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December 2017- January 2018 Church News



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2017

Our Advent/Christmas theme this year is "Moving Towards the Manger." As we move towards the manger we prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ in our hearts once again. During the holidays, there is much movement as we all find ourselves shopping/celebrating/buying/wrapping/mailing/and decorating our homes for Christmas. One movement needs to be remembered above all others; our movement towards the manger, where the Christ child is born. He is the reason we celebrate Christmas. Our movement towards the manger takes us through the four Sunday's in advent and concludes with our beautiful Christmas Eve services on December 24th. Our family-friendly candlelight service will again be held at 5:00 p.m. and our Lessons and Carols candlelight services will be held at 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. We will again celebrate the Lord's Supper at the 11:00 p.m. service.

Our special Christmas offering this year will be shared by three different organizations: First, "Angels of Light" of Dutchess County which is a non-profit organization focused on holiday giving for children and families with life threatening illnesses. Second, "Pets Alive", a non-profit no kill animal rescue located in the Catskill Mountains. Recently they rescued many animals from the hurricanes in Texas. Third, our offering will go towards the RCA Global Missions, Hurricane Relief. Please use the envelopes in your church envelope box or the envelopes in the pews.

On behalf of the Consistory and the staff, I offer my warmest Christmas greetings to each of you. I look forward to seeing you in worship as we prepare ourselves to welcome the new born King.

Please note our Advent/Christmas worship schedule and holiday opportunities on the next page. May God Bless you during this wonderful season!

Rev. Keith W. Tamlyn

WORSHIP SCHEDULE & CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES
for
ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2017
“Moving Towards the Manger”
Sunday Morning Worship Services
8:30am and 10:00am (with Sunday School at 10am)

December

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| 2 | Saturday | Piggy Bank Bazaar, 9:00am - 12:00pm | |
| 3 | Sunday | Advent I | Communion Celebrated |
| | | Scripture: | 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9, Mark 13: 24-37 |
| | | Sermon: | “The Birth of the New” |
| | | 12:00pm | RCWM Advent Wreath Making Social -Holiday fellowship and caroling. |
| 9 | Saturday | Annual Remembrance Service, 10:00am A Service of Remembrance for those who grieve the loss of loved ones | |
| 10 | Sunday | Advent II | |
| | | 8:30am | Scripture: Isaiah 40: 1-11, Mark 1: 1-8 Sermon: “Watching and Waiting” |
| | | 10:00am | Annual Sunday School Christmas Pageant Holiday Pizza Party following Pageant |
| 17 | Sunday | Advent III | |
| | | Scripture: | Philippians 4: 4-7, Matthew 11: 2-6 |
| | | Sermon: | “Preparing for Joy” |
| 24 | Sunday | Advent IV | 10am service only, No Sunday School or Children’s Place |
| | | Scripture: | John 1: 1-18 |
| | | Sermon: | “The Eternal Listener” |
| | | 5:00pm | <i>Family-Friendly Service</i> – Scripture and Candlelight |
| | | 8:00pm | <i>Lessons, Carols, and Candlelight</i> “Moving Towards the Manger” |
| | | 11:00pm | <i>Lessons, Carols, and Candlelight</i> “Moving Towards the Manger” The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated |
| 31 | Sunday | 10:00am | Christmas Carols/Scripture, <i>one service only</i> No Sunday School/ No Children’s Place |
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| <u>January, 2018</u> | | | |
| 7 | Sunday | 8:30am & 10am | Epiphany Sunday/Communion/Sunday School- 10am Begin the new year worshipping God! |



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION... Kris Rice, Christian Education Director
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When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.
Luke 2:15-16

Our 4th Annual **"Heroes Unmasked"** Fall Festival took place on All Saints Day, Nov 5th. Some of the Bible Heroes the children heard from were David, Jonah and Mary. There was a lot of fun and energy going around playing games, making crafts and trick or treating. We even had Jonah's whale to check out! Thank you to the youth who assisted in making it a great day for all.

With Christmas soon approaching it is time for our **Annual Sunday School Christmas Pageant**, which will be presented on Sunday, **December 10th at 10:00 a.m.**

Pre-school through 6th grade will be performing. There will be **two** rehearsals. The first is on Saturday, **Dec. 2nd** (immediately following Piggy Bank Bazaar) **12:15- 1:15 p.m.** for children with **character parts and narrators**. The second (dress rehearsal) is for the entire cast on Saturday, **Dec. 9th** from **1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** for **grades 3-6**, and **2:00 to 3:00 p.m.** for **pre-school thru 2nd grade** (angels). Any questions? Please call or email me.

