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Weekly Newsletter + November 21, 2023

Christmas Poinsettias Available to Order

Poinsettia order forms are available in the new Narthex this Sunday, November 26, and again on Sunday, December 3 (this is the deadline for ordering).

The Delaware Choral Society Holiday Concert

The Delaware Choral Society will present “A Very Merry Pops Concert” at 6pm on Saturday, December 2nd at Wyoming United Methodist Church (216 Wyoming Mill Road, Dover). Advance tickets are \$18 and available from any DCS member, online at www.DelawareChoralSociety.org, or on our Facebook page. Tickets at the door will be \$20. Discount rates are available in advance for students and groups of 10 or more. Email info@delawarechoralsociety.org for more information.

Greening Of The Church, Friday, December 8

The annual Greening of the Church will be held on Friday, December 8, and Saturday, December 9, from 9 AM to 12 Noon. Please plan to join in the fun of beautifying our sanctuary! No experience required!! We will need all the greens you can gather from your yard or your friend’s! Plan to bring your greens with you on Friday, or they can be delivered to the Social Hall on Thursday, December 7. Please contact Nancy Parish at 302-678-1223, if you have any questions.

Upcoming Celebrations for December!

We celebrate the following December birthdays!

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| Dec. 5 Tom Worley | Dec. 10 Betty Maine | Dec. 28 Deb Stuck |
| Dec. 7 JT Takacs | Dec. 11 Karen Hutchison | Dec. 29 Linda Hertzog |
| Dec. 7 Rev. Ted Torsch | Dec. 11 Eva Ritter | Dec. 29 David Holland |
| Dec. 10 Caroline Hutchison | Dec. 14 Ilse Van Klaveren | Dec. 29 Grace Newnam |

We celebrate the following December anniversary!

- Dec. 27 Jim & Deb Stuck

Advent Discipleship Opportunities for All Ages

For Adults:

- **Advent class** exploring how we function in this weary world of ours, and how we find Christ's joy in the midst of life; will meet in person and on zoom at 6 PM on the Wednesdays of Advent (November 29, December 6, 13, and 20)
- **Advent calendars** with daily actions we can take to enrich our lives and those of others. Printed copies available in the new Narthex. This information will also be posted daily on our Facebook page.
- **Advent Devotion guides** for daily prayer and meditation through December in preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Lord. **Access the online book here:** online.flippingbook.com/view/136123036/ . For a printed copy, please contact Karen Joseph in the office (predvr@verizon.net).



How does a weary world rejoice?

For Children:

- **Weekly bulletins** will lead our children so that their Sunday morning activities will coordinate with that of the entire congregation.
- **Advent calendars for children** will be available for all children and grandchildren of our congregation. Please contact Mary Herrera (mckimherrera@gmail.com) for more info.

Presbyterian Women Circles Are Getting a Makeover



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

Presbyterian Women met with Pastor Mark on Wednesday, November 15, to discuss the future of this important ministry for the women of our church. Based upon the will of the participants, our Presbyterian Women groups are getting a makeover. Beginning Tuesday, December 19, at 12:30 PM, Circle 1 and Circle 4/5 will be combining as the Ruth Circle. This newly combined group will create one robust daytime offering for the women of our church. Leadership will be shared, and details will be discussed at the December meeting. The existing Circle 2 will continue with their evening zoom meetings but will be renamed the Esther Circle.

It's an exciting time for the Presbyterian women of our congregation. Now is the perfect time to get involved! For more information, please contact Margaret Thomas or Laurie Cummins.

She has arrived!

Addison Lucille Wagner was born on 11/20/23 and weighed in at 8lbs. 7oz. Her parents are Brian & Kaitlynn Wagner. Brian is the “bonus” son of Jim & Karen Hutchison. Greetings can be sent to Brian & Katlynn Wagner, 36 Billings Dr., Dover, DE 19901.



How does a weary world rejoice?

An Advent series in Luke's Gospel

Join your church family this Advent as we consider the question “How Does a Weary World Rejoice?” Everything we do in Advent—from music to sermons, from bible study to Advent devotionals, from children’s bulletins to Facebook—will help us grapple with how to hold our weariness and the world’s weariness in one hand and Christlike joy in the other.

Below is an outline of each week’s focus scripture and theme.

The First Week of Advent, Sunday, December 3:

We Acknowledge Our Weariness • Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Luke 1:1-23

The Second Week of Advent, Sunday, December 10

We Find Joy in Connection • Isaiah 40:1-11, Luke 1:24-25

The Third Week of Advent, Sunday, December 17

We Allow Ourselves to Be Amazed • Psalm 126, Luke 1:57-66

The Fourth Week of Advent, Sunday, December 24 (morning)

We Sing Stories of Hope • Luke 1:46-55, 67-80

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24 (evening)

We Make Room • Luke 2:1-20

First Sunday After Christmas, December 31

We Root Ourselves in Ritual • Luke 2:21-38

Baptism of the Lord Sunday, January 6

We Trust Our Belovedness • Luke 3:21-22

Upcoming Events at The Presbyterian Church of Dover

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov. 26 Worship 11 AM	Nov. 27 Bells of Praise 6 PM (choir room)	Nov. 28 New Castle Presbytery Meeting 4 PM (Ocean View, DE)	Nov. 29 Churchwide Advent Study 6 PM (library & Zoom) Session Meeting 7:30 PM (library & Zoom)	Nov. 30 NA 6:15 PM (social hall) Chancel Choir 7 PM (choir room)	Dec. 1	Dec. 2 Delaware Choral Society Concert 6 PM (Wyoming United Methodist Church)
Dec. 3 Worship 11 AM Ministry Celebration of Rev. Court Buchanan 3 PM Elsmere Church (Wilmington)	Dec. 4 KCC Dress Rehearsal 6 PM (sanctuary) Bells of Praise 6 PM (choir room) AA 7 PM (social hall)	Dec. 5 IMPJ Committee 7 PM (Zoom)	Dec. 6 Administration Committee 5 PM (Zoom) Churchwide Advent Study 6 PM (library & Zoom)	Dec. 7 NA 6:15 PM (social hall) Chancel Choir 7 PM (choir room)	Dec. 8 KCC Winter Concert 7 PM (sanctuary with reception to follow in social hall)	Dec. 9

Prayer Requests

Please submit requests to the church office by *Tuesdays at 2 PM*.

- Family members in the service at home and abroad, the homeless, those suffering from COVID-19 and variants, those adversely affected by natural and unnatural disasters, those in the hospital and/or Hospice care, those dealing with life-threatening issues.
- Those with health concerns, specifically Gil Neild, Brendan Ward (Addy Babus' grandson), Terry Bone (Marsha Wycoff's brother), Sandy Rhodes, Ed Gazze, Eva Ritter, Chris Case, Harriet DiChiara, Stuart Knapp, Carol Rick, Chuck Crusier, Charlie Lohrmann, and Willie Adams (Bonnie Wiley's cousin).
- The citizens of Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, and others who are impacted by wars and violence around the world.
- The families of those killed and injured in mass shootings in our country and all those who live with physical, emotional, mental, and financial repercussions related to mass shootings.
- The homebound members and friends of the church, specifically, Kathleen Boone, Claire Bradley, Marianne Leavitt, Betty Maine, and Charlotte Massey.