

 **LECTIONARY READINGS**

December 4th Second Sunday of Advent Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

December 11th Third Sunday of Advent Isaiah 35:1-10, Luke 1:47-55, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

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

Ushers

December 4th: Dorli Retinger-9:30

Karen Gierie Newman-11:30

December 11th: Joyce Campanella, Bob Paine-9:30

Karen Gierie Newman-11:30

Liturgists

December 4th: Youth

December 11th: Tom Sattler

Communion Stewards

December 4th: Myrna Loudon, Tom Sattler

Rob Schozer, Nisha Misra

Greeters

December 4th: The Wurth Family

December 11th: Joan Ganz

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

HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS: We are participating in the holiday gift cards program where a percentage of each purchase will go to the church. Details and order forms are in the So. Transept. Please place your order as early as possible. Any questions, please ask Jenn Lee.

☞ 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 4 2nd Sunday of Advent

Advent Candle Lighting, Communion

9:30 AM Family-Friendly Worship

11:30 AM Worship with Praise & Songs

December 11 3rd Sunday of Advent

Advent Candle Lighting

9:30 AM Family-Friendly Worship

Christmas Pageant - All are welcome!

11:30 AM Worship with Praise & Songs

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 🎵

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

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED to the UMW Christmas Dinner on **Tuesday, December 13th, 2016** at 6PM in Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$15 per person, ticket order forms are in the transept. Please join us for fun and fellowship!

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 by Dec. 11th. Nominees should in their own *quiet way* do their best to **keep the Christmas Secret (The Secret of Living is Giving).**

IN SYMPATHY: We extend sympathy to the family of *Bill Landahl* who passed away on Sat. 11/19. Wake and funeral services were held at McCourt & Trudden Funeral Home on Tues., 11/22. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to: *Mrs. Joan Landahl, 27 Grant Street, Farmingdale, NY 11735.*

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 13th** 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*.

DISASTER PREPARATION: In compliance with the NYAC requirement to plan and implement a Disaster Preparedness plan, FUMC has formed a committee to assist in plan development. A letter will be distributed to the congregation explaining the purpose of DPR, along with a checklist of items to educate families on disaster preparation.

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.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 4th

Sun.	9:30am	Family Friendly Worship
	11:30am	Praise Service
	1:00pm	Soup Group - F. Hall
Mon.	7:30pm	Hardscrabble Board Mtg.
Tues.	7:15pm	A.A. - Bike Room
	7:30pm	Trustees - Library
Wed.	1:30pm	Bible Study - Library
Thurs.	8:00pm	Chancel Choir
Fri.	5:30pm	A.A. - F. Hall
	7:30pm	Covenant Group
Sat.	8:00am	Men's Group
	8:30am	Tai Chi
	9:15am	Morning Prayer - Sanctuary

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CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 11th

Sun.	9:30am	Family Friendly Worship
		Christmas Pageant
	11:30am	Praise Service
	1:00pm	Soup Group - F. Hall
Mon.	7:00pm	Paisley Circle
Tues.	6:00pm	UMW Christmas Dinner - F. Hall
	7:15pm	A.A. - Bike Room
Wed.	1:30pm	Bible Study – Library
	7:00pm	Healing Prayer - Sanctuary
Thurs.	8:00pm	Chancel Choir
Fri.	5:30pm	A.A. - F. Hall
Sat.	8:00am	Men's Group
	8:30am	Tai Chi
	9:00am	Decoration of Altar

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Address Service Requested

IN NEED OF PRAYERS: Dorothy Paine, Debbie Cala, Christina Jones, Irma Labitzke, Frank Suwalski, Ken Bush, Carolyn Holzbaur, 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.*

*“Open Hearts,
Open Minds,
Open Doors”*

THE MESSENGER



Weeks of December 4 & 11, 2016

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