



# The CALENDAR

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CELEBRATE THE ADVENT SEASON AT JAPC

## *The Season of Advent* *December 2 – December 23*

The celebration of *Advent* is a special season in our church year as we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ Child. It is the season marked by anticipation, hope, repentance and preparation. These themes will be emphasized during our worship services through liturgy, music, scripture and meditation.

In addition there is the symbolism of the Advent Candles lit each of the four Sundays. At the beginning of worship a church family will light one new candle. You will also notice that the pulpit parament and the stoles the pastors wear are blue symbolizing hope and royalty. If we want to share in the joy of Christmas, we need to prepare ourselves for the good news of Christmas. Join us each Sunday during *Advent*.

## *Christmas Eve Worship Services* *Monday, December 24*

The *Family Christmas Eve Service* at 4:00 p.m. will share the traditional Christmas story in a family-friendly way, including a choral quartet, meditation, Bible readings and carols. The service is designed to be equally meaningful to adults and children. All are invited. Spread the word about this new service! The service is not limited to families and children but to anyone who prefers an earlier time.

The *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service* is at 10:00 p.m. This beautiful and traditional service is preceded by an extended prelude beginning shortly after 9:30 p.m. As we joyfully celebrate the Christmas Story, we will be joined by the gifted musical artistry of guest musicians and the Chancel Choir.

## *Contemplative Advent Service* *Wednesday, December 5*

Start the Advent Season with peace and calm in your spirit. Join us for a *Contemplative Prayer Service* on Wednesday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. The service will be an opportunity to involve your mind and soul in learning new ways of praying by reflecting on the meaning of Advent and the Christmas story. All are invited to attend. Sign-up in the Main Hallway.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

\*Bible Study 9:00 a.m. • Church School (Crib – 8th Grade) 10:30 a.m.

\*\*Crib/Toddler Care only

*Sunday, December 2\**

### **1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT • COMMUNION**

*Worship 10:30 a.m.*

*Peter C. Smith, preaching*

*Sunday, December 9\**

### **2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

*Worship 10:30 a.m.*

*Peter C. Smith, preaching*

*Friday, December 14*

### **CHRISTMAS JOY**

*Community Chorus of Detroit*

*7:30 p.m. Music Series • Admission Charge*

*Saturday, December 15*

### **CHRISTMAS JOY**

*Community Chorus of Detroit*

*7:30 p.m. Music Series • Admission Charge*

*Sunday, December 16\**

### **3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT • LESSONS & CAROLS**

*Worship 10:30 a.m.*

*Sunday, December 23\**

### **4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

*Worship 10:30 a.m.*

*Peter C. Smith, preaching*

*7:00 p.m. Bible & Brew (Louis Prues)*

*Monday, December 24*

### **CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE**

*4:00 p.m. • Peter C. Smith, preaching*

### **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

*10:00 p.m. • Peter C. Smith, preaching*

*Sunday, December 30\*\**

### **1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

*Worship 10:30 a.m.*

*Louis Prues, preaching*



## PASTOR'S CORNER

*A Strange and Wonderful Story*

*In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered... All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem...*

Recently we have begun an Advent Study focusing on the events, history and participants in the Nativity, utilizing the book, "The Journey", written by Adam Hamilton. Through our discussions we once again have encountered the strange, but wonderful ways God shows us love and grace.

If we had written the Christmas story would we have passed up Caesar's marble palace to have Christ born on the edge of nowhere, like Bethlehem in Judea? Would he have been born to a teen-age maiden, or have an earthly father whose hands were rough and coarse from carpentry? Would he have come into the world, in the cold of night, to a stable cave with no heat or light? Would his bed have been an old stone feeding tub? What kind of story would we have written?

It is good we did not have to write this story, but that God did. In this incredible event God split open the door of history and divided time into B.C. and A.D.

