

The Messenger

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**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**  
**December 2012**  
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A TIME FOR REFLECTION!



The Labyrinth in our New Courtyard

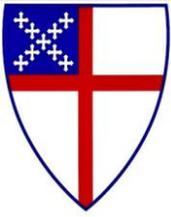
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## Advent



Advent begins on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is a time to prepare for Christ's birth as well as for His second coming to judge the world. It is a time of watching and waiting and great expectation. Purple, the color of thoughtfulness and penitence is the color of the season. The Greek letters, Alpha (the first of the alphabet) and Omega (the last letter) combine to make the symbol for this season of the year signifying that God is Eternal -- the beginning and the end. Bishop Love will also join us on the first Sunday in Advent. Come and worship during Advent in joyful anticipation of the birth of our Lord.

# Greetings from Father James!



Dear Friends,

This Christmas season finds us in so many different places and conditions. Many I have talked with in passing conversation mention their worry over job security as the Christmas bills begin to arrive. Others are still on their holiday trip visiting family and friends. Some struggle with how to make ends meet on a fixed income, while others are beginning college savings plans with the birth of a new child. This season also finds more and more of our church members involved in ministries which try to help people for whom Christmas is bleak.

One of my favorite Christmas carols is "In the Bleak Midwinter" and every year I ponder the question asked: "What can I give him, poor as I am...If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part..." As I look back over the year 2012, I am proud of what our relatively small parish has done for Schenectady and for our own congregation. We are very involved in the many outreach programs of Schenectady Inner City Ministry and our members are involved in most every community agency I know: from tutoring young students to serving meals to the homeless. Our youth group increasingly has been involved in service projects and has great plans for 2013!

In addition, the folks who are attending to the needs of our own church have done their part. Thanks to generous financial giving we are one of the few churches I know who are able to close our books in the black as well as to do such things as fixing roofs and keeping up on general maintenance.

Yes, St. Stephen's struggles with what it means to "do our part" and as community needs and congregational needs increase I suspect so will our struggle. We all stand together in the bleak midwinter, trusting that by grace, we may at best give Him our heart.

May you have a blessed Advent and Christmas season,

James+

## Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

The patron saint of our parish is St. Stephen whose life we will celebrate on Wednesday, December 26th in the Chapel of the Resurrection with Eucharist.

Stephen was called one of the "seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom" (Acts 6:3). He was chosen by the apostles to relieve them of the administrative burden of "serving tables and caring for the widows." This became what the Church traditionally considers to be the work and ministry of a deacon.

Stephen's activities involved more than simply "serving tables" for the Acts of the Apostles speaks of his preaching and performing many miracles. These activities led him into conflict with some of the Jews, who accused him of blasphemy, and brought him before the Sanhedrin. His powerful sermon before the Council is recorded in the seventh chapter of Acts. His denunciation of the Sanhedrin so enraged its members that, without a trial, they dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Saul, later called Paul, stood by, consenting to Stephen's death, but Stephen's example of steadfast faith in Jesus, and of intercession for his persecutors, was to find fruit in the mission and witness of Paul after his conversion. The Christian community in Jerusalem, taking fright at the hostility of the Judean authorities, was scattered; so that for the first time the Gospel of Christ began to spread beyond Jerusalem.

Come celebrate our patron saint on Wednesday!

# Christmas Services

## CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 p.m. Family Eucharist

10:45 p.m. Christmas Carols

11:00 p.m. Festive Candlelight Eucharist w/ Brass Quartet

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## CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 a.m. Eucharist

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## FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN

Wednesday, December 26th

10:00 a.m. Eucharist

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## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 30th

8:00 a.m. Eucharist

10:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist

## THE HOLY NAME OF OUR LORD

January 1st

10:00 a.m. Eucharist

**CHILD CARE CHRISTMAS EVE** - the Community Room will be open at the 4:00 p.m. service. Toddlers are invited to share the church service experience with their families, but it can be a long time for some to be still.

