



NEWFANE UMC NEWS

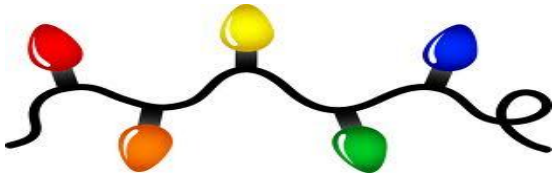
DECEMBER 2012



Hanging of the Greens- Saturday, December 1st

We will begin the morning with breakfast at 9:00 a.m. For that reason we will be asking you to sign up so we know how many will be attending and how much food to prepare.

About 9:45 we will move upstairs to decorate the church and the tree for the Advent & Christmas season.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The December meeting of the Newfane United Methodist Women will be held on Tuesday, December 11th at 9:30 a.m., in the church dining room, where we will celebrate with our Annual Christmas Brunch. Pastor Kim and Amy prepare the main course and others will fill in. Jane McKernan will share some Christmas stories following our meal. We will then have our ornament exchange, followed by the cookie exchange. We welcome any women of the church who would like to join us for this time of fellowship. Let Amy know if you are coming, 778-7011 between 9:30 a.m. and noon by Sunday Dec. 9th, so we can set up and plan for you joining us. If you do come, you will need to bring an unwrapped ornament and two dozen cookies for the exchange. Many thanks again to all in the congregation who helped in any way at our Annual Election Day Chicken and Biscuit Dinner. We served more folks and made the most we have ever made on this dinner. At our November meeting, we voted to contribute \$2000.00 to the needed repairs on the Stained Glass window at the back of the Sanctuary, as our way of thanking you all for helping us. It was a beautiful November day and it was a good time for everyone there.

Janis Gominiak, President

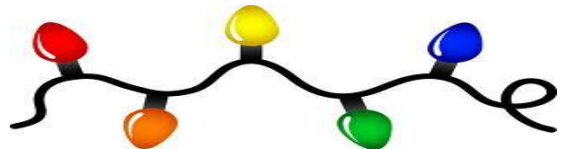
NEWFANE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

At this writing, there is already a great amount of socks, underwear, gloves, hats and scarves under the "Undie Tree". The last day that I can accept these items is Sunday Dec. 2. Many Newfane children will feel the warmth of your love from these gifts going into the winter months.

You can also drop off gently used children's (no adults) winter jackets, sweat suits, and boots at St. Brendan's Church on Ewings Rd. the first week of Dec. Call the office there at 778-9822 between 9:30AM-4PM to make arrangements. They will also accept donations of new toys, books, games and puzzles, suitable for children ages toddler through 12 years old at that time.

Sunday, Dec. 16, from 6-9PM, food will be moved from the pantry to Stanton Hall. Some packing will be done as well. Monday, Dec. 17 food packing will be done from 9AM-noon and 1-3PM. This will continue Tuesday, Dec. 18 from 10AM-1PM. Just show up any of those times to help. This is a nice opportunity for groups to help, but anyone is welcome. All the packing is done in Stanton Hall, which is the North end of the building. It is an experience to see what a large project this is and it is a blessing to be a part of it.

Thank you.
Patricia Schultz



7TH ANNUAL "CANDY CANE LANE" CRAFT SHOW & SALE

at
Newfane United Methodist Church
2699 Main St., Newfane, N.Y.

on
Friday, December 7th
4:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Come & do some last minute gift shopping,
relax & eat in the cafe,
take home fresh home baked goods



Daily Bible Readings for December 2012

Read through the Bible in One Year!

It only takes about 30 minutes a day using this schedule.

