



## THE SPIRE

December 2018

Dear Friends in Christ:

Will you be home for holidays this year? Do you want to be? Where is home? Is home where you are from originally? Or is home where you are now? What makes a house a home? What makes an apartment a home? Do you like being at home? Or is it lonely?

With the holiday season upon us, the retail stores have started playing Christmas music. Chances are we'll all hear Bing Crosby croon, "I'll be Home for Christmas," at least a hundred times between now and December 25. How does his sentimental classic about snow, mistletoe, and "lovelight gleaming" make you feel? Do you love it? Or does it make you sad? Or both?

Home means different things to different people. Two people who grow up in the same home can have very different experiences. Is home a place? If so, then why do we say we feel "at home" with certain people but not others? The rare person living in his or her childhood home may nevertheless feel "homesick" for an earlier time, half-remembered and half-imagined.

As your pastor, I want nothing more than for each of you to feel "at home" with God. That means I also want you to feel "at home" in church. My idea of a perfect church has nothing to do with size or social stature or budget. To me, a perfect church finds a way to say, in so many words, to each and every person who walks in the door, "Welcome. We've been expecting *you*. Welcome *home*."

Whoever you are, and however you may be feeling about the holidays, or about church, or about God, please, come home. Come home to church. Come each Sunday in December to hear and remember how God climbed down from heaven's splendor to make his home with us.

"Come home, come home; you who are weary, come home," goes the old 19th-century revival hymn.

No matter how long you've been away, or for what reasons, you are hereby cordially and sincerely invited *home for holidays*.

Yours in Christ's Service,

*Ruth L. Boling*

Ruth L. Boling, Pastor

**Sunday, December 9**  
**Children's Christmas Pageant, 10:45AM**  
**Manse Open House, Noon-3PM**

**Friday, December 21, 7:00PM**  
**Live Nativity**

**Christmas Eve, 8:00PM**  
**Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols**

## DECEMBER WORSHIP AT A GLANCE

“Home for the Holidays” is the title of Pastor Boling’s sermon series for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. (See the Pastor’s letter on the front page.) The children’s Christmas Pageant will take the place of the sermon on December 9 and will have a mission theme. All are invited to the Pastor’s Open House at the manse following worship, co-hosted by the Board of Deacons.

<b>Dec. 2</b>	<b>First Sunday in Advent</b> The Lord’s Supper Luke 9:57-62 Meditation: “No Place Like Home”	<b>Dec. 23</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Advent</b> Matthew 2:13-15 Sermon: “Home Away from Home”
<b>Dec. 9</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Advent</b> Children’s Christmas pageant “If You Don’t Go, You Won’t Know” Open House at the Manse following worship.	<b>Dec. 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b> Service of Lessons and Carols Meditation: “Home for Christmas”
<b>Dec. 16</b>	<b>Third Sunday in Advent</b> Luke 2:1-6 Sermon: “Make Yourself at Home”	<b>Dec. 30</b>	<b>First Sunday after Christmas Day</b> Worship with Carol Sing
		<b>Jan. 6</b>	<b>Epiphany/The Lord’s Supper</b> Matthew 2:1-12 Meditation: “Home by Another Way”

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## DECEMBER WORSHIP NOTES

“For to us a child is born; to us a son is given.” Isaiah 9:6  
He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms. . .  
and gently lead those that are with young. Isaiah 40:10-11  
“Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.” Isaiah 60:1

As we prepare our hearts and lives for the coming of the Child of Bethlehem, we invite you to join us for worship in December as we gather to give thanks and praise to God for his loving faithfulness:

**Sunday, December 2** - 10:45 a.m. - Advent Sunday, communion  
**Sunday, December 9** - 10:45 a.m. - Children’s Christmas Pageant  
**Sunday, December 16** - 10:45 a.m. - Third Sunday of Advent  
**Sunday, December 23** - 10:45 a.m. - Christmas Sunday  
**Monday, December 24** - 8:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Worship  
**Sunday, December 30** - 10:45 a.m. - First Sunday after Christmas

As we walk our journey of faith through these days of Advent, let us travel to the manger as worshippers. Take time along the way to hear the joyful song of angels in a world filled with noisy babble, and to stand in awe at the brilliance of the star in a world filled with darkness. Take time to give thanks for this baby who is the fulfillment of God’s ancient promise to send a

light to show us the way, a shepherd who will gather us up and gently lead us. When we arrive at the manger on Christmas morning, rejoice with angels for we will be standing face to face with God. Then kneel with shepherds and wise men to receive this first and best gift of Christmas. Leaving the manger, let the joyful songs of Christmas sustain us on our journey of faith along the highways and byways of life that lead to the foot of the cross. There, surrounded by the glory of the Lord, our hearts and our lives will be forever changed. As Charles Wesley wrote in his 18th century hymn, “Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king. Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone. By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.”

