

# Grace Notes



*Grace - fully Living  
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“God With Us” ~ Matthew 1:18-23

Deep in December, when the days grow shorter, when sunlight slants at a deep angle, when trees are bare, and the landscape looks like it has been sketched with a pencil, the heart inside can begin to look much the same as the world outside. Psychologists call it “seasonal affect disorder,” and it hits lots of us during the winter months. Problems that once seemed manageable appear bigger now. Hope is harder to come by. And melancholy hands overhead like clouds heavy with snow or rain.

It is deep in December that the reassuring words of the prophet are heard: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’” Jesus has lots of names: King of Kings, Good Shepherd, and Bread of Life. But in December, none sounds quite so right as “Emmanuel.” In December, when the heart is in the shadows and the signs of God’s presence are not quite as clear as they are in spring, we need a quiet reminder that regardless of how it looks, God’s name is Emmanuel because God is with us.

There is not a place on earth, of course, where God is not with us. However, the Church has always promised us that God is most reliably present in worship when the Word is preached and the sacraments are celebrated. I think that deep inside we all know that. Maybe that

is why Advent and Christmas Eve services are usually so well attended. We all bring winter with us to the altar and lean forward to hear the news in song, sermon, Scripture and sacrament that our Savior’s name is Emmanuel, “God is with us.”

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**Prayer:**

*Come, Lord Jesus. Invade our winter: Walk into our snowy hearts and warm us with your presence. Amen*

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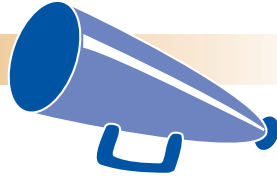
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## Event

### Reporting



### Single Service 10:00 am Dec. 14

To allow for set-up and morning rehearsal as well as to gather the whole congregation to be a part of the "Festival of Christmas Music" on December 14, we will have one worship service on that Sunday at 10:00 am. On that Sunday the fellowship time will follow the 10:00 am service.

Sunday School will meet at its regular time (9:00am) to practice for Christmas Eve.

### "Festival of Christmas Music" December 14 10:00 AM

"The Madrigal Singers" from Glenelg High School in Howard County will once again come and join the Grace Church Choir for the "Festival of Music" on December 14th. You will not want to miss these fine young people who have shared their musical talents with this congregation for many, many years during the season of Advent.

Bring your children, grandchildren, extended family members, neighbors and other friends and join us for this special service on December 14th. This year there is a change and only ONE SERVICE will be held at 10:00 a.m. This will enable most of our families to come and enjoy the enriching music of the Advent and Christmas seasons.

### Christmas Eve Services

December 24th

#### Family Service

The less formal service including  
Sunday School Children with Communion

5:00 pm

#### Festival Candlelight Service with Communion

10:30 pm

### Christmas in a Barn

Date: Sunday, December 14, 2008

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Place: Go north on Belair Road past St. Michael's Lutheran Church (9534 Belair Road). Continue north past a traffic light at Baker/Chapel Hill Road, and past the second light at Forge Road. Turn left at Perry Hall Road. Take either the second or third driveway on the right to the Barn. Come and experience the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ who was born in a stable!!

Sponsored by: Christus Victor, Grace, and St. Michael's Lutheran Churches

### Sunday Worship Calendar December 2008

Please note several changes in our usual schedule!

#### December 7th - 2nd Sunday In Advent

Contemporary Worship 9:00 am  
Sunday Church School 9:00 am  
Traditional Worship 10:30 am

#### December 14th - 3rd Sunday In Advent

One Service Only  
"Festival of Christmas Music"  
with the "Madrigal Singers" 10:00 am  
Sunday Church School 9:00 am

#### December 21st - 4th Sunday In Advent

Contemporary Worship 9:00 am  
Sunday Church School 9:00 am  
Traditional Worship 10:30 am

#### December 28th - 1 Christmas

Contemporary Worship 9:00 am  
No Sunday Church School  
Traditional Worship 10:30 am

# Pastors CORNER



anticipation... hesitancy... but always discomfort - one way or another.

Interregnum... That describes so much of life... the period of discontinuity between what was and what will be. We get really attached to what is but somehow still manage to dream about... worry about... even dread... what might be... what certainly will be... what could be...