All through the Old Testament, through the long nights of waiting we hear the cry of the prophets asking us to return to God. Yet, these voices were not enough. So, in the name

of love and justice, God invaded history and came to us as the Christ. In that moment God said it all, did it all and gave it all.

Only God could have written this story, for the Christ Child came to dwell in our hearts so that human life might be transformed. Each year He comes anew to work miracles and to alter the climate of human life. As Paul wrote: "He has come so that we might live for him."

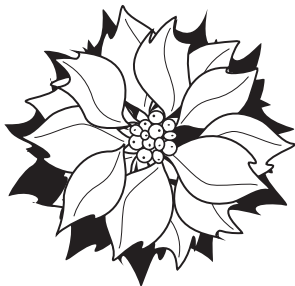
With the Christmas story, no person can say God does not understand. God has been here with us. God has experienced the burdens and struggles of life. God bears with us the pain of this world.

The great Christmas chorale puts it so beautifully: "He mingles in our cup of woe, the drops of mercy shower." So, the Christmas story offers a special word of hope for each of us who have known moments of emptiness in our world. It provides a place for the outcast, the ignored, the lonely and the forgotten. It offers refuge for the sick and sorrowing.

God gives love to the match child who never shared the goose or the candlelight; for the ugly duckling who mirrored his dreary loneliness in a barn yard pool; for the Tiny Tim who needs help and healing. In the Christ Child, God has come down and became one with them and with each of us.

Only God could have written this story. Truly this is the season to say: Thanks Be To God!

— PCS

*Christmas Greetings*

*The entire staff joins in wishing you and your family a*

**JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR**

Jesse Austin   Denise Gilewski   LÉNora Hunt   Linda Rumon   Peter Smith  
 Stephen Warner   Kathy Chateau   Jenny King   Anne Maters  
 Louis Prues   Jake Thomas   Stan Walker

*Offering Envelopes*

Church Offering envelopes will be ready to be picked up on Sunday, December 16. The envelopes will be on a table in the Main Hallway. If you requested envelopes and cannot find your box, please call the Church Office 313 822-3456.

*Year-End Pledge Payments*

It is the hope of the Finance Committee that pledging members and friends will make every effort to complete their 2012 pledge by the end of December or before the financial books for the fiscal year are closed January 13. Please remember — if you want your gift to be credited for 2012 your check must be dated: December 31, 2012.

## ***Year-End/Joy Gifts Needed***

We have the opportunity to remember some special ministries of our church in this season of gift giving. Members and friends may do this through a year-end gift or in support of the “Joy Offering”.

A year-end donation will be used to meet any 2012 budget deficit, 2013 pledge shortfall or can be designated by the donor to support a specific church project or program.

The Joy Offering supports *Helping Hands* (emergency assistance to members/friends with special needs), *Senior Ministries* and the *Tutoring T.R.E.E.* (weekly tutoring/enrichment for children from Nichols Elementary School)

If you want to make a contribution, there are special envelopes with your weekly offering envelopes or use one of the blue envelope in the pew racks.

## ***Christmas Card Bulletin Board***

The bulletin board in the Main Hallway is ready for members and friends (in lieu of mailing cards) to extend holiday wishes to each other. Pins are on the board for posting your cards.

## ***The Mitten Tree***

*The Mitten Tree* is awaiting your gifts of mittens, scarves, hats and socks for children at Nichols Elementary School. Your items may be placed in the Mitten Box beside the Tree in the Main Foyer.

JAPC adopted Nichols twenty-six years ago as part of the Detroit Public School “Adopt a School Program” and over the years many of their students have benefited from our *Tutoring T.R.E.E.* program. The gift of mittens, scarves, hats and socks is a special way to remember these children this holiday season. The items will be taken to Nichols in January.



## ***Chancel Poinsettias***

From Sunday, December 23 – Sunday, December 30, the Chancel will be decorated with poinsettias. We invite members and friends to make a donation to the Glory of God, in memory of a loved one or in honor of significant people in your life. Anyone wishing to participate may fill out a flower form or call the Church before Wednesday, December 19. The poinsettias may be taken home after worship on Sunday, December 30.

