

The Scribe

December 2018



CHRISTMAS AT THE CORNERS

In my sermon on Veteran's Day I mentioned an incredible ministry Julie's mother, Jan, had as she created sticker notes and sent them to people to remember birthdays and anniversaries, as well as times of sadness and loss. To give you a flavor of her notes, I am writing a Christmas note to our church, and one that I hope you might share in the community, about what is coming our way during Christmas at the Corners.



Celebrate with us at Dunn's Corners Church the great joy surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ.



Joy 

★ Sunday Worship 8 and 10 am, *O Come Let us Adore Him*

- ✧ December 2 *Favor* Luke 1:5-25
- ✧ December 9 *Highly Favored* Luke 1: 26-38
- ✧ December 16 *Joy* Luke 1:39-45
The Living Nativity will be presented by our children and youth at 10 am service
- ✧ December 23 *Awe* Luke 1:57-80



★ Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve

-  5 pm Candlelight service for families
-  10 pm The Glory of Christmas!
The Chancel Choir and orchestra will present this special *Christmas Cantata* with candlelight and carols for the whole congregation.



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Help us show the compassion and concern of Christ through our December service projects:

- ✧ Saturday, December 1 Serving Dinner at WARM Center
- ✧ Saturday, December 8 Pancake breakfast to support the homeless
- ✧ Monday, December 10 Caroling for the community and homebound friends
- ✧ Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Community Dinner in Fellowship Hall.

HOPE
Love
JOY
Peace
FAITH

Through December, we sponsor the *Angel Tree*, gathering gifts to be distributed to children newborn through 18 years of age through the Jonnycake Center.



Come see the **Christmas Festival of Lights** at La Salette (947 Park St. Attleboro, MA; www.lasaletteattleboroshring.org/christmas-festival) on **Sunday, December 2nd**; meet in the lower Church parking lot at **3 p.m.** to form a car pool. What a beautiful way to enter in this Christmas season!

Wayne



Advent Festival

Saturday, December 1st
from 2 to 4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Come celebrate the beginning of Advent!

- ❁ Advent wreath making using live greens
- ❁ Christmas crafts
- ❁ Christmas Cards for shut-ins and friends
- ❁ Christmas cookie decorating
- ❁ Christmas Caroling



All-Church Caroling

Monday, December 10th

Please join us as we spread the joy of Jesus' birth with our friends at nearby nursing homes. **Meet in Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m.** for some cookies and cider before we depart.

Angel Tree 2018

Soon you will be seeing the Angel tree set up in the back of the Sanctuary.

We have names of 40 children from newborn to age 18. There will be two tags per child—one with “wants” and one with “needs.”

Whatever you are comfortable giving is great. One item or all items is fine. The Jonnycake Center has a “North Pole” from which they supplement. You may include wrapping paper, but do not wrap.

If shopping isn't your thing, you may pick up a grocery gift card. Bring the card to the Church Office or put them in the collection plate.

The deadline for gifts is Sunday, December 16th.

To go along with Diana Clark's project, we would like to suggest a book to be included for children eight and under; and perhaps a gift card to a book store for children 8 to 18 years of age.

The Angel Tree is always successful, and I am sure it puts a smile on many faces on Christmas morning.

Thank you for your support.

—The Deacons



Presbyterian Women met on Monday, November 12th in Fellowship Hall with twelve members in attendance. After the meeting, we wrapped coffee cans for the *Cookie Walk* and assembled four baskets of books for the Christmas Bazaar.



Some items that were discussed included:

- **Soup Sale** scheduled for **January 13th**. Soups will be available for purchase after both Worship services. We also invite the contribution of your favorite recipe; containers will be available. Proceeds will be donated to our Youth Programs and to Lois Gardner in support of the *Sew Good Souls* mission.
- Diana Clark and Judy Nichipor continue to explore avenues that we might use to bring reading to all children. We will be reading to children in the Early Learning Center once again and if you are interested, please contact Judy at 401-322-7216.
- A **planning meeting** has been scheduled for **Monday, January 14th at 1 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall and as always, we welcome your wonderful ideas so please join us.
- Our **next meeting** will be held on **Monday, December 10th at 12 p.m.** We will have our usual luncheon; bring a sandwich and something extra to share. After lunch, we plan to decorate a Christmas tree and wrap gifts for families in the Family Housing Support project. All are invited and we hope to see you there.



Educators have long known the advantages to children who have been read to before entering school. Attention span, vocabulary development, and quality time with loved ones—each builds opportunities for success that will be seen when the child enters a classroom. Children who have had this foundation at home have ten times more chances of success in school than those who do not.