# Youth Education at St. Stephen's

## Fall 2012



Train a child in the way he should go.  
When he is old, he will not turn away from it.  
~~Proverbs 22:6 (NIRV)

### **Godly Play**

**(Grades Pre-K-6) -**

#### **Miranda Rand**

*(This group leaves with their teachers after the Rector's children's message, and return to participate in the sacrament with their families.)*

December will be a busy month for us as we get ready for Christmas... here's what's happening:  
December 2: (Advent I). Using a crèche that has been in my family since I was a little girl, we will learn how God blessed the people and the animals in the story of the Christ child's birth.  
December 9: (Advent II & 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Hanukkah). Zipporah Harris, local Judaics teacher, will visit us with a special Hanukkah program – this will be an extended session starting promptly at 10:15 – students should come directly to the Godly Play classroom when they come to church, we will be finished in time for families to receive the sacrament together.  
December 16: (Advent III). We will (metaphorically) walk with Mary and Joseph as they start their journey to Bethlehem to be registered. Eunice Chouffi will visit our classroom to bring us a special story about their journey.  
December 23: (Advent IV). We will continue to journey with Mary and Joseph as they arrive in Bethlehem and look for a place to stay.

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December 24: (Christmas Eve). At the 4:00pm Family Service we will participate in the processional, bringing the crèche figures forward to place in the manger.  
December 30: Christmas Break – no class.

### **Christmas Pageant:**

On the third Sunday of Advent, December 16, at 4:30pm, Godly Play students will present a short, costumed, pageant followed by a pot-luck. One rehearsal and costume fitting will take place after the 10:15 service on December 9. Please plan to join us!

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Youth Group

(Grades 7-12 @ 9:00am) -

George Woodzell & Peter Nelson

Youth Group students will continue with their alternate times for discussion and conversation and teen worship. George keeps in touch with everyone by email. Most weeks he sends the topic for discussion and information about the time on Friday for the following Sunday. If you do not receive his email, please contact him directly.

December Schedule

December 2: 9:00: Discussion & Conversation
December 9: 10:15: Youth Worship
December 16: 9:00: Discussion & Conversation
December 23: 10:15: Youth Worship

Adult Education

Sunday Morning Adult Education:

Public Policy And Our Christian Faith

There is a strong emphasis in our Anglican tradition in which each believer is called to improve the future by searching for solutions to today's problems. This series of forums will present valuable information on today's national issues. The discussions will attempt to allow participants to form their own conclusions (very Anglican!)

Dec. 2 – Life and Death Decisions: Who Decides – Medical technology has greatly extended American lives. These days, death often does not come as a natural event but as the result of complex decisions. Any decision about death is an intensely personal one. But as a society, we have a shared interest in choosing what kinds of options are available to us at the end of life, how they are accessed, and what rules are involved.

Discussion will involve several choices:

#1 – Preserve Life – We have a collective moral responsibility to do everything possible to prevent death. As long as there is the ability to maintain life, our skills should be employed in sustaining it. Only when death is imminent and inevitable should we allow nature to take its course and focus on relieving pain and making the patient comfortable.

#2 – Maintain Quality of Life – Medical advances make it possible to keep people alive long after they are conscious, indeed, long after life seems worth living. Sometimes withdrawing life support is appropriate even when further treatment would help the patient live longer. People should be able to get care that takes into account their quality of life and acknowledges death as a natural occurrence.

#3 – My Choice, My Right- People should have the right to decide whether they want to live or die. We have the right and responsibility to have control over our own care. We should expand the options available to all of us at the end of our lives to include the right to seek help from our physicians in ending our lives when death is inevitable, and suffering makes life unendurable.

How does our faith inform these three approaches?

Dec. 9 – The Troubled American Family: Which way out of the storm? – With social problems rising, the focus of public debate is shifting to that crucible of citizenship, the American family. Are families failing to install social values in children? What social values? And what might we do about it? Discussion will involve several choices:

#1 – Revive Traditional Values – America's social problems arise from a permissive society, where traditional nuclear families are in decline. The nation should do everything possible to revive them, especially by strengthening traditional marriage, and by discouraging alternative lifestyles.

#2 – Promote Responsibility for Children – The most important value is parental responsibility, not marriage. Society should expand family planning services, and do more to reconnect sexual freedom with sexual responsibility. At the same time, parents should be held accountable for raising children.

#3 – Expand Societal Responsibility - The crucial value is societal responsibility. Society benefits from productive citizens, so society should help parents raise them. The United States lags far behind many other countries in recognizing this social responsibility.

