

Meetings and Events

Nov 27-Dec 3

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11 a.m.	Worship
	4 p.m.	Anticipate Christ
Monday	6-7:30 p.m.	Brownie Troop (Social Rm)
Tuesday	7:15 p.m.	Immersion Bible Study
Wednesday	7 p.m.	Prayer and Fasting Meeting
Thursday	7:15 p.m.	Choir
Friday	6-10 p.m.	Crafts Night

December 4-10

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Announcements

Anticipate Christ – Start off Advent with the focus on Christ. Take part in a devotion; enjoy the crafts, snacks and fellowship. The event takes place today at 4 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Our Daily Bread – Copies of the December-January-February issue are available at the information center. All donations go to the publisher. Envelopes are available at the information center.

United Methodist Student Day – Today we collect an offering for this church-wide special Sunday. Your gifts provide scholarships for qualified United Methodist applicants.

Choral Concert – Trafford Middle School is holding its holiday concert Thursday, December 1 at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

First Sunday in Advent

Sunday, November 27, 2016

Justin Judy, pastor **Bill and Joan Vowler, greeters**
Sandy Chiappetta, liturgist

Theme – The one really adequate instrument for learning about God is the whole Christian community.—C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Prayer Focus – The Sorrowful

Welcome/Announcements

Preparation for Worship
(Meditate; pray silently)

Prelude *Joy to the World*

Call to Worship

L: A light shines in the darkness.

P: We gather to wait for the Advent of God's Hope.

L: A prayer for peace is uttered in silence.

All: (*pray silently*)

All: Amen.

♦ Hymn #211 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

♦ Prayer

Anthem *The Angel Gabriel* Baring-Gould/Raney

Joys, Concerns, and Prayers

#895 The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Giving God our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *We Three Kings*

♦ Doxology/Offering God our Praise

#95 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

♦ Prayer of Dedication of our Offerings

♦ Ritual of Fellowship

(Offer one another signs of Christ's peace and God's love)

♦ Hymn #218

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Children's Sermon/Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Candle of Hope

Scripture

Ephesians 1:22-23

Message

The First Tradition

♦ Hymn #234

O Come, All Ye Faithful

(You are invited to the altar for prayer, anointing, and/or to publicly surrender your life to Christ Jesus)

♦ Benediction

♦ Chorus #672

God Be with You till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

♦ *Rise in body or in spirit*

Nursery – Sandy Chiappetta and Joan Vowler

Altar Flowers – The flowers on the altar are presented by the Johnston children in memory of Chuck and Ouina Johnston.

Announcements (cont'd)

Poinsettias – Orders for poinsettias will be taken through Sunday, December 18. The cost is \$11 per plant. Envelopes are available in the vestibule. Poinsettias may be taken home following the 7:30 p.m. service on Christmas Eve.

Food Drive – We are collecting boxes of instant hot cocoa mix for the Trafford/Level Green food bank through December 11. Drop off your donations in the box in the overflow area.

Advent Devotional – *Peace, Hope & Light* by Dr. Joel Heck is a devotional based on the writings of C. S. Lewis. Pastor Justin will use it as the basis for his messages during the Advent season. Pick up your complimentary copy from the vestibule.

Gift Card Program – We are processing orders for this ongoing fundraiser on a weekly basis through December 18. Give your orders to Linda Yocum or Jane Pogue (forms available at the information center).

Reminders

Summer Camp Gift Certificates – Jumonville is making gift certificates available to purchase for the 2017 camping season. Order forms are available at the Information Center in the “Camping” slot.

Altar Flower Calendar – The 2017 month-by-month calendar is in the binder in the vestibule. Prices remain the same for 2017 (\$20 for the two altar vases and \$15 for the table arrangement).

Warm Hearts, Warm Coats – Trinity is teaming up with *Good Morning America* to collect coats for those in need in our area. We'll take coats of all sizes. A box is set up beside the library. Questions? Call Jane Pogue at 724.864.2858.

Enjoy Books – The Friendship Class is selling this coupon book for \$30. A sample book is available in the library.

Subway Cards – Helping Hands still have these coupon cards available to purchase, \$10 per card. See Joan Vowler for details.



Roof Fund – Don't forget to “feed the pig!”

Remember in Prayer

Eileen Bentley; Emma Chichilla; Fred and Roberta Cuttler; Beecher and Kay Dale; Betty Earl; Carol and David Grubb; Judy Huber (friend of Matt Knopf); **Rob Kalanja**; Jan Keefer; Mary Jean Kowalski; Paul Madaras (Mary Ann Casper's brother); Judy Mason; Lloyd Myers; Blanch Seiple (Peggy Whitfield's aunt); Joyce Stude Rogers and her sister Carol Jean; Peggy Whitfield; Kayla (friend of Peggy Whitfield)

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