Immediately following the Christmas Pageant will be a **Family Pizza Party**, where we please ask each family to bring in a plate of cookies to share. Thank you for your support of our Sunday School programs!

"Operation Christmas Child" Shoe Box Ministry was our Sunday School mission for the Advent season. This wonderful mission brings the excitement and joy of Christmas and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need, here and all over the world! We collected a total of 55 boxes! A BIG Thank You to all who contributed to this wonderful ministry.

There will be **no Sunday School classes or Children's Place** held on Dec. 24th or Dec. 31st.

In His Service,

Kris Rice

Christian Education Director



YOUTH GROUP.... Elder , Pat Meaney, Youth Group Director

Our theme this year is Friendship! If you are in 7th grade through 12th grade, you are always welcome to join us for any of our events. Come and make friends that will last a lifetime! If you have any questions, please call or text me at 914-456-2613, or email me at meaneypj@gmail.com.

Youth Calendar:

Christmas Caroling, Dec 17 at 2-7 pm

Youth Overnight Lock-in: Jan 12-13

Youth Sunday: Jan 28, 10 am

THANK YOU!

Thank you for all your support for the Piggy Bank Youth Bake Sale! We raised over \$500, thanks to your great generosity!

Wreaths and Calendars:

Wreaths and Calendars are still available! Wreaths are \$25 each and Calendars are \$6 each. Please stop by during Fellowship Hour in the gathering area.

Parent's Night Out!

Do you need to get some Christmas Shopping done? Did you want to have a date night with your spouse? Do you just need to have some down time while your kids can have fun?

Well, then, come to Parents' Night Out! Drop your kids off, do your own thing, and pick them up when you are done! Don't worry, we will have plenty of fun activities for the kids, including games, crafts, snacks, and a reading/story corner!

When: Friday, December 15th anytime from 6-9pm

Where: In the Youth Room

Cost: \$5 per hour for first child, \$3 per hour for each additional child

Note: Children must be potty trained.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Sunday, Dec. 17, 2 pm

Families of ALL AGES: You are all invited to come Christmas Caroling with us on Sunday, December 17, starting at 2 pm! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall to practice some songs and then carpool to spread some holiday cheer to our beloved shut-ins. We even hope to visit a nursing home! For those who can stick around, we are thinking of having some dinner and hot chocolate when we are done!



Congregational Life

Congregational Life...

Our annual Souper Bowl soup collection to benefit Liberty Station will start Jan. 7. Any kind of soups would be most welcome! The drive will end on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 4. Collection boxes will be in the Fellowship Hall and Gathering Area. Keep your eyes out for coupons and sales!



Dear NHRC Family,
Words cannot express how thankful I am for all your cards, food and phone calls during my hip replacement. I am so lucky to have you as a part of my life.

Sincerely,
Joyce Shafer



Property Committee continues to collect any items containing metal which will be taken to recycling centers for cash for the church. We do this all year long and have raised almost \$10,000 in 4 years.

Items can be dropped off to the left side of the 3 door garage by the parsonage.
Please see the flyers in the gathering area for a detailed list of items that accepted for collection.

If you need metal items picked up or have any questions, please contact:

Jerry Carey 845-702-4285

Bob Ray 845-505-3286 or

John Licari 914-204-7278.



PIGGY BANK BAZAAR... Greetings from Kermit!

You humans are just AMAZING!! Once again, you've put together a Wonderful, Successful Piggy Bank Bazaar, filling the church halls with smiling people, young and old, and the rooms with wonderful goodies for the young folks to give to their loved ones at Christmas!!

Let me get right to the numbers – I know you humans are interested in that! We counted 351 children shopping, 40 more than last year. We sold 3,794 gifts:

- 762 women's gifts
- 250 gifts for animals
- 736 men's gifts
- 659 children's gifts
- 778 Christmas gifts
- 187 photographs in frames
- 192 personalized gifts
- 230 flower arrangements and plants

Total Bazaar income was \$8,444.51. Expenses for 2017 were \$4,001.25, for a net profit of \$4443.26.

The Youth Group also had a very successful day with their refreshments and bake sale, bringing in \$567.90.

Most of Piggy Bank's profits are donated throughout the year, usually to activities involving children. In the past year, donations totaling \$3,457.46 were given to:

- The NHRC Youth Group
- The Church Property Fund
- The Mommy Connection
- The Roof Fund
- The Girl Scouts Jewelry workshop
- The Sunday School

In addition, Piggy Bank supplies were shared with the Sunday School Lenten Project, Sparrows Nest, and Rural & Migrant Ministry Holiday Toy Store.

