

## Advent Devotional

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,' which means, 'God is with us.'" The Gospel According to Matthew, Chapter 1, vs. 23

The opening chapter of Matthew's account of the gospel is mesmerizing in its subtlety and depth. In twenty-five short verses we are introduced to a genealogy that works to show that God has been at work throughout the whole of Israel's history; in addition, we then get Matthew's take on the annunciation – and it's a scandal. At first blush it would seem that Matthew spends seventeen verses making the case that Jesus' authority as the fulfillment of the Abrahamic promise and the return of the Davidic line rests with being Joseph's son. He then pulls the rug out from under the reader by announcing that Mary is with child and a stunned Joseph almost leaves her.

#### What is happening here?

On one hand we could say simply that God is up to something new. We could say that Matthew is working hard to cover the potentially scandalous origins of his sect's holy leader. On other hand, he could be hinging everything on Isaiah's ancient promise about a special, virgin birth and is feeling the pressure to fit that into the narrative.

I don't pretend to have all the answers on this passage, but I have long sensed a connection to the opening words of Genesis. That book offers us two, diametrically opposed versions of the creation story. In the first we hear of God speaking creation into being over the course of seven days. What begins as stormy waters and the ever enigmatic "tohu vavohu" of formless void and confusion is slowly tamed as God separates waters, brings the firmament up, and populates creation. It is a story of God bringing order out of chaos, culminating in humanity. In the next chapter, the order of creation is reversed "before the waters sprung from the dry earth" God forms humanity from the very dust. God's involvement here is not spoken and removed; it is intimate. Our life begins with the very breath of God.

I see this mirrored in Matthew's version of the gospel. The first chapter, for me, holds two "origin stories" for Jesus. In the first we hear of God's involvement throughout Israel's history, silently at work to bring order and meaning from the chaos of failed kingdoms, injustice and human sin; the whole of it culminates with the arrival of Christ – God is with us. The second telling of Jesus' birth shows that God is intimately involved. God's very Spirit is at work to give this new life through the virgin birth leading to Emmanuel – God is with us.

I find comfort in Matthew's words. As we enter this season of waiting we do so with a promise that through the pain and confusion we encounter in our lives – through conflict in our personal and communal lives, scary diagnoses, and profound loss – God is at work, in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, to bring peace and wholeness out of chaos. At the very same time, we wait with the promise that God is not distant to us. In Christ, God fully knows our human weakness and hurts, our fears and anxiety, even our anger and disappointments. For in this unique human God has come among us, Emmanuel.

Dwell with us in this season of waiting that our broken places may be healed, our hurts receive their balm. Restore us to wholeness and peace that given new life we may be the presence of Christ for others. Amen.

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# Come Celebrate Advent and Christmas with Us!

Sunday, December 1 Advent Begins with Communion & Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candles at all services.

> Sunday, December 8 Presbyterian Women's Bake/Craft Sale Advent Luncheon at 11 am in Assembly Hall Live Nativity at 12:30 pm-2:00 pm on the Front Lawn

**Tuesday, December 10** Taizé Service at 7 pm in the Chapel A brief service of meditative singing, readings, silence and prayer.

Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve 5 pm Family Service in the Sanctuary 6:30 pm wired Contemporary Service in Westminster Hall 8 pm Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary 10 pm Candlelight Service & Communion in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 29 10 am Traditional in the Sanctuary 10 am Contemporary (wired) in Westminster Hall

# **Christmas Flowers**

If you wish to give a Christmas Poinsettia in memory of a loved one or to honor a special person or occasion . .

- Complete the form below and mail it to the church office along with your check made payable to PCW. •
- Please be sure to write 'Christmas Flowers' in the memo section on your check.
- The suggested donation is \$25.
- Deadline for giving Christmas Poinsettias is December 18.

### PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

I wish to give Christmas Poinsettias in loving MEMORY of:

I wish to give Christmas Poinsettias in HONOR of:

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL:

# From The Director of Music

#### Hello Everyone,

Hope you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving, however you chose to commemorate the occasion.