1. Lamentations 5	Psalm 147	Galatians 5:1-15
2. Ezekiel 1	Psalm 148	Galatian s 5:16-26
3. Ezekiel 2-3	Psalm 149	Galatians 6
4. Ezekiel 4-5	Psalm 150	Ephesians 1
5. Ezekiel 6-7	Isaiah 40	Ephesians 2
6. Ezekiel 8-9	Isaiah 41	Ephesians 3
7. Ezekiel 10-11	Isaiah 42	Ephesians 4:1-16
8. Ezekiel 12-13	Isaiah 43	Ephesians 4:17-32
9. Ezekiel 14-15	Isaiah 44	Ephesians 5:1-20
10. Ezekiel 16	Isaiah 45	Ephesians 5:21-33
11. Ezekiel 17	Isaiah 46	Ephesians 6
12. Ezekiel 18	Isaiah 47	Philippians 1:1-11
13. Ezekiel 19	Isaiah 48	Philippians 1:12-30
14. Ezekiel 20	Isaiah 49	Philippians 2:1-11
15. Ezekiel 21-22	Isaiah 50	Philippians 2:12-30
16. Ezekiel 23	Isaiah 51	Philippians 3
17. Ezekiel 24	Isaiah 52	Philippians 4
18. Ezekiel 25-26	Isaiah 53	Colossians 1:1-23
19. Ezekiel 27-28	Isaiah 54	Colossians 1:24-2:19
20. Ezekiel 29-30	Isaiah 55	Colossians 2:20-3:17
21. Ezekiel 31-32	Isaiah 56	Colossians 3:18-4:18
22. Ezekiel 33	Isaiah 57	Luke 1:1-25
23. Ezekiel 34	Isaiah 58	Luke 1:26-56
24. Ezekiel 35-36	Isaiah 59	Luke 1:57-80
25. Ezekiel 37	Isaiah 60	Luke 2:1-20
26. Ezekiel 38-39	Isaiah 61	Luke 2:21-52
27. Ezekiel 40-41	Isaiah 62	Luke 3:1-20
28. Ezekiel 42-43	Isaiah 63	Luke 3:21-38
29. Ezekiel 44-45	Isaiah 64	Luke 4:1-30
30. Ezekiel 46-47	Isaiah 65	Luke 4:31-44
31. Ezekiel 48	Isaiah 66	Luke 5:1-26



CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

(Answers on page 5)

- Who was the first US President to decorate an official White House Christmas tree?
 - Abraham Lincoln
 - Harry Truman
 - Franklin Pierce
 - George Washington
- What year was it that Hallmark introduced its first Christmas Cards?
 - 1940
 - 1915
 - 1895
 - 1900
- What year were Electric Christmas trees light first used?
 - 1895
 - 1930
 - 1920
 - 1899
- Before settling on Tiny Tim for a character in his book "A Christmas Carol", Charles Dickens considered a few other names. Which of the names below was not one of those names.
 - Puny Pete
 - Small Sam
 - Little Larry
 - Half-pint Harry
- What year did "A Charlie Brown Christmas" premiere on CBS?
 - 1965
 - 1960
 - 1964
 - 1968
- What Christmas song was introduced in the 1942 movie "Holiday Inn"?
 - I'll be Home For Christmas
 - The Christmas Song
 - White Christmas
 - Silver Bells
- What legendary actor narrated the TV special "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"?
 - James Earl Jones
 - Orson Wells
 - John Wayne
 - Boris Karloff
- Which newspaper assured a reader: "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" on Sept. 21, 1897?
 - New York Sun
 - Washington Post
 - Los Angeles Times
 - New York Times
- What department store is known for publishing Robert May's story of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer?
 - Sears & Robucks
 - Macy's
 - Woolworth's
 - Montgomery Wards

DECEMBER PRAYER CALENDAR

Please take time daily to pray for the person (s) each day that is listed below. This is a great opportunity to be a prayer warrior for your church family. Please also note that just because a person's name is on the list it does not mean that they are suffering from any type of illness. We are just lifting them in prayer on that day.

Dec. 1: Allen Flack
 Dec. 2: Jean Muchow
 Dec. 3: Paul Conrad
 Dec. 4: Debbie Wirth
 Dec. 5: George Bradley
 Dec. 6: Helen Nagel
 Dec. 7: Michael Dy
 Dec. 8: Nancy Beakman
 Dec. 9: Dakhota Little
 Dec. 10: Sara Miller



Dec. 11: Robert Vaughn
 Dec. 12: Ann Bixler
 Dec. 13: Bruce Magoon
 Dec. 14: Ellie Mollica
 Dec. 15: Alexander Rosenbaum
 Dec. 16: Brenda Balcom
 Dec. 17: Francis Gilson
 Dec. 18: Debbie Mills
 Dec. 19: Dan Boyer
 Dec. 20: Pamela Poole



