



Worship Times

Advent

Sunday Mornings
at 8:30 and 10:45
December 1, 8, 15, 22

Longest Night Service

December 20 - 7:30pm

Christmas Eve

4pm:
Children's Pageant
7:30pm:
Candlelight
(7:00 Carol Prelude)
11:00pm:
Candlelight
(10:30 Carol Prelude)

December 29

9:30am only
(No Church School)

Epiphany

January 5
8:30am and 10:45am

The Disciple

The Roots of Our Faith

Remember when the Christmas season began the day after Thanksgiving? It seems like the starting gate for when the race to Christmas begins is being placed earlier and earlier in the calendar. This year, the buzz is about stores being open on Thanksgiving Day. Retailers are not waiting until Black Friday to lure customers into their stores because "customers don't want to sit around all day with the family," as one retailer put it. Several weeks ago, friends of mine started posting on Facebook their earliest sighting of a Christmas ad on television. The last week of September won. Even Halloween isn't a marker any longer for when we should expect to see Christmas ads on television or decorations in the store. Everything is changing about the season, and we are being asked to accept that as normal and change right along with it.

All of this raises for me the question of our vision of a healthy and whole Christmas season. What do we expect the holidays to be about? What will drive the way we experience the season? I don't ask these questions in some broad sense of what we expect everyone to do. I ask them in the more personal sense of what we want from Advent and Christmas ourselves. Instead of wagging our finger at how our society is changing, I wonder if we could name what our expectations are for a good Advent and Christmas season. What do we expect to see? What do we want to experience? What would make Advent and Christmas meaningful to us when we look back on it after it is over? We all have expectations and hopes. We all have a vision for this time of year, and naming it helps us focus on what is really important about the season, so we don't have to be controlled by what isn't so important.

When the writers of the Gospels set out to tell us the story of Jesus' birth, of God becoming one of us, they too had expectations, expectations of the Messiah, what he would do, how the world would change, how our lives would be better. They didn't write from scratch about the Messiah they were waiting for. Their faith was already grounded in God's vision spoken long before in the Book of Isaiah. Our Advent theme, *The Roots of Our Faith*, grounds us in that vision by listening in particular to four passages from Isaiah, passages which reveal God's hopes and promises for the world. Our candles of Preparation, Waiting, Witness and Response light the way to the manger as the world grows darker and we long for the Light of the world.

So, instead of letting the forces and trends of the outside world shape this season for us, let's go back to

the roots of our faith, the vision God has for the child who is coming and what this baby will do to make God's presence real in our world. As we light candles each Sunday or notice the decorations in worship, let's enter the season intentionally with awareness and examine how our expectations match those of God. As we give and serve this season, let's notice how we are sharing God's presence and vision for a better world. For when we do, we will see what Isaiah saw in the vision. "A shoot will come up out of the stump of Jesse." "A people who sat in darkness have seen a great light." "Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel." This is the vision that will bring meaning, purpose, and fulfillment to our journey through Advent and our celebration of Christmas, God with us. As we shift our expectations, God's vision can be born in us so that we may live and share God's presence in our community and world.



Rev. Chip Low
Pastor

Chip

Our Abundance Gives Life to Vision

Thank you to all who have made a commitment for 2014. We have received 133 commitment cards (paper and online) from adults, youth and children that total \$356,653. These numbers include 16 new commitments and 62 adult commitments who have raised their pledge an average of 12.93%! Overall, we are close to our goal of a 10% increase from 2013. If you haven't turned in a commitment card, you may do so online (look for the link at FPCYorktown.org), mail your card, put it in the offering plate, or contact the church office by e-mail (office@fpcyorktown.org) or phone (914-245-2186) to let us know your intentions for 2014.

We continue to be thankful for the abundant gifts of time, talent and financial contributions in 2013. Commitments are being met and we continue to be on track to finish this year strong. If you have any questions about your giving in 2013, you can visit the *myFPCY* link on our website or call Kim in the church office for your updated statement of giving.

