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DECEMBER CHURCH NEWS, 2016

WORSHIP SCHEDULE & CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES
for
ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2016
Advent/Christmas Theme: *"Christmas Grace"*
Sunday Morning Worship Services
8:30 and 10:00 a.m. (with Sunday School)

December

3 Saturday **Piggy Bank Bazaar**, 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon

4 Sunday **Advent II** **Communion Celebrated**
Scripture: Romans 15: 4-13; Matthew 3: 1-12
Sermon: "Help is on the Way with God's Grace: Change"

7 Wednesday RCWM "Christmas of Song, Dance and Fellowship", dessert at 6:30 p.m. with the program set to begin at 7:15 p.m.

10 Saturday **Annual Remembrance Service 10:00 a.m.**
A Service of Remembrance for those who grieve the loss of loved ones

11 Sunday **Advent III**
8:30 a.m. Scripture: Matthew 11: 2-11
Sermon: "Patience! God is in Control"
10:00 a.m. Annual Sunday School Christmas Pageant – followed by Holiday Pizza Party

15 Thursday **"JOY–Full" Christmas Party and Dessert**
1 – 3 p.m. Sing-a-long – raffles – Christmas highlights

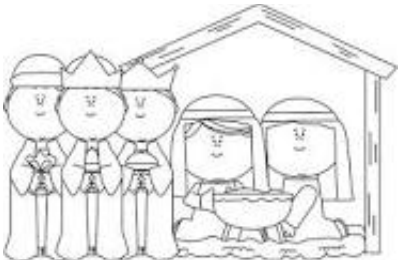
18 Sunday **Advent IV**
Scripture: Matthew 1: 18-25
Sermon: "Just Like Joseph – with Grace"

24 **Christmas Eve** 5:00 p.m. Family-Friendly Service – Scripture and Candlelight
Saturday 8:00 p.m. Lessons, Carols, and Candlelight "The Grace of God Has Appeared"
11:00 p.m. Lessons, Carols, and Candlelight "The Grace of God Has Appeared"
The Lord's Supper will be celebrated this year at the 11:00 p.m. service

25 Sunday 10:00 a.m. Christmas Carols/Scripture "God's Grace Abounds"
No Sunday School/ No Children's Place

January, 2017

1 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – One Service No Sunday School/ No Children's Place
Begin the new year worshiping God and sharing in the Lord's Supper



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION...Kris Rice, Christian Education Director

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And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:10-11

☆On Sunday, November 6th, **All Saints Day**, we held our 3rd Annual "Heroes Unmasked" Fall Festival. The children heard some of our Bible Heroes being interviewed, made crafts, had a fun time with our games and got to go Trick or Treating. There was even a dark tunnel to go through remembering even when were afraid or scared, God is always with us to get us through the dark times. Many thanks to our Youth Group, who assisted with all aspects of the festival.

☆Once again it's time for our **Annual Sunday School Christmas Pageant** which will be presented on Sunday, December 11th during the 10:00 a.m. service. Children in pre-school through 6th grade will be performing the Usborne Children's Bible Christmas Pageant.

There will be two rehearsals. The first is on Sat. Dec. 3rd (immediately following the Piggy Bank Bazaar) 12:15 to approx. 1:30 p.m. for children with character parts and narrators.

The second is for the entire cast on Sat. Dec. 10th from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. for grades 3-6, and 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. for pre-school through 2nd grade (angels).

Immediately following the pageant will be a Family Pizza Party where we ask each family to please bring a plate of cookies to share. Please sign-up at the Gathering Area desk.

☆Samaritan's Purse's **"Operation Christmas Child"** was our Sunday School mission for the Advent season. This wonderful "Shoe Box" ministry brings the excitement and joy of Christmas and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children here and all over the world.
We collected 52 boxes and a Big Thank You goes out to all who contributed to this terrific mission.

☆There will be **no Sunday School classes or Nursery Care** on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

In His Service,

Kris Rice

Christian Education Director

Congregational Life Council...