The first day of December this year is also the first Sunday in Advent. In our worship and song we look forward to the promise of renewal and new life in Christ. January brings the turn of the calendar, and at the end of the month, The Presbyterian Church in Westfield Men's Retreat, held at the Fellowship Deaconry in Basking Ridge, NJ.

I've had the privilege to attend and help lead music at the men's retreat each year since I've been at PCW. Through the weekend of fellowship we sing, pray, worship, dine and learn together, and at the end, hopefully some transformation has happened in each of us that enables us to live our lives at least a little bit closer to being the individuals that God is calling us to be.

This year, I'm looking forward to the retreat for the additional reason that the leader is Rev. Dennis Carl Mazza (goes by Carl) who was a pastor in my life during my youth. In following his pastoral call, Carl was first in parish ministry, then founder and (for over 30 years) director of Meeting Ground (in Cecil County, MD), a residential community, shelter, and fellowship with and among persons and families experiencing homelessness.

I've enjoyed reconnecting with Carl in the planning process for this year's retreat. He is now retired, spending his time mostly as a father, grandfather and writer. I look forward to learning again from Rev. Mazza, now that I'm at a very different stage in my own life, and to whatever personal transformation God grants for me that weekend.

Please look for more information about this year's retreat elsewhere in this issue of The Spire, and in the coming weeks in the bulletin and other communication channels.

All best wishes for a joyful Advent and Merry Christmas.

See you in church!

Paul

# Faith Formation

Faith Formation continues to provide programs to help children and adults find new ways to encounter God and grow in their faith. <u>YOU</u> are invited to get involved!!!

- Advent Event Journey through Time All children are invited to join us on December 15<sup>th</sup> for the Advent Event during the usual Sunday school time, as we walk through the story of Jesus' birth. We will meet the star that guided the Holy Family to Bethlehem as well as the donkey that carried Mary, Mary the mother of Jesus, and the Angel who met Joseph and Mary with the Good News! There will be a take-home gift as well as some snacks for the journey! Be sure not to miss it! Parents please pick up your children in the Assembly Hall. If you are interested in volunteering to help out, please contact Christine Treger, ctreger@westfieldpc.org.
- Costumes for 5pm Christmas Eve Pageant Service What happens on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>? Christmas pageant Costuming happens! On Sunday 12/8 & 12/15 come to the parking lot entrance to the Parish House immediately following the 10 am services. On the 18<sup>th</sup> costuming takes place during dinner at COW in the Assembly Hall. Just pick out a costume and try it on. Pin it with your name and put it back in alphabetical order on the other side of the rack. We'll have one side of taken costumes and one side to be taken. I'll see all you little stars, shepherds and angels then!
- Sunday School 3yrs- 5th grade during the 10:00 a.m. worship services. The children hear God's Word and participate in mission projects so that they can practice what they've learned. Childcare is available for infants to age 3 in the Nursery, Room 104.
- Weekly Adult Bible Study Groups There are bible study groups who meet throughout the week and discuss a variety of topics. Groups meet Monday at 11am, Tuesday mornings at 10:30 and Tuesday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. and Friday morning at 9:30am.

# <u>Youth</u>



- <u>Middle School Fellowship</u> Sundays, 11am
  December 1 & 8
  Jim Cole Room
- <u>Middle School Breakfast Club</u> Tuesdays, 7am December 3, 10, 17 Jim Cole Room
- <u>Confirmation</u> Thursdays, 7pm-8:30pm December 5, 12, & 19
- <u>Sophomore Small Group</u> Thursdays, 8:30-9:30pm December 5, 12, & 19
- Junior/Senior Small Group Tuesday, 7:30-9pm December 17, Hosted by Dawn and Doug Heintz, 277 Seneca Place, Westfield
- <u>Youth Christmas Party</u> Sunday, 5:30-7pm December 15, for all youth and alumni Jim Cole Room
- <u>College Christmas Reunion</u> Sunday, 4pm-5pm December 22 Jim Cole Room

For more information on any of the above, please contact Courtney Nemec, courtney.r.nemec@gmail.com or Emily Parkinson, ekieczykowski@gmail.com

## YOUTH DIRECTOR SEARCH

The Search Committee for the Director of Youth Ministries recently has interviewed some strong candidates. The congregation's prayers are appreciated as we continue our search.