Thank you for all of the ways that your abundance continues to give life to vision at FPCY.



Recyclables still being collected! Bring your rinsed recyclables with deposit and place them in the box in the Gathering Space.



Rev. Tami Seidel
Parish Associate

Church School “Chalkboard”

We are wrapping up our current unit Joseph in Egypt and will begin our Christmas around the World unit on December 8th. In this unit the children will learn how different cultures focus on different parts of the Christmas story. This would be a great opportunity to talk about your family’s culture and traditions. The memory verse is: “So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” ~ 1 Corinthians 10:31.

We would love to have everyone join us on December 1st for the annual tree trimming festivities in the Fellowship Hall following the Gathering Time.

Did you remember to bring in your special offering to help the Living Water’s project? If not, don’t worry, we will continue to collect them during the offering. We will also continue to collect bottles & cans with deposits through the last Sunday in December. With your help our total has risen to \$104.50. Thank you all so much for your support!

Just a reminder there is no Church School on Sunday, December 29th.

With Joy and Peace during the holiday season,

Jocelyn Fontana and Jen Dixon
Church School Superintendents

Five Women and a Baby: A Study for Advent

This original study developed by Chip Low and Tami Seidel explores the five women mentioned in Jesus’ ancestral lineage (you know, that boring part of the first chapter of Matthew’s gospel that no one ever reads). We’ll take a look at these 5 unique women and their surprising stories and ask ourselves, “Why did Matthew include them and what do they tell us about the Messiah about to be born?” Come and join our thought-provoking discussion and fellowship!

Sundays, 9:30 am

December 1, 8, 15, 22 and January 5

Wednesdays, 7:30 pm

December 4, 11, 18 and January 8

Thursdays, 10 am

December 12 & 19 and January 2 & 9

A Pregnant Pause

I can feel it already! The hustle and bustle of the holiday season is upon us. The stress and anxiety, the busy-ness and speed of life are all snowballing (even without any snow). The calendar is crammed with special activities, concerts and parties. The to-do lists are growing with extra errands and preparations. The stores can’t move the merchandise fast enough. A full week before Thanksgiving I went in search of some festive Thanksgiving napkins in the grocery store and could barely find anything at all. It’s all Christmas, all the time, all over the place.

At our inspirational retreat on November 16th, Rev. Leslie Mott helped us to “Catch our Breath before the Holiday Rush.” During the retreat, we reflected on how important it is, especially when we are feeling stressed or anxious or overwhelmed, to **pause**... to step out of our routines and the unrelenting pace of our lives for just a moment. It is in this pause that we discover new perspective and regain our focus, our center, in the midst of the frenzy around us. This pause can be as simple as taking 5 minutes to breathe deeply, turning off the radio or phone or computer to sit in silence or listen to soothing music, stretching

out tired tight muscles, or saying a simple centering prayer. The point is to stop and breathe, to wait and to listen to the voice of God within and without, calling us back to a place of grace, love and peace.

Rather than a busy season of hustle and bustle, Advent is a time for us to pause – to breathe deeply of the Spirit’s peace, to listen for that silent night and the brush of angels’ wings, to step out of the commercial hype and take a little detour to Bethlehem, alongside shepherds and wise ones following a star. Just as Mary, great with child, paused in anticipation of all that was to come, so we during Advent are invited to pause, to center ourselves in the miracle of the Word made flesh, to invite the Holy One to be born in us anew.

This Advent, may you find time to pause, to breathe, to find your center in the good news of great joy for all people – Christ the Savior is born.

Peace,

Tami

Calling All Angels, Shepherds and Kings

Join us in sharing "The Greatest News of All," our exciting new Christmas pageant story!

On Christmas Eve, our children will lead us in worship with the Christmas Pageant at the 4:00 p.m. Family Service. All children will have the opportunity to participate and to sing. We will be working on the songs during the Church School Gathering Time on Sunday mornings, as well as the Saturday rehearsals.

