worship 10:20 AM Joyful Noise 11:00 AM Alternative Gift Market 2:00 PM Cookie Exchange	<i>8</i> 12:00 PM & 6 PM Weight Watchers 5:30 PM AACC room 209 6:30 PM Worship, Music & Arts	<i>9</i> 10:00 AM MBK Quilts 7:00 PM Session Committee Chairs	<i>10</i> 10:00 AM LP-LDT, 11AM-Presbytery Mtg., 1PM-COM 10:00 AM Prayer & Share 5:15 PM Light supper 5:30 PM Chapel/Teen Ch 6:15 PM The W.A.Y. 7:15 PM Adult Choir 8:30 PM Bell Choir	<i>11</i> 5:00 PM Counseling Support Group	<i>12</i> Presbyter Deadline	<i>13</i> Recital - APA
<i>14</i> 10:00 AM Morning Worship 10:20 AM Joyful Noise 11:15 AM Christmas Caroling 4:00 PM The Mending: Congregational Memorial Service	<i>15</i> 12:00 PM & 6 PM Weight Watchers	<i>16</i> PW Circle Christmas Parties	<i>17</i> 10:00 AM Prayer & Share 5:15 PM Light supper 5:30 PM Chapel/Teen Ch 6:15 PM The W.A.Y. 7:15 PM Adult Choir 8:30 PM Bell Choir	<i>18</i> 8:30 AM Mens' Breakfast 5:00 PM Counseling Support Group 6:30 PM Fellowship	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i> 10:00 AM Morning Worship 10:20 AM Joyful Noise 11:30 AM Brass Concert	<i>22</i> 12:00 PM & 6 PM Weight Watchers	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> (Church Office closes at 12:00 noon.) Christmas Eve Services @ 6:30, 9:00 and 11:00pm	<i>25</i> Christmas Day	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> Annual Reports due
<i>28</i> 10:00 AM Morning Worship 10:20 AM Joyful Noise	<i>29</i> 12:00 PM & 6 PM Weight Watchers	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> 10:00 AM Prayer & Share (Church Office closes at 12:00 noon.)	Weekly Support Groups, Room 210 Sunday 7:00 AM - AA; 4:00 PM - OA Monday 7:00 AM - AA Tuesday 7:00 AM - AA; 7:30 PM - Big Book Wednesday 7:00 AM - AA Thursday 7:00 AM - AA; 7:00 PM - OA Friday 7:00 AM - AA Saturday 7:00 AM - AA; 9:45 AM - OA		