## AGAPE UPDATE

Our Agape volunteers would like to thank the Spurlock family for hosting the Annual Agape Party at their home. There was delicious food, party games, prizes, but most importantly, friends who love and support each other, our youth, and our guests in Elizabeth.

Agape Volunteers needed this holiday season! Agape occurs every Wednesday, 52 times a year, regardless of the holiday. December 25, 2019 and January 1, 2020 fall on a Wednesday this season. Even if you have never served at Agape, if you and your family would like to give back to the community, please join us. We meet at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield at 3:30 pm and will return a little after 7:00 pm. It is a great way to show your Christmas Spirit. If you have any questions, you can contact our Agape Coordinator, Amy Jones, at agape@westfieldpc.org.

Follow @pcwyouth on Facebook and Instagram

## Annual Men's Retreat ! January 24 - January 26

## The Spirituality of Meeting: Exploring Right Relationships

"Rich and poor meet together; the Lord is maker of them all." Proverbs 22:2

### Led by The Rev. Carl Mazza

Rev. Mazza is a retired Presbyterian minister. He was in parish ministry, and then co-founder and long-time director of Meeting Ground, in Cecil County, MD, a residential community, shelter, and fellowship with and among persons and families experiencing homelessness.

Where: Fellowship Deaconry in Liberty Corner, NJ - 20 minutes from Westfield.

- **Timing:** Starts with pizza dinner at 6:30 pm Friday, followed by the first retreat session. Concludes at 11:00 am Sunday with worship & communion.
- **Cost:** \$190 (if you plan to stay overnight at Fellowship Deaconry); \$165 (if you plan to drive home after the sessions)

#### For further information, contact

Dave Foltz dfoltz@baf-law.com or Bill Tittle at wtittle@nexant.com

- Pick up a registration form in the church office.
- Payment due at time of registration.
- Cash, check or credit card accepted.

# <u> Lament - A New Study</u>

Faith Formation is offering a new and engaging adult education opportunity that will address a topic that touches all of our lives and yet is rarely discussed – lament, or the way in which we express and experience grief and suffering. Professor Emeritus Daniel Migliore of Princeton Theological Seminary is part of the planning team for this study and will lead a bible study and participate in a roundtable discussion at the conclusion of the class. We will use a number of resources, including "A Grief Observed" by C.S. Lewis, "Lament for a Son" by Nicolas Wolterstorff and "Rachel's Cry" by Billman and Migliore, as well as Bible readings.

This study will be offered through small groups on different days and times during the week, so that we can expand the number of participants and create a more intimate setting to discuss the books we will be using and share our own experiences. The series will start the week of January 6<sup>th</sup> and end April 4<sup>th</sup> with a luncheon and meeting with Prof. Mcgliore. We will meet every other week – dates and times to be published soon.

All are welcome to participate. If you have any questions or would like to participate, please contact Alan Smith, alandsmith518@gmail.com, or Lisa Black, lmb.blacklaw@gmail.com to learn more.

## Lunch & A Movie 2020

**Lunch and a Movie** meets on the fourth Wednesday each month at noon for lunch followed by a movie shown in the Christian Lounge. These movies are presented by the Senior Network!

Bring your brown bag lunch and beverage and join others in the Robinson Room. You are welcome to bring a friend. There is no fee or RSVP. Please note there is no December meeting date. Join us in 2020 for :

**January 22** - "Poms" - In this uplifting comedy, life in a retirement community is anything but retiring for a group of young-at-heart senior ladies who decide to pull out the pom-poms and form a cheerleading squad. Diane Keaton stars.

