

## Week of November 26, 2023



From Woody: Very happy to see everyone this morning and to now think of the coming Advent Season. We have lots of help needed for Advent. Details of how to help with the food baskets (48 at the moment) and gifts for 87 children and youth (at the moment). The Choir is singing at the Town Christmas Tree Lighting and all the Advent Services, including 7 and 11 on Christmas Eve. Scott Hunter is once again getting the light from the Church of the Nativity for us to bring out into the world. We will be enjoying a sweet fundraiser with the annual Cookie Walk.

So as we enter the often hectic season approaching Christmas we all need to remember to take time to remember the deep spiritual significance of the event we are celebrating and the hope, joy and purpose it brings to our world. If the leaders of the world tried to follow the values taught by the baby who's birth we celebrate, what a wonderful world it would be. That's the dream that Jesus called the Kingdom of God. It's a dream to hold on to during this wonderful season of celebration.

Thanks to all of you and just a footnote to these thoughts....on Christmas Eve our 10am service will be a Carol Sing and Christmas story with the traditional 7 and 11 Candlelight Services in the evening.



**Decorating the Sanctuary:** We will be decorating the church for Advent on Friday, Dec. 1 at 6pm. Help is needed and all are welcome.



**Joyful Sharing** – This year, so far we are sponsoring gifts for 86 children and youth. We still need people to sponsor wish lists, they are available at the Whipple Free Library during the week, during daytime hours. Donations of cash, checks (made out to CCNB with Joyful Sharing on the memo line) and gift cards are also gratefully accepted. You can sign up for those by clicking on this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45AFAB2AA5F5CE9-46109243-joyful#/>

***Fulfilled wish lists are due back December 10.***



**Christmas Food Baskets:** Christmas food baskets will be distributed on **Saturday, December 16**. We will be collecting food donations on Friday, December 15 from 7:30-9:30am. We'll also be collecting them on Saturday, December 16 from 7:30-8:45am. If you know of a family in need, please reach out to Woody at (603)487-3643. Any questions, please reach out to Colleen Jorczak (603)660-8966 and Kim Borges (603)325-3091. To sign up for food

items, go to the website below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4FA4A92DAAFB6-46334420-2023/34952514#/>



**Annual Christmas Cookie Walk:** Will be having our annual cookie walk after church **December 10**. Cost is \$15 for 2 dozen. You will also be entered into a raffle for a cake donated by Shephard Basset of Shephard's Pie Baking Company. **We need more cookie bakers!** If you would like to donate cookies, we are asking for 4 dozen. You can bring them to the church on that Sunday morning. Please include a list of ingredients. Contact Lynn Wawrzniak if you have any questions and/or wish to donate cookies. [lwawrzniak@comcast.net](mailto:lwawrzniak@comcast.net).



**Christmas Eve poinsettias:** To decorate the church on Christmas Eve, we are asking those who are interested to provide \$10 for the purchase of a poinsettia. The plants will be used at the Christmas Eve service and then you can take it home to enjoy. Please sign up on the clip board in the church hallway or let Ellen Anderson ([andersel@njms.rutgers.edu](mailto:andersel@njms.rutgers.edu)) know if you want to help. **Sign ups will close Dec. 17th.**

Please pay by placing a check or cash in the offering plate clipped to a memo indicating the money is for the flowers.



**Christmas Eve Services:** Christmas Eve services will be at 7:00 and 11:00. The 7:00 service will be broadcast live on Facebook, YouTube and the church Website.

Our 10 am service on Christmas Eve will be a Carol Sing and will not be broadcast.

**Ushers are needed** for both services (7 and 11 pm). Contact Woody if you can help.



**Peace Quote:** .Peace on earth will come to stay, When we live Christmas every day....Helen Steiner Rice