There are also many speaking parts for children who would like to share their dramatic talent.

Rehearsals will be held:
 December 7, 9-11 am
 December 14, 9-11 am
 December 21, 1-3 pm
 December 24 at 2pm
(prior to the service at 4)

All children ages PreK-Grade 5 are welcome to participate, and older youth are welcome to

help with the pageant. Attendance at rehearsals is important, but we understand if your child(ren) have to miss one. Finally, we can't do this without help from the parents, so please tell us how you can help.

If your child(ren) would like to participate, please contact Amy Coccodrilli or send an e-mail to the office (office@fpcyorktown.org).



Youth Group

The holiday season is upon us. We are filled with Thanksgiving for the successful start of our Youth Group. With all the retailers doing their best in convincing us to buy, buy, buy gifts for Christmas, we are also reminded that Christmas is not about us. We are all "fearfully and wonderfully made". What talents and "gifts" would you like to give during this "Gift Giving" month?

Come join us for a celebratory time together, whether it be . . .

Friday, Nov 29th - "PURPLE FRIDAY" - 10am-12pm showing your artistic talent in putting on the final touches in the youth room

Sunday, Dec 8th, 6-8 pm - practice your various talents to offer the Field Home residents a "Christmas Extravaganza"

Sunday, Dec 22nd, time TBD - performing / "caroling" at Field Home

Have a joyful, blessed, and safe holiday season!

From,
 The Youth Group Team

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Welcome New Members

This fall we welcomed 8 new members! Sarah Capichioni, Kirk & Sharon Larsen, Tony Tomich, Lisa & Rob Tomeny, and Wendy & Bill Whetsel. Here's a short introduction to help you get to know them. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and get to know these new members and their families!

Kirk & Sharon Larsen write: We live in Cortlandt Manor with our three children Finn (6), Rowan (4) and Tora (2). We love to spend time with friends and family and we enjoy traveling together. We especially cherish our time together at the lake in N.H.

Sarah Capichioni writes: I am originally from the Napa Valley and have been in New York for 15 years. I am happily married to Marc and the very proud mother of Emma and Gillian. I will read almost anything anyone puts in front of me and I like to cook. I recently took a new position as the Office Manager for the new Tappan Zee bridge project. It is officially the largest construction project in the US at the moment and is very exciting. I am also thrilled to be an official member of the church!



TOYS FOR TEENS

Each year we distribute Toys for Tots in collaboration with the U.S. Marines during a food pantry in December. This is a wonderful program, but the gifts tend to be almost exclusively for young children and many pantry clients have older children as well. We are asking for help to supplement the Toys for Tots program with Toys for Teens - gifts for older children & teens (ages 12-18). Some gift ideas are:

For girls: nail polish sets, perfume, handbags, makeup kits, scarves
For boys: cologne, Axe body wash, shave kits, hair gel, model cars
For both: basketballs, soccer balls, diaries, books, games, CDs, scarves, grooming kits, sketch pads, art supplies, gift cards

HAT AND MITTEN TREE

Support our food pantry families with either hand-knitted or purchased hats and mittens. Bring new hats, mittens and scarves and add them to the tree. They'll be distributed during the food pantry.

FOOD PANTRY CARDS

Help raise funds to support the work of our food pantry. Dollars donated are matched by a grant. Available in Fellowship Hall on December 1 & 8. Donations to the Food Pantry always welcome...just write "Food Pantry" in the memo line.

BEDFORD PRISON CHILDREN'S CENTER

Toy collection on Dec 15. Please bring new unwrapped toys to the Sanctuary (and place them on the left side). Kids can bring their gifts to Sunday School "Opening Worship" time. Gifts they request are: art kits, games, puzzles, science kits and toys are requested that kids can play with their moms when they visit. This is an integral part of the parent training in the Prison Children's Center. Mom's earn money and "spend it" to choose a gift for their child. This has been a highly successful program for supporting children and working to promote healthier family relationships while Mom is in prison. Other gift suggestions are basketballs, footballs, nerf balls, other sports equipment as well as gifts for older kids and teens: gift cards, grooming sets, make-up kits, wallets, appropriate movies, fashion accessories, slippers and cozy socks, etc. We CANNOT accept stuffed animals or clothing items in orange, black or dark green. Thanks so much!

