Merry Christmas! Once again, we stand amazed at the miracle of the Incarnation – Immanuel, God with us. We pray that the Child of Bethlehem will find a welcome in your heart and in your life, that you may know the wonder of being loved unconditionally, cherished unceasingly and saved everlastingly.

Service times for Christmas and New Year's Day are listed below. The sacrament of communion will be observed on January 8.

Christmas Eve - 1 service at 7 pm

Christmas Day - 1 service at 11 am, Service of Lessons and Carols

New Year's Day - 1 service at 11 am

Pastor Tom will be out of the office December 26 – January 2. Bob Gillis will be preaching on January 1.

The church office will be closed December 26 and January 2.

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Notice: All financial requests for 2016 must be submitted to the treasurer by Tuesday, December 27.

The annual meeting of the congregation and corporation has been called for Sunday, January 29. **All end-of-year reports must be in the office no later than Wednesday, January 4.**

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Be sure to check your Christmas mailboxes! Boxes will be available into January for distribution of end-of-year statement of giving letters and annual reports.

If you can deliver mail to anyone who is housebound it would be greatly appreciated! The church is not responsible for delivering any remaining Christmas mail.

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Our first soup sale of the season will be Sunday, January 15th. There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule to donate homemade soups. Thank you in advance for your donations and please have the soups at church by 9AM on Jan 15th.

Christian Readers Book Club will meet at 6:30pm January 18. They will be discussing the book The Mistletoe Promise by Richard Paul Evans. Come out and join us for the discussion and to choose new books for the coming year.

We will host our first round of Family Promise guests during the week of January 8-15. We are currently making all final preparations and will be asking for volunteers to assist with meal preparation and other activities with our families. See a member of the Mission/Evangelism Committee for information.

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On January 12 Five Guys Burgers and Fries will be donating 10% of purchases made between 5-8 PM to Family Promise of Atlantic County. Flyers are available in the vestibule and must be presented when ordering for FPAC to benefit!

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As you're putting away your Christmas decorations please remember our collection box for St. Jude's recycled card program. Donated cards are cropped, put on blank card stock and recycled into new cards, which are then sold to customers. This program is operated by Kids, Corp., a program for the children at St. Jude's to learn entrepreneurship skills. All types of greeting cards are used so our collection box is available year round. Please send the front of the card only and exclude all Hallmark, Disney and American Greeting cards. 5" x 7" size or smaller is requested, and if there is any writing on the back of the card front, we request you do not send as we are unable to use.

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Sunday Servants

<u>Lay Assistant</u> <u>Head Ushers</u> Priscilla Schultheis Jack & Dee Heil

<u>Acolyte</u> <u>Offering</u>

Nursery Deacon of the Month

Gloria Achamizo Bob Hudak

<u>Refreshments</u> <u>Van Driver</u>

Vic Abelson

Breakfast Club Kitchen Crew

No Breakfast

Please Remember in Prayer

Nicholas Ginny Davenport Barbara Hughes Jaynie Perry Elizabeth Britland Ferd Morgan Dottie Hanlon Cathy Guenther Fran McManus Stan Weir Jordan Torjussen Joanna Howell Virginia Loeb Susan Little Ruth Carmen Robin McBrearty Chuck Inman-Sergott Rose Scott Essie Newell Betsy Cunius Kayla Storr

Rogge, Grunwald, Hunter and Hamaty Families

Victims of storms and fires

Christians in Pakistan & the Middle East, People of South Sudan

Pastor Udo, his Churches & all Christians in Nigeria

Conflict and unrest throughout our nation and around the world

This Week in Our Church . . .

Sunday

11:00 Worship

Monday

Office Closed

Tuesday

Treasurer's deadline for financial requests