Please join us in worship Sunday at 10:00am. Youth of the church will be presenting their annual Christmas Pageant during the service.

All are welcome to meet in Madden Hall after worship for a pot-luck lunch and birthday party for Jesus! Gifts of hats, gloves, scarves, etc. can be left around the tree in the hall and will be delivered to Sister Jean's Kitchen this week for distribution to their guests. Thanks so very much for your generosity!

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The Martha Circle will meet at the home of Gerry Reedell Thursday, Dec. 13 at 10am. **The Ruth Circle** scheduled for last Friday has been postponed until 1:00p Friday, Dec. 14 at Betsy Cunius'. All women of the church are invited to attend the circle of their choice.

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New Member Classes will be held Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 10 & 11, at 7:30p in the upstairs chapel. Please see Pastor if you are interested in becoming a member of the church.

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Adult Bible Study Leadership Training will begin January 14 at 7:30p. All interested parties who would like to lead future Bible Studies please sign up on the **GREEN** clipboard or see Pastor.

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There will be an informational meeting and planning discussion to develop the new **"Loaves and Fishes" dinner program** on Tuesday, December 18 at 7 p.m. in the Cobb Lounge. This new program is funded by a gift of the Presbytery, which your session decided to use to bring people of every walk of life in your community together to share a delicious quality meal.

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New this Year! Share your Christmas Spirit by contributing to the new **"Magi Fund"** which will collect donations for a cause each year during the season of Advent. A warm Christmas letter will be shared in every mailbox on Epiphany Sunday to announce how much was raised and list each of you who contributed. This can be done in addition to your Christmas cards, or for those who cannot put a card in every mailbox, it is a way to express your holiday joy to everyone in the church. **To donate:** Put a Christmas Card from you and addressed to the Church in the collection basket with your donation (cash or check payable to the church) enclosed. This year, the 'Magi Fund' will benefit the work of your Deacons to provide support for your neighbors in need within your congregation.

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Many thanks to everyone who took an **Angel Tree** tag from the tree! Please package the gifts as per the donation guidelines found in the vestibule and **return to the church no later than Dec. 16**.

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Your church family mailboxes are up and ready in the hallway across from the coatrack. Use them to exchange holiday greetings, etc. Check yours regularly!

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Save the Dates: Soup Sales January 13 & February 10

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Coming this Saturday, Dec. 15th at 7pm! The long-anticipated concert by **The Mainland Choral Society**. There will be a "special dedication" that night, and many familiar faces are in the event. Please see any of our very hard-working ticket sellers - Gayle, Elaine, Debbie, Betsy, Rita & Vic (plus, of course - Greg!). $10/Adults! Doors open at 6p (open seating) to celebrate our Lord's arrival! Amen! (Tickets available "at the door" for last minute folks!) After the concert refreshments will be served. (Those bringing cupcakes, please leave in the kitchen before 5:00pm.)

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In need of ideas for Christmas gifts? As part of APC's 150 Anniversary celebration **Commemorative Christmas Ornaments** depicting the church were offered. They are again available to you at a cost of $5.00 each. The **"A Taste of Heaven"** cookbook consists of tried and true recipes submitted by your friends from APC. Copies are limited so check them out today. ($5 per copy)

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Picture Directory

Photos will be taken Sundays after services in the foyer for families who want to be included in the directory.

Lifetouch portraits will be distributed after Sunday Services.

Notify Louise if you have a family member in the military so she can include their portrait in the 2019 directory.

Please submit your business card and or that of a family member to Louise with a check for $40 if you would like to have it in the directory. Give your name, the owner's name and the relationship to you.

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Session Spotlight

- Christmas Evening worship service is scheduled for 6 p.m. and the offering is for the Community Food Bank
- Second reading and approval of the 2019 Budget
- Congregational meeting scheduled for December 16, 2018
- Annual meeting scheduled February 3, 2019
- Mission/Evangelism Budget for 2019 is for $31,500
- Proceeds from the Sight and Sound bus trip are being given to the Deacons for their use to church families this Christmas season.
- The Magi Fund fundraiser approved and starting soon with proceeds for the Deacons
- $100 donation for the Absecon Fire Department approved.

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Please Remember in Prayer

Caplan Family - Jinny Wolcott - Norm Johnson & Marge McGuigan -
Don & Lucy Croneberger - Ruth Bird - Eskuchen & Stabile Families - Lisa Benner -
Susan Little - Frank Havens - Mae Sterling - Dee Heil - Joni Williams - Josh Howling -
Fred Winterbottom - Ginny Davenport - Robert Bieda - Paula Dowey - Jack Anderson -
Bob Gillis - Nancy Shaw - Russ Adkisson - Carol DeLaurentis - Lea Maxwell - Linda Gonzales -
Dorie Keener - Barbara McLaughlin - Jim Mong - Mildred Felsberg - Barbara Hughes -
Virginia Loeb - Robin McBrearty - Betsy Cunius
The poor and homeless
Members of our Armed Forces
Victims of fires, storms, earthquakes and other disasters around the world
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

Sunday Servants

Lay Assistant
Naida Burgess
Acolyte
Laly Ramirez
Nursery
Claire Mangione & Laly Ramirez
Continental Breakfast
Set-up: Kris Jenoriki
Clean-up: Vic & Rita

Head Ushers
Elaine Risley, Jo-ann Weller
Offering
Jack & Dee Heil
Van Driver
Barbara Hughes
Counting Team
Barbara & Dan Hughes

This Week in Our Church

Sunday

8:30a Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal
8:45a Continental Breakfast
9:15a Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00a Worship
11:00a Lunch & Birthday Party for Jesus
9:00p God Is Faithful Church

Monday

9:00a AA Support Group
4:45p Rock Solid
7:30p New Member Class

Tuesday

8:30a APC Prayer Time, lounge
4:30p King of Kings
7:30p New Member Class
9:00p God Is Faithful Prayer Mtg

Wednesday

10:00a AA Support Group
7:00p Bible Study, lounge
7:00p Teen Bible Study, teen lounge
8:00p AA Support Group

Thursday

9:30a PB & J
10:00a Martha Circle at Gerry Reedell's
11:30a Serve at Sister Jean's
5:30p Girl Scout Troop 11446
7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:45p Bell Choir Rehearsal

Friday

10:00a AA Support Group
1:00p Ruth Circle at Betsy Cunius'
8:00p AA Support Group

Saturday

7:00p Mainland Choral Society Concert
7:30p AA Support Group
9:30p AA 3rd Step Support Group