Don't forget to sign up to attend our **Christmas Pizza Party_** on Dec 11 after the 10 am service._ We will supply the pizza and beverages. Please_ bring a plate of cookies to share. The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area, or you can email Marian at__ mpg348@optonline.net

The annual **Souper Bowl** will be during the month of January._ We will be collecting canned soups for a local_ food pantry._ Watch for sales! Collection boxes will be placed in the Gathering Area and Fellowship Hall.

The BODY MIND SPIRIT Connection

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY....

Mary Lou Grott, R.N., Parish Nurse 462-0810, Ext. 110, Tues., Wed.

The Annual JOY-ful Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, Dec.15th. All are invited from the church and community to join us in Fellowship Hall from 1 - 3 PM for this annual festive event. As always, there will be lots of delicious holiday treats for your indulgence, and this year there will again be several mystery doorprizes to win (what could they be this year?!). There will also be some heart-warming holiday entertainment once again from our Nursery School children early in the program, so don't be late - they steal the show every year! We are also very pleased to have Gabriella Fryer to play for our Christmas sing-along, with her beautiful voice leading the way for us all! Gabriella is the Administrator for Stringendo, the youth orchestra that fills our facility with beautiful string music each Saturday. We are requesting $4.00/person to help cover expenses, and a donation of non-perishable food to be given to the Food Bank at Castle Point where it is so needed and appreciated. Mark your calendar, sign up in the Gathering Area soon, and prepare to have some fun & fellowship at this JOY-ous Holiday event!!

15th Annual Remembrance Service - Saturday, December 10th, 10:00 a.m.

Loss of a loved one is especially difficult during the holiday season when others are celebrating. Grief is so much easier to bear when shared with others who understand and care. Please join us for our 15th Annual Remembrance Service on Saturday, December 10th at 10 am in our Sanctuary for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, whether recently or in the past. Together we will share Christ's light, comfort, and hope during a special time of worship and fellowship as we carry our losses to Him.

This beautiful community service of scripture, prayers, music, meditation, and candle lighting is offered to bring hope and strength to any and all who are grieving during this Advent and Christmas season. Please extend an invitation to family, friends, and neighbors who may benefit from this healing service. There will be a time of fellowship with refreshments immediately following the service in the Gathering Area. If you have any questions, would like to be a greeter, usher, reader or baker for this service, or know someone who may need transportation to attend, please call Mary Lou at above number.

Outreach...

★Hudson River Housing:

Due to a cancellation, December 25th date is now available. If anyone is interested in volunteering Christmas night at the Homeless Shelter, please sign up in the Gathering Area.

The volunteer sign-up sheet for 2017 is now available at the information table in the Gathering Area. Bath towels are still needed for the homeless guests at the shelter

★Liberty Station (Hudson River Housing): All food donations continue to be taken to Liberty Station for the homeless veterans. They are extremely grateful for all your donations. They are able to feed over 30 sheltered US Veterans. They are in need of new single bed sheets.

Christmas Glove Collection for Veterans... Outreach offers Christmas gifts to Liberty Station every year. This year we are collecting **new adult gloves or mittens.** Donations can be deposited in the Veterans' food boxes

located in the Gathering Area and Education Center. Excess collection will be taken to Hudson River Lodging to support the homeless families currently living there. 2 years ago, fleece blankets were made for the veterans at Liberty Station; Last year, knitted scarves and hats were made for the veterans.