Dec. 21: Mike Durgan
 Dec. 22: Francis Schielke
 Dec. 23: Doug Coleman
 Dec. 24: Sue Neidlinger
 Dec. 25: Happy Birthday, Jesus!
 Dec. 26: Shelby Nerber
 Dec. 27: Brandon Witkop
 Dec. 28: Carol Miller
 Dec. 29: Danny Dy Jr.
 Dec. 30: Grace Dixon
 Dec. 31: Jeff Coons



PASTOR'S CORNER



“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord”. Luke 2:11 KJV

Grace and Peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Stop for just a moment and read carefully the words to a few of our favorite carols: “O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,” “Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice,” “Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies, with th’angelic host proclaim, `Christ is born in Bethlehem,” “Shepherds why this jubilee, why your joyous strains prolong?” and finally “Joy to the world, the Lord is come.”

What is the common theme? It is a single word, and it best describes what Christmas is all about. That little word is “JOY”. The month of December has come and with it comes the joys of Christmas. You may find joy in all the gifts under the Christmas tree and the stockings hanging in the living room. Maybe it is the lights in the windows and the decorations in your yard? Maybe it is getting all the cards in the mail or

sitting down to a feast of turkey with your family and friends. Or possibly it is the shouts of “Merry Christmas” to all those you pass by. All of these are joys of Christmas.

Where does that joy come from? Read the words of Luke 2:8-10, you will find the answer.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

The angel comes with “good news of great joy that will be for all the people.” What is this “good news of great joy?” “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.” If you are looking for Christmas joy, I suggest that you can find all you need in this single verse.

The shepherds must have been flabbergasted when the angels spoke those words to them. We have a tendency to overlook that in ancient Israel shepherds were near the bottom of the social order. They were most often the uneducated and poor and in many cases quite young. Most people would not seek a career as a shepherd.

Yet, these were the first ones to hear the good news of Christmas. There is a great lesson in this for you and me. Our Lord came for the forgotten people of the earth and most of the time they are the ones who receive him with the greatest joy. Some wealthy people often have no time for Christ, but many of the poor welcome him as an honored guest.

Let me now make a simple application. The angel said, “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior.” He came for you. Here is where Christmas becomes personal. There are millions of people who say they believe that Jesus came, but they are still lost in their sins. It’s not enough to just say that Christ came. You can never be saved until you say, “Christ came for me. He died for me. He rose from the dead for me.” He came for you. Do you believe that?

Christmas will soon be here. Families will gather around the tree to open their presents. Already some children are counting the days until that glad moment arrives. When you receive your gifts this Christmas, what will you do? Will you not open them? What use is a gift that is never opened?

Two thousand years ago, a gift wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger was sent by God. God’s Christmas gift to you is Jesus. Until you personally receive God’s gift—the Lord Jesus Christ, you will never experience Christmas joy.

In closing hear once again the words of the angel to the shepherds: “Fear not, for behold I bring you good news of great joy which shall be for all people.” What is the source of that joy? “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come.

Pastor Kim



HOLY LAUGHTER
Laughter is the Best Medicine

Saying a Prayer for the Christmas Meal

Lee, A seven-year-old boy, was asked to say thanks for the Christmas dinner. The family members bowed their heads in expectation. Lee began his prayer, thanking God for his Mommy, Daddy, brothers, sister, Grandma, and all his aunts and uncles. Then he began to thank God for the food.

He gave thanks for the turkey, the stuffing, the Christmas pudding, even the cranberry sauce. Then Lee paused, and everyone waited ... and waited. After a long silence, the young fellow looked up at his mother and asked, "If I thank God for the Brussels sprouts, won't he know that I'm lying?"

During the children's sermon on the third Sunday of Advent, the youth minister remarked: "Bethlehem was a real small town. In fact, it was so small, I'll bet they didn't even have a Pizza Hut."

One young lad quickly and seriously remarked, "Maybe they had a Little Caesar's!"