How does our faith inform these three approaches?

Continued Adult Education

Dec. 16 – The \$16 Trillion Debt: Tough choices about soaring federal deficits – While citizens and elected officials repeatedly affirm their commitment to a balanced budget, the gap between government spending and revenues grows wider. The question is whether we can find a way to kick the debt habit. Discussion will involve several choices:

#1 – Discretionary Spending: a guided tour of federal programs – Reduce discretionary spending is one way to close the budget gap. Choosing among government programs and benefits forces us to decide on our priorities, and make some tough choices about what we're prepared to give up.

#2 – Defense Decisions: how much more can be cut? – The United States faces fundamental decisions about its role in the world, and what kind of military we need under dramatically changing circumstances. At a time of growing pressure to cut spending, how much more can be cut from the defense budget?

#3 – The Uncontrollables: putting a lid on entitlements - A large and rapidly growing portion of federal spending goes for cash payments to individuals. While many agree that entitlement spending needs to be controlled, there is little agreement about how to do so.

#4 – Revenue Solution: no such thing as a free lunch - Our failure to levy taxes sufficient to cover public spending has undermined the economy and our international reputation. The fact is that we need higher taxes and can afford them. What is the fairest and most feasible way to raise new revenues?

How does our faith inform these four approaches?

Dec. 23 – Immigration - The United States has always been defined as a land of opportunity, a refuge from persecution, and a nation of immigrants. Throughout its history, the United States has welcomed millions of immigrants from every corner of the globe. While most Americans believe that, historically, this influx has stimulated our economy and strengthened our culture, some wonder whether it's still good for our nation. Discussion will involve several choices:

#1 Welcome New Arrivals - The US immigration system is buckling under the strain of excessive backlogs and bureaucracy. We must shore up our existing system and provide an acceptable way for the millions of undocumented immigrants currently living here to earn the right to citizenship,

#2 Protect Our Borders - By failing to stem the tide of illegal immigration, we've undermined our national security, stiffened competition for scarce jobs, and strained the public purse. We need tighter control of our borders, tougher enforcement of our immigration laws, and stricter limits on the number of immigrants legally accepted into the country,

#3 Promote Economic Prosperity - Immigrants play a key role in keeping the US economy dynamic and robust. We need to put a priority on our economic needs by annually adjusting the number of immigrants allowed in the country and granting temporary green cards to foreign students graduating from American colleges.

How does our faith inform these three approaches?

Classes are held on Sunday mornings, 9:00am-10:00am in the Conference Room

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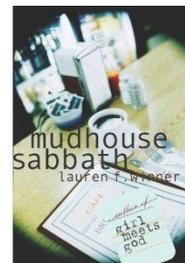
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Continued Adult Education

Thursday Morning Community of Friends

Mudhouse Sabbath: *An Invitation to a Life of Spiritual Discipline*

After her conversion from Orthodox Judaism to Christianity, Lauren Winner found that her life was indelibly marked by the rich traditions and spiritual practices of Judaism. She set out to discover how she could incorporate some of these practices into her new faith. Winner presents eleven Jewish spiritual practices that can transform the way Christians view the world and God. Whether discussing attentive eating, marking the days while grieving, the community that supports a marriage, candle-lighting, or the differences between the Jewish Sabbath and a Sunday spent at the Mudhouse, her favorite coffee shop, Winner writes with appealing honesty and rare insight.



Classes are held on Thursday mornings, 10:30am-noon in the Conference Room

Between Athens.....and Jerusalem



A Seminar of Theological Reflection on the
Great Ideas of the Western World



Tuesday Mornings 10:30-Noon

December 4 **Can Virtue Be Taught?**

If virtue can be taught, whose virtue will it be? A look at the Socratic recognition of multiculturalism and moral relativism.

December 11 **Plato's Republic—Man Writ Large**

This most famous of Plato's dialogues begins with the metaphor—or perhaps the reality—of the polis (community) as the expanded version of the person, with the fate of each inextricably bound to that of the other.

HOME COMMUNION

If you or someone you know is unable to attend church on either a long or short-term basis, please call the parish office if you would like to have communion brought to you.