Interregnum...

I woke up this morning to a radio commentator talking about the economic turmoil and the period that we are in as a nation... He didn't use the words that we usually use... a "lame duck" president and a "lame duck" congress. That tells only one side of the story. Instead he was describing the reality that we have a newly elected president who is being looked to for signs of how he will attack the current economic malaise, but who is not the president. He was describing the time during which the sitting president (That's the "lame duck" president) really can do little more than take actions to impede the new president from acting to change what he considers hard fought victories. He was describing a president coming and a president going who would each like to have more time... but time is not available... we are looking for action.

I have said before that the commentator did not use the phrase "lame duck"; instead, he described this period as an "interregnum". Now there is a cool word that we don't use much... Likely you have never used the word. It's literal meaning is to describe the period between one king... and his legitimate successor. We don't have kings, but that never stopped us from using "regal" language. This period in our national history is not technically a period between... but it is a kind of uncomfortable no man's land. It is a period of uncertainty. It is what one dictionary describes as a period of discontinuity. And discontinuity may offer many things... hope... fear... expectation... worry... curiosity...

By the time you read this, it will be Advent... almost Christmas... But distinctly not Christmas.... Interregnum... It is a time of preparation... of getting ready... of contemplating what will be... but still required to live in what is. In one way or another, Advent is the story of our lives as Christians... We live with one foot in this life... with at least our hearts one way or another in the life that Jesus promises. We can't escape the discord of the present reality... but we dream of that time when discord and injustice will be no more. We wait for the birth of a baby... to remind us once again of the commitment of God's love, while we remember what that love cost God at the hands of shortsighted and jealous human beings. Interregnum... yes that describes the discord that each of us experiences in one way or another.

The New Testament is filled with the impatience of the earliest Christians - sure that Christ would come and set things straight in their lifetimes, their task was to live in the time between Easter and the blossoming of the fullness of God's good justice. They waited and waited and they became impatient... they experienced the death of the first apostles and they wondered when... INTERREGNUM! That is the story of our lives... Advent... Give us patience... Come Lord Jesus! Give us wisdom and faith and the gentle will to love as Jesus loves... INTERREGNUM! We are here and we will be there... We live in the assurance of life. But just as Jesus, we experience so much that feels like death... come Lord Jesus... Give us patience... Give us hope... Joy to the world, the Lord is/will come.

Pastor Carl Myers

## Spaghetti Dinner

The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 24, 2009 (Snow date January 31) for the benefit of our youth who will be going to the RoadTrip in Ocean City the weekend of February 6.

January 24, 4:30-6:30 pm

12 and up \$8.00, 5-11 years \$4.00, 4 and under Free

Our youth and their parents, and probably a few others, will be preparing and serving the meal which includes our own fresh meatball and sauce recipes, salad, choice of beverage, and ice cream with toppings. So put away the mid-winter blues to enjoy fellowship and good food.

## Christmas Message from Bishop Knoche

Christmas 2008

This month I attended the birthday party for my two-year-old grandson. He received many presents (mostly train related), and he was the only one there who got presents. That got me thinking about Christmas. Whose birthday is it anyway? Why is it that we give one another presents and give so little to the One whose birthday we are celebrating?

This year I have resolved to give to Jesus at least the value of the presents I give to others. I challenge you to do the same. Gifts to Jesus could come to "Sowing for the Harvest," the campaign that is raising funds for Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp and Retreat Center, Lutheran Theologi-

cal Seminary at Gettysburg, and mission starts in the synod. Or gifts could come to your congregation...or to some other cause that relates to Jesus.

Some would say that this is an unrealistic request in a year when the budget is short because of the financial situation in this country. My hope is that, as that situation will cause us to reassess our priorities, that reassessment might lead us to focus on the central meaning of Christmas, the anniversary of Jesus' birth among us.

May that birth fill you with all joy and hope in believing as you celebrate this year.