**February 19** - "The Way" - When his son dies while hiking the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route in the Pyrenees, a grieving father flies to Spain to claim the remains. Looking for insights into his estranged child's life, he decides to complete the 500-mile trek.

**March 25** - "Far from the Tree" - Challenging conventional perceptions of "normality," this affecting documentary looks at the special effort required to raise children who are profoundly different, profiling seven families as they confront the difficulties and reap the rewards.

**April 22** - "Ordinary Miracles" - Tough Judge Kay Woodbury (Jaclyn Smith) makes a life-altering decision when she takes in a troubled teen rather than sentencing her to a juvenile correctional facility. Kay tracks down the teen's absent father, and hires him as a landscaper. The three form an emotional bond, but will it prove to be a lasting relationship?

## Registration Open for 2020 Women's Retreat

### Are you craving a moment when no one needs anything from you?

The PCW Women's Retreat is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other church women away from the distractions of home while growing together in faith.



### Mark your calendars for Friday, February 28, 2020, 4 pm - Sunday, March 1, 2020 1 pm at

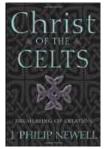
the Tuscarora Inn and Conference Center (<u>www.tuscarora.org</u>) in Mt. Bethel, PA. The all-inclusive cost for a double occupancy room in Riverside Manor I is \$270 per person. Register online now at: <u>https://secure-q.net/EventQ/Event?</u> <u>EventID=4642&OrgID=Tuscarora</u> or **call 570-897-6186** between 9am-5pm to reserve with a \$50 deposit and mention *The Presbyterian Church in Westfield* and *Caroline Jinkins*. More affordable options are also available.

We will hear from author, Logan Wolfram (Loganwolfram.com), as well as have plenty of time to get to know one another as a church community. Join us for a restorative weekend together!

# Upcoming Events/Programs

## Theology Discussion Group

Our book Christ of the Celts: the Healing of Creation by J Philip Newell. We'll meet on Monday December 2, and 16, at 7:30pm at the home of Alan and Nancy Smith. Hope you will consider joining us as we study this book a chapter at a time.



J. Philip Newell is a poet, scholar, and teacher. Formerly Warden of the Iona Abbey in the Western Isles of Scotland. He is now Writer-Theologian for the Scottish Cathedral of the Isles as well as Companion Theologian for the American Spirituality Center of Casa del Sol at Ghost Ranch in New Mexico.

We are considering hosting daytime sessions as an alternate to those held in the evenings. Should you be interested in joining this daytime session, please contact Alan at Alandsmith518@gmail.com or 917-239-1667 and let him know of your interest and availability.

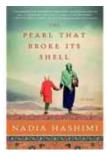
Questers – Meets at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. We will be talking about honoring God through worship in December. This class is open to everyone and there is babysitting available. No preparation required, just show up!

## Friday Morning Bible Study

Come join us for coffee/tea at 9:30am followed by a look at Sunday's scripture reading and a half hour teaching disc on the mysterious book of Revelation. All are welcome. Come whenever you can.

## Lunch and a Book

Lunch and a Book - No December meeting, but please plan to join us on January 10th when we will discuss "The Pearl that Broke its Shell" by Nadia Hashimi. Set in Kabul, Afghanistan, this story of hope and struggle will give us insight into



another culture. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Black: Imb.blacklaw@gmail.com.

## Tuesday, 3pm Bible Study

We invite YOU to join us on Tuesday afternoons at 4:00-5:30 as together we decide "WHEN TO WALK AWAY: Finding Freedom From Toxic People" by Gary Thomas. We completed Lesson #1 of 6 sessions. You can get a study guide from Christine Treger and complete chapter 1. The DVD portion is streaming. Just go to: studygateway.com and use Code: MCCVDQPFRFBC. Join us in the George Plenty Room for some very lively discussion!