All of this is made possible only through YOUR participation and YOUR donation of supplies through the year. A Great Big Froggy Thank you to everyone who volunteered on the Big Day – Mrs. Ray estimates (and her estimates are VERY good!!) that about 150 people were involved in Piggy Bank Bazaar day. A special thank you goes out to the Girls Scouts who acted as guides this year. Also, many people worked through the year – participating in Wednesday Workshops, designing and building Take Home Kits, publicizing and inviting friends to the Bazaar, and in just so many other ways. This really is YOUR success!!!

Thinking ahead to next year, we'll need lots of new craft ideas and craft supplies, since we'll have to accumulate another 3000+ gifts. We'll also need a large supply of handled grocery or department store bags. The Gift Wrapping folks will need bunches of gift bags, tissue paper, ribbons, small boxes, and wrapping paper. Christmas mugs and other mugs, Christmas ornaments, artificial greens and wreaths, silk flowers, baskets, and jewelry making supplies are needed, too.

All the Piggy Bank folks will take some time off now, and the Wednesday Morning Workshops will start up again in February. Even this little frog will be hopping off to his pond for a while to recuperate, and try to stay warm.

Before I go, though, I'd like to ask that when you see Mrs. Ray (humans call her "Carol") you say "THANK

YOU” to her, because even though lots and LOTS of people make the Piggy Bank Bazaar happen, it’s her sure hand on all the threads that weave it all together!! (I’d thank her myself but, hey, I’m a frog – just because I can hop across a keyboard doesn’t mean I can talk!! Whoever heard of such a thing?!)

Yours in love,
Kermit



Dear Kermit,

Once again we had a spectacular bazaar and we all saw you there helping with the accounting, which is a perfect place for you since you love the color green. We do really appreciate you writing the monthly news about the Piggy Bank Bazaar. Every year we do take this opportunity to inform your readers that “Kermit” is created by you--Joe Allen. We will all look forward to your upcoming messages as we plan the forty-third annual Piggy Bank Bazaar.

~The Piggy Bankers



OUTREACH...

Hudson River Housing: The 2018 sign-up sheet is now available in the Gathering Area on the Info Table. We need signups. Casserole pans have been placed in the gathering area for volunteers to prepare. If you have not yet returned your casserole, please do so as soon as possible. If anyone is interested in volunteering but cannot afford to purchase the whole meal, please see Arra Mowry.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Missions of the Month:

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| <u>January:</u> | Dutchess Interfaith Council | \$160.00 |
| <u>February:</u> | The Lunch Box | 240.00 |
| <u>March:</u> | Meals on Wheels of Wappingers Falls | 620.00 |
| <u>April:</u> | ALS Foundation | 1,017.00 |
| <u>May:</u> | Grace Smith House | 215.00 |
| <u>June:</u> | Western and New Brunswick Seminaries | 145.00 |
| <u>July:</u> | Habitat of Dutchess County | 475.00 |
| <u>August:</u> | Dutchess Outreach | 311.00 |
| <u>September:</u> | Church World Service-Hurricane Relief | 1231.00 |
| <u>October:</u> | Hospice of Dutchess | 385.00 |
| <u>November:</u> | Food Bank of the Hudson Valley | 262.00 |
| <u>December:</u> | Reformed Church Mission Services (Hurricane and Earthquake Relief) | |
| <u>January 2018:</u> | Dutchess Interfaith Council | |

Liberty Station (Hudson River Housing): The food donations are coming in slowly now. They are still in great need of food donations. Liberty Station does NOT provide meals to the veteran residents living at Liberty Station. They depend on food donations. Donation boxes are located in the Gathering Area and next to the Church Office.

Blood Drive: The next blood drive is January 30, 2018 from 1pm – 7pm. The November blood drive netted 29 pints.

DC SPCA: They continue to be in need of cat and dog food both canned and dry.

2017 Easter Special Offering: The ALS Foundation \$3,000.00

2017 Thanksgiving Special Offering: The Food Bank of the Hudson Valley \$1,545.00

2017 Christmas Eve Special Offering: Reformed Church Mission Services – Hurricane and Earthquake Relief

Baby Blanket and Cap Program: Baby blankets continue to be made and will be delivered to Orange County Regional Medical Center. Crochet and knitting patterns for the caps can be located at the information table.



RCWM....

Girls Night Out, Wednesday, December 13th, 6:30 pm.