RECYCLE YOUR REFUND

Support the Living Waters project of PCUSA, in conjunction with Grandview Methodist Church in Kansas. Rinsed cans & bottles are being collected in the gathering space.

CHRISTMAS JOY

Every year the Presbyterian Church collects the Christmas Joy Offering to provide financial assistance to current and former church workers, and to support our racial/ethnic colleges. You can learn more at www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/specialofferings/christmas-joy-offering/

Helping and Giving to Those In Need

Food Justice was the theme of our Peace and Justice Weekend, Saturday November 9 and Sunday November 10. About a dozen or so of us watched the movie *A Place at the Table* on Saturday evening. After the movie Chip moderated a discussion with Todd Child of our food pantry and Lori Hylton, the Presbytery's Hunger Action Enabler. All of us learned more about the issue of hunger in this country.

The film is available through streaming services (Netflix, Amazon), so if you weren't able to make the viewing and would like to see the film, and would like to watch with a group of interested folks, contact Connie Knapp (caknapp@acm.org or 914.671.5114) or Nance Thompson (bsnwahoo@gmail.com). If there's interest we can put together small groups to watch the film.

On Sunday November 10th we held the Peace and Justice Service. Lori Hylton joined us as our guest preacher. She also led the Adult Forum between the services and met with folks after the 10:45 service at a "sermon for lunch."

The Mission Commission has dedicated our Thanksgiving Offering to support Lori's work. Her very part time position (eight hours a week) is currently funded for three years on a combination of grants from the denomination and the presbytery.

If you haven't had a chance to contribute to the Thanksgiving Offering, it's not too late. You can support this work with a check or with bill payment from your bank (indicate that your donation is for the Thanksgiving Offering in the memo line) or online at www.fpcyorktown.org (hit the "give now" button and choose Thanksgiving Offering).

The Mission Commission, the Education Commission and the Deacons are providing a "menu" of giving opportunities during the Christmas Season. We have designated Sunday, December 15 as "Giving Sunday." We invite you, as you feel moved, to support one (or more) of these initiatives.

The giving opportunities fall into roughly three broad categories: Food Pantry initiatives (Toys for Tots, Tweens and Teens; the hat and mitten tree; food pantry cards); Education/Church School initiatives (Bedford Prison Project, water project); and Presbytery initiatives (Christmas Joy offering). You can read about in the column to the left.

During the Christmas season we remember Jesus's words in Matthew, 25:37-40. "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see the hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee? And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.'"

Connie Knapp & Nance Thompson
for the Mission Commission

Stop by the
Amnesty
International
table on the second
Sunday of each
month to sign
letters as we work
together to seek
peace and justice
in the world.

Thirteenth Annual Christmas Concert

On Saturday evening at 8:00, our Concert Series will offer its thirteenth annual Christmas Concert in the sanctuary. The Concert will feature a tune-filled evening of Baroque Christmas music of the season, including the charming Messe de Minuit pour Noël by French composer Charpentier (you'll feel like doing the Minuet in the aisles), and Corelli's Christmas Concerto. Some light-hearted musical surprises round out the evening! Guest Artists for the evening include the Concertino NY (comprised of professional musicians from the Juilliard School of Mu-

sic), as well as the Concert Choir of FPC and invited professional singers. The concert is conducted by Simona Frenkel on piano, organ, and harpsichord. A suggested donation of \$20 is requested, and a reception to meet the artists, accompanied by lots of holiday goodies, will follow the performance. The concert series is supported by the generosity of its congregation patrons. Please join us for a musical kick-off to the Christmas Season!