Getting to Know St. Stephen's Members

Featuring – George & Richey Woodzell

George Woodzell

I grew up in Arlington, Virginia. My father was an electrical engineer, working for what was then called Potomac Electric Power Company. Our idea of weekend fun was to drive all over Washington, D.C and its suburbs, looking at substation construction and going off to major power outages. My mother stayed at home with my brother, sister, and me; she and I spent our summers driving all over the Washington area checking out major highway construction projects (a practice I maintain to this day). We attended a Methodist church in Arlington; in that church I learned that, contrary to some opinions, sermons can be interesting, fun, and enlightening, and that short sermons aren't always the best (even though Daddy sometimes slept through the longer ones).

Richey and I joined St. Stephen's shortly after I visited the church one Sunday and found what instantly felt like a family. I was involved with an outreach committee called "Mission and Ministry" at one time, and helped with several craft fairs and chicken barbecues (in fact, I take pride in the fact that I was partially responsible for the "raw chicken" episode that helped bring an end to the barbecues), but I finally found what I liked - and like - best: working with young people, in Sunday school and with our youth group (for whom I've run out of superlatives.)

We have two sons, Vaughan and Stephen. Vaughan lives in a suburb of Albuquerque, New Mexico, with his wife, Alex, and their children, Ryan and Vicky; he works in computer software, specializing in computer-to-computer communications, data base applications, and the design of user interfaces. Our younger son, Stephen, is the artist in the family; he lives in Brooklyn (on high ground) and works in Manhattan, working on his company's web pages, and producing artwork for their literature. Stephen keeps one foot in his music as well, playing in an informal band, creating music to accompany videos, and making artwork for CD cases.

I came to Schenectady straight out of college, working first at General Electric, and then at Power Technologies, a consulting engineering firm. I enjoyed my work as an electrical engineer, but certainly the best thing in my career was meeting my wife, Richey, when she joined Power Technologies. Since I retired, I like to work in my shop, doing a bit of woodworking, but mostly working on models of machinery (if you want to know about heavy-lift cranes, I'm your man), and working at nature photography.



Richey Woodzell

I grew up in Rotterdam, on the old Putman farm on Putman Hill. I was #4 out of five kids. My father was an electrical engineer for GE Power Systems, while my mother took care of all of us and did a lot of volunteer work for the Girl Scouts. There were two families across the road from us, and we all lived at each others' houses, priding ourselves on being "the Hill kids." Every year on Twelfth Night my parents held a Hill Party for our three families, complete with homemade or 10-cent store gifts, pageant, scavenger hunt and ghost stories. Every Columbus Day my mother would gather whatever kids were around and we'd head out in the car for a picnic somewhere - always near some water. I was a Girl Scout for years, spending all summer at camp, becoming a camp counselor after high school and a GS leader after college. A cradle Episcopalian, I was a member first of St. George's in the Stockade, then St. Paul's in Bellevue, but we attended Sunday school and VBS at Cobblestone Reformed Church in Rotterdam.

Ater graduating from the University of Rochester I began working as a programmer at Finserv Computer on Erie Blvd. Five years later I moved to Power Technologies right next door, where I was hired to fix their payroll program and automate their job costs and billing. Trying to do this in FORTRAN on an HP 2100 was a challenge for me, and I was referred to a helpful engineer named George, whose assistance I sought more and more during those first months. We were married in 1977 at St. Paul's, where I became treasurer and George was elected warden, but in 1984 we transferred with our sons to St. Stephen's, just a half mile from our house.

George has already described our family. I will add that being a mother did not come naturally to me. I was much more comfortable programming computers, but that sort of approach doesn't work with little boys. Nevertheless, I wouldn't have traded it for anything! In addition to our own family, George and I have had the privilege of opening our home to two wonderful young women. Carolina Lucchini, a teacher from Argentina who lived with us for 10 months, taught Spanish at Howe Elementary School and volunteered as a Sunday school teacher at St. Stephen's, and now teaches English back home. Linah Rusere, a student from Zimbabwe who lived with us while she attended Union College, is now working on her doctorate in organic chemistry at Purdue. Together with our Vietnamese daughter-in-law Alex Luu, these women have all brought much love and joy into our lives, and I now consider that we have three lovely daughters, none of whom I had to raise.