Peace and joy

### Council Sets Target Date for Worship Schedule Change...

The Strategic Planning Committee has appointed a group of nine people – The Worship Planning Group – which includes members of the standing worship and music committee, but is a different group which is specifically tasked to explore and plan for the advent of one Sunday morning worship service at Grace. This group is composed of members of the congregation council, strategic planning group, the pastor, the organist/choir director, and participants at both the traditional and contemporary worship services including members of the choir and the contemporary music team. This group is tasked with both the time and content of a new combined service, taking into consideration the hopes of all of our active congregants, as well as looking to the needs of the larger community.

March 1st was set by the congregation council at its December 2 meeting as the target date for moving to a single service. Progress reports will be forthcoming in the next couple of months. Remember these people in your prayers as we forge ahead into this new century.

### Fun Fest Thanks...

Thanks to Pizza Hut, GT Pizza, Radebaugh Florists, Vivian Hare, Ruth Ann and Paul Glace, Pastor and Karen Myers, Linda Dalsimer, all those who contributed baskets to the silent auction and goodies to the bake table, Rick Musch, and all the other volunteers who contributed to the success of the event. It was a beautiful day and a great time was had by all.

### Congregation Council

#### \* December 2 \* Highlights \*

- Fun Fest well attended with plenty of children's activities, books, baked good, mums, apples, cider. Proceeds will be used to pay benevolences and possibly contributions to General Fund and window replacement project
- One service will be held at 10:00 AM Dec 14 – Madrigal Singers, with Sunday School at 9:00 AM
- Approved motion transferring \$2000.00 from T Rowe Price Balanced Fund to General Fund to cover expenses
- Strategic Planning Committee with hold session on November 14 for young families
- Through Baltimore County Social Services, Grace will be adopting a family for Christmas
- Proceeds from Marie Moore's insurance policy have been received and deposited in Endowment Fund

#### Great GIFT Idea!!

The new Grace Church Cookbook is available for purchase. All of the recipes in the cookbook were contributed by members of Grace, and it also contains many helpful cooking tips and charts. In the This and That section, you will find recipes with special ties to Grace Church, including recipe contest winners, and church dinner favorites. The cost of the cookbook is \$7.50 and you may purchase them on Sunday mornings after the services or during the week at the church office. And remember, cookbooks make great gifts, so you may want to pick up a few extra copies for family and friends!

## From The Church Office...

December... the last month of the year and the month we celebrate the birth of the Christ child. At the very end of this month, we will be looking at a new year – 2009. Seems that we just lavishly celebrated the beginning of the new century—2000. However, that was NINE years ago.

People are back into the swing of the Christmas shopping madness, but with some reservations. Our economy is proving to be a deterrent this year, but perhaps that is a good thing. Maybe, just maybe, people will rediscover the true meaning of Christmas. Perhaps they will come to the manger and remember that we celebrate the greatest gift ever given to mankind. Perhaps families will make special gifts for those they love through baking, sewing, painting pictures, flower and greens arrangements, candy making, woodworking, or any number of special projects.

The evenings are now lighted with lights in windows and the many decorations people put on their homes for all to enjoy. Some families put blanket-sleepers on their children and then bundle them up for a ride around neighborhoods to see all the displays and lights. And who is the light of the world?

Family time is filled with love and joy, and the presence of poinsettias, amaryllis and holly filling those special baskets and cherished Christmas vases. The fragrant smell of spices fills our homes as we begin to bake breads, cookies and cakes for our loved ones and friends, and light those scented candles with their soft glow.

My blessings throughout this past year have been many. It is with never-ending thankfulness that I wish to thank my friends here at Grace for their support throughout the year. To Kathleen Wolf, who comes in on a weekly basis to help with bulletins—your time is appreciated more than you know. To Carri Benson, Lois King and Betty Kelm for their coverage and help in the office during the past year when I have had appointments or needed vacation time – my love and thanks to you all.

Pastor Carl is constant movement (when not buried in his lap top) and yet manages to have time for those who drop in just to talk to someone or who need help with a problem. Even with his schedule that has no blank spots, he manages to deal with the office help in good humor. Do you know how fortunate I am? Anyway, I thank you for your help and friendship

*from the office cont.*

throughout the year. Your care and concern for the parishioners here at Grace is never-ending. May you and your family - Karen, Jonathan and Jenny, Tim and Holly, and Christine and Mark – receive love, peace and joy at Christmas and throughout the New Year .