For these reasons, Presbyterian Women at Dunn's Corners are intent on beginning a community-focused journey aimed at improving classroom success for children in need. As one small step in this journey, this fall we encourage church members, when shopping for clothing for the *Angel Tree*, to include with your gifts an age-appropriate book for children (birth to age 8) or a gift card to a book store for children over age 8.



Calling All Christmas Elves!

Do you like to make things? You are invited to join the volunteers who will be making wreaths and cemetery boxes to raise funds for the Church.

Drop in any time to help for an hour or two. We will be working **Sunday, November 25th through Friday, November 30th** in the basement of the **Meeting House** from **10am to 6:30pm**. Bring your scissors, wire cutters and garden clippers.

Our wreaths and boxes are created with donated greens and embellishments. Please consider trimming interesting evergreens and branches with berries in your yard. Drop them in the grassy area between the Meeting House and the storage shed.

Annual Wreath and Arrangement Sale

Our annual Christmas wreath sale will be held on **Saturday, December 1st from 9 am to 2 pm** and **Sunday, December 2nd from 9am to noon** in Fellowship Hall. Please help us spread the word. Many beautiful handmade wreaths, cemetery boxes and Christmas arrangements will be available. Deck your halls....and doors!



DECEMBER 2018 SABBATH DAY WORSHIP

Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Sunday, December 2 **Celebration of Holy Communion**

Sermon: *Favor*

Text: “The Lord has done this for me. In these days He has shown His favor and taken away my disgrace among the people.”
—Luke 1:25

Gospel: Luke 1:5-25

Sunday, December 9

Sermon: *Highly Favored*

Text: “The angel said to Mary, ‘Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.’” —Luke 1:26

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Sunday, December 16

Sermon: *Joy*

Text: “Elizabeth said to Mary, ‘Why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.’” —Luke 1:43, 44

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Sunday, December 23

Sermon: *Awe*

Text: “When John the Baptist was born to Zechariah and Elizabeth, ‘All the people were filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea, people were talking about all these things.’”
—Luke 1:65

Gospel: Luke 1:57-66

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve

5 pm Family Worship
10 pm Worship/Cantata

Sunday, December 30

The Reverend Lynda Clements, guest preacher

- Tuesday, December 4 Lesson 10
- Tuesday, December 11 Lesson 11
- Tuesday, December 18 Lesson 12



Bible Study

The **Tuesday Morning Disciple Class** will not meet on Christmas Day, December 25th or New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1st. Tuesday class will resume on Tuesday, January 8th with Lesson 13 in the Old Testament Study.

- Wednesday, December 5 Lessons 10
- Wednesday, December 12 Lessons 11
- Wednesday, December 19 Lessons 12

The **Wednesday Disciple Class** will **not** meet December 26th. The Wednesday class will resume on Wednesday, January 2nd with Lesson 13 in the Old Testament Study.

Mission

The goal of **Family Housing Support of SW RI** has a plan to allow people to be a part of the solution to create affordable housing and emergency housing. Even though the state is budgeting for growing population of homeless people, they are not reaching them and this includes children.



Please consider putting your email on a list with us so that we may invite you to the upcoming fundraisers where we need people to help tie blankets or make bows. We also need people to stand at tables and share a smile.

- Email Dunn's Corners Church at clerk@dcccpc.necoxmail.com.
- On the Second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. there is a meeting at Dunn's Corners Church to discuss ideas and plans.



In support of **Family Housing Support** three churches in the community hold pancake breakfasts **one Saturday a month from 8 to 10 a.m.** Come and enjoy a pancake breakfast with all the trimmings (donations accepted).

Since April 2014, \$44,631 has been raised from the sale of pancakes. Thank you for your support!

First Saturday

Cross Mills Baptist Church
4403 Old Post Road
Charlestown

Second Saturday

Dunn's Corners Church
221 Post Road
Westerly

Third Saturday

Babcock Presbyterian Church
25 Maxson Street,
Ashaway



Sunday School: I am so grateful for the volunteers we have in our Sunday School programs. It has been a real pleasure having a few teens plan and teach a lesson for the younger children! As always, we welcome new volunteers to join us on Sunday mornings in both the early childhood and middle school programs. This could be once a month, a couple of times a year or just once, whichever works best for you! Please contact Nancy Fortin (nancyfortin@cox.net) with any questions.

Mark Your Calendar: On Saturday, March 16th, we will be hosting a VBS Funshop to start preparing for the summer! Starting in January, we will be opening up registration for the workshop. Consider attending this fun event if you are interested in helping with VBS. Donations of gift cards to Walmart, Michaels, and Home Depot are welcome!