Longest Night

On Friday evening December 20th at 7:30, the Church will offer its Longest Night Service in preparation for the Light coming into the world on Christmas morning. Sometimes known as "Blue Christmas", this beautiful candle-lit worship service

offers hope, support, prayer and quiet reflection to those for whom the Advent season may also bring sadness, loss, and worry. Please join us for this peaceful and comforting worship which provides solace and hope for the Light which is coming.



Poinsettias for Christmas Eve

Many of members and friends remember their loved ones at Christmas by helping to decorate the sanctuary with poinsettias. Please fill out the form below or contact Kim in the office (kim@fpcyorktown.org / 914-245-2186). Names will be published in the Christmas Eve bulletin. You may purchase as many flowers as you wish. Each can be in honor or in memory of as many people as you wish. The cost of each poinsettia is \$10.

Name: _____

How Many: _____ Enclosed: \$ _____

Inscription: _____

The Ministry of Our Deacons

The busiest Food Pantries of the year are right around the corner. Yes, Thanksgiving and Christmas, with the Toys for Tots distribution, are very important to the families we serve through the Food Pantry. We are thankful that you, the people of FPCY, are generous with your help, your turkeys, and your toys. We are once again setting up the "Hat and Mitten Tree" so you can creatively decorate it with hats, scarves, and mittens or gloves. The warmth they bring to little hands and heads is reflected in the delighted smiles bestowed on us during the morning of distribution. The Christmas Food Pantry, with need for hams, is the same day as Toys for Tots Distribution day: December 21st. Help setting up and directing traffic is always welcomed.

Do you speak Spanish? Many of our clients are Spanish-speaking, and do not have fluent English language skills. If you are even mildly fluent, your talents are needed. If you are in school and need to practice Spanish conversation, you are needed. While smiles and hand gestures are better than

nothing, help in registering new clients in their own language would be a blessing!

In the midst of all of this, we want to acknowledge you for your involvement in the ministries this church provides to those people in our beautiful Hudson Valley area who suffer from hunger. We are studying Food Justice as a church, and it is frightening to look at hunger in suburban America. It doesn't just happen to people in rural Kentucky or in the Bronx. It can be happening next door ... quietly and desperately ... as neighbors strive to act normal when lost employment has eaten up their savings, emergency funds and unemployment benefits. By being aware, by offering help, by being an advocate for those who have lost their voice, we are doing the work that defines us as Christians. This is good work, made even more meaningful at this time of year, and brings the blessings of Christmas home.

May the blessing of Christ be with you and yours.

~Angelyn Forbes-Freeze for the Deacons

**Food Pantry
"Item of the Month"**

Peanut Butter

**Next Dates:
December 14 & 21
9 to 11 am**

We need volunteers to load bags from 8-9 am on the pantry days.



Please remember
in your prayers:

Kathy Anderson
Marie Anderson
Peg Bertsch
Deanna Collins
Carol Cornish
Allan Damon
Betty Dexter
Gertrude Dineen
Natalie Dineen
Louise Fang
Evelyn & Lynn Fischer
Brian Froehlich
Melissa Gilbert
Phillip Gresh
Lisa Gunther
Mary Hamblen
Ken Hardy
Craig & Eleanor Hibben
Ruth Hickey
Marie Hodgkinson
Nellie Keller
Caryl Kerber
Bonnie Konnerth
Jim Kutter
Janice Linehan
Ruth Linehan
Jim Lunday
Florence Malcolmson
Janet Mazzaroppi
Dave Monk
Janet Nelson
Kyle Nelson
Sue Palicz
Genevieve Palmer
Dixie Robinson
Ruth Selman
Kim Sherman
Delia Siemers
Dottie Slechta
Cameron Spence
Kathy Swenson
Cal Weber
Teddy Wilson
Kathryn Winget

Knitting Groups

Knit Togethers meet next on December 9 and January 13 & 27 at 10am.

Thank you to the many viewers of our Annual Show & Tell on November 3rd for their kind comments. You encourage us in our mission of knitting and giving to others in the community.