"Good Samaritan Fund"

The Good Samaritan Fund is a discretionary fund that is at the pastor's disposal. When someone calls with a need, this money is available for the pastor to offer some help. If you would like to occasionally support this fund, you will find envelopes on the back window shelf with the words "**Good Samaritan Fund**" across the front of it. Just put your cash or check into it and place it in the offering plate.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

7:30pm – Family Candlelight

11:00pm – Candlelight Communion Service

CHURCH BOWLING LEAGUE

We have seven teams in the Church League at Allie Brandt Lanes, here are the averages of our players from the Newfane UMC.

Diane Steel	137	Amy Luckman	117
Ron Steel	133	Neil Luckman	132
Jessica Stephens	163	Karen DeVoe	107
Greg Stephens	200	Dennis Schultz	134
Matt Tomaino	109	Jack Gow	153
Emaile Magoon	93	Evelyn Gow	128
Diane Magoon	128	Julie Gow	149
Brian Scott	137	Kevin Gow	145
Tracey Murphy	163	Carrie Gow	128
Mike Murphy	131	Dave Clark	119
Sara Miller	109	Ethan Gow	102
Katie Murphy	128	Jane McKernan	92
Paul Beakman	152		
Doug Coleman	101		
Darlene Hales	119		
Pastor Kim	148		



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN FOR 2013

The church's stewardship campaign started in October and culminated on November 11th with Consecration Sunday. Many of you submitted your pledge for the upcoming year. The pledges will be used in developing the budget that supports the personnel, programs and missions of the church during the up-coming year. If you have not made your pledge and wish to do so, you will find cards on table in Memorial Room. Place your completed card in the collection plate or give it to the Financial Secretary. Thank you for your support.

Finance Committee



Thank you to everyone who helped to make this a success. Your giving throughout the year made it possible for us to pack 74 boxes. Thank you to all who helped to pack the boxes on November 7th, it was a night of great fun and excitement knowing that a young child would be having a Christmas this year because of our efforts.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR DECEMBER

USHERS: (Note: Ushers should be at the church by 9:30 a.m.)

Dec 2: Merle Scott, Brian Scott, Jim Kramer, Paul Beakman
 Dec 9: Ron Perry, Ken Hannah, Jeremy Ward, Keith Robinson
 Dec 16: Will Dunn, Dick Geise, Kevin Luckman, Chuck Hoy
 Dec 23: Dan Cushman, Dick Liddell, Kevin Gow, Ron Steel
 Dec 30: Dennis Schultz, Dan Boyer, Ken Kelkenberg, Bill Neidinger

***Ron Perry, Chairperson Ushers**

GREETERS: (Note: Greeters should be at the church by 9:30 a.m.)

Dec 2: Ron & Diane Steel
 Dec 9: Barb Smith and Mikeal Bell
 Dec 16: Ron & Jean Perry
 Dec 23: Sandy Smalley
 Dec 30: Merle & Sue Scott

***Bev Mandaville, Chairperson Greeters**

ACOLYTES:

Dec 2: Promise Thompson/Jamie Poole/Shelby Nerber
 Dec 9: Dan Dy/Dawson Nerber/Adam Huntington
 Dec 16: Matt Tomaino/Thomas Schultz
 Dec 23: Mary, Laura, Grace Dixon
 Dec 30: Promise Thompson/Jamie Poole/Shelby Nerber

LITURGISTS:

Dec 2: Barb Smith
 Dec 9: Scott Dixon
 Dec 16: Michael Schultz
 Dec 23: _____
 Dec 30: _____

***Dave Ende, Chairperson Acolytes**

MUSIC:

Dec 2: Sr. Choir
 Dec 9: Sr. Choir
 Dec 16: Sr. Choir
 Dec 23: Bell Choir/ Jr. Choir
 Dec 30: Sr. Choir

***Julie Russell, Chairperson Liturgists**

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Dec 2: Family of Bruce Tompkins
 Dec 9: Ken & Nancy Kelkenberg
 Dec 16: _____
 Dec 23: Poinsettia's
 Dec 30: _____



DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Nancy Smith | 15. Shirley Geise |
| 2. Phyllis Harris | 17. Heather Fralick |
| 3. Julie Schmidt | 19. Sheila McAtee |
| 5. Samantha Monheim | 21. Sue Vermeulen |
| 6. Nancy Coons | 22. Shirley Cushman |
| Connor Sears | 23. Karen Hannah |
| 7. Lucille Kramer | 24. Eileen Coleman |
| Ann Marie Bixler | 28. Tim Tomaino |
| Brianna Graham | Peg Hoy |
| Paige Shapiro | 30. Drew Patterson |
| 10. Sue Heck | Mary Dixon |
| 12. Scott Dixon | Laura Dixon |
| 13. Darrell Gilson | Grace Dixon |
| Bob Pettit | |
| Megan Helferty | |
| Joshua Vail | |

Christmas Trivia Answers

1. c) Franklin Pierce
2. b) 1915
3. a) 1895
4. d) Half-pint Harry
5. a) 1965
6. c) White Christmas
7. d) Boris Karloff
8. a) New York Sun
9. d) Montgomery Wards



Church World Service Tools of Hope and Blankets Program

It has been a tradition for our congregation, to put our caring into action during the holiday season by supporting the Tools of Hope and Blanket project. Last year we raised \$520.00. Thousands of blankets are distributed to disaster victims each year, and resources to rebuild their lives. Just \$5.00 provides a warm blanket to someone in need. We are accepting donations through December 23rd. Offering envelopes can be found in the back of the sanctuary. Please make checks payable to Newfane United Methodist Church with a notation for Blankets+. Thank you.

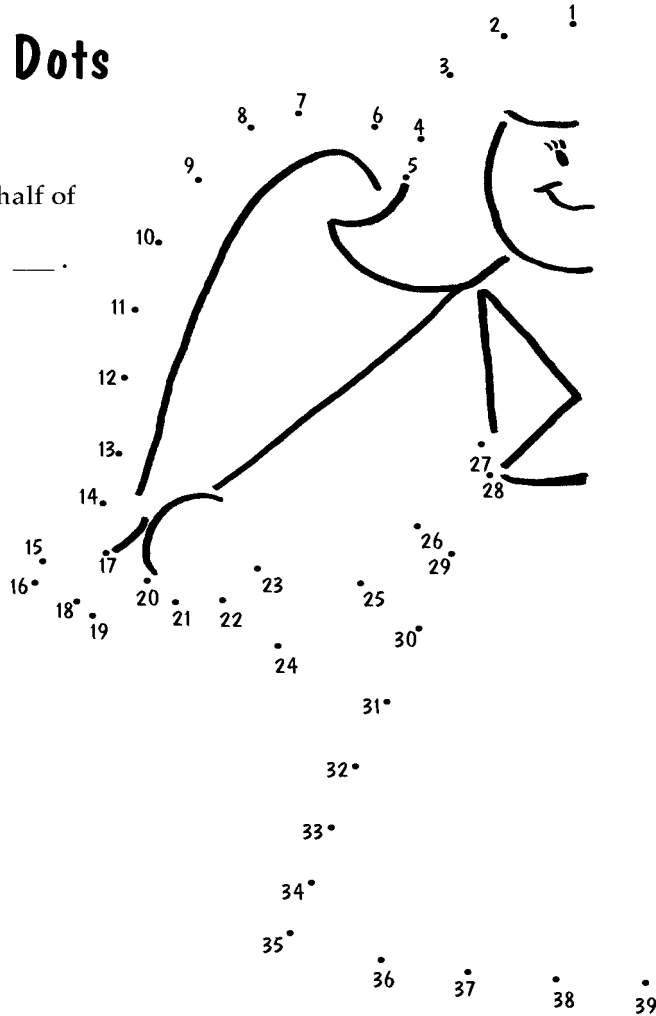


Kid's Page

Connect the Dots

Connect the dots.

Then draw the other half of
this _____.



Angels

Here are some Bible verses that tell us some things that angels have done and can do for us. Can you match the verse and action?

