

Join us this Epiphany Sunday, the celebration of the wise men's arrival to see the Christ Child. This visit signaled that Jesus was the savior of all, Jew and Gentile alike. Accordingly, we will gather at our Lord's Table to celebrate this joyous fact – "People will come from north and south and east and west to gather at the Table of our Lord." Jesus builds bridges between us at His Table.

Matthew Houseworth, Chris Hughes, Nick Hughes, and Justin Hughes will present an Epiphany drama during the first hymn.

Pastor will be speaking from Matthew 2:1-18.

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Lions and Lambs under the direction of JoAnn Sabo will be presenting a special Call to Worship at 9:30 and 11:00. It's time to lay our gifts before the King! What will you bring? What God-given gifts are you grateful for, and what can you give back to make our Lord Jesus smile? Our children need to know what gifts you have to give to our Lord. Many of them have provided their talented gifts of service for our Christmas play, . .

. service at our brunches, . . . singing in our youth choirs, . . . going on our mission trips, . . . What special gift or passion has the Father given you, and how can you return that gift in His Son's name for others? Lions and Lambs will be collecting your gifts for our Lord. Look for the insert in the bulletin, and be prepared to share your gifts (in written form) with others. Amen!

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Our dear friend, Ruth Eberhard, went home to be with her Lord this week. Funeral services will be held in our church Monday at 11:00 followed by interment at the Atlantic County Veterans Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9-11. A lunch will be provided in Madden Hall upon returning from the cemetery. *There will be no Bible Study*.

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**Lions & Lambs:** We're beginning our meeting in the sanctuary @ 11 am to take a gift offering similar to the one we'll be taking at the first service. (Don't forget our stomping song

for the three old wise men!!!) Next, we'll be moving in to Madden Hall for our Show- n- Share-n-Tell, along with a few other activities, including the making of a few hygiene kits. Please remember your \$1 contribution to these kits, 3 cookies for our cookie platter and your Show-n-share item, which is to remain in the custody of parents until the meeting begins in Madden Hall. Thank you! Pizza for lunch - my treat. See you soon. -Mrs. Sabo

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## Christmas Musical: The Bethlehem Project



Thank you to Dawn Lewis and Dawn Duran who helped sort, organize, pack and put away all the costumes. We took the opportunity to go through everything and reorganize all the costumes and store them. Without their help, this would have taken a while instead of the few hours it took us. Thank you ladies, you are a blessing!



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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## Addicted<sub>2</sub>Jesus (A<sub>2</sub>J)



This week  $A_2J$  youth will meet in the  $7^{th}/8^{th}$  grade class room at 11:00 am after refreshments. Youth will make a winter craft, discuss gifts in bible study, and share lunch. The aide scheduled this week is Dawn Duran. Lunch/Salad or Vegetable is provided by the Nale Family and Dessert/Drink is provided by the Harvey Family. A lunch schedule for the coming months will be mailed home next

week.



Once again this year,  $A_2J$  youth created a Christmas Dinner Basket in conjunction with the Deacons for a family in need. The Deacons provided the ham and  $A_2J$  youth – Sarah, Kassie, and Libby - provided the items for the rest of Christmas Dinner. Thank you for providing a donation.



*It's Not Too Late:* As we kick off the New Year it is a great time to join. All Youth in 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged and invited to join us weekly. Guests are welcome to attend the program. Please contact Linda Gillis about registration for the A<sub>2</sub>J Program. She can be reached on her home phone 573-5279 or her cell 533-5187.

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Sunday, January 13, is our Spiritual Life conference with Dr. Gary Young. We all need to be at this important event. Dr. Young will speak two times, once at the 11:00 hour and again after lunch. His topics will be "How to Live Healthy" and "Biblical Answers to Depression". We all need to hear this!

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New Members Class begins Sunday at 3:00 in Cobb Lounge. If you have been worshipping without benefit of membership, please join us!

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Our annual meeting is January 27. There will be one service that day at 10:00. Lunch will follow in Madden Hall.

Committee and organization year end reports are due in the office Monday to be included in the annual report book.

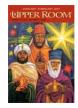
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Many of the light fixtures dedicated in memory of Bret and Pat Castle have been delivered and installed. We are still waiting for parts and ballasts to finish the job. You can tell where the new fixtures are because those areas are brighter than they used to be. Yet they use <u>less</u> electricity.

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Please be sure to check your mailbox. 2012 Financial Statements of Giving will be in them within the next week.

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Upper Room and Alive Now devotionals are now in your pew racks. Please take and read daily.

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Hygiene Kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance are due January 13. See your insert for items to be included.

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John Taylor Concert: Jan. 26 – 7p – Love offering. Nearly 100 seats gone! Call or see Joanie ASAP – 641-1839. Details in <u>Good News</u> and on posters. (Please "Pick-Up" your tickets before, between or after services – they have your reserved seats on them.)

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#### **Please Remember in Prayer**

JoAnne Morgan – surgery on Jan. 10 Family of Ruth Eberhard Betty Jean Dorris (Pastor's sister) – in Fox Chase

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# This Week in Our Church . . .

Sunday Epiphany/Communion

8:45 Breakfast

9:30 Sunday School & Worship

10:30 Refreshments

10:45 Junior Choir Rehearsal

11:00 Worship

A<sub>2</sub>J and Lions and Lambs

3:00 New Members Class

## Monday Annual Reports Due

9:00 Visitation

11:00 Funeral service for Ruth Eberhard

No Bible Study!

6:00 Senior Youth

#### Tuesday

# Wednesday

11:45 Lunch Bunch to the Black Cat

6:30 Sarah Circle

#### **Thursday**

9:00 PB & J Sandwiches

10:00 Martha Circle

11:45 Serve at Sister Jean's

6:30 Handbell Choir

7:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

6:00 "Happy Friday"

Saturday