May the amazing love of our generous and gracious God be with you at Christmas and always.  
Blessings, Ethelyn L. Fulton, Worship Team chairperson

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### **FROM THE CLERK’S DESK:**

Notes from the Session meeting of October 17. . .

#### **Buildings and Grounds Team:**

1. Approved the expenditure of \$7,200 from endowment funds to replace the existing Chapel ceiling lights with LED lights and dimmer switches. LED lights are more efficient, environmentally friendly and will save money over the long run compared with the current fluorescent lights (which often don’t work when needed).
2. Approved a “Shine the Light” fund-raising campaign to help offset the cost of the new lights. The campaign would be similar to the one run for repair of the Westminster Chimes.
3. Reported that the second floor hall lights in the Education Building will be upgraded at a cost of \$1,350. The lights have become a safety hazard and need to be replaced.

#### **Education Team:**

1. Approved a Church Scholarship to Jennifer Dalzell-Sobrera (graduate student Rutgers-Newark).
2. Reported that the team is looking into strategies for improved communication with parents with a goal of increasing parent participation in education programming.

#### **Worship Team:**

1. Approved the 2019 Communion Schedule as follows -  
January 6    February 3    March 3    March 6 (Ash Wednesday)    April 7  
April 18 (Maundy Thursday)    April 21 (Easter)    May 5    June 2    July 7  
August 4    September 8 (second Sunday)    October 6 (World Communion)  
November 3    December 1 (Advent)
2. Noted that 10:45 a.m. services will end on Sunday, June 30 and resume on Sunday, September 1. Worship services will be at 10:00 a.m. July 7 – August 15.

#### **Questions or Concerns for Session?**

Drop a note in the Clerk’s mailbox in the Church Office or see me after Sunday worship. I will be happy to listen and to answer your questions or direct you to those who can.

Respectfully, Ethelyn L. Fulton, Clerk of Session

## THE MINISTRY OF THE DEACONS

Some of our organizational structures are left over from decades ago when we were a much larger congregation. Should they stay or should they go? The Session has been grappling with that question as it relates to the Board of Deacons. Although we are a caring church full of caring people, positions on the Board have been difficult to fill in recent years. We asked ourselves, why? Does the structure inherited from previous years still fit our current situation?

We consulted the Book of Order and learned that deacons don't always have to be organized into a formal board. Deacons can also be "individually commissioned" to particular roles. Could this be an option? All agreed that visiting elderly and homebound church members and making hospital visits were top priority tasks.

We asked ourselves, what if we dissolved our 1950s-style Board with moderator, secretary, treasurer, minutes, manual of operations, monthly meetings, etc. etc. etc. and switched to the practice of commissioning individual deacons for the specific work of making friendly visits, without all the other strings attached?

After prayerful consideration and in consultation with the Moderator of the Deacons, the Session voted to do just that. At the Annual Meeting in January the congregation will be asked to vote on changes to the bylaws in order to try this new approach. We are checking with other churches who use individually commissioned deacons to find out what works and learn what pitfalls to avoid. We'll be looking for people with a passion for visiting to be commissioned as Deacons who will work closely with our Faith Community Nurse and with Pastor Ruth to provide care for the congregation. Watch for more info.

We are hopeful that this new approach will succeed. This decision is in keeping with the Revitalization Initiative that calls for letting go of what no longer works in order to devote more energy and resources to what is needed now and in the future.