All women are invited to join us for our annual festive Christmas get-together in our favorite gathering place. We always have a great time at **PC's Paddock Restaurant, 273 Titusville Road, Poughkeepsie**, across from Golds Gym and the Rail Trail. We will accept donations to aid someone in need. As parking space is limited at the restaurant, carpooling is encouraged (parking is also available across the street next to Gold's Gym). The restaurant suggests paying for our separate checks in cash to facilitate a speedy checkout. Hope to see you there! Sign up in the Gathering area, or speak to Pat Chism.

RURAL & MIGRANT MINISTRY...

DESTINY – DESTINO: A time for renewal, learning, sharing, networking and celebration...

THE ANNUAL RURAL WOMEN'S ASSEMBLY co-sponsored by Rural & Migrant Ministry and The Daughters of Sarah will be held the December 8-10, 2017 at the Desmond Hotel, Albany, NY. This is a remarkable gathering of rural women and their allies from around New York State working for change. The conference welcomes women of all ages – teens to adult; and offers a Marketplace and Resource Fair; Workshops - *Tell Your Story, The Bandana Project, Who Am I?, Ask the Right Questions, Business 101, Workplace Safety, Know Your Rights, College Prep, Healthcare Rights, Eating Healthy on a Budget, Start Your Own Women's Group*; inspiring speakers and time to just relax!

Child Care is provided and a limited number of Scholarships are available.

Remarkable women and their stories inspire and transform lives – Join Them!

Cost: \$275/person (\$75 is non-refundable)

For more information, check the Outreach Bulletin Board and see Registration at the Information Center in the Gathering Area.

THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY TOY STORE & DINNER will be held on Saturday, December 16th (snowdate: December 17th) at the Marlboro Presbyterian Church, Marlboro.

The Christmas Toy Store is facilitated by the **Daughters of Sarah**, a rural women's support group, sponsored by RMM. This group has empowered many rural women to develop their gifts and talents for leadership over the years.

Gifts must be new, unwrapped, and have the original price tag attached. The items are sold at a 50 – 70% discount, and the proceeds go to support the annual retreat and community outreach programs of the **Daughters of Sarah**. Parents are able to choose gifts they know their children are wishing for while allowing them to maintain their dignity by purchasing and giving the gifts directly.

Wish Lists are available at the Information Center and collection boxes are in the Gathering Area and Ed Center. **Please note** that gifts need to be at the church no later than Wednesday, December 13th.

PRAYERS NEEDED FOR FARMWORKERS... As you and yours gather around your holiday tables and offer up your prayers of blessing, please include those who labor each day so that our tables are abundantly filled. Amid all the discussions across the world and our nation about immigrants, be reminded that we are fed by

those who come to care for and harvest the crops.

RMM's Outreach Coordinator on Long Island worked tirelessly last year with one of his workers whose 18 year old brother was in a detention center. These brothers came to escape the violence and terror in El Salvador where their 7 year old brother recently witnessed his 26 year old neighbor killed by a gang. The lack of response from the detention center and lack of resources to help deeply saddened and frustrated the efforts of our staff member who reports *there is no need to go through all the details, the system is clearly meant to break and humiliate our brothers and sisters.* This is a familiar part of every day life for all of RMM's staff across the State.

This is not an isolated situation, our staff encounter this type of humiliation in all areas of the state, our young people live in fear that their parents will be taken away and sent to such a detention center or worse deported leaving them here as orphans. Just this week, on Monday, November 13, 2017 the father of one of our WNY day campers was deported! And, thousands of young people live in fear of losing their DACA status that protects them from deportation to places that they have never lived and know nothing about.

In thanking those who came to help him in his efforts to free this young worker, Nathan shares a prayer that was sent to him by a friend in the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island where the LI office of RMM is located.

A FUTURE NOT OUR OWN

(In memory of Oscar Romero 1917-1980)

*It helps now and then to step back and take a long view.
The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is beyond our vision.*

*We accomplish in our lifetime only a fraction
of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.
Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying
that the kingdom always lies beyond us.
No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No confession brings perfection, no pastoral visit brings wholeness.
No program accomplishes the Church's mission.
No set of goals and objective include everything.*

*This is what we are about.
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water the seeds already planted knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.*

*We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation
in realizing this.*

*This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning,
a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's
grace to enter and do the rest.*

*We may never see the end results, but that is the
difference between the master builder and the worker.*

