

Meetings and Events

December 3-9

Sunday	11 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion
	12 p.m.	Anticipate Christ
Monday	5 p.m.	Men's Woodworking Group
Thursday	7:15 p.m.	Choir
Friday	6 p.m.	Crafts Night

December 10-16

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11 a.m.	Worship/Healing Service
Monday	5 p.m.	Men's Woodworking Group
Tuesday	11:30 a.m.	Helping Hands Board Meeting
	12 p.m.	Lunch/Meeting
Thursday	7:15 p.m.	Choir
Friday	6 p.m.	Crafts Night
Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Cantata Practice

Greeters – Bob and Sandy Chiappetta

Liturgist – Nick Mallik

Nursery – Cindy Graw and Joan Vowler

Global Migration Sunday, December 3 – Your gifts today (use pew envelopes) will be used to help the 65 million migrants and refugees across the globe.

Poinsettias – Envelopes for poinsettia orders are in the vestibule (\$11.50 per plant). Orders are due by December 17.

Advent Devotional – *Moving Toward the Manger* by Martin E. Marty is a devotional based on the writings of Frederick Buechner. Pick up your complimentary copy from the vestibule.

Prayer Partners – Partners for December-February are posted in the vestibule.

First Sunday in Advent

December 3, 2017

Justin Judy, pastor

Prayer Focus – For those struggling to make ends meet

Theme – This is indeed a good place to start as we look forward to the Advent season. With so many other tasks vying for our attention, we start this season focused on the love that started it all.

Welcome/Announcements

Preparation for Worship (Meditate; pray silently)

Prelude *There's a Song in the Air*

Call to Worship

L: The days are coming when God will fulfill the promise.

P: A righteous branch of David shall come forth.

L: There shall be justice and righteousness in the land.

P: This is our salvation.

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

♦ Prayer

Anthem *Christmas Is Coming* Joel 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 1 John 4:7-11

Message **The First and Next Step**

Holy Communion

♦ Hymn #234 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Benediction

♦ Chorus #251 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

Postlude *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

♦ *Rise in body or in spirit*

Altar Flowers – The flowers on the altar are presented by Jane Pogue in memory of Bob, Velma and Jim Pogue. The flowers on the keyboard are presented by Roberta Cuttler in memory of Fred Cuttler.

Announcements (cont'd)

Warm Hearts, Warm Coats – The collection box is ready and waiting to be filled with coats. Gently used coats are distributed locally to help keep people warm this winter.

Power Puerto Rico – Garden City UMC is hosting a Stuff-a-Truck event on December 9 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. The church is also raising funds to send a generator to Puerto Rico to power a community distribution center, host facility for workers/missionaries and a safe place for at risk members of a community. Copies of a letter and flyer with more information are available in the vestibule.

If you wish to donate items for the Stuff-a-Truck event, but can't get them to Garden City, drop them off at Trinity by 5 p.m. on Friday the 8th. We will deliver them to the church.

If you wish to donate money, mail checks directly to the church payable to "Garden City UMC." Note "generator" or "Stuff-a-Truck" on the memo line.

Reminders

Gift Card Program – Trinity is accepting gift card orders weekly through December 17. Forms are available at the information center.

Enjoy Book – Books are available from any member of the Friendship Class (purchase price \$30).

Feed the pig! – Drop off loose change in the pig located at the back of the sanctuary. Donations go to the church roof fund.

Community News/Events

Career Opportunities – Redstone Highlands is looking to staff three campuses. The listing of jobs and contact information are posted on the vestibule bulletin board.

Remember in Prayer

Patty Aubele; Ian Alvarez (Judy family's neighbor); JoAnn Booher; Renee Cappetta; Beecher and Kay Dale; Bryce Dulemba; Joan Hartley; Betty Henderson (Sandy Chiappetta's aunt); Kathy Jones (Judy Mason's friend); Ernie Keefer; Jan Keefer; Grace, daughter of Min and Yangmo Ku (friends of Julie Sippel-Silowash); Paul Madaras (Mary Ann Casper's brother); Dale McCune (Garlan McCune's brother); Kay Meadowcroft; Tom Puckey; Blanch Seiple (Peggy Whitfield's aunt); Ken Simmons (Vicki Stokes' brother); Jay and Vicki Stokes; Jean Swick; Mary Thornton; David Whitfield (Peggy Whitfield's brother); Peggy Whitfield

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