



MESSENGER

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DECEMBER/JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2022/2023

“IT’S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS, EVERYWHERE YOU GO”

Do you recall this Christmas song? It is a song written by Meredith Wilson in 1951. Popular renditions of this song were recorded by Bing Crosby (1951) and Michael Bublé (2012). It is a song filled with hopeful and whimsical phrases that often put a smile on my face as I listen to it. We hear the writer’s description of Christmas...candy canes, toys in every store, and holly on our doors are just a few images. And while those are apt descriptions, as followers of Christ, Christmas has a deeper meaning for us.

Christmas is a reminder of the amazing gift of a precious baby that would become our king. A gift of a lamb, a precious lamb that would eventually wear the scars of sin and death. It is a reminder that *God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16)*. We would call Him Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). We would come to know Him as the Good Shepherd (John 10:11), Redeemer (Ephesians 1:7), Healer (Isaiah 53:5), Savior (Luke 2:11) and Friend (John 15:12-15). And I am sure you can add many other names.

This precious gift – Jesus, born in a stable as both divine and human, would teach us love is an action word. He would through His ministry model how to care for the widow, the orphan, the sick, and the marginalized. He would model compassion, how to love God (the Father), how to communicate with God through prayer, and to listen to our Advocate (the Holy Spirit). He would encourage us to see the beauty and light in each other – as amazing earthen vessels made in the image of God. And, He would challenge us to move from our comfort zones and step into places yet unknown to bear witness to God’s sustaining love for all.

As we go about the preparation for Advent and Christmas this year, may we see more than the picturesque depiction of snowflakes, lights, hollies, and evergreens. Beautiful as they may be, may we see the face of Jesus in each person we encounter. May we see the Christmas that Jesus has shown us. May we accept the invitation to be active participants and not just bystanders. May we embrace the promise of Jesus to abide in us by abiding in Him and allow our fruit to be witnesses of our commitment to love one another. *May the God of hope fill you [us] with all joy and peace in believing so that you [we] may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)*.

Happy Advent and Blessed Christmas!
Pr. Brenda



ST ANDREW NEWS

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 12-13 Nicholas Keifner
- 12-13 Sue Whitfield
- 12-16 Pastor Brenda Henry
- 12-21 Beau Drain
- 12-22 Ken Gloor
- 12-25 Barbara Malizio
- 12-27 Mitchell Malizio



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1-8 Amara Hitt
- 1-9 Janet Comber
- 1-28 Jodi Keifner



ENJOY YOUR SPECIAL DAY



CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS



The Church Office will be closed for the holidays from Monday, December 26th through Monday, January 2nd. Karen will be checking emails and completing tasks daily from home. If you need to get in touch with her, feel free to email at standrew3@aol.com or call 412-600-3901. The Church Office will return to normal hours on Tuesday, January 3rd. Have a blessed Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year!



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:



Patrick Murphy, Teresa Kuehl, Marie Pastorius, Margaret Hrabovsky, Justin Gloor, Keith Malizio, Kathy Treemarchi, Elaine Moore, Chris Biery, Jack Urbanek, Jazz, Anita, Toni, Faith, Lisa, Phyllis Connelly, Bob Kraus, Janet Comber, Kit Stockman, Dan Hoover, Kpannah K. Sumo, Robert Seaton, Pastor John Gropp, Lenroy Bright; All those who are suffering from disease, Covid-19, violence or distress; All frontline health care workers; All those who protect and serve our country and community; All those who have suffered the loss of a family member or a friend, especially the family of Leslie Trosky upon her death; The Churches of PLUM and their Pastors and Staff; The Community of East Carnegie and the Congregation of St. Andrew.

SAL COUNCIL MEETING

St. Andrew's December Council Meeting will be on Monday, December 12th at 5:00pm via ZOOM format. The January Meeting will be on Monday, January 9th at 5:00pm, once again on ZOOM.

2023 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2023 Church offering envelopes will be available in the narthex of the church beginning Sunday, December 18th. Envelopes will be available to active members of St Andrew who regularly attend worship. Those who don't regularly attend, but who still donate, will receive an identifying number for their donations. We thank you all for your continued support of St Andrew and its mission.

SAL'S BOOK CLUB

Sal's next Book Club meeting will be Friday, December 9th at 1pm. Our book is "The Ways We Hide" by Kristina McMorris. Join us.