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|-----------------|---|
| 1. Heb 1:14 | a. gave directions to Peter |
| 2. Luke 1:11-20 | b. rolled back the stone |
| 3. Acts 12:7-10 | c. gave instruction to Philip |
| 4. Mat 2:13 | d. spirits in divine service |
| 5. Luke 22:43 | e. appeared as strangers to whom we should show hospitality |
| 6. Mat 28:2 | f. brought good news to Zechariah |
| 7. Acts 8:26 | g. appeared to Jesus and gave him strength |
| 8. Heb 13:2 | h. guard us and bear us up |
| 9. Ps 91:11-12 | i. appeared to Joseph in a dream |

Answers:
1. d 4. i 7. c
2. f 5. e 8. c
3. a 6. b 9. h

A GIFT FOR THE PASTOR

As we have done in the past the Staff Parish Relations Committee will be presenting Pastor Kim with a monetary gift at Christmas. You are under no obligation to contribute unless you wish to do so. If you would like to have a part in this, your gift can be given to any member of the committee. The gift will be presented to Pastor Kim on Sunday December 16th, the day of the Sunday School Christmas program.

You may give your gift to any member of the committee: Diane Schweigert, Ron Steel, Karen Hannah, Tracey Murphy, Pat Fitch, Will Dunn, Scott Dixon, Karen Sellers, Sheila McAtee.

The Newfane Free Library

The Library has nice collection of Inspirational fiction books (large print and regular print) as well as inspirational e-books for the nook, kindle, Ipad, etc! Also, we offer a new service called Freegal, where a patron can download up to 3 songs per week free with their library card from a huge catalog of music, including Christian Rap & Rock (yes, I said Rap). It's through our website (newfanelibrary.org) under "Search Catalog". All you need is your library card & your PIN number (everyone was given the same PIN: changeme (one word, no space) if you'd like to give it a try!

The Family Fellowship Committee

We will be singing Christmas carols to the residents of the Newfane Rehab & Health Care Center.

Sunday, December 9th at 3 pm.

Please join us!



New website is up: NewfaneMethodist.com.

Still a bit of work to be done and updates to be made.

POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias given in memory of or in honor of will fill the sanctuary for Christmas. If you would like to purchase one or more poinsettias, please complete the order form below and return with payment. The order may be placed in the offering plate, mailed, or dropped off at the office. The cost of each plant is \$7.50. Make check payable to Newfane UMC. All orders must be in by December 4th.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

I would like _____ poinsettia plant(s) at \$5.00 each. Enclosed: \$ _____

IN LOVING MEMORY OF _____

Given by _____

OR

IN HONOR OF _____

Given by _____

COLORS

RED _____ WHITE _____ PINK _____ MARBLE _____

ORDER DUE BY DECEMBER 9th



~ December 2012 ~

◀ November

January ▶

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Hanging of Greens-9:00 am AA-3:00 pm
2 S.S.-9:45 am Worship-11 am	3 Exercise – 6pm Girl Scouts - 6:30pm Boy Scouts – 6:30pm Bell Choir – 6:30pm	4 Cub Scouts-6:30 pm Confirmation-7:30 pm	5 Exercise – 6pm Missions – 6:30pm	6 Bible Study-10:30 am Women’s Bible Study-7 pm	7 Candy Cane Lane-4-8 pm	8 AA-3:00 pm
9 S.S.-9:45 am Worship-11 am Christmas Caroling at Newfane Nursing Home-3:00 pm	10 Exercise – 6pm Girl Scouts - 6:30pm Boy Scouts – 6:30pm Bell Choir – 6:30pm	11 UMW Christmas Brunch-9:30 am Cub Scouts-6:30 pm Confirmation-7:30 pm	12 Exercise – 6pm	13 Bible Study-10:30 am	14	15 AA-3:00 pm
16 S.S.-9:45 am Trustees-9:45 am Worship-11 am S.S. Christmas Play	17 Girl Scouts - 6:30pm Boy Scouts – 6:30pm Bell Choir – 6:30pm Church Council-6:30 pm	18 Cub Scouts-6:30 pm	19	20 Bible Study-10:30 am	21	22 AA-3:00 pm
23 Worship-11 am	24 Christmas Eve Services: 7:30 pm-Family 11:00 pm-Communion	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27	28	29 AA-3:00 pm
30 Worship-11 am	31	Notes:				