## ***Hanging of the Greens Saturday, December 1***

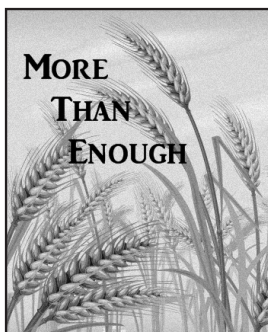
Your help is needed as we continue the tradition of the *Hanging of the Greens* at various times during the week of November 26 and on Saturday morning, December 1, from 9:00 – 12:00 p.m. Trees will be decorated, garlands and wreaths hung and crèches assembled. If you would like to help, please call the Church (313-822-3456) or sign-up in the Main Hallway.

## ***Angel Tree Party Saturday, December 8***

JAPC will host a special Angel Tree Celebration on Saturday, December 8 (12 to 2:00 p.m.). Approximately 30 children (who have a parent in prison) and their families will be coming for lunch, games and to receive their gifts. Each child receives one clothing item and one toy. Help is needed to set up, assist with serving and clean up. Please sign up in the Main Hallway.

## ***Want to Join a Book Group?***

Like reading books? Interested in becoming part of a monthly afternoon book group? Pat Meek (Chair, Membership Committee) is seeking fellow book lovers to form a new book group beginning in January at the church. For more information, sign-up in the Main Hallway or contact Pat (313-417-2463).



## **STEWARDSHIP 2013 *Campaign Update***

***As of November 21 we have achieved 73% of our goal — let's make it 100%.***

The Stewardship Committee invites members and friends who have not yet made a pledge commitment for next year to do so soon. Your help is crucial and your gift is important. If you have misplaced your card, there are cards in each pew, on the Main Foyer Table or if you call the church (313-822-3456) a card will mail to you.

*Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work!*

— II Corinthians 9:7, 8



*College Students Are Invited to Dinner at the Manse*  
**Holiday Celebration Dinner**  
**Thursday, December 27**

On Thursday, December 27, at 6:00 p.m., Peter and Linda Smith invite the church's college students to a **Holiday Celebration Dinner** at their home. Come for great food, yet, more importantly, come for a time to celebrate friendships forged over the years. Make your reservations by calling Linda (313-822-7499), by e-mailing Peter at [pcsjapc@comcast.net](mailto:pcsjapc@comcast.net) or by leaving a message on Peter's Facebook page.

**Deacons' Christmas Baskets**

This December the Deacons will be hard at work putting together 50 Christmas baskets full of food to be distributed to families of children in the **Tutoring T.R.E.E.** and at Nichols School. The baskets contain basic food items such as pasta, sauce, tuna, and canned fruits and vegetables. Meat is also included (turkey and ham.)

The **Deacons' Christmas Basket Program** is an opportunity for JAPC to let our light shine in the community by providing a wonderful food gift. Baskets cost about \$100 each to provide and if you would like to support this project, mark your check "Deacons' Christmas Baskets".

Volunteers are also needed to help deliver the baskets on December 15. Any who are interested in helping can contact Laura Boyle, Moderator of the Board of Deacons.

**Want a REAL Christmas Tree?**  
**Sale Begins Friday, November 23**

Get your Christmas tree, poinsettias, wreaths and roping at the Howell Conference & Nature Center (a ministry of the Presbytery of Detroit)! The Center is located at 1005 Triangle Lake Road, Howell

Tree sales, featuring Michigan snow-fresh trees and offering a huge selection of fresh-cut Fraser, Douglas, and Concolor Fir. start Friday, November 23 and continue daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. until all the trees are sold. Wildlife display and refreshments on the weekends. All sales support the Nature Center's Wildlife Programs.