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## DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> OPEN HOUSE AT THE MANSE

Pastor Ruth and the Board of Deacons will be co-hosting our Annual Manse Open House immediately following worship on December 9th. This is an opportunity to share food and fellowship while remembering an important family in our church history, the *Jarvie* family. *James Newbegin Jarvie* (1853-1929) was a prominent businessman in coffee and sugar importing, who lived in Bloomfield. He was a Charter Member and Sunday School teacher at the former Westminster Presbyterian Church. He donated the monies to build *Jarvie Hall*, adjacent to the church. Dedicated to his parents, *Jarvie Hall* housed the first public library in Bloomfield, as well as being used for numerous church activities. *James N. Jarvie* later donated monies for *Helen's Manse*, in memory of his wife, *Helen Newton Jarvie*. This brick building, located at 451 Franklin Street, was home to Westminster pastors and their families. Each year on January 1<sup>st</sup>, the pastors and their wives hosted a New Year's Day Reception in honor of *Helen N. Jarvie's* birthday. Located next to the Westminster Arts Center, it is now owned by Bloomfield College. The old grandfather clock which graced *Helen's Manse* is now located in our Park Place manse. The Westminster congregation was forever grateful for the many generous endowments and bequests from *James N. Jarvie* and his sister, *Margaret Jarvie*.

These monies were an on-going source of financial support, and included the *Helen's Fund*, used to assist those in the church family with emergency financial needs. The *Jarvie* funds were transferred to Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green at the time of the merger in 1966 and have continued to support our church and its ministry.

*James N. Jarvie's* benevolence extended far beyond Westminster. The *Jarvie Commonweal Fund*, was established in 1925 "to offer relief to the aged within the Protestant faith, and residing within 50 miles of New York City . . . who in their declining years find themselves without sufficient means of support." In 1934, the fiduciary and administrative responsibility for this fund was transferred to the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, through the Presbyterian Foundation.

Please plan to join us on December 9<sup>th</sup> immediately after worship in the manse, as we take some time to share some holiday spirit and remember *Helen Newton Jarvie* and the entire *Jarvie* family.

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## **NEW CONSECRATION SUNDAY UPDATE**

Consecration Sunday was a joyful day on November 18, beginning with worship and an inspirational sermon by our guest leader, Elder Judy Tharaud, culminating in the presentation of our Estimate of Giving Cards at the end of the service. During our Celebration Luncheon after worship we enjoyed a sumptuous spread and an entertaining skit, called "Remember, Celebrate, Dream: A Stewardship Carol," based on the Charles Dickens holiday classic.

The results to date have been tallied and were announced in worship the following Sunday. Below is a summary.

- A total of 35 giving units (husbands and wives, or single persons) completed Estimate of Giving Cards so far this year.
- A total of 25 of these giving units increased their financial commitment above their last year's amount.
- A total of 35 giving units have already filled out Estimate of Giving Cards, committing a total of \$84,145.16.
- Based on last year's giving records, we can expect to receive \$15,930 during the coming year from people who have consistent giving patterns during the past twelve months but who have not pledged this year.
- Based on the average total of loose plate offerings during the past three years, we can expect to receive \$1,500 during the coming year from that source.
- Church income from non-donor sources such as interest, rentals, and fees was \$48,546.
- This gives us a grand total of \$150,121 anticipated income during the next twelve months.
- The total income for our general operating budget during the last twelve months was \$135,046.
- Next year, we can expect our operating budget income to increase by \$15,075.
- This is an 11.16% increase in total giving above last year.
- The additional amount to meet our operating expenses comes from the church's investments.

A warm thank you to everyone who participated and to the members of the Finance and Stewardship Team for their diligent work. Let us all stay focused on the goal to “become rich in what matters to God.”

If you have any questions about any of the above information, please let me know.

Nancy Edmond, Chair - New Consecration Sunday Team

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### **LIVE NATIVITY**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” to the Live Nativity on Friday, December 21. One tour only at 7:00PM followed by a carol sing and refreshments in the Parish House. Volunteers are needed to supervise our Shepherds and Angels. Bakers are also welcome to bring “Joy to the World” with your delicious treats. If you are interested in being a VOLUNTEER or BAKER, please contact Cathy Dalzell at (973) 818-9905 or Linda Rosania at (201) 306-2353.

## *Live Nativity Story*

Friday, December 21, 2018

**ONE TOUR BEGINNING @ 7 PM**

Followed by Carol Sing and refreshments in Parish House

Music provided by  
Bloomfield Chorale,  
directed by Ruth Hsu



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## FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE NOTES

Christmas is coming! As we prepare our homes for our Christmas, and plan our very busy holiday schedules, we need to remember some very important health and safety tips to maintain mind-body-spirit balance.



- ◆ When you travel, do not drink and drive. Be sure everyone in the vehicle is in a seat belt and observe speed limits.
- ◆ Do not post your travel plans on social media.
- ◆ Wash your hands often to avoid spreading germs. Use soap and running water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol based product.
- ◆ Avoid overeating. Take a walk with family/friends after your holiday meal. Focus more on family/friends and less on all of the holiday foods.
- ◆ Be careful climbing ladders. Heed all warnings printed on your ladder.
- ◆ Do not use outdoor lights indoors - they burn hotter. Do not use indoor lights outdoors – they are not waterproof.
- ◆ Inspect all decorations for damage before use. Cracked or damaged sockets, loose or bare wires or loose connections can cause a shock or fire.
- ◆ Check all decorations for certification labels: Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or Intertek (ETL). Decorations not bearing a label from an independent testing laboratory should not be used.
- ◆ Do not overload electrical outlets. Plug only one high wattage appliance into an outlet at a time. Never connect more than 3 strings of lights together.
- ◆ Do not place electrical cords under rugs or near heat sources.
- ◆ Keep combustibles at least 3 feet from any heat source. One half of home decoration fires occur because of decorations that are too close. (National Fire Protection Association)
- ◆ Turn off, unplug and extinguish all decorations when going to sleep or leaving the house.
- ◆ Consider battery operated candles. Candles start almost one half of home decoration fires. (National Fire Protection Association)
- ◆ If you have a live Christmas tree, water it daily. Dry trees are a fire hazard.
- ◆ Manage stress. The holidays can take a toll on your health. Keep a check on over-commitment and over-spending. Focus on what is important. Don't become overwhelmed. Maybe it's time to drop a tradition that you only do because you've always done it.
- ◆ Balance work, home and play. It's okay to say no to a party and take time to relax. Be sure to get enough sleep.
- ◆ Keep Christ in Christmas. Attend Sunday worship throughout Advent at 10:45 AM, come to our Live Nativity on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM, make time for our 8 PM Christmas Eve Service. Renew your spirit by remembering the real meaning of Christmas.

Janice Fulton RN - Faith Community Nurse

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given:  
And his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)*

## **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION**

Our Sunday morning adult education series on the Heidelberg Catechism continues in December. We meet from 9:45AM to 10:30AM in the parlor. Everyone is welcome to attend, whether you want to attend consistently or occasionally. There is a place here for YOU! If you have any questions or want your own copy of the catechism, please contact Glenn Maciag.

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## **BOOK GROUP**

Our next once a month book group meeting will be on Monday, December 9 in the education building. We meet at 7:30PM. We will continue to work through “The Cross: God's Way of Salvation” by Martyn Lloyd-Jones. Our focus at our December meeting will be on chapter 4 “Love Not The World.” If you have questions or want a copy of our book, please contact Glenn Maciag.

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## **WHERE HAVE YOU GONE JOE DIMAGGIO? (UH I MEAN BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS)**

Sorry, Buildings and Grounds does not have an “I Spy” game of some sort or other creative “Hide and Seek” game this month, but that doesn’t mean we are sitting around doing nothing. Here is what we have cooking....

- continue to work on the new lighting project
- working on taking a primarily proactive approach to some asbestos in the basement
- working on some general ”fix um up” type projects
- continue to maneuver our way through the next steps of our solar mission project.
- continue to meet with potential rental opportunities
- continue to inch ahead with a preschool possibility
- installed an additional wireless router to assist with connectivity throughout the campus including the Parish House



We are happy to report that the steeple clock and bells received a clean bill of health during its annual service call.

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## **B AND G WANTS YOU!**

Do you have a fix it type of mind? Buildings and Grounds is always looking for people who can get things done. As we continue to be mindful of our budget constraints we are trying to fix everything we can in house. We need your skills.

We need:

- people who like to do woodworking
- people who can do basic plumbing/electrical
- General “fix it” guys- we have door mechanisms not working properly and some other repair items that need to be done. Have a friend? Ask them. You do not have to be a member to help take care of our building. All help is welcome.
- Someone who has connections with skills trade folks when we need something done.

- Has knowledge and skills with electronics.

If you can fix it... we need your skills. Talk to Scott Maciag or any member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Check it before you go. Even if you are not in charge please check the lights and the doors to ensure everything is off and locked. The building belongs to all of us and security requires participation by everyone.

“IF YOU ARE WAITING FOR A SIGN TO DO SOMETHING..... THIS IS IT. GO OUT AND DO IT!!

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### **NEED AN ORGAN?- WE HAVE ONE**

We still have our first chapel organ sitting in the narthex and it is looking for a great home. Ask around. It is available for a donation. It still makes a glorious sound.

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### **GREEN CHURCH, GREEN WORLD**

The raging fires burning whole towns in California, together with the ominous UN special report on climate change, are two reminders that climate change is real, dangerous, and already here. But what can the average person do? And stewards of God’s creation, do we have a special role to play as a church?

With a seed grant from the Presbytery of Newark, the “Green Church, Green World” project has come into being in response to these questions. The project grew out of a simple inquiry by our Buildings and Grounds Committee into the feasibility of installing solar panels on the Church’s rooftop to save money. This led to deeper conversations about whether God might be calling us to lead a larger community-wide effort to take hopeful action in response to catastrophic climate change. A vision emerged for a new ministry to engage our neighbors, the business community, educators, students and local government leaders to collaborate in providing a just and sustainable energy future for Bloomfield and beyond.

With Session’s support, the church is partnering with the nonprofit start-up, SolarNation, which will guide us through a three-step process starting in 2019:

- 1.Support Bloomfield to self-organize, develop, & self-financing local community-scale solar projects.
- 2.Help participants engage in additional carbon reducing (net zero) activities.
- 3.Help grow a local movement to educate and help other communities do the same.

SolarNation provides an online platform, on-the-ground resources, and access to expert help with administrative, legal, financial, regulatory, communications, and organizational tasks. This leaves the community to focus purely on mobilization. In a 12-month campaign, volunteer community participants recruit more participants, find crowdfunding investors, find solar energy subscribers and/or raise donations. SolarNation facilitates every step and guides the campaigns to spread beyond the initial community.

“Green Church, Green World” will serve as a demonstration project showing how a church can lead a community to overcome climate change denial and despair to take hopeful action. An

integral part of the mission is to engage other churches in the presbytery and synod to replicate the model.

Catastrophic climate change is not inevitable, but it will take thoughtful, prayerful, intentional and immediate action, to overcome it. Please contact Carlos Monteagudo to become part of this exciting movement!

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## Happy Birthday

- 4... Paulette Gonzalez
- 9... Aida Rodriguez-Laffan
- 17.. Lualhati Caluag
- 18.. Mathew A. Ackom
- 19.. Marsha James
- 20.. Eloy Hernandez
- 27.. Samuel Epitime
- 28.. Zoey Paige Rooplal Birjah

## Happy Anniversary

- 14... Bill and Cathy Dalzell
- 17.. Carlos and Marsha James
- 27.. Fred Chichester and Pat Kenschaft
- 29.. James and Jennifer Sobrera

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## PASTOR'S VACATION

Pastor Ruth will be on vacation December 26th thru January 3rd. In the event of a pastoral emergency please contact the church office or Ethelyn Fulton, Clerk of Session.

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## THE CHURCH IN PRAYER

*"Be still and know that I am God."* Psalm 46:10

- To:** Our Church Family
- From:** Charlotte Cade, Ethelyn Fulton, Eve Space
- About:** Our Church Family Prayer Journey
- Purpose:**
  - To develop the discipline of prayer
  - To build relationships centered and focused on prayer
  - To pray in one accord with all members of the church family
- Who:** Individuals or Prayer Triplets
- What:** Read and discuss scripture texts, pray
- Where:** Any place that is comfortable for you
- When:** Any time that is workable and comfortable for you
- December Theme:** Trust and Obey God Who Kept His Promise to Three Faithful Women...Their Sons Served the Lord with Strength, Wisdom, and God's Favor upon Them
- Scripture Texts:** I Samuel 1:19-28; 2:1-11, 26    Luke 1:5-25, 57-80  
Luke 1:26-56; 2:1-7, 21-40

## **Special Prayer Requests from the Presbytery of Newark:**

December 2 - Prospect Presbyterian Church, Maplewood

December 9 - Third Presbyterian Church, Newark

December 16 - First Presbyterian Church, Verona

December 23 - A savior has come into the world – thanks be to God!

December 30 - First Presbyterian Church, Irvington

*“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”*

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

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## **PRAYERS**

Please pray for our homebound church members and those for whom special prayers have been requested: Allegra Hoots and family, Margretta Colangelo and family, Ellen Smith, Doris Elmer, Joan Caramagna and family, Lucille De Fabritis, Beverly Monahan, Rev. Paul Boger, Rev. Rick Sommers, Lois Erickson, Michael Lewis Jr., Laura Boger, Helen LeDoux, Indira Bissoondath, Candy Antoine

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## **WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all who so generously donated the supplies to Watsessing and Fairview Schools as well as our International School in Ohafia, Nigeria. The school supplies have been delivered. However, if any one wishes to add donations to our Nigerian school, Mr. Kalu will be returning to Nigeria in March 2019.

**Thanks also to everyone who has pledged their financial support to us. We continue to meet our mission pledges because of your generosity. If you have been meaning to support us, please know that it is not too late for 2018 = December 17, 2018.**

**Kudos to all who attended and baked for our annual English Tea. With your help, the money raised will be sent to Presbyterian Disaster Relief.**

Women’s Fellowship luncheon = Sunday, December 2, 2018 after church. The women who attended the Church Wide Gathering in August 2018, will share their experiences with us. Please bring a sandwich for yourself and we will provide delicious soup, refreshments and dessert.

Photos will be displayed showing what’s going on at our International School in Ohafia, Nigeria courtesy of Mr. Kalu.

Linda Rosania, Moderator

*Real Joy is meant to be shared and makes life so rich and overflowing with love!*

Ginger Grancagnolo, Ed. D, D. Min.

# POINSETTIAS

Christmas is coming. We want to once again fill the sanctuary with Poinsettias to help us celebrate the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our Poinsettias are supported by donations from members and friends. We are suggesting a donation of \$15.00, but donations of any amount are appreciated. Donations may be dedicated "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" family and friends. Following the Christmas Eve Worship Service, the Deacons will bring the Poinsettias to those on our Visitation and Keep In Touch Lists and others who are currently dealing with difficult life issues.

If you wish to donate, please tear off the section below, complete the requested information and place in an envelope stating **Deacons Flower Fund**. The envelope can be placed in the Sunday Offering or mailed to the church office: 147 Broad Street, Bloomfield, NJ 07003.

**DEADLINE: December 16<sup>th</sup>**



2018 Poinsettia Donations (\$15.00 per dedication suggested)

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

I Would Like To Take My Poinsettia Home:  Yes  No



**THE CHURCH  
OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED ON  
CHRISTMAS DAY  
(DECEMBER 25)**



*Be sure to call the church office for  
building closings in the case of  
inclement weather. The message will  
be updated at 6:00 a.m.*

# DECEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Thrift Shop
2 9:45am – Adult Education (Parlor) 10:45 Worship Service with the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper Women’s Fellowship Christmas Luncheon following worship	3 6:00 Cub Scouts 7:30 Evangelism and Outreach Team (Parlor)	4	5 Food Pantry Thrift Shop 7:00 Lenape Trails (Parlor) 7:30 Finance & Stewardship (History Room)	6 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	7 Food Pantry Thrift Shop	8 Thrift Shop
9 9:45am – Adult Education (Parlor) 10:45 Worship Service with Children’s Pageant Manse open house after worship	10 6:00 Cub Scouts 7:30 Book Group (History Room)	11	12 Food Pantry Thrift Shop	13 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	14 Food Pantry Thrift Shop	15 Thrift Shop
16 9:45am – Adult Education (Parlor) 10:45 Worship Service 11:45 Youth Choir rehearsal  Session Reports Due Monthly SPIRE Articles Due	17 5:00 Feed the World 6:00 Cub Scouts (Art Room)	18 Noon – Naomi Circle (Parish House)	19 Food Pantry Thrift Shop  7:30 Session	20 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	21 Food Pantry Thrift Shop  7pm Live Nativity	22 Thrift Shop Food Pantry
23 9:45am – Adult Education (Parlor) 10:45 Worship Service 11:45 Youth Choir rehearsal	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b>  8:00pm  Christmas Eve Worship	25 <b>Christmas</b>  <b>Church office is closed</b>	26 Food Pantry Thrift Shop 10:00 SPIRE Team	27 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	28 Food Pantry Thrift Shop	29 Thrift Shop
30 9:45am – Adult Education (Parlor) 10:45 Worship Service 11:45 Youth Choir rehearsal	31 <b>New Year’s Eve</b>	AA and NA meet in the Parish House unless otherwise noted AA meets: Sunday at 2:00 pm and Tuesday at 8:00 pm NA meets: Thursday at 7:30 pm  Spanish Church : Wednesday at 7:30pm  Cub Scouts meet in the Parish House or in the Library				

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Worship : Sunday 10:45am

Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9am – 1pm

Thrift Shop: Wednesday and Friday, 10:00am - 2:30pm, Saturday 10am - 1pm

Food Pantry: Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 -11am, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 10:00-noon

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