

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

Stuart Mohn

Jim Fitterling

Marty Binns

Betty Kilakis

Karen Smith

Paul & Miriam Wolverton

Jim Murrin

Fern McBride

COMING EVENTS

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

Weds, Dec 7 – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00

Thurs, Dec 8 – Bible Study – 7:00

Sat, Dec 10 – Nursery Cleaning Day – 9:00 am

Sun, Dec 11 – Children's Ministry Meeting-8:00 am

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

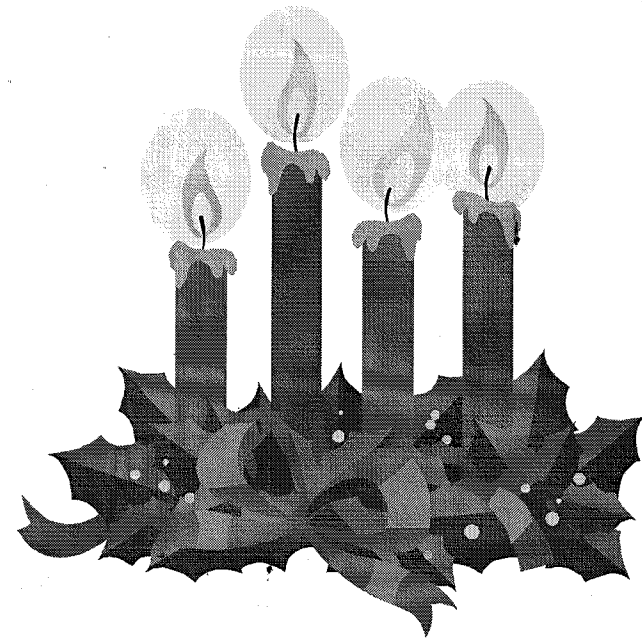
Christmas Poinsettias can be purchased today and on Sunday, Dec 11th. The cost is \$6.00 for a 5 bloom plant. Flowers will be in the church for Sun, Dec 18th and the Christmas Eve Service on Sat. The poinsettias should be taken home from the Christmas Eve Service.

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!*



December 4, 2011
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Thought Before Worship

Jesus tells us, "Stay awake!" John the Baptist says, "Prepare the way of the Lord." Advent tells us to, "Wake up and realize the gifts of love you have already received."

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

VOICE - The second candle of Advent is the Candle of Peace. It is sometimes called the Bethlehem Candle to remind us of the place in which preparations were made to receive and cradle the Christ child.

VOICE - Peace is a gift that we must be prepared for. God gives us the gift of peace when we turn to him in faith.

VOICE - The prophet Isaiah calls Christ "the Prince of Peace." Through John the Baptist and all the other prophets, God asks us to prepare our hearts so that he may come in.

VOICE - Our hope is in God, and in his son Jesus Christ. Our peace is found in him. We light this candle today to remind us that he brings peace to all who trust in him.

***HYMN "Hark the Herald angels Sing".....no. 184**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we are a people conditioned to measure truth by proof and evidence, by the testimony of witnesses and the testing of our knowledge. In Jesus Christ, you gave us evidence of your supreme love for us, yet we still refuse to accept it. We ignore your still, small voice. We dismiss your action in our lives as coincidence. We take credit for our blessings rather than receiving them as being from your hand. Scripture is a faithful witness to your grace, yet we fail to avail ourselves of its wisdom. We demand signs of your presence yet are so distracted by the pace of our lives that we never notice that you have, indeed, answered our prayer.

Forgive us, Lord, we pray. Forgive our short attention spans, our insatiable desire for the new and glittery and our disdain for the old and familiar. Grant us the grace to be still, to listen and to respond to the leading of your Spirit. Amen.

+SILENT PRAYER

(please use this time to confess your personal sins)

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader- Friends, hear the good news and believe: In Christ we are forgiven!

People- This saying is true and worthy of full acceptance: Jesus Christ came into the world to save all sinners. AMEN.

***GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142**

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 40:1-11 pg. 581

CHOIR ANTHEM "Advent Canticle"

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:1-8 pg. 812

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

***HYMN "As With Gladness".....no. 202**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

***OFFERING RESPONSE/THE DOXOLOGY.....no. 382**

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

***BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

***HYMN "Angels From the Realms of Glory".....no. 190**

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE

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

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Treasurer.....Mr. Michael Madara

Altar Guild Workers.....Edie Graff & Dixie Schweitzer

Acolyte.....Cassie Heil

Greeters.....Bob & Beverly Martin

Head Usher.....

Attendance for Nov 27.....130

Offering for Nov 27.....\$3,596.88

Month to Date Offering.....\$16,136.42

Amount needed each month to meet budget.....\$15,284.00

The Altar Flowers are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pannebecker by Art and Karen Pannebecker.