Teen Team: All teens are welcome to join us every Tuesday, 6-8pm, in the Teen Center (downstairs, front entrance) for fellowship, food and fun.

The next Christian Education Committee meeting is on **Monday, December 3rd** at 6:30 p.m. We welcome new members!

If you have questions/comments/suggestions, please contact:

- Jonathan Shay at (401) 322-1997, e-mail: jonathan.shay@mysticseaport.org;
- Roxanne Tisch at (401) 559-3149, e-mail: Roxanne.tisch@gmail.com;
- Nancy Fortin at (401) 742-279; e-mail: nancyfortin@cox.net; or
- Michael Walton at (240) 491-1119, e-mail: michaelwaltongold@gmail.com.

Pledge Update



Thank you to all who have pledged a donation for the 2019 budget. We are blessed to have such a generous congregation of faithful givers.

Your pledge gives the Trustees and Session an estimate of next year's income. As of November 14th, we have received pledges from 92 households. The total amount pledged is \$209,710 toward our goal of \$262,650 in pledged income. We are currently short of our goal by \$52,940.

As the 2019 budget is considered, we are hoping for additional pledges to feel certain that our spending will not exceed our giving. If you have not turned in a pledge card, they are available in the Church pew racks or in the Church Office. Please put it in the offering plate, mail it, or drop it off in the Church Office.

All pledges are appreciated and bring us closer to our budget goals! On behalf of the leaders of the Church, THANK YOU to all who have so generously pledged and given donations.

—Rachel Pierson, Financial Secretary

Helpful Tax Tips

With the various changes to income tax laws, you may want to pay next year's pledge to the Church by the end of THIS year (2018). This way your gift will be deductible on this year's income tax return. We can credit your donation to your 2019 pledge. Just write "2019 Pledge" on your payment. As with all tax issues, you should check with your tax advisor first.

If you have appreciated common stock in your investment portfolio that you have held for more than 12 months, you may transfer that stock directly to the Church instead of selling it. You may avoid paying the capital gains tax, possibly resulting in Federal and State Income Tax savings. Consult with your tax advisor before making any decisions. If you wish to make a transfer, our Office Manager, Luba Preble, can give you more information.

If you are retired and are at least 70½ years old, you may be receiving a "Required Minimum Distribution" (RMD) from your "Individual Retirement Account" (IRA). Consider using part of your RMD as a charitable contribution. The RMD will not be taxed as individual income, but the distribution will satisfy the required minimum distribution rule. **Note:** You will not be able to take a deduction for a charitable donation. Contact your IRA representative for more information.

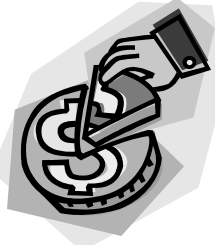
Per Capita

The Per Capita payment for **2019** will be **\$50.05** per Church member, or \$100.10 per couple.

Per capita pays for the expenses of the national and regional governing bodies of the Church. Local churches are charged a fee for each of their members every year. If individual members do not donate this fee, the money comes out of the Church's General Fund budget.

Each Church member is kindly asked to pay this \$50.05 fee. If you use offering envelopes, you will find an envelope marked "per capita." If not, you may place your payment in the offering plate. Please make your checks payable to DCCCP and write "per capita" on the memo line.

The Session and Trustees thank you for helping to support our Church.



Diamonds Among Us!

We extend our birthday wishes to:

- 🕯️ Patricia Churchill on December 2nd;
- 🕯️ Millie Anthes on December 22nd;
- 🕯️ Bob Spargo on December 23rd.



Diamonds (70 and beyond), please contact the Church Office at (401) 322-0655 or sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall and add your name to our list.

Poinsettias or gifts in support of the Music Ministry may be given in Honor or in Memory of Loved Ones for this Christmas Season.

Please fill out this form and place it on the offering plate, or mail it, or bring it to the Church Office by Sunday, December 9th.



Donations for flowers are \$12.50 each; donations for the Music Ministry may be your discretion.

My gift is:

In Honor/Celebration of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

_____ ***Poinsettia*** donation of \$12.50.

Paid: \$ _____

I will pick up my Poinsettia after the 10 p.m. Christmas Eve service or anytime during the following week.

