



The Pulse

December
2016



of Rocky River Presbyterian Church

Holiday Service Schedule

- Dec. 4th—2nd Sunday in Advent—Communion
- Dec. 11th—3rd Sunday in Advent—Christmas Pageant
- Dec. 18th—4th Sunday in Advent—Choirs featured
- Sat. Dec. 24th—Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
5:00 ~ 7:00 ~ 10:00
- Sunday, Dec. 25th—Christmas Day at 10:30 a.m. featuring
a heart-warming, humorous story for Christmas
- Sun. Jan. 1st—New Year's Day Communion at 10:30 a.m.
Sing in the New Year with "carol requests!"
- Sun., Jan. 8th—Epiphany—"The Day of the Wise Men"

—Worship Committee

2017 Stewardship Theme: "Satisfied" (Phil. 4:11-12)

**We won't be
"Satisfied"
until we
hear from you!**



Thanks to so many who have returned stewardship pledge cards for 2017!

But we're still waiting to hear from a number of households.

Our church wants to be sure we can provide crayons and paper for Sunday school... a warm and bright space for worship... a helping hand for people in need... pastoral comfort in times of crisis.

None of that happens without everyone's financial support.

It's not too late to submit your 2017 stewardship pledge. If you need a new pledge card, simply contact Office Administrator Crystal Duffield in the church office (cduffield@riverpres.org).

—John Eyre, Stewardship Committee chair



Advent 2016's worship series Gospel lessons from Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol"

Let's face it: living according to God's plan for grace, compassion and justice is the opposite of the world's tendency to focus on money, success, exclusion, and looking out for ourselves.

In Charles Dickens' masterpiece novella A Christmas Carol, the midnight chimes of the clock tower bell serve as a wake-up call for Ebenezer Scrooge. How does the out-of-the-way birth of a humble baby serve as our wake-up call to accept God's gifts of joy, passion, generosity, humility and love? Find out in worship every week through Christmas Eve!

—Worship Committee

Why does our church observe an "Advent Sabbath?"

Every year Advent is a season in our lives for waiting... for waiting with purpose. And waiting with purpose—with expectation and hope—requires us to accept a change of pace.

That's why our Session sets an example every year by declaring an "Advent Sabbath." Our Advent Sabbath is a simple attempt to tell all of you active, committed, busy church folks to slow down so you can realize what God is doing in our world. During our Advent Sabbath we encourage church groups to refrain from their customary schedule of meetings in order to make space in our lives for some reflective time.

Please note that our Advent Sabbath is not a rigid and intractable decree; we encourage groups to have their social gatherings during December; we appreciate that our choir members give us the gift of rehearsal time in order to enrich our worship services; we realize that there will be occasions when a little "church business" must be transacted by some board or committee. But the concept remains helpful, reminding us to take time to reflect on how our world is blessed because we recognize God's indescribable gift of Incarnation (literally, "taking on flesh") by coming among us in the birth of Jesus of Nazareth.

—Worship Committee

From Your Pastor

Inconvenient Christmas

I can't get away from thoughts about Christmas, either.

In your household, you may be swamped by preoccupations with getting everything ready. What constitutes "ready for Christmas" is different for each household:

- * Some may have elaborate decorations outside the home, others may have intricate winter scenes depicted on fireplace mantels.
- * Some may have a Christmas card address list that fills both sides of a paper, while others have lists of people for whom Christmas cookies will be baked and wrapped and delivered.
- * Some may be strategizing to keep unwrapped gifts out of sight of curious young eyes, while others may be preparing the house for the arrival of family... or packing suitcases for travel.

With only Parker the Dog sharing the house with us these days, getting the Fancher household "ready" for Christmas is a little simpler than it used to be. Getting the Battersea Basilica ready for Christmas includes decorating the outside of the house (I put up a star and a few strings of lights... done!), and putting up the Christmas tree (I usually get to it by mid-December), and Mary finalizing all arrangements and rehearsals for musical performances for her school and church jobs, and Mary doing almost all of the Christmas shopping for our family, and me preparing 8 or 9 worship services.

When it comes to "getting ready" for Christmas, we all have things on our minds.

Except, perhaps, Christmas itself.

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Consider this simple question: what is a "day?" I can give you several answers.

- * A day is the 24 hour period that begins

one second after 12 o'clock midnight.

