



LECTIONARY READINGS

December 18th Fourth Sunday of Advent Isaiah 7:10-16, Psalm 80:1-7, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25

December 25th Christmas Day Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98, Hebrews 1:1-4, John 1:1-14

January 1st Epiphany Sunday Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

January 8th 1st Sunday after the Epiphany Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 29, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17

Ushers

December 18th: Dorli Retinger-9:30

Karen Gierie Newman-11:30

December 25th: Joyce Campanella, Bob Paine-9:30

Karen Gierie Newman-11:30

Liturgists

December 18th: Rob Schozer

December 24th: 3:00 Karen Gierie Newman

7:00 Barbara Carle

10:30 Alan Beecher

December 25th: Debbie Cala

Communion Stewards

December 18th: Bob Carle, Usha Singh

Rob Schozer

Greeters

December 18th: Joan Ganz

December 25th: Betty & Danny Gastelua

2017 UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINES: books of daily devotionals are available at the Welcome Center for \$15.00.

☞ WORSHIP THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS ☞

***Share the Reason for the Season...the Best Gift of all!
Invite a friend, relative or neighbor to Worship with you!***

December 18 4th Sunday of Advent

Advent Candle Lighting, Communion

9:30 AM Family-Friendly Worship

11:30AM Worship with Praise & Songs

4:30PM Christmas Caroling

Potluck Dinner

December 24 Christmas Eve

Come & Worship Christ!

3:00 PM Christmas Carols

7:00 PM Family Service

10:30 PM Candlelight Service

December 25 Christmas Day

Christ the Savior is Born!

9:30 AM Family-Friendly Worship

11:30 AM Worship with Praise & Songs

January 1 Epiphany of the Lord

9:30 AM Family-Friendly Worship

Presentation of Keeper of the Christmas

Secret Award

11:30 AM Worship with Praise & Songs

THE ORDER OF THE KEEPER OF THE CHRISTMAS

SECRET: If you would like to nominate someone for the Order of the Keeper of the Christmas Secret, please pick up a nomination form in the So. Transept. Please return the forms to the Church Office as soon as possible. Nominees should in their own *quiet way* do their best to **keep the Christmas Secret (The Secret of Living is Giving).**

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES 2016:

- Help bring the joy of His birth to our extended community this season! Foster Care Christmas Party will be on **Tuesday, December 20th** from 5-8 pm. We will bring dinner and gifts to the teenage girls living in this group home in Deer Park. We will be following a slightly different format this year, but if you wish to either contribute or attend, there is a sign-up sheet in the South Transept. Come ready to laugh and have fun!
- **“CELEBRATE JESUS' BIRTHDAY”** will be a special activity day offered to our Nursery School children on **Wednesday, December 28th from 9:30-12:00.** This program is being offered free of charge to our Nursery School parents as a “Thank You” for sharing their little ones with us during the year. We will be focusing on the real Reason for the Season! Sign up in *South Transept* or see *Mary Bing*.

LAY SERVANT COURSES: are being offered as follows: Saturdays – March 11, 18, 25 & April 1, 8 from 8:30am-12:00pm at *Westbury UMC* and *Lake Ronkonkoma UMC*. The Basic Course is offered as well as Certified & Re-Certified Courses. Applications are available in the Church Office and on the table in the So. Transept. Cost is \$35.00. Applications should be sent to the LIE District Office by January 1, 2017.

IN NEED OF PRAYERS: Dorothy Paine, Debbie Cala, Christina Jones, Irma Labitzke, Frank Suwalski, Ken Bush, Carolyn Holzbaaur, Emily Brown, Rose Marie Tiedemann, Barbara Middendorff, Muriel Knoell, Cynthia Hansen, Ruth Burkhardt, Laura Ohler, Ruth Mace and ALL our troops seeking to restore peace. *If you know of someone in the hospital, or someone who wishes a pastoral visit, please call the Church Office.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 18th

Sun. **9:30am Family Friendly Worship**
11:30am Praise Service
 1:00pm Soup Group - F. Hall
 4:30pm Christmas Caroling/Potluck Dinner

Tues. 12:00pm Gold Circle
 7:15pm Martha/Mary Circle
 7:15pm A.A. - Bike Room

Wed. 1:30pm Bible Study - Library

Thurs. 8:00pm Chancel Choir

Fri. 5:30pm A.A. - F. Hall
 7:30pm Covenant Group

Sat.	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
	3:00pm Carols
	7:00pm Family Service
	10:30pm Candlelight Service

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 25th

Sun. **9:30am Family Friendly Worship**
11:30am Praise Service
 1:00pm Soup Group - F. Hall

Mon. OFFICE CLOSED
 6:00pm Lay Leaders' Mtg.
 7:00pm Church Council - F. Hall

Tues. 7:15pm A.A. - Bike Room
 7:30pm Finance - Library

Wed. 9:30am Nursery Christmas Vacation
 Bible Study
 1:30pm Bible Study – Library

Thurs. 8:00pm Chancel Choir

Fri. 5:30pm A.A. - F. Hall

Sat. 8:00am Men's Group
 8:30am Tai Chi

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