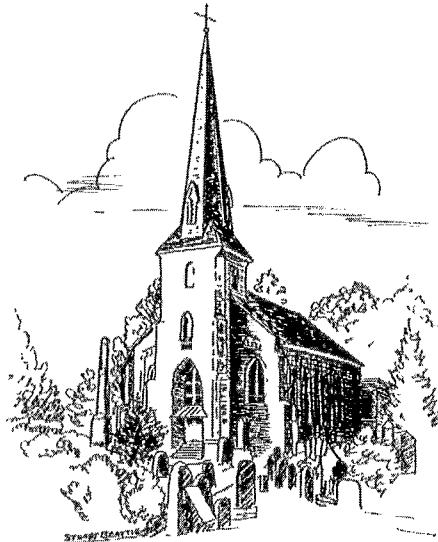


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## December, 2025

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### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

**Sunday** Worship – 10:30 AM

**Wednesday** Women's Bible Study – on Break

### DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

**Tuesday, December 2** – Ladies' Fellowship Christmas Party 6:30 PM

**December 7** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent; Communion; Capitol Brass during Worship

**December 7** – Congregational Election Meeting following Worship; Christmas Luncheon; Craft Sale

**Tuesday, December 9** – Men's Bible Study; Janssen's Café; 8:00 AM

**December 14** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent; Rev. Lovelace Unavailable; Rick Baun Leading Worship;  
Christmas Caroling after Worship

**December 21** – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent; Choir Special Advent Program; Christmas Joy Offering

**Wednesday, December 24** – Candle Lighting Service 5:00 PM; Special Offering

**Thursday, December 25** – CHRISTMAS DAY

**Wednesday, December 31** - Annual Reports Due

## From the Session – November 9, 2025

1. The December Session meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, December 1, 6:30 PM, via Zoom.
2. The Christmas Eve collection will be donated to the Food Bank of Delaware (Approved for Deacons).
3. Rob Brokaw will fill the pulpit on December 14<sup>th</sup>. [*Editor's Note:* Late change: Rick Baun will lead worship on December 14.]

Chandler Brown  
Clerk of Session.

## Decorating for the Christmas Season



On **Thursday, December 4, at 9:30 AM** we will be **decorating the sanctuary** with holiday greens. This is a very important task and involves preparing and placing artificial greens, candles, and other Christmas items throughout the sanctuary. If you can spare an hour or so on Thursday morning, please join us!

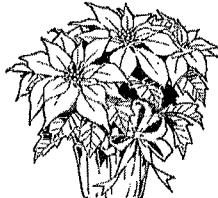
## Men's Bi-Weekly Bible Study

If you are a male Green Hill member or friend, you are welcome to participate in the bi-weekly **Men's Bible Study. The December date is Tuesday, December 9 at 8:00 AM at Janssen's Café. The group will not meet on December 23.** The men will resume Bible Study on January 13, 2026. The topic for study and discussion is the New Testament book of Acts. Meetings consist of time for study of scripture, prayer, and fellowship. If you are interested in joining the group now or in the New Year, please contact Rick Baun so that there is enough room at the Janssen's Café table for you.

## Christmas Eve Offering to Food Bank of Delaware

The Deacons have announced that this year the recipient of the **Special Offering** taken from the attendees at the Christmas Eve Candle Lighting service will be the **Food Bank of Delaware**. Over 100,000 people in Delaware are facing hunger, many of them children. Food Bank of Delaware is one of the statewide non-profits which addresses food insecurity. The Food Bank of Delaware was founded in 1981 and has two locations, one in Newark and one in Milford to serve Kent and Sussex Counties.

## Last Chance for Poinsettias



**Orders for Christmas Eve poinsettias are due by Sunday, December 7.** Price is **\$25.00**, the same as last year. Poinsettias are available in red and white. There are order forms and a basket on the back table in the sanctuary. You may take your poinsettia following the Christmas Eve worship service.

## **“Priming the Pump”**



Where I grew up – in rural South Jersey – there was a pump like this one in our backyard. It was mounted on a pipe, which – having been driven deep into the ground, down to the water level – would pump water up for beneficial use.

But, this kind of pump had a leather component that had to be moistened – to ensure flexibility – before the pump could be operated. This essential step was called “priming.”

[Google the ballad “Desert Pete,” by the Kingston Trio.]

Now – you may be asking – what might the operation of this primitive pump have to do with the Season of Advent?

Well, Advent is a season of waiting, and preparation. There is also some patience required – just as in preparing the pitcher pump, so that life-sustaining water may be retrieved. Indeed, even the recent Thanksgiving Day has had value in preparing us to appreciate the greatest gift ever received: Emmanuel, God with Us!

Hence, we “prime the pump” for the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child – using Advent Calendars, lighting Advent Candles during worship, and preparing to give gifts to others. But – the fact is – our gift-giving is merely a limited, temporal imitation of the eternal gift of Jesus Christ!

The heart of the matter – then – is considering how we may “prime the pump” for others; that is, how to prepare the way of Lord for them. That was the role of John the Baptist in Jesus’ day, and it is our role in our own day and time.

Phillips Brooks put it this way – in the beloved carol, “O Little Town of Bethlehem” – “O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.”

The greatest gift that we can give – this season, or at any time during the year – is to “prime the pump,” so that a relationship with Jesus Christ can be “born” in others!

May the great, eternal love of God in Jesus Christ flow through us – into both those we love, and those who no one loves – and thereby “prime the pump” for them to share in the joy of God’s eternal realm!

*Pastor Dave*

## ***Sing Praises to God (Psalm 146)***

Psalm 146:1-2 “*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!*  
*I will praise the Lord all my life.*  
*I will sing praises to my God all my life long.”*

This psalm is part of the lectionary for Sunday, December 14, and is a powerful expression of the hope and trust that we need to place in God; making it particularly relevant during the Advent season as it anticipates the coming of Christ. The first line of the psalm reminds me of the opening of Mary’s Song; Luke 1:26-47: “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.”

The last five psalms of the Psalter (#146 – #150) are known as Hallel psalms. This is because they begin with the Hebrew word, Hallel, from which we get “*Hallelujah*”, or “*Praise the Lord*”. Psalm 146 is the first of these five psalms. The psalm implores the reader not to put trust in men, verse 4 “***Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.***” but rather to praise God, who is forever faithful.

This psalm is a petition to those whose help and hope is in the Lord, and also a call for them to minister to the needy verses 7-10. During this Advent season consider what the Lord would have you do for the oppressed, the hungry, those in prison, the disabled, the discouraged, and the foreigner. Perhaps this is the season God is calling you to be His specific tool to uphold their cause and lift them up.

The psalmist states that those who put their trust in God are blessed; verse 5; “***Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.***”

Verses 6 - 9 list some of the reasons to sing praises to God:

*He made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;*  
*He remains forever faithful; He upholds the cause of the oppressed;*  
*He gives food to the hungry; He sets the prisoners free;*  
*He opens the eyes of the blind; He lifts up those who are bowed down;*  
*He loves the righteous; He watches over the sojourners;*  
*He cares for the orphan and widow.*

The psalm concludes (verse 10) with one last reason - and a final “*Halleluia*”; “***The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!***”

This psalm reminds me of the Bach harmonized hymn “*Sleepers, Wake!*” *A Voice Astounds Us*”.

“*Psalms: Interpretation*” by James L. Mays published by John Knox Press  
Biblical Ref. *New International Version (NIV)*

*Bruce Fine*  
Music Director

## Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service



The Christmas Eve candle lighting service will **begin at 5:00 PM** this year. