

**THERE ISN'T ENOUGH ROOM IN
YOUR MIND FOR BOTH WORRY
AND FAITH. YOU MUST DECIDE
WHICH ONE WILL LIVE THERE.**

Join us Sunday at **9:30 or 11:15** as we continue preparing for the birth of our Lord! This Sunday we light the Candle of Love on our Advent wreath.

Pastor will be speaking from [Philippians 4:4-9](#)

Brunch will begin at 10:30. Plan on joining us for great food and a carol sing!

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Christmas Musical: The Bethlehem Project



To those who assisted with The Bethlehem Project, a heartfelt

thanks! The following people were instrumental to the success: Dawn Houseworth and Fran Tanner as Assistants; Sarah Gillis for rehearsal vocal warm-ups and a second set of hands; Roger Wolcott for set design and construction; Bob Gillis for Sound and pictures; Chris Gillis for videotaping, editing, and producing the production

CD; and A2J members, Kassie Little, Elena Achamizo, Libby Little, and Sarah Gillis for additional vocalist. The production couldn't have been done without their help and dedication to their church family.



If you already turned in your book and CD, thank you! If not, please return the singer edition script and CD this Sunday to Linda Gillis.

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Sunday is also our church's first Christmas Memorial Service. Meet in the sanctuary at 3:30. The deacons will serve refreshments following.

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Gifts for our Angel Tree need to be under the tree Sunday! They will be delivered to the Salvation Army first thing Monday morning.

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Addicted₂Jesus (A₂J)



This week is our A₂J Christmas Party including the Christmas Grab Bag gift. Meet in the senior high class room for our Christmas party at 11:30 am. Please bring a wrapped gift with a value of \$10 and a dessert item to share. All aides are invited and encouraged to attend the Christmas Party. Pick up is the normal scheduled time of 1 p.m.



A₂J youth are assisting Senior High youth group with brunch this Sunday. Please report promptly at 9:00 am to Karen Muldoon in Madden Hall for set up until you attend the worship service. Please report to Karen in Madden Hall again at 10:25 am for serving. A₂J will also assist with clean up per Karen's instructions until approximately 11:30 am. Parents, if you would like Karen to set aside a plate of food for your youth, please pay her the brunch fee directly and she will ensure that they receive brunch after working.

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The pastor's Monday Bible Study will meet for our Christmas lunch at the Phoenix Diner at noon. We will not meet for regular Bible Study again until January 7.

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Christmas caroling will be on Sunday night, Dec. 23, at 5:30. Christmas Eve Family Service will be at 5:00 with our Sunday School Pageant. The 7:00 traditional service will feature a special presentation by the Chancel Choir and congregation entitled "Joy to the World" A Celebration of Carols. Our Christmas Eve offering will benefit the Women's Shelter in Northfield.

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Janna Beth Cobb and Dawn Lewis are directing our Christmas Eve Pageant this year. Rehearsals are scheduled for Wed, Dec. 19, 7-8pm and Sunday, Dec. 23, 8:15-9am. Everyone should arrive on Christmas Eve by 4:30 to get in costume and take their places.

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The January Good News deadline is December 20. Articles are to be in writing and submitted to the office (email preferred) by that day. Please keep in mind it may be necessary to edit due to space limitations in our printed publications.

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Next Sunday, Dec. 23, Richard Garrick will be joining us to offer his services on trumpet for the 9:30 and 11:00 services. He will be joining Harold on the prelude, anthem, postlude and hymns.

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The office will close early Christmas Eve and reopen on Wednesday, Dec. 26. *The deadline for bulletin info and announcements for Dec. 23 and 24 is this Wednesday.*

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Deacons have asked for donations of **peanut butter** and **jam** for our monthly sandwiches for Sister Jean’s Kitchen. (There is a greater need for **jam**.)

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The Leek House is now ready to be rented. Many thanks to Karen’s Saturday helpers, work parties, and a special thank you to Kirk and Nancy Conover who painted most of the house.

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Annual Meeting is January 27. All committees and organizations need to have written and/or financial reports for the annual report in the office by January 7.

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Jan. 26, Saturday – John Taylor Concert – Tickets will be available from Joanie starting Jan. 2 for your reserved seats. (Love Offering will be taken.)

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2013 Church Family Directories are in your mailbox along with offering envelopes, Christmas cards, and who knows what else! Be sure to empty it out before you leave today.

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Mission Bouquet donations must be received in the church office by Monday!

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Our 2013 Flower Calendar is now hanging in the vestibule. Please sign up on the chart and fill in an order form hanging next to the chart. **Forms are to be submitted to the church office with payment one week prior to your chosen date.**

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The Holland Family is giving a Christmas Concert 3pm TODAY – at The Margate Community Church. Donation \$15 at the door. Dessert Reception follows – Questions call 822-7147

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Please Remember in Prayer
Ruth Eberhard, now in Absecon Manor
June Waters convalescing at home
Ruth Bird recovering from eye surgery
Carol Thomas
JoAnne Morgan
All those experiencing a “blue” Christmas

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This Week in Our Church . . .

Sunday

- 9:30 Sunday School & Worship
- 10:30 Brunch
- 11:15 Worship & A2J

3:30 Memorial Service
6:30 Pastors' Advent Study

Monday

12:00 Monday Bible Study Lunch at Phoenix
6:00 Senior Youth

Tuesday

Wednesday

9:00 Deadline for bulletins and announcements for 12/23-24
7:00 Pageant Rehearsal

Thursday

9:00 *Good News Deadline*
11:45 Serve at Sister Jean's
6:30 Handbell Rehearsal
7:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday

Saturday