- * Or, from the time we wake up until the time we go to sleep, that's a "day"
- * Or, a day is from when the sun comes up until when the sun goes down.

In the world Jesus was born into, people had a different concept of what constituted a "day." For them, a day "began" at sunset, not at sunrise. That way of thinking was as normal to them as it seems strange to us.

But you might recall that the Jewish Sabbath observance began at sundown on Friday and ended at sundown on Saturday. Now you know why—that constituted a "day" for those ancient people. As a holdover to modern times, the fact that most Christian traditions have services on Christmas *Eve* rather than on Christmas *Day* may reflect that ancient notion that the new day begins when the sun goes down. In other words, Christmas Day begins at sunset on Christmas Eve.

But our customary worship each week doesn't occur in the nighttime; we usually gather for worship during the daylight hours. What's more, our customary worship is not on a fixed date of the calendar like December 24th but *every* week "early on Sunday morning" (see Luke 24:1).

Now, in case you haven't looked ahead at your calendar, at the end of December in 2016, our customary "early on Sunday morning" worship falls on... December 25th—that's right, Sunday worship will happen on Christmas Day this year!

You might say, "Hmmm... well, doesn't that happen every 7 years anyway?" Actually, no. Because of the Leap Year phenomenon, Christmas Day falling on a Sunday occurs somewhere between every 5 and 11 years. It occurred most recently in 2011. The next time Christmas Day will be on a Sunday won't happen for 6 years, in 2022. After that, it won't happen again for another 11 years, in 2033!

So this year gives you a rare opportunity to experience Christmas in a new way: wrapping your family's Christmas morning traditions around your custom of gathering for worship on the Sabbath, the Lord's Day, Sunday.

When you include Sunday worship as part of your Christmas morning this year, what will you experience?

- * Driving to worship you'll be delighted to notice how calm the world is on Christmas morning.
- * In our sanctuary you'll be with people who are in an even happier mood than usual!
- * During the service you'll hear a humorous, heart-warming story about a Christmas pageant-gone-haywire.

How will Sunday morning's Christmas Day worship be different from Christmas Eve?

- * Worship will be more casual.
- * You can be more casual (since we never have a "dress code" for worship, even pajamas are welcomed on Christmas Day!). Don't bother to shave. Come without make-up. Wear a cap or scarf over your hair. Who cares! God loves you, and so does everyone at church!

What will you give up?

- * You'll give up a portion of your morning to allow for travel time to and from church, plus about 45-50 minutes for the service.
- * But I'm confident that you'll like how your Christmas tradition was enriched because of the rare opportunity to gather for worship on Christmas Day.

How old will your kids be—how old will *you* be—if you miss this chance in 2016 and have to wait until 2022—or until 2033!—to include worship as part of your Christmas morning?

See you in church in Advent...
and Christmas Eve...
and Christmas Day!



December Birthdays



December 1	Barbara Prudhoe
	Morgan Williams
December 2	Mike Matile
December 3	Jim Bennett
	Ethan Heald
December 4	Karen Allport
	Joshua Showalter
December 6	Greg Ahren
December 7	Pam McConnell
	Scott Krizman
December 8	Carol Bennett
December 9	Vic Erml
	Sue Chaney
	Ian McGorray
	Christian Kirchner
December 10	Jeanne Frier
	Dennis Gresh
December 12	Gary Eisner
December 13	Clay Hoon
December 15	Paul Busby
	Sara Gresh
	Seth Purohit
December 17	Emily St. Pierre
December 18	Christine Wilson
December 19	Marian Ryel
	Holly Pattison
December 22	Heather Daina
	Michael Roberts
	Colin Jones
	Kathryn Urban
December 23	Bridget Hustek
	Cecelia Roche
December 24	Kendall King
	Natalie Cashmere
December 25	Kelley Gillespie
	Joey Furry
December 26	Hannah Jennings
December 27	Chris Standring
	Brian Beer
	Ryan Cook
December 29	Will St. Pierre
December 30	Wally Pattison
	Zachariah Carmack
December 31	John Magnus
	Halle McGorray

Coffee Hour seeking volunteers



The Deacons' Coffee Hour Committee is currently seeking volunteers to help out the 3rd Sunday of the month. We are also in need of substitutes who would be able to fill in occasionally. Contact Deb Furry deb furry@northerntitle.com or 440-336-5114 for further information and/or questions.