### Wired @10am in Westminster Hall

While we remember the stories of Mary & Joseph, the shepherds, angels, Magi and the watching and waiting for Jesus' arrival, let us remember to extend an invitation to neighbors who may wish to participate in a

more contemporary form of worship offered at 'wired.' For more information, please contact Kevin Wilkin, our Director of Contemporary Worship at



Kevinw@toaelectronics.com.

## **PW Annual Christmas Tea**

The annual Christmas Tea hosted by PW Board Members for all Presbyterian Women members and

other women of the church will be held on Thursday, December 19th, at 1 pm in the George Plenty Room. There will be some Christmas storytelling and Carol singing. Come join in the festivities!



Senior Network - Lunch and a Movie

There is no Lunch and a Movie in December. We will return in January 2020!

Don't miss the Live Nativity on the front lawn Sunday, December 8th, following the Advent Lunch in Assembly Hall

# **Community Corner**

## Westfield Historical Society

As part of The Westfield Historical Society's First Wednesday Luncheon series, David Rogers' talk is on the subject "Stoned in History...Lore from Cemetery Stonework" on December 4, 2019. Mr. Rogers takes a look at stonework as it records little-known facts about wars, conflicts and families through the centuries. The event will begin with check-in at 11:45 am at Ferraro's Restaurant (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor), 14 Elm Street, Westfield.

Mr. Rogers has accumulated much information from local cemeteries. This information provides facts, through the centuries, about life in those times. He will present his findings which are organized in a time-line fashion.

Some of his research is based on the Presbyterian Church in Westfield's cemetery, the Burial Grounds of the Presbyterian Church in the West Fields of Elizabethtown, which has been active since 1737. It has been in the National Register of Historic Places since 2007. It is the final resting place of the founders of Westfield, veterans of American wars (including 73 veterans of the Revolutionary War) and has a rich history mirroring that of Westfield itself, which was first established as a village in 1720.

Those wishing to attend the luncheon may make a reservation by calling 908-654-1794, or emailing westfieldhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. Please advise if there are special dietary needs. The luncheon fee of \$35 (WHS members) or \$40 (non-members) includes a three-course meal, coffee/tea, and gratuity. The luncheon fee should be paid in advance (check payable to Westfield Historical Society) by mailing to Westfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 613, Westfield, NJ 07091; or, online: www.westfieldhistoricalsociety.org/registration. Payments should be received by Friday prior to the luncheon. Westfield Historical Society memberships will also be available at the luncheon.

## NJFO-Celebrate the Holiday Season!

## KICK OFF THE FESTIVE SEASON WITH THE THREE HOLIDAY TENORS.

On Saturday, December 7, 2019 at The Presbyterian Church, Westfield, special quests The Three Holiday Tenors join NJFO to welcome in the holiday season with warmth and cheer.

The concert features Metropolitan Opera's internationally acclaimed tenor Barry Banks,

and award winning tenors Jesse Donner and Matthew Vickers to celebrate and captivate with a dazzling selection of renowned tenor arias. Traditional carols, signature versions of familiar fare and a host of wintertime curiosities are also sure to delight.

"We are thrilled to host The Three Holiday Tenors – each more talented than the next – to help us welcome in the season," said Wroe. "We believe there is something for everyone in this performance. Our concert is a vessel for children, parents, grandparents and friends – indeed the entire community – to come together through music and celebrate this unique time of year."

Tickets are available on line at www.njfestivalorchestra.org. Tickets may also be purchased by calling the box office (908) 232-9400.

## RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH NJFO

On New Year's Eve the NJ Festival Orchestra again presents one of New Jersey's most popular musical events. This guintessential New Year's celebration promises a superb revue of Broadway classics from The Golden Age of Broadway to Mama Mia, Book of Mormon and even more.