Missions of the Month:

January:	Dutchess Interfaith Council	$170.00
February:	Food Bank of the Hudson Valley	$432.00
March:	Church World Service - Relief Fund	$185.00
April:	Rural & Migrant Ministry - Anniversary Events	$145.00
May:	Meals on Wheels of Wappingers Falls	$575.00
June:	Dutchess County Office for the Aging	$225.00
July:	New Brunswick Theological Seminary	$160.00
August:	Friends of Seniors	$190.00
September:	Western Theological Seminary	$190.00
October:	Polaris Project	$145.00
November:	Grace Smith House	
December:		

★**Blood Drive:** The next scheduled blood drive will be Tuesday, November 29th, 1pm - 7pm in Fellowship Hall

★**RCWM:**

Birthday Dessert will be May 3, 2017. Please consider hosting a table. You can chose any amount of guests at your table, 6 people on up. Men are also invited to join in the fun. If you have a friend or family member that you feel would be interested in hosting a table, please ask them to join in on the fun. The entertainment again in 2017 will be our own Johnny Hoppe and the Cleverly Brothers.

★**Rural & Migrant Ministry:**

Dec 2, 3, 4 - World Women's Conference

Collections for the Annual Christmas Toy Store will start early November. Please donate new toys for children of all ages.

★**DC SPCA:** Now that the cooler weather is upon us, they will need old blankets and towels and bedding items to keep the furbabies warm. Food continues to be needed items. If you would like to make a monetary donation, simply make out a check and mail it to the DCSPCA or leave it with Hazel. They are now accepting shredded paper to be used for bedding for new fur parents and their babies.

★**Special Offerings...**

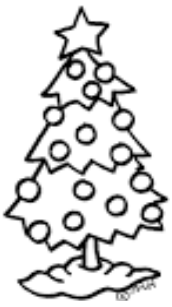
2016 Easter Special Offering: Church World Service - Relief Fund $2,308.00

2016 Thanksgiving Special Offering: Grace Smith House

2015 Christmas Eve Special Offering: 30% - Friends of Seniors; 70% Church World Service for Disaster Relief Hurricane Matthew

RCWM...

_RCWM will be hosting a **"Christmas of Song, Dance and Fellowship"** on Wednesday, December 7 - family fun for all ages. Dessert will be served at 6:30 pm with the program set to begin at 7:15 in the sanctuary. Our *Faith, Hope, Love....Dance* dancers will perform as well as our own Johnny Hoppe with the Cleverly Brothers. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area for this event as well as a sign-up to bring cookies for dessert. A free will offering will go towards RCWM mission The Heifer Project. Please come out and share with us on December 7th.



_Girls Night Out, Wednesday, December 14th, 6:30 pm.

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 be used for a gift (for someone in need) from the RCA Gift of Hope catalog. 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

Greetings from Kermit!

THE 41st ANNUAL PIGGY BANK BAZAAR - Saturday, December 3, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, at New Hackensack Reformed Church. An opportunity for children to do their Christmas shopping - no gift is over $3.00!!

At last it's Bazaar time!! All young humans are invited to come and shop for their Christmas gifts from over 5000 items. The majority of the gifts are crafty items. Children should bring along their money and their shopping lists. Guides are available to assist them with their selections, and to guide them to the cashiers and to the FREE gift wrapping. Younger children can be guided by their parents, and older children may shop by themselves.

The Bazaar opens at 9:00 a.m. for children; adults may shop from noon until 12:30 p.m. There are gifts for children, women, men, pets, personalized items, flower arrangements and plants, and Christmas themed gifts, with separate areas for the cashiers and gift wrapping. Our photographer is available to take photos and have them inserted into ornament frames. Waiting parents can purchase refreshments at the bake sale, provided by the Youth Group, in Fellowship Hall.

Please invite your friends to the Bazaar, and use your email and FaceBook connections to tell them about it.

If weather forces cancellation of the Bazaar on December 3rd, the snow date is Sunday, December 4th, from noon to 3:00 p.m. Information about cancellation will be on the church's answering machine (845-462-0810.)

Piggy Bank Bazaar needs LOTS OF HELP, since we're expecting hundreds of young shoppers. We need many women, men and older youth to make it all run smoothly. We need many guides, because each child who needs assistance typically spends about an hour shopping. PLEASE STOP BY ON THE DAY OF THE BAZAAR and volunteer to be a guide or a gift wrapper. Also, please bring an item for the Youth Group Bake Sale!!