"Is RRPC closed?"

Our church is on the **iAlert** system. In the unlikely event that we have to close for evening events or Sunday services (because of weather, utility disruption, etc.) you can find that message on Channel 3 WKYC, or listen to WCLV-FM 104.9, WMJI-FM 105.7, WTAM-AM 1100, or check the Channel 3 WKYC website. (Our weekday nursery school has its own separate listing on **iAlert**, so note whether the notification is for the church or the nursery school.)



November's Session highlights

October's meeting began with devotions led by Marc Hustek sharing a reading from a book he uses for his daily devotions.

- **Property Committee** reported that the equipment installation to make the Garden Hall a "secured entry" is underway and should be completed by early December. The lighting improvements in the sanctuary won't commence until after the holidays.
- **Stewardship Committee** provided a 2017 Campaign update, noting that we should meet our goal once all pledges are submitted.
- **Finance Committee** shared a first draft of an Operating Fund budget for 2017. It is dependent on the fulfillment of the Stewardship Campaign "Satisfied," of course. The Session will adopt a 2017 budget in early January.
- **The Session** is observing the Advent Sabbath, so they will not meet in December. They decided to move up the date of their January budget and approve the 2016 Annual Report for publication meeting by a week, meeting on January 9, in order to adopt a and distribution to the congregation on January 15.

—Moderator of Session

****If your birthday is missing from our birthday list, please contact Office Administrator Crystal Duffield at: info@riverpres.org or (440) 333-4888.**

"Taste the Light"**Rescheduled High School retreat heads out of town December 2-4**

Our High School fellowship group will be going on retreat December 2-4 at Camp Aldersgate. We will be exploring how God encounters us with unconditional love every day, and how that has the ability to change lives. We'll look at how that affects our faith and relationship with God and each other through study, games and a variety of activities. There will also be some time to enjoy the camp facilities. Transportation will be provided by our advisors. Cost is \$40 per person. Scholarships are available based on need. For more information and registration forms, see Lisa Watts. Forms are also available on the church website.

The Mitten Tree is back...!

Our high school fellowship group will once again put up their popular mitten tree for Advent. We will be collecting hats, scarves, mittens and gloves for folks of all ages.



This year, we will be donating our items to The City Mission.

The tree will go up on December 4 and will stay up through December 18. Thanks so much for your continued support of this mission project!

Children's Christmas program Dec. 11**Watch our children learn the beloved Christmas story for themselves**

Don't miss worship on Sunday, December, 11! That is the day that the children of our church will present the Christmas story, complete with costumes, Christmas carols and scripture. Children age two through grade 6 are welcome to participate. There will be a **rehearsal during worship** on Sunday, December 4 in the chapel. Please be sure to be here and support the children of our church as they bring their gifts to our worship service! If you have any questions, please see Lisa Watts. Also let Lisa know if you can be an adult or teen helper on either Sunday. It takes many hands to get those little people into their costumes. There will be no church school on December 11, but there will be nursery care available.

As 2016 winds down...

...we are pretty close to finishing the year with a balanced budget – but we need everyone's help to make that a reality.

If possible, please bring your 2016 contributions up-to-date by December 11th. This will not only help balance the budget for 2016, but will also help Session create a realistic budget for 2017. Or, if you find you are unable to fulfill the amount you pledged for 2016, please let our Financial Secretary, Dave Wolfe, know of your situation (all information provided is completely confidential). Any insight you can provide allows us to craft the spending plan for next year.

Also, if you have yet to turn in a pledge card for 2017, please do so soon. Your pledges are the foundation of our Church's 2017 budget.

Thank you!

Jim Flynn, Chairperson
Finance & Memorials Committee





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Semi-Circle

Semi-Circle will meet on **Monday, December 12th** at 12:00 p.m. in the West Room. Bring your brown bag lunch, dessert will be provided. If you have questions you may contact Pat Koberg at 440-871-8827. New members are always welcome!

Priscilla Circle

Priscilla Circle will be meeting for their holiday celebration dinner, on **Wednesday, December 14th** at 6:30 p.m. at Rosewood Grille on Crocker Rd. All are welcome! If you have any questions you may contact Gretchen Koch or Sara Gresh through the Church Office.