Kim Buckel – the gentleman who brings us beautiful music each and every Sunday morning and those other special times throughout the year as well as leading and teaching the choir to do their best, my thanks for your help and friendship throughout the year. May you, Nancy, Liz and Phil, and Katherine have a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year of 2009.

And again, there are so very many other people who should be thanked – council members, committee chairpersons, advisors and so on who are truly dedicated to their Lord and work for their church unselfishly throughout the year. May you each know the love, peace and joy of Christmas throughout the coming year of 2009

During this blessed season and the year to come, may we be ever-mindful of the love freely given to us by God through the Christ Child. May the Holy Spirit within us be our light and strength for unseen ventures yet to come. God bless each of you who congregates here at Grace Church to worship, and others in need of friendship and help, with his peace and joy.

-- Gina

## Ladies Book Club News...

The Ladies of Grace Book Club has finished reading and discussing the book, *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

The Book Club is open to anyone who enjoys reading books and then discussing them in a relaxed, social setting. For more information, contact Ruth Ann Glace (410-628-0406 or [glacefam@comcast.net](mailto:glacefam@comcast.net)).

# Worship Assignments

## Assisting Ministers \* Lectors

**December 2008**

LC=Lector    AM=Assisting Minister

|               |               |   |
|---------------|---------------|---|
| December 7th  | Advent 2      | George Weidley, Jr., AM – 9:00 am<br>Cheri McElroy, AM – 10:30 am<br>John Gore, LC                                    |
| December 14th | Advent 3      | Ron Peterman AM – 10:00 am<br>Cliff Brooks, LC<br><b>ONE SERVICE ONLY</b>   |
| December 21st | Advent 4      | Bill Phillips, AM – 9:00 am<br>Gina Hellman, AM – 10:30 am<br>Tim Myers, LC   |
| December 24th | Christmas Eve | Karen Myers, AM – 5:00 pm<br>John Guthmann, LC – 5:00 pm<br>Don Zurwelle, AM – 10:30 pm.<br>Ed Compher, LC – 10:30 pm |
| December 28th | Christmas 1   | Dave Becker, AM—9:00 a.m.<br>Cheri McElroy, AM—10:30 a.m.<br>Karen Myers, LC  |

## Acolytes

|           |               |                                |
|-----------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Dec. 7th  | Crucifer:     | Jamey McElroy                  |
|           | Juniors:      | Alex Heavrin<br>Hailey Wolf    |
| Dec. 14th | Junior:       | Stone Phillips                 |
|           |               | <b>ONE SERVICE 10:00 am</b>    |
| Dec. 21st | Senior:       | Kelly Becker                   |
| Dec. 24th | Christmas Eve | 5:00 pm                        |
|           | Senior:       | Rachel Abbott                  |
|           | Junior:       | Ryan Abbott                    |
|           | Christmas Eve | 10:30 pm                       |
|           | Crucifer:     | Jamey McElroy                  |
|           | Torchbearers: | Kelly Becker<br>Stone Phillips |
| Dec. 28th | Junior:       | Alex Heavrin                   |

## Ushers

|           |             |  |
|-----------|-------------|--|
| Dec. 7th  | Head Usher: | Dave Heavrin<br>Mike Heavrin<br>John Guthmann              |
| Dec. 14th |             | Christmas Music Festival 10:00 am<br><b>ONE SERVICE</b>    |
|           | Head Usher: | Cliff Brooks<br>Bruce Dunlap<br>Lou Kaste<br>Ted Wolf      |
| Dec. 21st | Head Usher: | Bruce Dunlap<br>Wayne Lyngen<br>John Guthmann<br>Lou Kaste |
| Dec. 24th |             | <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>                                       |
| 5:00 pm   | Head Usher: | Ed Abbott<br>Ted Wolf<br>Bruce Dunlap<br>John Guthmann     |
| 10:30 pm  | Head Usher: | Ed Compher<br>Lou Kaste<br>Dave Becker<br>Cliff Brooks     |
| Dec. 28th | Head Usher: | Susan Hermann<br>Kathleen Wolf<br>Lois King                |