For more information, call the Center (517-546-0249) or visit their website [howellnaturecenter.org](http://howellnaturecenter.org).

**New Member Class**

Interested in church membership? Our next New Member Class is scheduled on Sunday, January 20, 9:00 a.m. in Dodge Hall. The class is for all those who want like to learn more about the Presbyterian Church and JAPC's life and ministry. Indicate your interest on the Fellowship Roster, speak to one of the Pastors, or call the Church Office (313-822-3456).

**WOMEN'S MINISRIES**

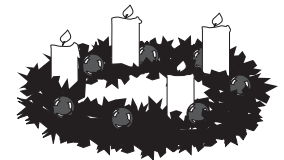
**Tea & Chatter**  
**Wednesday, December 19**

**Tea and Chatter** (a discussion and social group for women) will meet for a holiday gathering on Wednesday, December 19 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Linda Smith, 823 Westchester, Grosse Pointe Park. The event, co-chaired by Mary Lou Sloss, is limited to 25 women. Make your reservation on the sign-up sheet in the Main Hallway and indicate what you are willing to bring to share.

**MEN'S MINISTRIES**

**Presbyterian Men's Advent**  
**Communion Breakfast**  
**Saturday, December 15**

**Men — mark your calendars!** Join with other men from the Presbytery of Detroit at the **32nd Annual Men's Advent Communion Breakfast** on Saturday, December



15, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Registration is at 7:30 a.m. The morning event begins with Communion 8:00 a.m. Breakfast is served at 8:30 a.m. and then the event's keynote speaker, Chuck Gaidica, well-known T.V. weather forecaster, will speak.

Tickets are \$12.00 by advanced reservations only. Make checks out to Presbytery of Detroit (Presbyterian Men) and mail to: Sandy Jensen, Presbytery of Detroit, 17575 Hubbell, Detroit, Michigan 48235. For more information contact Sandy at 313-345-6550 x220.

**Monthly Men's Breakfast**  
**Saturday, January 19,**

Men, on Saturday, January 19, at 8:30 a.m., enjoy a great breakfast, warm fellowship and lively discussion at our monthly **Men's Breakfast**. The men, under the leadership of Peter Smith, will discuss selections from Stephen Furtick's new book, **GREATER — Dream Bigger, Start Smaller, Ignite God's Vision for Your Life**.

"Most of us are not in danger of ruing our lives. We are in danger of wasting them." **GREATER** will give you the confidence that nothing is imposible with God, the clarity to see the next steps God is calling you to take, and the courage to do anything God tells you to do."

## ***A Session Committee Report***

*Each month one of the Session Committees will share insights into their work and ministry.*

### ***Facilities Committee — Did You Know***

*by Elder Dennis Hansinger, Chair*

It takes many things to maintain a faith and community at JAPC. Did you know that the Facilities Committee is the nuts and bolts ministry that handles the physical building that we are all so proud to be a part of? This committee is continually at work on some aspect of the facility. That can include the indoors and the outdoors. Routine things like maintaining the boiler keeping you warm during winter services and making sure the air conditioning keeps us all cool during the summer. Now we don't usually do the actual mechanical work. Don't let me mislead you. When we become aware of a problem we, as a committee, which is staffed by the Pastor, begin to pursue solutions. That might involve getting to fully understand the problem and then securing the right professionals to fix it. Or it may involve actual work like patching and painting or minor repairs that a building of this magnitude seems to demand constantly. Think of how nice the building looked on Scottish Sunday. The Facilities Committee organized the All-Church Workday and with the gracious help of 20+ church members we fluffed and buffed everything in sight.

We coordinate our projects with the Finance Committee so that we complete projects in an orderly manner in a fiscally responsible way. As you look around you and take in the beauty of this place remember us and consider helping us when we need the extra time and talents that this community has always been willing to share. Thank you, volunteers. Thank you very much.