I retired from PTI after Vaughan was born. Since then I have devoted my time to family, school, and numerous church activities, which have included choir, Sunday school, Vestry, Bible studies and service committee, and I am a member of the Daughters of the King. Since 1985 I have been doing record-keeping for Concerned for the Hungry; I served on the board of the Home Furnishings Program, and I have been a literacy volunteer for over ten years. Currently I am the coordinator for the Roxbury Farm delivery site in Schenectady and a member of a Spanish conversation group. I like puzzles (all sorts), reading, vegetable gardening, cooking, some sewing, and singing at the top of my lungs while cleaning the house.

Odds & Ends

Cleaning and Greening of the Church

Help prepare the church for Christmas. On Sunday morning, December 23rd, beginning after you get your coffee, we will meet in the Church to hang the greens, and generally prepare the church for our celebration of Christ's birth.



The Good Fairy Quit

As people have been organizing the parish hall, they have been putting what they don't want in the Resource or Sexton's rooms assuming one must suppose that a good fairy will clean out these rooms. Well, the good fairy has quit. It is not fair to Donna, Joe or Miranda to fill up these rooms. If the stuff will be used during another church season, put it in the cellar. Think twice about saving something as the good fairy won't be cleaning out the cellars either. Best yet, put it in the dumpster. There is a recycle bin next to it.

Where, Oh Where?

Do you remember the large stock pots that were in the "old" kitchen?

As we've been unpacking and arranging and searching the various construction storage areas we haven't found those pots.

Did you borrow or agree to store them? We'd love to locate them.

The Kitchen Elves

Thank You's and Recognition

Belated Thanks

A warm and sincere thank you to all who prayed for me during my cancer diagnosis and treatment this past summer and fall.

I'm sure the prayers helped me to have a very easy time and a full recovery.

With love,
Millie Gittinger

Ministry Updates

ECW Update

Christmas music played; cookies were eaten; ladies crafted and fun was had by all.

The ECW meeting on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 was a productive one.

The ECW ladies met to make the Christmas cards that will be sold to support St. Stephen's outreach ministries during the holiday season. This year the parish is supporting the Joan Nicole Prince House in Glenville and Our Little Roses Ministries in Honduras.

So if you are looking for gift that keeps on giving, please consider buying a card that supports one or both of the organizations sponsored by St. Stephen's.

The ECW will not be meeting in December although the group will help with the SICM Potluck Dinner on Wednesday, December 5, 2012.

The next meeting of St. Stephen's ECW will meet on Tuesday, January 22, 2013.

The group will make a craft project for the homebound in the parish.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 382-0285 or petsitter31@hotmail.com.

Thank you, Claudia



Daughters of the King

The St. Clare chapter of the Daughters of the King will be meeting on Wednesday, December 5th @ 10:00-11:30 AM in the empty classroom.

We invite any women who would like to join us in prayer, study and reflection. Weather permitting, we will walk the labyrinth in the courtyard.

Questions? Call any of the Daughters of the King:

Eunice Chouffi, Marilyn Humphrey, Kabby Lowe, Louise Peake or Richey Woodzell.

Continued Ministry Updates

Shop News

Stop by!

We have many lovely items for your Holiday Gift Giving, Stocking Stuffers for Her and for Him. Cards from The Metropolitan Museum Of Art. As well as very unusual decorations for your tree, and be sure to look at the items in the King's Kid's Korner.

And a repeat of a sellout, The Episcocats and the Episodogs Calendars are ready for sale. Chuckle thru the new year with these furry friends. Christmas Blessings to you all from
Claudia, Lily, Louise and Marilyn

St. Stephen's Book Club

Good reads ...

The next meeting of the St. Stephen's Book Club is Tuesday, Dec. 11th @ 7:00pm. Since it's such a busy month, we're asking everyone to choose a Christmas book or story they've read before, tell us about it and read a passage. This can be a children's book, short story, novel, whatever.

See You There!



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RESCHEDULED DUE TO HURRICANE SANDY- Joan Chittister: *Equipping Ourselves for Social Change*, Dec. 7, 7-8:30pm & Dec. 8, 9am-4pm, 1st Reformed Church in Schenectady,

A simulcast partnership with Trinity Institute; Come make the connection between contemplation and social action with this distinguished speaker! Sr. Joan will be live from NYC, but CRTC saves you the high cost of city lodging, food, travel, gas! You'll receive daily devotions from Joan ahead of time, and an Advent curriculum afterward. Bring a team and get ready to make a difference in your world! \$105; scholarships available.