In early December we plan to distribute over 200 knitted items to Bethel Nursing Home, The Field Home, Dominican Sisters' Visiting Nurses and the Mitten Tree at our Food Pantry.

Our meetings are held on 2nd and 4th Mondays, 10 to 11:30am, in Lounge 15. All who knit and crochet are welcome. Join us in the joy of creating and giving to others in the community. For information: Norean Radke (962-4370) or Lois Ostling (962-2809).

Prayer Shawl Group meets next on Wednesday morning, December 11 at 10:30. Please join us!

#Abundance - In Linus Blankets

On October 23, Cindy from the Linus Group of Westchester came to gather the blankets we had knitted. Cindy comes twice a year - in the Spring and in the Fall. We usually have 40 to 50 blankets to give to her. This year, because of knitting for the orphanage in Africa, I was skeptical as to the number we would have. I should not have been concerned. As we placed our blankets on the table in the lounge, blankets kept coming in -

more and more. Somehow it seemed like the baskets of food at the feeding of the 5,000. When we had our final count we had accumulated 75 blankets. We were glad Chip could join us for a send off prayer and blessing. These blankets will be used by children we will never see and we will never know but who we love. For all of us this is a special mission.

Marianna Sherman for the Prayer Shawl Ministry

New in the Church Library

Just published! Anne Lamott's follow-up to *Help, Thanks, Wow* is *Stitches* (both are in 248 L). The subtitle, *A Handbook on Meaning, Hope and Repair*, describes the theme of finding peace in these frantic and often difficult times. "You have to keep taking the next necessary stitch, and the next one, and the next. Without stitches, you just have rags. And we are not rags." Lamott writes. "We live stitch by stitch. If you fixate on the whole shebang, you miss the stitching." With her unique brand of humor, wisdom, and profound spiritual insight, she puts into words what it means to accept and ultimately embrace the beauty, mystery, and pain that is life.

Carol Jensen, Church Librarian

Senior Lunch Bunch

Senior Lunch Bunch will not be meeting in December at church, but we'll be enjoying "White Christmas" at the Elmsford Dinner Theatre. We'll be back in January for a "Soup and Sandwich" lunch on January 15. More information to follow. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Safe Holiday Season!

*Pat and John Prauda
for the Senior Lunch Bunch*

Jan Peek Meal

Jan Peek House in Peekskill is a shelter for 19 homeless men and women, run by Caring for the Homeless of Peekskill (CHOP). On the 4th Saturday of each month, we provide dinner at the Jan Peek House. It is rewarding to share food and conversation with the residents, and it is an important part of our congregation's ministry to the community. New volunteers always welcome. Call Bud Coccodrilli (245-6475) to talk about it. Thanks to the Dixon & Prauda families for the November dinner. The December meal will be prepared by the McGrath & Corpolongo families.

Noontime Meal

FPCY's Noontime Meal preparers will mobilize again on December 10 at Peekskill Presbyterian Church. We invite any of you to consider one or two hours of volunteer work per month on the Tuesday prior to the second Wednesday. This is a rewarding task and many hands make the work light and fun. Call Squeegie Mills (845-621-3178) or Ken Sherman (914-737-8294) for details.

Sunday Morning...Hands-On Helping!

USHERS are always needed on a Sunday morning for both 8:30am and 10:45am Services. Please sign up on the Usher Board at the bottom of the ramp in the Gathering Space. You can always contact Terri Froehlich at 528-0881 or Pat Prauda at 737-4674. We will walk you through it and pair you up with someone who has served before. It is a good way to meet new people. Families are welcome! **COFFEE HOUR** volunteers always welcome! Please see Pat Prauda or Ellen de Jong to volunteer!



Communion Brunch

Our Communion Brunch is on the first Sunday of each month, so in December it will be on the 1st. We would love to have you bring in a dish to share after our church service(s). Just drop it off in the kitchen and we all will look forward to enjoying good food & fellowship with one another!