Expressions of Faith

Our group will meet **Tuesday, December 13th at 9:30 a.m.** in the West Room (or D-3) and we **will not** be meeting on **December 20th** because of the Christmas holiday. We welcome anyone who knits or just enjoys a cup of coffee with friends. For more information contact Mary Murphy (440-785-8614).

Women of Grace

Women of Grace will meet on **Monday, December 5** at 6:30 p.m. for their Christmas Dinner. At the time of this writing a venue had not yet been decided. Watch your bulletin or you can contact Lee Sabolich or Lisa Watts.

Koinonia

Join us **Wednesdays**, for Koinonia Prayer & Study Group at 10:00 a.m. Our prayer time is personal and confidential within the group, with no obligation to pray aloud.

Because of the Christmas holiday we will meet on Wednesday **Dec. 7th and 14th** only for this month. Questions may be directed to Jane Doughman, Nancy Clash, Jo Naretto, Mary Murphy, or Carolyn Watilo.

Mission is POSSIBLE

“Food Sunday” welcomes non-perishable food donations on the 1st Sunday of every month!

***MISSION:
POSSIBLE**

On Sunday November 6th we are collecting food items for the Rocky River Assistance Program. The suggested category for November is evaporated milk, pumpkin pie mix, pie crusts, stuffing and canned yams. But RRAP welcomes all food donations every month. (Damaged, partially used or expired goods cannot be accepted.)

Look for the big purple “Food Sunday” bin in the church lobby to leave your food (or cash!) donations.

—Linda Kanner, Mission Committee

Add Ohio wildflowers and native grasses at RRPC?

We’re considering replacing some grass with Ohio wildflowers and native grasses, and we’d like to hear from you.

The northern-most part of the church property is a triangular-shaped lawn between the interstate highway fence and the driveway in front of our preschool entrance. The lawn is almost never used, yet we pay to have it mowed 8 months of the year.

We’re considering replacing a portion of that lawn with Ohio wildflowers and native grasses. We’d like to form a temporary advisory group to consider the idea and perhaps propose a plan of attack.

If you’re interested and would like to learn more about what might be involved, please contact our pastor.

—Marc Hustek, Chair
Property Committee

RRPPreschool news

Registration now open for the 2017-2018 school year

Beginning November 1st, Rocky River Presbyterian Preschool **priority registration** was opened for all members of the church along with any returning families. Any child, ages 2½ through Kindergarten, may be enrolled in one of the half-day programs at RRPPreschool.

Greenery delivery

If you ordered greenery from the Preschool it is scheduled to be delivered to the school on Tuesday, November 29th. At that time it will be sorted and made ready for you to pick it up. Thank you for your order!



Healthy Happenings

... Notes from the Parish Nurse

Dear Friends and Family,

The holidays can be a perfect or not-so-perfect time to get together with your family. Sometimes the not-so-perfect can depend on how well your family functions as a whole or separately. Poor communication and difficult personalities can cause stress during holidays as families try to negotiate where and when they will get together. This may be even more difficult for blended families as they try to figure out what will work for them. Here are some tips to create a happy, healthy and hopefully **stress-free holiday season for blended families**.

Your children should always come first. It's easy to lose sight of what's important this holiday season when you're dealing with egos and animosity. What's really important isn't which parent gives the most gifts or has the most extravagant vacation plans. It's keeping the kids happy and out of the line of fire. Try talking to your children and stepchildren about the holidays. Ask them what their ideal holiday would look like. You might be surprised to discover that their ideal visitation plan is one you'd never even considered.

Divide up all the holidays at once. It may seem extreme to be talking about Valentine's Day when Christmas is right around the corner, but having everything set ahead of time gives all parties involved an opportunity to talk about which holidays are most important to them. Children will have a clear idea of where they'll be for which holiday and parents have time to emotionally prepare for holidays when the kids will be gone. Blended families with different religions will have different priorities. For example, while one parent may expect to be with their children on Christmas and Easter, the other may feel strongly that the children are with them to celebrate the Jewish High Holy Days.

Communicate clearly. It's not enough to decide that the children will spend Christmas morning with their father and New Year's Eve with their mother. Other details need to be worked out, too. Questions to ask for clarification include:

- Who is picking up the kids, where, and at what time?
- Will the parent who doesn't have the kids on a certain holiday have contact with them on that day?
- How will grandparents and step-grandparents be involved?
- When does the holiday start and end?