Introduction to New Testament: Part II, Dr. Peter Bedford, Grace Lutheran Church, Niskayuna, Tuesdays, January 8-March 12, 2013, 7-9pm, , A Lay Theological Education Program core course; open to all. \$275, \$250 to Audit. Registration deadline: December 20, 2012.

Is Your Board Bored? How to Lead Effective Church Meetings, Rev. Dr. Johan Bosman, Christ Community Reformed Church, Saturday, February 2, 9am-4pm, What if you could feel energized by church meetings instead of dreading them? Harmonize efficiency with the Biblical theology of church work. \$80 by January 4; \$90 thereafter. Registration date: January 17.

Coin & Kingdom: Would Jesus Toss Us Out Today?, Rev. Dr. Norm Tellier, First United Methodist Church, Saturday, March 3, 9am-3pm, For all who manage money in the church. \$75 by February 1; \$85 thereafter. Registration deadline: February 14.

Social Media for Churches: The Why & How, Rev. Dr. Tim Coombs and Rev. Dr. Michelle Bogue-Trost, April 12, 9am-3pm, Liverpool United Methodist Church, Liverpool, April 13, 9am-3pm, Capital District locations tbd, Does social media ever seem like a different world? Why does the church need Facebook, Pinterest, texting and Twitter to communicate in today's digital age? Beginner and advanced level learning in this workshop of the how and why. \$75 by Mar. 15; \$90 thereafter. Reg. deadline: March 27.

MATTHEW FOX, *Occupy Christianity: A New Reformation*, April 19, 7-8:30 pm, First Unitarian Society, Sch'dy, April 20, 9am-3pm, St. George's Episcopal Church, Sch'dy, April 21, 10-11 am, 1st Reformed Church in Schenectady. \$105 by March 22; \$125 thereafter. Registration deadline: April 3.

Register online at www.crtc.org or by phone at 518-462-2470. Watch our website and our Facebook page for information on these and **many other courses** available in 2013. Scholarships and group discounts available for most classes.

~ December 2012 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:30am Polish Silver
2 1 Advent Bishop Love Visit 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Education Nursery Care	3	4 10:30am-12:00pm Theological Seminar Conference Room 7:00 Book Club Conference Room	5 10:00am – DOK Meeting 5:00 pm SICM Dinner Meeting	6 10:30-Noon 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	7	8
9 2 Advent 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Education Nursery Care	10 7:30 Vestry Meeting Conference Room	11 10:30am-12:00pm Theological Seminar Conference Room 7:00pm Book Club	12 10:00 DOK Meeting	13 10:30-11:30 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	14	15
16 3 Advent 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Education Nursery Care 4:30 – Christmas Pageant	17 7:30 Parish Council Meeting Conference Room	18 7:00 ECW Meets Parish Hall	19	20 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	21	22
23 4 Advent 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Education Nursery Care Hanging of the Greens following coffee hour	24 Christmas Eve 4:00pm Family Eucharist 10:45pm Christmas Carols 11:00pm Festive Candlelight Eucharist w/ Brass Quartet	25 Christmas Day 10:00am Eucharist	26 Feast of St. Stephen 10:00am Eucharist	27 10:30-11:30 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	28	29
30 First Sunday After Christmas 8:00am Eucharist 10:15am Choral Eucharist	31	Jan 1 st The Holy Name of Our Lord 10:00am Eucharist				

December Anniversaries



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Birthdays:

Dec. 5 th	Louise Peake
Dec. 7 th	Millie Gittinger
Dec. 8 th	Vicki Hoshko
Dec. 9 th	Jim Ormsbee
Dec. 12 th	Claudia Ashelman
Dec. 14 th	Evan Fronk
Dec. 20 th	Shirley Gretz

Dec. 21st

Jim Syta

Dec. 25th

Robert Olberg

Dec. 27th

Ronald Michelson

Dec. 31

Denise Crates
Lois Hoover

Weddings:

Dec. 10th

Robert Olberg &
Andrea Worthington

Dec. 22nd

Gerald & Linda Perregaux

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