Holiday Bake Sale

You are invited to YPP's Annual Bake Sale on Sunday, December 15 from 9-1 in Fellowship Hall. Each year we have a wide variety of delicious baked goods...cakes, pies, breads....let us help you with your holiday baking or gift giving! This sale supports our cultural enrichment programs such as Jonathan Cruik, Storyteller; puppet shows, nature programs, and other activities. Our special programs are offered to our students, as well as children from our church family, We look forward to your continued support and we'll see you on December 15!



Operations Update

Considerable progress has been made on many aspects of our buildings maintenance and improvement program. A very big Thank You goes out to Jose for his continued initiative and hard work. Jose is self-motivated and initiates action whenever required. We are truly blessed in having such a good employee on our staff.

Accomplishments:

The cabinet that has long hung on the north wall of the Narthex has been removed. The cracks in the wall have been ground-out, taped with fiber patching material and spackled. The entire north wall will be painted.

The cabinet in the Youth Room where we store our electrical parts has been more properly secured.

Considerable work has taken place to find a better way of keeping our tile floors looking fresh & shiny. A new machine has been acquired so that we can regularly burnish the floors. Also, we have found an easy way of removing black scuff marks. Gradually, we will begin applying the new wax we are using in each room and then burnish the floors regularly.

New carpeting will be installed in the Youth Room on December 2. This will be a significant improvement to this room.

We now have the wiring installed for adding speakers in the kitchen and nursery. When installed, the speakers will allow people in the kitchen and nursery to monitor events in the Sanctuary to better know when an event is ending.

The north parking lots will soon be graded and rolled with a heavy duty vibratory machine. This will help to prepare for winter snow plowing. Without this work, the snow plow tends to dig into much of the gravel surface of the parking lot leaving large piles of gravel at the ends. This annual fall maintenance helps a great deal in protecting the surface.

On December 7th we will have a small work party to cut down all of the grasses around the Church property. Doing this maintenance while the grasses are still standing makes this chore measurably easier than it would be once snow smashes them down.

Other winter preparation completed: all hoses drained and stored, snow stakes deployed to outline paved areas and speed bumps, and ice melt & sand deployed in strategic areas.

A new fuel oil contract has been implemented with Burke Heat at a favorable price of \$3.479 per gallon.

Rooms 2 & 3 are being prepped for painting.

Several issues of maintenance at the Manse are being addressed.

The snow blower has been serviced for winter.

We are routinely repairing several vinyl tiles which have been lifting in Fellowship Hall and the Gathering Space. When a tile becomes loose we reset it with adhesive. This seems to be happening more frequently so we are monitoring the situation closely.

Should anyone spot something that isn't quite right, please bring it to my attention or speak with any member of the Operations Commission. We will endeavor to correct the problem immediately. We have an excellent facility, but continued maintenance is required. Your help in letting us know of developing problems is greatly appreciated!

Thanks to all for helping us to keep things in good shape and for volunteering when we call for assistance. Everyone's effort is very much appreciated!

Dick Seymour
Chair of Operations/Facilities Coordinator

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15 Worship Services 8:30am & 10:45am YPP Bake Sale Today 9:30am- Church School Adult Ed 12pm Deacon Meeting Youth Bells	16 Education: 7:30pm	17 7:30: Operations	18 7:30pm Advent Study	19 Study - 10am 6:30pm - Bells 8pm - Choir	20 Longest Night Service	21 Food Pantry 9-11am Pageant Rehearsal 1-3pm
22 Worship Services 8:30am & 10:45am 9:30am- Church School Adult Ed 12pm Youth Bells Youth Group time TBD	23	24 Christmas Eve Services 4pm Family 7:30pm Candlelight (Carol Prelude at 7) 11pm Candlelight (Carol Prelude at 10:30)	25 Merry Christmas! (office closed)	26 (office closed)	27	28 Jan Peek Meal served
29 Worship Service at 9:30am only No Church School	30	<h2>December</h2>				