Clear communication also means not using your children as go-betweens. As difficult as it may be, try to speak directly to your ex about the schedule and any changes you're proposing

Keep realistic expectations. The reality is that no matter how hard you try to make the holidays perfect, someone is going to be unhappy with the arrangements you've made. It's better to keep celebrations low-key. Consider having family visit you at your home for the holidays so that you don't have to figure out how to be in six places at the same time.

Create new traditions. Each person who is a part of your blended family is used to their own holiday traditions with extended family. Since your family is different than it used to be, maybe your traditions should be too. While it's probably not a good idea to change everything from the food to the venue of your holiday celebration, starting with small changes is a good way to bring your family closer together. Start by taking inventory of what everybody in your blended family likes to do and work from there. It could be as simple as having three types of pie every year to meet everyone's tastes.

Remember the holiday shuffle can be very difficult for children and parents, especially if it's a relatively new arrangement. Adding an entirely new family to the mix is emotionally overwhelming and involves patience, compromise, trial and error and a true time commitment to work out the kinks.

I wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season!

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DECEMBER 2016 LIBRARY LINGO

Mary Schulz, Librarian

DISPLAYS:

New books for adults and children
Christmas books and DVDs

Come in and check out completed Phase One of the library improvement plan!

**New cozier chairs (to accommodate 2 people rather than just one, as before),
a new table, a rug to define the space, and a new easel for displaying information just outside the library**



NEW BOOKS FOR CHILDREN:

Nonfiction books:

Faith the Cow

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Dan West was a man who loved peace. Faith was a special Guernsey heifer. Just one man, just one cow? Could they make the world a better place? The story of the Heifer Project.

Fiction books:

Grandpa's Hammer

E KID

Shelter is one of life's most basic needs. When families experience its protection, warmth, and safety, lives change. A grandfather who suffers a loss loses his faith. His granddaughter tries to help, but nothing works until they visit a Habitat for Humanity work site.

Noah's Wife

E SAS

When God asks Noah to bring the animals of the world onto the ark, he also calls on Naamah, Noah's wife, to save each plant on earth. After 40 days and nights on the ark, her most important task begins- replanting the earth's garden..

NEW BOOKS FOR ADULTS:

Nonfiction Books:

Heaven: Our Enduring Fascination with the Afterlife

202.3 MIL

The desire for an afterlife is universal. While there are many notions of what heaven is, Jews, Christians, and Muslims agree that heaven is God's home. Drawing on history, popular culture, biblical research, and everyday beliefs, this book offers an understanding of one of the most cherished ideals of spiritual life.

Growing Strong in the Seasons of Life

242.2 SWI

With 144 readings centered around the four seasons, the author (a pastor) uses personal illustrations, parables, and other teaching aids to apply the truth of the Bible to help you grow and mature as a Christian believer.

Being Disciples of Jesus in a Dot.Com World: a Theological Survival Guide for Youth, Adults, and Other Confused Christians

248.4 FOO

The authors make a fun and enlightening read out of weighty theological topics. Answering to our obsessions with competition and self-absorption, it opens the door for youth and adults to continue toward a more informed, life-giving, and community-enhancing faith.

Heart Whispers

255 CAN

This book offers accessible insights from Benedictine spirituality to help us explore the need for faithful living in today's often stress-filled world. Through listening with the "ear of the heart," the 6th century monk Benedict gained a fresh perspective on Christian spirituality as he lived by 3 simple vows: stability, obedience, and conversion.

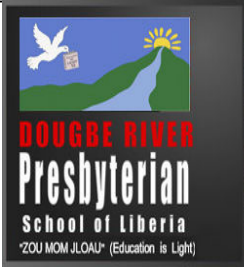
Houses of Worship

726 HOW

This is a comprehensive guide to the history of American religious architecture. It begins with the structures of Native Americans and the earliest Europeans, and shows shifts in style over the years.

HAPPY READING!!

(All descriptions have been taken from book jacket, title page verso, or review article)



RRPC provides leadership gift for Dougbe River Presbyterian School of Liberia

Many congregations in the Presbytery of the Western Reserve have contributed to the progress of the Dougbe River Presbyterian School. The school opened in November 2012. Currently "DRPS" serves 154 boys and girls in a remote,

impoverished region of eastern Liberia. It is the first school ever in Twarbo Region along Liberia's border with Ivory Coast. They have benefitted from RRPC's Alternative Christmas Charity Bazaar the past few years.