## Greeters

|           |          |                          |
|-----------|----------|--------------------------|
| Dec. 7th  |          | Sandra Glock             |
| Dec. 14th | 10:00 am | Carri Benson             |
| Dec. 21st |          | Nancy Zurwelle           |
| Dec. 24th | 10:30 pm | Paul & Ruth Ann<br>Glace |
| Dec. 28th |          | Lois King                |

## Altar Guild

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| December:   | Scheduled by Weeks-Check new schedules |
| January 09: | Ruth Ann Glace                         |

## Fellowship

|              |                      |
|--------------|----------------------|
| December:    | Evangelism Committee |
| January '09: | Altar Guild          |

## 2008 Congregational Leadership & Staff

|   |                          |                     |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Pastor . . . . .                                  | Rev. R. Carl Myers       | Phone: 410-241-0814 |
| Pastor Emeritus . . . . .                         | Rev. Lawrence S. Cameron |                     |
| Organist/Choir Director . . . . .                 | Kim Buckel               | Phone: 410-526-4925 |
| Church Secretary . . . . .                        | Gina Hellman             | Phone: 410-252-2153 |
| Maintenance/Custodian . . . . .                   | Anthony (Tony) Fonti     |                     |
| President . . . . .                               | Donald Zurwelle          | Phone: 410-825-5095 |
| Vice President . . . . .                          | Ted Wolf                 | Phone: 410-377-4621 |
| Secretary . . . . .                               | George (JR) Weidley      | Phone: 410-665-4884 |
| Treasurer . . . . .                               | Cliff Brooks             | Phone: 410-256-1403 |
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| Chairperson, Evangelism Committee . . . . .       | George (JR) Weidley      | Phone: 410-665-4884 |
| Chairperson, Finance and Insurance . . . . .      | Dave Becker              | Phone: 410-785-4844 |
| Chairperson, Memorials Committee . . . . .        | Barbara Heavrin          | Phone: 410-832-2615 |
| Chairperson, Mutual Ministry . . . . .            | Ann Herrold              | Phone: 410-252-9250 |
| Chairperson, Parish Education Committee . . . . . | Karen Kinsey             | Phone: 410-472-3164 |
| Chairperson, Property . . . . .                   | Ted Wolf                 | Phone: 410-561-1691 |
| Chairperson, Stewardship . . . . .                | Bruce Dunlap             | Phone: 410-329-8151 |
| Chairperson, Worship & Music . . . . .            | John Guthmann            | Phone: 410-252-5752 |
| Sunday Church School Director . . . . .           | Karen Kinsey             | Phone: 410-472-3164 |
| Altar Guild:Co-Chair . . . . .                    | Cindy Compher            | Phone: 410-666-7312 |
| Altar Guild:Co-Chair . . . . .                    | Barbara Heavrin          | Phone: 410-832-2615 |
| Flowers . . . . .                                 | Nancy Zurwelle           | Phone: 410-825-5095 |
| Assisting Ministers . . . . .                     | Terry Hall               | Phone :410-938-2665 |
| Helping Hand Circle Co-Chairs . . . . .           | Ruth Ann Glace           | Phone: 410-628-0406 |
| . . . . .   | Barbara Heavrin          | Phone: 410-832-2615 |
| Ushers/Oblationers/Greeters . . . . .             | Kathleen Wolf            | Phone: 410-252-9150 |



## Benevolence

For the months of October and November, the benevolence emphasis for Grace Church is World Hunger. The ELCA World Hunger Appeal encompasses hunger in our country and the world, and also domestic and foreign disasters. With thanksgiving, we can say for the first time in many years, we have fully funded our goal of \$500.

Other benevolences that need funding to complete our goal are:

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| Augsburg Lutheran Home | \$33  |
| Campus Ministry        | \$110 |
| Pastoral Counseling    | \$125 |

### Christmas Family Sponsorship

This Christmas, Grace Lutheran will be sponsoring a small family: Alba and her one year old son, Wilfredo. Help bring Christmas cheer to their holiday by helping to provide clothing, gifts (or gift card), or food. A sign-up sheet indicating their needs is in the narthex. The deadline for this project is Sunday, December 14th. If you would like, or need additional information, please see Cheryl Conrad or Karen Myers.