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### ***Scottish Sunday — Thank You***

*Scottish Sunday* was a glorious day of celebration enhanced by the contributions of so many of our members. We want to thank all the volunteers who donated food, worked in the kitchen and welcomed our many guests.

Special "kudos" to Barb Lathrup, Bunny Rentschler, Dianne Rentschler and Sally Wicks for coordinating the Ceilidh Coffee Hour. We are also grateful for the friendship and support of Randall Cain, David Martin and other members of the St. Andrew Society for arranging the participants and orchestrating the pageantry of the morning.

***SAVE THE DATE:***

***Scottish Sunday — November 24, 2013.***

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## **CHURCH SCHOOL**

The malls. The radio. The calendars. It seems more and more, that Christmas crowds out *Advent*. It's not that we need to take ourselves out of the busy world, but each family has a choice on how to engage in it. How can we try to keep *Advent* simple and anticipatory? Please consider a couple of ways that you will focus on *Advent* in your home.

- Place an *Advent* wreath in a prominent place in your house. It is a reminder of the light of Christ coming into the world.
- Use an *Advent* calendar or paper chain to wait for Christmas.
- Instead of Christmas lists of "I wants," change it to a Giving List. Who needs my patience? My smile? A visit? A plate of cookies? Have your children help create the list.
- Gradually decorate your house for Christmas. Maybe each Sunday of *Advent* decorate a room or bring out your family holiday items so there is a slower movement toward the day of Christmas.
- Remember that Christmas is a season, not just a day.
- Read the first two chapters of the gospel of Luke a little at a time throughout *Advent*.
- Come pray and worship as a family on *Christmas Eve* at 4:00 p.m. at the family service.

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## **NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES**

George Holley was a pioneer in the automotive industry founding the Holley Carburetor Company. In 1944, he established a foundation with a mission "in helping young men and women who are 'up against it' to obtain an education." This mission continues today by supporting educational and family initiatives for youth and families in a targeted area of Detroit (Alter to Mt Elliot, Mack to the River.)

JAPC had received grant money for six years to help support enrichment programs both at the church and at Nichols School. The grant has provided a third week of summer Creative Arts Camp, added family and art events for Tutoring Tree, funded basketball and jump rope teams, and other programs for middle schoolers being developed in partnership with Nichols School. The Holley story gives testament to how we stand on the generosity of the past and are now responsible for stewardship in the present.

This year we will be granted \$28,000 for youth and outreach programs. This is a blessing, and now it is up to us to support these programs through our vision, hard work, and volunteer efforts. You can become involved in one-time or on-going support with Tutoring Tree, Basketball, or family events. Find out how by contacting Kathy Chateau at [kathyjapc@comcast.net](mailto:kathyjapc@comcast.net) or 313-822-3456.

## OUR MINISTRY IN MUSIC

### *Christmas Concert* CHRISTMAS JOY

*by the Community Chorus of Detroit*  
**Saturday, December 15 & Sunday, December 16**  
*by Stephen Warner, Music Director*

The Music Series' Christmas Concert will once again feature the Community Chorus of Detroit. This year they will be presenting a variety of Christmas music of all sorts of styles, and moods. Their program will include two of the *Many Moods of Christmas* suites as well as *What Sweeter Music* and *Shepherd's Pipe Carol* by John Rutter. They will also be singing *Hallelujah, A Soulful Celebration!* by Quincy Jones and will grace our sanctuary with the famous *Biebl Ave Maria*.