Come join the festivities as quest Broadway soloists Analisa Leeming (School of Rock, King and I, Hello Dolly), Jacob Keith Walker (Carousel, Hello Dolly) and dancers from Dance Theatre of Harlem join Maestro David Wroe to swing to favorites from America's Great Songbook.

Tuesday, December 31 at 7pm, WHS Auditorium, Westfield.

Tickets are available on line at www.njfestivalorchestra.org. Tickets may also be purchased by calling the box office (908) 232-9400. 7





#### Celebrate the Season with THE THREE HOLIDAY TENORS



## From our Treasurer

### You Can Help this Church (and Treasurer) Now!

Thank you. Thank you for making this church what it is through your generosity. As we approach the end of 2019, we are especially grateful to everyone who made a pledge last year or is intending to make a yearend gift! You can help us by fulfilling these contributions on or before Tuesday, December 31st. In our commitment to be the best stewards of the resources you entrust to us, we will be closing the books on this date. All donations received by this date will be reflected on your 2019 church contribution statement. Contributions received after this date will be gratefully accepted as 2020 donations and reflected accordingly.

### Attention Moderators, Commission Members, Agape Shoppers, and Volunteers:

Please submit all expense vouchers for 2019 activities for reimbursement or processing prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>. We will be closing the books on this day.

Anyone who has a receipt for reimbursement or assigned to their pledge MUST submit them to our Comptroller, Tina Barulli, by Tuesday December 31<sup>st</sup>. Vouchers with explanations of expenses MUST be completed and attached and approved by the appropriate Commission Moderator.

### Receipts from 2019 CANNOT BE CARRIED-OVER to the 2020 budget!

Moderators, please check your mailboxes frequently as we approach yearend, and sign and submit vouchers for payment as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Tina (908-233-0301, x23; or <u>tbarulli@westfieldpc.org</u>) or Alan Smith (917-239-1667; <u>alandsmith518@gmail.com</u>).



## Tis the Season — 25 Days of Agape

This holiday season give a gift that gives back. Instead of spending hours at the mall or online looking for gifts for your loved ones, or favorite Agape volunteer, make a contribution to the Agape Community Kitchen in their name.

With each gift donated, you will receive a Holiday Greeting Card to give the recipients of your gift. Gifts can be donated online at https:// app.easytithe.com/App/Giving/pcw, or can be purchased in the church office from Betty Born who can provide you with a pre-printed greeting card.

Help us spread God's love this Holiday Season by purchasing a gift during the 25 Days of Agape.

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## Congregational Nominating Committee Needs Your Help

To operate efficiently and faithfully, PCW requires dedicated leaders to serve as Elders (on Session), Deacons, Auditors and the Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC). We are asking for your suggestions for people willing and able to serve – you may suggest: yourself or your spouse, other church member, a confirmed Youth (serve as deacon only).

People from the same household cannot serve together on Session, but they can serve together on the Board of Deacons.

The CNC carefully reviews each candidate and contacts him or her to discuss the position for which the candidate is being considered.

- For Elder, Deacon, and Auditor positions, the candidate must be an active pledging member to be considered.
- For CNC positions, the candidate should be an active member but need not be a pledging member.

The goal in filling the positions is to create boards that are representative of the entire congregation. A slate of nominees is created from the reviewed candidates and is presented for election at the March Congregational meeting. The term starts in May.

Please complete the form below to make your nominations. Please include your name.

Candidate Name:				
	Circle One:	Elder	Deacon	CNC
My reasons why (optional):				

## Place your suggestion in the CNC mailbox or email <u>dumonts4@verizon.net</u>.

## November Baptisms

On Sunday, November 10, we celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism, and two little ones were welcomed into the family of God.

Lillian Marie Axelson, daughter of Drew and Susan Natalie Diacheysn, daughter of Joseph and Angelica

If you are planning to have your child baptized in the coming year, please plan on attending one of the Baptism Classes which are held quarterly. The next Baptism Class is scheduled for February 2, 11am in the George Plenty Room. For more information or to register for the next class, contact Rev. Cindy Bowman, cbowman@westfieldpc.org or 908.233.0301 ext. 37.

