

ADVENT EVENTS

Sun, Dec 4 – Hanging of the Greens Following Worship, ending with a potluck supper

Christmas in the Grove – lighting of the Tree and a reading of the Christmas story

Sun, Dec 11 – Children and Youth Pageant

Caroling – gather at 4:00 to make decorations and Pizza and then caroling to some of our Special Care and concern members

Sat, Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 7:30

Sun, Dec 25 – Christmas Morning Worship 10:30

Peace Pantry - small gift items for the residents at Colonial Lodge (tissues, stationery, candy, snacks, socks, jewelry or personal items). These will be wrapped on Dec 4th at the Hanging of the Greens.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Beatrice Stauffer

Jean Youndt

John Smith

Stuart Mohn

Jim Fitterling

Bill Spangler

Marty Binns

Betty Kilakis

Karen Smith

COMING EVENTS

Wed, Nov 30 – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00

Thurs, Dec 1 – Bible Study – 7:00

Sat, Dec 3 – Breakfast with Santa and Christmas babysitting 8-12

Sun, Dec 4 & 9 – Children's Choir Rehearsal – 9 am

Mon, Dec 5 – Bell Choir Rehearsal – 7:00

Tues, Dec 6 – Colonial Lodge Christmas party – 6:30

Sun, Dec 11 – Youth and Children's Pageant

Mon, Dec 12 – Bell Choir Rehearsal – 7:00

Benevolence Meeting – 8:00

Tues, Dec 13 – Spiritual Council – 6:30

Church Council – 7:00

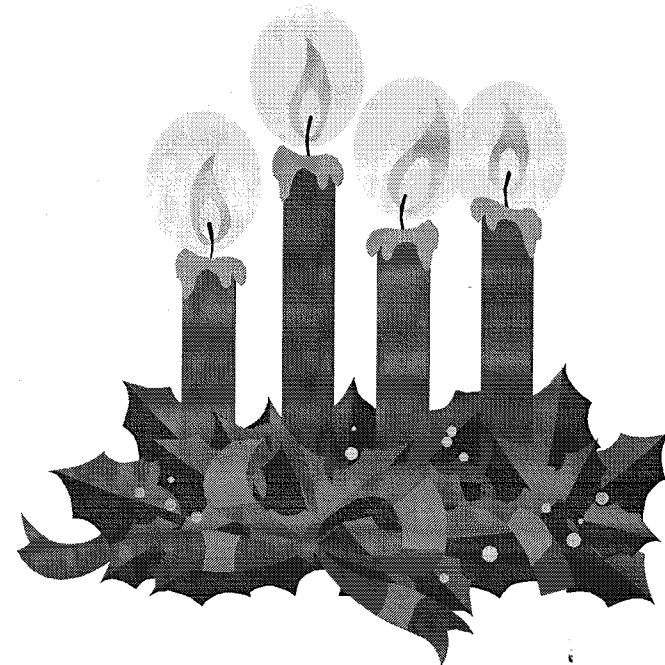
Christmas Poinsettias can be purchased on Sunday, Dec 4th and 11th. The cost is \$6.00 for a 5 bloom plant. Flowers will be in the church for Sun, Dec 18th and the Christmas Eve Service on Sat, Dec 24th. The poinsettias should be taken home from the Christmas Eve Service.

PEACE

United Church of Christ

Denver, Pennsylvania

*To all who are weary and need rest; to all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who pray and to all who do not but ought; to all who sin and need a Savior; and to whomsoever will come – this church opens wide the door and says in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,
WELCOME!*



November 27, 2011
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Thought Before Worship

It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."

Red Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

VOICE - Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday in which we recall the hope we have in Christ.

VOICE - The prophets of Israel all spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a savior would be born, a king in the line of David. They spoke of how he would rule the world wisely and bless all nations.

VOICE - On Christmas day the Christ of our hope was born. On Good Friday the Christ of our hope died. On Easter day the Christ of our hope rose from the dead. On the last day, the Christ of our hope will come again to establish his kingdom over all things on earth.

VOICE - As the follower of Christ, we await his return. We light this candle to remember that as he came to us as humbly in the manger at Bethlehem and gave light to the world, so he is coming again in power to deliver his people.

VOICE - We light this candle to remind us to be alert and to watch for his return.

***HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel".....no. 86**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, forgive us. In this season of anticipation, we are distracted by the voices of advertisers and culture so that we cannot hear your voice. We busy ourselves with tasks we think we're supposed to do and neglect those things we ought to do. Those things you call us to do, we do grudgingly and without joy. We lack the generous spirit of Mary, who heard your call and responded without question. Instead of feeling put upon, she lifted her voice in a song of honor and wonder.

Renew our spirits. Fill our hearts with joy and song so others see in us the grace and mercy you have given us through your Son. Instill in us a spirit of gratitude. Open our eyes and ears, and prepare our hearts to receive the most precious gift of all. AMEN.

+SILENT PRAYER (please use this time to confess your personal sins)

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader- Friends know and believe, as we wait for the birth of baby Jesus - and the return of our Savior - we are already forgiven.

People- Thanks be to God! AMEN.

***GLORIA PATRI.....no. 338**

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 146 pg. 507

CHOIR ANTHEM "Here At Thy Table Lord"

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 13:14-27 pg. 826

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

***THE CREED.....inside hymnal front cover**

***HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together".....no. 210**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

***OFFERING RESPONSE/THE DOXOLOGY.....no. 356**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION & LORD'S PRAYER**

***COMMUNION LITURGY (Sanctus #364).....pgs. 27-29**

***BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

***HYMN "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence".....no. 83**

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE (those who are able please *- stand, +-kneel)

Church website.....	www.peaceunitedchurch.org
Pastor (pastor@peaceunitedchurch.org)....	William E. Hoch (335.0387)
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Assistant Organist.....	Mrs. Lois Haldeman
Secretary (secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org).....	Ms. Olivia Moyer
Treasurer.....	Mr. Michael Madara
Altar Guild Workers.....	Shirley Kring & Linda Coventry
Acolyte.....	Emily Harting
Greeters.....	Paul & Shirley Kring
Head Usher.....	Bev Madara
Attendance for Nov 20.....	136
Offering for Nov 20.....	\$3,764.00
Month to Date Offering.....	\$12,539.54
Amount needed each month to meet budget.....	\$15,284.00

The Altar Flowers are given in memory of Ray Firestone by his wife Pauline Firestone.