Our chancel choir will be sharing the stage with them this year by providing the opening set. Our part of the program will consist of a few golden gems of mid-20th century choral writing. I have always had a soft spot in my heart for the sound of Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians. *Rise Up Shepherd* is an arrangement from his own choral series which uses the choir in a very effectual manor imitating bells to accompany a soloist. Likewise, *Daybreak Carol*, written by Harvey Gaul, has the entire choir sing in portamento or vocal sliding between chords. One can almost imagine the live set production with singers on mid-1950s television listening to those pieces! Continuing on the lighter side we will sing a lovely arrangement of *I Saw Three Ships* that Phil brought to us a few years ago for one of his wonderful concerts. The set

will then turn to Opera briefly as I play an organ transcription of the *Prayer and Angle Scene* from Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel*. Finally, our set will conclude with a modern English choral work entitled *Seek Him, That Maketh the Seven Stars* by Jonathan Dove. The work is a setting of a text from Amos which points to our quest for a Messiah. It is a tour de force for the choir with a truly virtuosic organ accompaniment that sparkles with celestial grandeur.

The concerts are on Friday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 15 at 4:00 p.m. and will feature a Carillon prelude. Tickets will be available at the door, from the church office, and from the CCD website, [communitychorusofdetroit.com](http://communitychorusofdetroit.com). As last year, Benefactors and Major Supporters of the series are eligible for complimentary tickets.

### *Handbell Choir*

Our seasonal handbell choir has started up again for Advent. We will be ringing two pieces for the Lessons and Carol service on Sunday, December 23. Our bell choir members have always come from a great variety of experience levels in music and ringing, but have all come together to create beautiful music three times a year. Indeed, one of the great challenges and great joys of bell choir is the process of evolving from a group of ten individuals into one musical instrument. This year we will be ringing a version of Appellation Song *I Wonder as I Wander* and the French Carol, *He is born, the Divine Christ Child*. If you are interested in ringing for Palm Sunday or in the spring, please contact me at [sjwarner@umich.edu](mailto:sjwarner@umich.edu).

### *Session Highlights* *November 14 meeting*

The evening began with a Joint Boards' Dinner and Meeting. Peter Smith shared a PowerPoint presentation on *The Power of Leadership - Promises Made, Promises Kept*. The Elders and Deacons, in breakout sessions, discussed their own readiness to fulfill the promises they made when they were ordained to their respective offices.

In the Session meeting that followed, the Elders :

- Reviewed the October Financial Statement which showed a surplus of income over expenditures
- Listened to a Stewardship campaign report from Bruce Maters, Finance Committee Chair, who provided an update on pledges received to date.
- Discussed plans for the Advent Contemplative Service (December 5) and the *Angel Tree Ministry & Christmas Party* (December 8).

- Endorsed a Parish Life plan, presented by Elder Richard Jewell, for the 2013 Golf outing to be a fund-raising activity for the Barnabas Project (a ministry of the Presbytery of Detroit) and its Swing-4-Life golf program.
- Heard about the *Parents with Young Children Luncheon* held on Sunday, November 11 and the attendees desire to assist with the Angel Tree Party.
- Celebrated the start of a new season of *Bible & Brew* led by Louis Prues. Because of space limitations (19 people attended), future sessions will be held at City Kitchen (lower level).
- Approved a proposal from the Administration Committee to enter into a one year Parish Associate Contract with the Rev. Katy Doyle-Hohf, beginning in January, 2013. Katy, who will be working 10 hours each week, will focus the majority of her attention on youth and young families. She will also assist with pastoral visits, participate in worship occasionally and preach when needed.