Parents must attend a Baptism Class as a prerequisite to the baptism. The Baptism classes are held quarterly.

# December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 ADVENT ONE 8am Worship 9am Questers 10am Worship 10am wired 10:05am Sunday School	2 11am Small Group 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Theology Discussion Group	3 7am MS Breakfast Club 9:30am Sanctuary Decorating 11am Staff Mtg 12pm Al-Anon	4 7am Dawn Patrol 1pm Agape Prep 3:15pm Agape 5pm COW 8pm AA	5 9am PCW Craftsmen 9:30am PW Board 5:30pm AA 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir	6 9:30am Bible Study O Henry Ch	7 12pm Ruby Slippers AA	
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**December 1** Joel Nemec Frederique Finley Jacob Cohen

**December 2** Deborah Baker Michelle Pierce

December 3 Marilyn Ainslie Walter Dembiec Jr Alex Ebel

> **December 4** Lisa Colao Brian Gorczyca

December 5 Barbara Vierschilling Gregory Purachev Barry Cunningham Lauren Shepard Ryan Beck December 6 Warren Hanscom **December 7** Carol Fredericks Christian Hoffman Alexander Grom

December 8 Douglas Miller Chad Hoeft John Sandstedt Jr.

**December 9** Robert Rosengarth David Monzella Kathleen Smith Andrew Stockwell

**December 10** Mary Kay Danskin Susan Taylor

**December 11** Ludwig Adams

December 12 Lois Wiehl Carl Factor Emily Parkinson

**December 13** Joshua McMahon III

December 14

December 15 Eleanor DuBois James Vierschilling

December 16 Anastasia Harrison Michael Dickey Christian Hoy

December 17

December 18 Carol Hewit Cherie Fritz

**December 19** Bradford Schwarz Anneliese Himmel

December 20 John Trott

December 21 Deborah Bungerz Susan Dackow Carol Fahrenthold Lauren Gray-Gilford December 22 Leslie Bischoff Carole Cook

December 23 Thomas Murtishaw III Rongling You Tess Brown December 24 Robert Heinbokel Colum Keough Sarah Ebel Susan Axelson

December 25 Wendy Woodfield

> **December 26** Robert Mill Roberta Fraites Carol Barker Geoffrey Grow

**December 27** Valerie Klimas Jake Anderson

**December 28** Alex Posada Keith Peterson

December 29 Leslie Jacobsen

**December 30** Barbara DePaul Joan Sinclair

**December 31** Caroline Ehrhardt

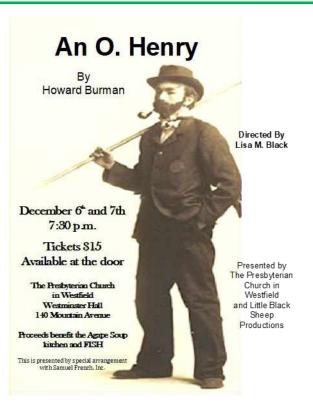
## Fun For Everyone!

Plan to start off your holiday season by attending the production of "An O. Henry Christmas" December 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Westminster Hall.

This wonderful combination of O. Henry stories, including "The Gift of the Magi" will make you laugh, cry and set your heart on what is important - love, friendship and the joy that comes from giving.

Tickets are \$15.00 and can only be purchased at the door.

All of the profits from these shows will support AGAPE and FISH. We look forward to sharing this delightful production with you!





#### 140 Mountain Avenue, Westfield, NJ 07090

#### Sunday Worship Schedule

8am Traditional Chapel

10am Traditional Sanctuary

10am Contemporary Wired Westminster Hall

#### Sunday School & Childcare

**10am Children's Sunday School September 2019—June 2020** 3yrs - 5th grade Lower Level, Christian Education Building

9am-11am Childcare Infants - 3 years old Room 104, Lower Level, Christian Education Building

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