Earlier this year the Trustees of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve announced a \$15,000 matching gift initiative for Dougbe River Presbyterian School for expansion of needed facilities including latrine improvements, an updated kitchen and cafeteria, and eventually a library. The presbytery would match gifts from any congregation or individual who donates to the project.

RRPC responded with a gift from our In His Name Fund, a "pastor's discretionary fund" used to address emergency needs of church members and others, as well as being used occasionally to meet emerging mission opportunities. Our pastor regularly consults with the Moderator of the Board of Deacons about potential significant expenditures from the IHN Fund. Together Jon and deacon Dianne Russell saw that the IHN Fund was carrying a very healthy cash balance and could easily afford to make a significant gift. Knowing that many churches in our presbytery would be unable to make any gift to this matching program, our church was able to make a \$5,000 gift toward the presbytery's \$15,000 matching grant initiative. Our gift helped DRPS meet their \$15,000 goal (they actually exceeded their goal by about \$3,000).

***MISSION:
POSSIBLE!**

You can learn more about Dougbe River Presbyterian School of Liberia by checking www.drpsl.com or www.facebook.com/dougberiverpresbyterianschool.

Christmas Gifts to Your Church

Flowers... In His Name... Endowment

At Christmas time, we like to make a special gift in honor or memory of loved ones. Rocky River Presbyterian Church (RRPC) offers three ways to remember someone special. We print these remembrances in the Christmas Sunday bulletin.

The deadline for Christmas contributions is MONDAY, DEC. 12TH.

- Holiday Flower Fund** - Contributions to the *Holiday Flower Fund* provide plants for our sanctuary (suggested minimum donation \$10 for a plant). The RRPC Deacons' sanctuary decorating group purchases adequate plants for a tasteful display. Following the last Christmas Eve service we encourage donors to pick out a plant (there will be plants of varying sizes and styles) suitable for giving to someone who is sick, shut-in or needing a lift in spirit! (Added bonus: Flower Fund money remaining, after buying Christmas flowers, is used for sanctuary flowers on Sundays without flower donations!)
- In His Name (IHN) Fund** - This is a discretionary fund used by the pastor to address appeals for emergency assistance, special mission support and other unmet needs within or outside of our congregation. Donations to the IHN Fund may be in any amount.
- RRPC General Endowment Fund** - This fund is an *abiding endowment* which is never decreased. All contributions add to the fund and generate increased interest income for the church. Donations to the RRPC General Endowment Fund may be in any amount.

Holiday Flower Fund, In His Name and RRPC General Endowment Funds

(Contributors to the RRPC *Holiday Flower Fund* may select a plant after the last Christmas Eve service.)

Name _____ Phone _____

Include payment with form. Designate: *Holiday Flower, In His Name or RRPC General Endowment Fund* in your check's memo area.

Fund	\$ Amount	Exact wording for bulletin (In honor/memory/celebration of...etc)
<i>Flower Fund</i>		
<i>In His Name</i>		
<i>RRPC General Endowment</i>		

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DECEMBER

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4 Second Sunday of Advent <i>Communion/Food Sunday</i> 9:00 a.m. Adult Education 10:30 a.m. Worship / Communion/ <i>Children's Christmas rehearsal</i> 11:30 a.m. Time of Fellowship 11:35 a.m. Children & Youth Choir 11:45 a.m. Mission Committee Mtg. 12:00 p.m. Senior High returns 7:00 p.m. Middle School only Mtg.	5 6:00 p.m. PW Women of Grace Christmas Dinner (AJ's Urban Grille) 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.	6 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.	7 10:00 a.m. Koimonia Prayer & Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.	8 11:30 a.m. RRPPC Staff <i>Christmas luncheon</i> 6:15 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	1 6:15 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	2 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbuck's) Senior High Retreat (Camp Aldersgate)	3 10:00 a.m. "Deck the Halls" 7:00 p.m. Altered Attitudes	
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25 Christmas Day  10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Children & Adults / No Nursery	26 Church office closed 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.	27 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.	28 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.	29 No Bell or Chancel Choir <i>Rehearsal</i>	30 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbuck's)	31 New Year's Eve 7:00 p.m. Altered Attitudes		

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