SET UP will be on Friday morning, December 2nd, starting at 9:00 a.m. This will involve setting up some Christmas trees, tables for the cashiers, wrapping room and Youth Group Bake Sale. We'll need lots of help for this, too.

Finally, CLEAN UP will begin at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. This involves moving tables, sweeping floors, collecting trash, and moving the left over gifts into storage. Most of the Bazaar workers will be very tired by this time, so PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH CLEAN UP!

Mrs. Ray (my human friend who joins us all in hoping for good weather) reminds me that we will need lots of HOUSE PLANTS, which always sell well. These can be brought to the Education Center on December 2nd. Please include the name of the plant and instructions for care. We will also need many rolls or packages of Scotch tape, scissors, tissue paper, bows and ribbons, pens and pencils, name tags, and large department store handled bags (or brown grocery bags with handles.)

The Wednesday Morning Workshop folks will be taking a bit of time off after the Bazaar, resuming meetings in February. I hope to see YOU there at the meetings!! But for now, I need to hop back to my cold pond, and rest up for the BIG DAY!!

♥Yours in love,

Kermit

DECEMBER, 2016

1, Thursday
6:00 p.m. The Mommy Connection
6:45 p.m. Youth Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

3, Saturday
9:00 a.m. Piggy Bank Bazaar
1:00 p.m. Sunday School Pageant Rehearsal

4, Sunday Communion/Advent 2
8:30 a.m. Worship
8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship, Sunday School
Junior High
11:15 a.m. Youth Group

5, Monday
6:00 p.m. Klokken Ringers Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Faith, Hope, Love....Dance Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Campanola Ringers

6, Tuesday
10:30 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise
6:00 p.m. Outreach Council
6:30 p.m. RADiCAL Support Group
7:00 p.m. Councils/Committees

7, Wednesday
9:30 a.m. Yoga Class
11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga
7:00 p.m. RCWM Fellowship Program

8, Thursday
6:45 p.m. Youth Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

9, Friday
10:30 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise

10, Saturday
10:00 a.m. Annual Remembrance Service
1:00 p.m. Sunday School Pageant Rehearsal

11, Sunday Advent 3
8:30 a.m. Worship
8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Sunday School Pageant/Pizza Party
11:15 a.m. Youth Group

12, Monday
6:00 p.m. Klokken Ringers Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Faith, Hope, Love....Dance Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Campanola Ringers

13, Tuesday
10:30 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise
6:30 p.m. RADiCAL Support Group
7:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting

14, Wednesday
9:30 a.m. Yoga Class
11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga

15, Thursday
1:00 p.m. JOY-Ful Christmas Party
6:45 p.m. Youth Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

16, Friday
10:30 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise

18, Sunday Advent 4
8:30 a.m. Worship
8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship, Sunday School
Junior High

19, Monday
6:00 p.m. Klokken Ringers
6:30 p.m. Faith, Hope, Love....Dance Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Campanola Ringers

20, Tuesday
10:30 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise
6:30 p.m. RADiCAL Support Group

21, Wednesday First Day of Winter
9:30 a.m. Yoga Class
11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga

22, Thursday
6:45 p.m. Youth Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

23, Friday
10;30 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise

24, Saturday Christmas Eve
5:00 p.m. Family-Friendly Service – Scripture and Candlelight
8:00 p.m Lessons, Carols, and Candlelight "The Grace of God Has Appeared"
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The Lord's Supper will be celebrated this year at the 11:00 p.m. service

25, Sunday

10:00 a.m.	Worship, Children's Message
7:30 p.m.	Dutchess Homeless Shelter
26, Monday	**Office Closed**
27, Tuesday	
10:30 a.m.	Strength and Balance Exercise
6:30 p.m.	RADiCAL Support Group
30, Friday	
10:30 a.m.	Strength and Balance Exercise