*We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future not our own.*

~December 2017~

1, Friday

10:30 am Strength and Balance Exercise

2, Saturday

9:00 am Piggy Bank Bazaar

12:15 pm Sunday School Pageant Rehearsal

3, Sunday **Advent I, Communion**

8:30 am Worship

8:45 am Adult Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

11:15 am Youth Group, Youth Choir

12:00pm RCWM Advent Wreath Social

4, Monday

6:00 pm Klokken Ringers

6:30pm Faith, Hope, Love...Dance

7:30 pm Campanola Ringers

5, Tuesday

10:30 am Strength and Balance Exercise

6:00 pm Outreach Council

7:00 pm Councils and Committees

7, Thursday

6:00 pm Mommy Connection

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

8, Friday

10:30 am Strength and Balance Exercise

9, Saturday

10:30 am Remembrance Service

1:00 pm Sunday School Pageant Rehearsal

10, Sunday **Advent II**

8:30 am Worship

8:45 am Adult Sunday School

10:00 am **Sunday School Pageant**

11:15 am Pizza Party

11, Monday **Poinsettia Forms Due**

6:00 pm Klokken Ringers

6:30 pm Faith, Hope, Love...Dance

7:30 pm. Campanola Ringers

12, Tuesday

10:30 am Strength and Balance Exercise

7:00 pm Property Committee

7:00 pm RCWM Book Club at Panera

14, Thursday

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

15, Friday

10:30 am Strength and Balance Exercise

6:00pm Parents' Night Out(Youth Group)

17, Sunday **Advent III**

8:30 a.m. Worship

8:45 am Adult Sunday School

10:00 am Worship, Sunday School

11:15 am Youth Choir

2:00 pm Youth Group Caroling

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Orchestra Rehearsal

18, Monday

6:00 pm Klokken Ringers

6:30 pm Faith, Hope, Love...Dance

7:30 pm Campanola Ringers

19, Tuesday

10:30 am Strength and Balance Exercise

7:00 pm Consistory

21, Thursday

7:30 pm Chancel choir

22, Friday

10:30 am Strength and Balance Exercise

24, Sunday **Advent IV, Christmas Eve**

8:45 am Adult Sunday School

10:00 am Worship, No Sunday School and no Children's Place

11:15 am Christmas Eve Orchestra Rehearsal

Christmas Eve Services

5:00 pm Family Service

8:00 pm Lessons, Carols

11:00 pm Lessons, Carols, Communion

25, Monday **Merry Christmas!**

Office Closed

29, Friday

10:30 am Strength and Balance Exercise

31, Sunday

8:45 am Adult Sunday School

10:00 am Worship, No Sunday School and No Children's Place

1, Monday **Happy New Year!**

Office Closed





~January 2018~



- 1, Monday** Happy New Year!
Office Closed
- 2, Tuesday**
10:30 am Strength and Balance Exercise
6:00 pm Outreach Council
7:00 pm Councils and Committees_
7:00 pm Nursery School Board
- 4, Thursday**
6:00 pm Mommy Connection
7:30 pm Chancel Choir
- 5, Friday**
10:30 am Strength and Balance Exercise
- 7, Sunday** **Communion**
8:30 am Worship
8:45 am Adult Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
- 8, Monday**
6:00 pm Klokken Ringers
6:30 pm Faith, Hope, Love...Dance
7:30 pm. Campanola Ringers
- 9, Tuesday**
10:30 am Strength and Balance Exercise
7:00 pm RCWM Book Club at Panera
- 11, Thursday**
7:30 pm Chancel Choir
- 12, Friday** **February Newsletter Deadline**
10:30 am Strength and Balance Exercise
- 14, Sunday**
8:30 am Worship
8:45 am Adult Sunday School
10:00 am Worship, Sunday School
11:15 am Youth Choir
- 15, Monday** **Office Closed**
Martin Luther King Jr Day Observed
7:30 pm Campanola Ringers
- 16, Tuesday**
10:30 am Strength and Balance Exercise
- 17, Wednesday**
6:30 pm Nursery School Open House
- 18, Thursday**
7:30 pm Chancel choir
- 19, Friday**
10:30 am Strength and Balance Exercise
- 21, Sunday**
8:30 am Worship
8:45 am Adult Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Youth Choir
- 22, Monday**
6:00 pm Klokken Ringers
6:30pm Faith, Hope, Love...Dance
7:30 pm Campanola Ringers
- 23, Tuesday**
10:30 am Strength and Balance Exercise
7:00 pm Consistory
- 25, Thursday**
7:30 pm Chancel Choir
- 26, Friday**
10:30 am Strength and Balance Exercise
- 28, Sunday** **Youth Sunday**
8:30 am Worship
8:45 am Adult Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Congregational Meeting and Luncheon
7:00 pm Dutchess Homeless Shelter
- 29, Monday**
6:00 pm Klokken Ringers
6:30 pm Faith, Hope, Love...Dance
7:30 pm. Campanola Ringers
- 30, Tuesday**
10:30 am Strength and Balance Exercise
1:00 pm Blood Drive