2023 SANCTUARY LAMP CALENDAR

The 2023 Sanctuary Lamp Calendar will be available on Sunday, December 11th. You will find it on the Narthex table. If you would like to reserve a candle as a memorial or honorarium, please fill in the space by the date you prefer. Spots go quickly, so sign up as soon as possible. If you can't make it to Church, contact the Church office and Karen will add your information to the list. If you want a specific Sunday, call early to secure your date. The cost of the candle is still only \$5.00, and your fees can be placed in the offering plate along with your weekly donations. Please mark as Sanctuary Candle fee.



REMEMBER THOSE WHO CAN'T BE WITH US

As you are finishing up your Christmas cards or even if you've decided to curtail your Christmas card list this year, consider sending greetings to our sisters in Christ who aren't able to worship with us, and may not be able to access ZOOM worship. The holidays are a difficult time for many. Being remembered by brothers and sisters in the faith, means a lot!

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Pittsburgh, PA 15243-1391

Ms. Marie Pastorius
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Pittsburgh, PA 15204-1705

Ms, Phyllis Connelly
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Pittsburgh, PA 15204-1730

Mrs. Kathy Treemarchi
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Pittsburgh, PA 15204-1941

Ms. Mona Nolte
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McKees Rocks, PA 15136-2132

Ms. Toni Ward
915 Idlewood Avenue
East Carnegie, PA 15106-1211



ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

St. Andrew's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on January 22, 2023, immediately following worship. This meeting is important, as the 2023 Church Budget will need to be voted on, so look out for more information on the meeting to be shared after the New Year. **Please have all annual reports to the Church office by January 16th.** Thank you.



CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS EVE

Join St. Andrew as we celebrate the birth of our Savior at our Christmas Eve Worship on Saturday, December 24th at 4pm. There will be no on-site worship on Christmas Day (12/25/2022). Rather join your fellow PLUM members for a Christmas Day worship service on ZOOM. The time is 10:30am. Blessings for a joyous Christmas!



*May Peace be your gift at Christmas
and your blessing all year
through.*



2ND ANNUAL REASON FOR THE SEASON EVENT

St. Andrew Lutheran Church invites you to join us for the **2nd Annual Reason for the Season, a Celebration of Christmas!** The event will take place on **Saturday, December 17, 2022 from 2pm to 4pm at the Church.** There will be activities, refreshments and gifts for children. All are welcome and children must be accompanied by an adult. Join us as we celebrate our new born King!



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR DECEMBER

USHER: Anyone Available
TREASURER’S ASSISTANTS: Anyone Available
ALTAR GUILD: Lynn Gloor
STAIR GLIDE: Anyone Available



DECEMBER 4:
Greeters: Jess & Tom Hrabovsky
Lector: Steve McGrogan

DECEMBER 11:
Greeters: Marilyn & Tim Rogers
Lector: Marilyn Rogers

DECEMBER 18:
Greeter: Bobbie Everly
Lector: Barb Malizio

DECEMBER 24:
Greeters: Marilyn & Tim Rogers
Lector: Steve McGrogan



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JANUARY

USHER: Anyone Available
TREASURER’S ASSISTANTS: Anyone Available
ALTAR GUILD: Bobbie Everly
STAIR GLIDE: Anyone Available



JANUARY 1:
Greeters: Jess & Tom Hrabovsky
Lector: Marilyn Rogers

JANUARY 8:
Greeters: Bobbie Everly
Lector: Barb Malizio

JANUARY 15:
Greeters: Jess & Tom Hrabovsky
Lector: Steve McGrogan

JANUARY 22:
Greeters: Marilyn & Tim Rogers
Lector: Marilyn Rogers

JANUARY 29:
Greeters: Bobbie Everly & Lynn Gloor
Lector: Barb Malizio



PLUM NEWS

ADVENT THROUGH YOUR IMAGINATION: PRAYING WITH LUKE, CHAPTERS 1 AND 2
St. Ignatius was convinced that God can speak to us as surely through our imagination as through our thoughts and memories. In the Ignatian tradition, praying with the imagination is called contemplation. Join PLUM as we use our imaginations to read the story of Christ’s birth according to Luke. The **Thursday dates are: December 1st, December 8th, December 15th, December 22nd.** All sessions will be held on Zoom and begin at 7:00pm. Join us. <https://zoom.us/j/401596541>



CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS EVE WITH PLUM

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR PLUM CHURCHES: Saturday, December 24, 2022

Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church (Dormont)(3104 W. Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15216): **4:00 p.m.**

Christ Lutheran Church (405 Kennedy Ave., Duquesne, PA 15110): **7:00 p.m.**

East Liberty Lutheran Church - will attend other PLUM services

Hope Lutheran Church (Forest Hills)(353 Ridge Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15221): **4:00 p.m.**

Immanuel Lutheran Church (612 Chestnut St., Irwin, PA 15642): **7:00 p.m.**

Lutheran Church of Our Saviour (1570 Clay Pike, North Huntingdon, PA 15642): **9:00 p.m.**

Messiah Lutheran Church (Munhall)(4300 Main St., Munhall, PA 15120): **7:00 p.m.**

Resurrection Lutheran Church(7600 Steubenville Pike, Oakdale, PA 15071): **7:00 p.m.**

St. Andrew Lutheran Church (218 Alter St., East Carnegie, PA 15106): **4:00 p.m.**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (210 North Jefferson Ave., Canonsburg, PA 15317): **7:00 p.m.**



PLUM WORSHIP AND MEETINGS VIA ZOOM: How wonderful is it that not only can we gather for in-person worship each Sunday, we can also gather for Worship, meetings, bible studies and fellowship by connecting on the ZOOM format. Just use the information below and you can be a part of all we are currently doing.

Zoom online: <https://zoom.us/j/401596541>

Zoom by phone: (646) 876-9923

Meeting ID: 401 596 541



WORSHIP COMMITTEE: Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 7pm** via ZOOM. Join us then, as we discuss and plan our ZOOM worship services.



AT HOME TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2022 AND JANUARY 6, 2023, 7:00 PM, VIA ZOOM: Prayer is a great source of Comfort during trying times. Please join us in Taizé Prayer from the safety of your homes.



MONDAY, JANUARY 30: PLUM BOARD MEETING: The bi-monthly PLUM Board meeting will be held on **Monday, January 30th at 7:00 p.m.** via Zoom.



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN'S ANNUAL ST. LUCIA CELEBRATION: You are cordially invited to join your fellow PLUM members at Immanuel Lutheran (612 Chestnut ST. Irwin, PA 15642) on **Saturday, December 10th**, to celebrate St. Lucia. There will be **dinner at 5pm** followed by a songfest directed by Gene Humberston and a make and take craft from Taj-Mahal Makerspace. Then there will be a story and visit from St. Lucia. Bring a covered dish to share. **RSVP by December 5th, text or phone Bonnie Stecik at 412-260-6024.**



















CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS TOGETHER AT CHRIST, DUQUESNE: Join your fellow PLUM members at Christ, Duquesne (405 Kennedy Ave, Duquesne, PA 15110) and Celebrate Christmas Together. On Saturday, December 10th, there will be a Community Carol service at 2pm followed by a dinner at 3pm. All are welcome. Then on Saturday, December 17th, there will be a Christmas Dance Party from 12pm to 1:30pm. This is recommended for families with kids from 2 to teens. Come and dance, craft and eat snacks. Both events are free, but RSVP so that all can be prepared! RSVP at christlutherandug.org



St. Andrew Lutheran Church

December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  ADVENT PRAYER STUDY 7PM ZOOM	2  MHC 11:30AM TAIZE WORSHIP 7PM ZOOM	3 
4  9:15AM WORSHIP 3PM ZOOM WORSHIP	5	6 	7	8  ADVENT PRAYER STUDY 7PM ZOOM	9	10  ST. LUCIA DAY AT IMMANUEL 5PM
11  9:15AM WORSHIP 3PM ZOOM WORSHIP	12  SAL COUNCIL 5PM ZOOM	13 	14 	15  MHC 11:30AM ADVENT PRAYER STUDY 7PM ZOOM	16 	17  REASON FOR THE SEASON 2PM - 4PM
18  9:15AM WORSHIP HANUKKAH	19 	20	21 WINTER BEGINS	22  ADVENT PRAYER STUDY 7PM ZOOM	23 	24  CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP 4PM
25  ZOOM WORSHIP 10:30AM MERRY CHRISTMAS	26  KWANZAA OFFICE CLOSED	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28  OFFICE CLOSED	29  OFFICE CLOSED	30 OFFICE CLOSED	31  NEW YEAR'S EVE



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