### Knit Caps, Gloves And Mittens

For many years, the Helping Hand Circle has been collecting warm knit hats, scarves and gloves/mittens for the Christmas and the cold winter season. These gifts are directed to the Assistance Center of Towson Churches for children and adults in need. Assorted sizes are needed for children through adults of all ages. If you would care to help warm the hands and heads of people who cannot afford to purchase these things for themselves, please bring your gifts to the church no later than December 7th. A box will be provided in the church entryway to receive your generous donations.

### CHRISTMAS GIVING

Question: What gift is free to purchase and can save a life?  
 Answer: Donating blood at the local Red Cross. It is easy! Make an appointment at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (I know it's too many numbers, but it works), show up, answer questions so that the blood can be determined safe, give blood and leave. It only takes 60-90 minutes, including juice and snacks at the end. Yumm! Address: 2405 York Road, Suite 300, Timonium, MD 21093 – on the right as you travel north of the fairgrounds.



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| <p><b>7 Advent 2</b><br/>Contem Serv. 9:00 am<br/>Sunday School 9:00 am<br/>Fellowship 9:55 am<br/>Trad. Commun 10:30 am<br/>Confirmation 6:30 pm</p>                   | <p><b>1</b></p>  | <p><b>2</b><br/>Congregation Council<br/>7:30 pm</p> | <p><b>3</b><br/>Diakon Support Group<br/>6:45 pm<br/>MAAR 7:00 pm<br/>Dance Group 7:00 pm<br/>Bible Study 7:30 pm</p> | <p><b>4</b></p>   | <p><b>5</b><br/>Strategic Planning<br/>Happy Hour<br/>with Ed White 6:00 pm</p> | <p><b>6</b><br/>Hanging the Greens<br/>Altar Guild 9:30 am</p>     |
| <p><b>14 Advent 3</b><br/>Sunday School 9:00 am<br/>"Festival of Christmas Music" 10:00 am<br/>Fellowship 11:05 am<br/>Adult Lunch Project<br/>High Sch Grp 6:00 pm</p> | <p><b>8</b><br/>Worship Planning Group<br/>7:30 pm</p>                                       | <p><b>9</b><br/>Church in Society<br/>7:30 pm</p>    | <p><b>10</b><br/>Dance Group 7:00 pm<br/>Bible Study 7:30 pm</p>  | <p><b>11</b><br/>Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm</p>                                      | <p><b>12</b></p>  | <p><b>13</b><br/>Christmas Trees<br/>Worship &amp; Mus 9:30 am</p> |
| <p><b>21 Advent 4</b><br/>Contem Serv. 9:00 am<br/>Sunday School 9:00 am<br/>Fellowship 9:55 am<br/>Trad. Commun 10:30 am<br/>Confirmation 6:30 pm</p>                  | <p><b>15</b><br/>Helping Hand Circle<br/>11:00 am<br/>Strategic Planning Cte<br/>7:30 pm</p> | <p><b>16</b></p>                                     | <p><b>17</b><br/>MAAR 7:00 pm<br/>Bible Study 7:30 pm</p>   | <p><b>18</b><br/>Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm</p>                                      | <p><b>19</b></p>  | <p><b>20</b></p>   |
| <p><b>28 Christmas 1</b><br/>Contem Serv. 9:00 am<br/>No Sunday School<br/>Fellowship 9:55 am<br/>Adult Lunch Project<br/>Trad. Commun 10:30 am<br/>Baptism</p>         | <p><b>22</b></p>   | <p><b>23</b></p>                                     | <p><b>24</b><br/>Christmas Eve<br/>Family Service 5:00 pm<br/>Candlelight Service 10:30 pm</p>                        | <p><b>25</b><br/>Christmas<br/>Office Closed</p>                                  | <p><b>26</b><br/>Office Closed</p>  | <p><b>27</b></p>   |
| <p><b>28 Christmas 1</b><br/>Contem Serv. 9:00 am<br/>No Sunday School<br/>Fellowship 9:55 am<br/>Adult Lunch Project<br/>Trad. Commun 10:30 am<br/>Baptism</p>         | <p><b>29</b></p>   | <p><b>30</b></p>                                     | <p><b>31</b></p>  | <p><i>They shall beat their swords into plowshares</i><br/><i>Isaiah 2:4b</i></p> |   |  |