# DECEMBER 2012

## JEFFERSON AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> Christ the King 10:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Church School	<b>26</b> Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>27</b> Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Advent Study 10:30 a.m. Hanging of the Greens 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. Tutoring TREE 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.	<b>28</b> Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Hanging of the Greens 10:30 - 1:30 p.m.	<b>29</b> Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Hanging of the Greens 10:30 - 1:30 p.m.	<b>30</b> Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Covington Wedding Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.	<b>1</b> Church Open 8:30 - 12:00 p.m. Hanging of the Greens 9:00 - 12:00 p.m. Covington Wedding 4:30 p.m.
<b>2</b> 1st Sunday in Advent 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Church School	<b>3</b> Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>4</b> Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Advent Study 10:30 a.m. Hanging of the Greens 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. Tutoring TREE 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.	<b>5</b> Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Hanging of the Greens 10:30 - 1:30 p.m. Advent Contemplative Service 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	<b>6</b> Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Hanging of the Greens 10:30 - 1:30 p.m.	<b>7</b> Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>8</b> Church Open 8:30 - 12:00 p.m. Memorial Service 10:00 a.m. ANGEL TREE PARTY 12:00 - 2:00 P.M.
<b>9</b> 2nd Sunday in Advent 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Church School	<b>10</b> Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>11</b> Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Advent Study 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting & Staff luncheon 12:00 p.m.	<b>12</b> Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>13</b> Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>14</b> Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>15</b> Church Open 8:30 - 12:00 p.m.. DEACON BASKETS ASSEMBLY & DELIVERY 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. MUSIC SERIES 4:00 p.m. "Christmas Joy"
<b>16</b> 3rd Sunday in Advent Lessons & Carols 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Church School	<b>17</b> Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>18</b> Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>19</b> Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Tea & Chatter 1:00 p.m. (Manse)	<b>20</b> Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Senior Networking 4:00 p.m.	<b>21</b> Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. MUSIC SERIES 7:30 p.m. "Christmas Joy"	<b>22</b> Church Open 8:30 - 12:00 p.m..
<b>23</b> 4th Sunday in Advent Christmas Sunday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Church School Bible & Brew 7:00 p.m. City Kitchen, G. P.	<b>24</b> Church Open 8:30 - 12:00 p.m.. CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE 4:00 p.m. CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 10:00 p.m.	<b>25</b> CHRISTMAS DAY MERRY CHRISTMAS Church Closed	<b>26</b> Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Church Closed	<b>27</b> Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. College Students Dinner at Manse 6:00 p.m.	<b>28</b> Church Open 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>29</b> Church 8:30 - 12:00 p.m.



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### *Looking Forward*

#### JANUARY

Sunday, Jan. 6, 10:30 a.m.— Worship: *Epiphany*

Sunday, Jan. 13, 10:30 p.m. — Worship: *Baptism of the Lord*

Thursday, Jan. 17, 10 a.m. — 1:00 p.m. — **The Card-Makers**

Saturday, Jan 19, 8:30 a.m.— **Men's Breakfast**

Sunday, Jan. 20, 10:30 a.m. — Worship: *Remembering Martin Luther King, Jr.*, Sunday Forum: **The Danube**

Fri. & Sat., Jan 25 & 26 — **Tables for Friends**

Sunday, Jan. 27, 10:30 a.m. — **College Care "Valentine"**  
**Boxes distributed; 7:00 p.m. — Bible & Brew at City Kitchen (Grosse Pointe Village)**

Thursday, Jan. 31, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. — **Knit and Crochet (Biggby Coffee)**

#### FEBRUARY

Sunday, Feb. 10, 10:30 a.m. — Worship: *The Transfiguration of the Lord*; 4:00 p.m. — **Music Series (Dodge Hall)**

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 6:00 p.m. — **Ash Wednesday Dinner;**  
7:15 p.m. — **Ash Wednesday Service**

Saturday, Feb. 16, 8:30 a.m. — **Men's Breakfast**

Sunday, Feb. 17, 10:30 a.m. — *1st Sunday in Lent*;  
11:45 a.m.— **Sunday Forum**

Wednesday, Feb. 20, 7:30 a.m. — **Lenten Communion Breakfast**

Thursday, Feb. 21, 10 a.m. — 1:00 p.m. — **The Card-Makers**

Sunday, Feb. 24, 10:30 a.m. — *2nd Sunday in Lent*;  
4:00 p.m. — Jazz at JAPC; 7:00 p.m. — **Bible & Brew at City Kitchen (Grosse Pointe Village)**

Wednesday, Feb. 27, 7:30 a.m. — **Lenten Communion Breakfast**

Thursday, Feb. 28, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. — **Knit and Crochet (Biggby Coffee)**