_____ ***Music Ministry***

Paid: \$ _____

Check #: _____

Cash: \$ _____

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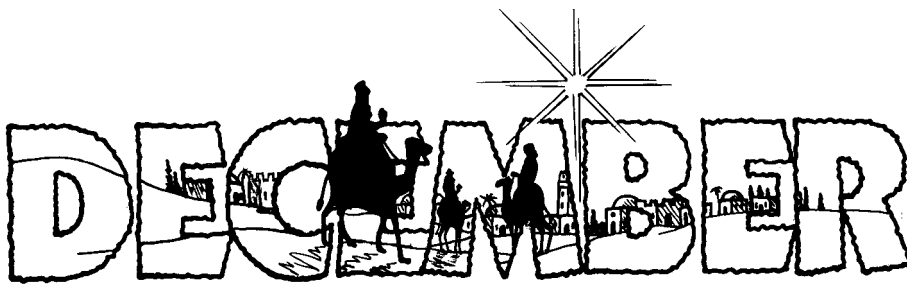








Peace

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Joy



*We wish everyone
during this
Christmas Season
and throughout the
New Year*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						2018
 2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<p><i>First Sunday of Advent—Hope</i> Celebration of Holy Communion 9 am-noon Sale of Wreaths 8 and 10 am Worship/Communion/Fellowship 10 am Church School for Preschool—8th grade</p>	<p>6:30 am AA (FH) 3:30 pm Worship/Music Committee Meeting (C) 6:30 pm Christian Ed Committee Meeting (KK)</p>	<p>8:30 am Work Team 9 am Bible Study (C) 6-8 pm Teen Time (KK) 6:45 pm AA (FH)</p>	<p>9 am Breakfast Group 6-8 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Evening Prayer (S) Pastor Eberly, leader 7:15 pm Bible Study (C)</p>	<p>Music Schedule: 5:45-6:15 pm Glory Ringers (S) 6:20-7:20 pm CCR (S) 7:30-9 pm Chancel Choir (C)</p>		<p>9 am-2 pm Sale of Wreaths 1 8-10 am Pancake Breakfast to Support the homeless Cross Mills Baptist Church 4403 Old Post Road Charlestown 9:30 am Rehearsal: Cantata (S) 10 am-noon <i>High Society Jazz</i> Rehearsal (ELC) 2-4 pm Advent Festival (FH) 5 pm Deacons Dinner at WARM Center</p>
 9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<p><i>Second Sunday of Advent—Peace</i> Decorating of Jesse and Chrismon Trees Poinsettia orders due. 8 am and 10 am Worship/Fellowship 10 am Church School for Preschool—8th grade</p>	<p>6:30 am AA (FH) 12 pm Presbyterian Women 6 pm All-Church Christmas Caroling (FH)</p> 	<p>8:30 am Work Team 9 am Bible Study (C) 3 pm Staff Meeting (P) 6 pm Building and Grounds (C) 6-8 pm Teen Time (KK) 6:45 pm AA (FH) 7 pm Session (C)</p>	<p>9 am Breakfast Group 6-8 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Evening Prayer (S) Pastor Eberly, leader 7:15 pm Bible Study (C)</p>	<p>Music Schedule: 6:20-7:20 pm CCR (C) 7:30-9 pm Chancel Choir (S)</p>		<p>8-10 am <i>Pancakes with a Purpose</i> Breakfast—Family Housing Support (FHS) at 1. Babcock Presbyterian Church 25 Maxson Street, Ashaway 2. Church of Holy Spirit Episcopal 4150 Old Post Rd., Charlestown 10 am-noon <i>High Society Jazz</i> Rehearsal (C)</p>
 16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<p><i>Third Sunday of Advent—Joy</i> 8 am and 10 am Worship/Fellowship 10 am Living Nativity</p>	<p>6:30 am AA (FH) January 2019 Scribe articles due in Church Office</p>	<p>8:30 am Work Team 9 am Bible Study (C) 6-8 pm Teen Time (KK) 6:45 pm AA (FH)</p>	<p>9 am Breakfast Group 6-8 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Evening Prayer/Communion (S) Pastor Eberly, leader 7:15 pm Bible Study (C)</p>	<p>Music Schedule: 6:20-7:20 pm CCR (C) 7:30-9 pm Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>January 2019 Scribe mailed out</p>	
 23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<p><i>Fourth Sunday of Advent—Love</i> 8 am and 10 am Worship/Fellowship 10 am Church School for Preschool—8th grade</p>	<p>6:30 am AA (FH)  Christmas Eve 5 pm Family Worship (S) 10 pm Worship/Cantata (S)</p>	<p> Christmas Church Office Closed 11 am Worship 12 pm Christmas Dinner (FH)</p>	<p>9 am Breakfast Group No Vespers No Bible Study</p>	<p>No Choir Rehearsals</p>	<p>Church Office Closed</p>	
30	31	<p>Call Director, Christine Fish at: (401) 322-0510 (ELC) or (401) 322-8600 (KK).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Learning Center: Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm Kid Kare: Monday through Friday 7 to 8 am/3:30 to 6 pm 				
 New Year's Eve						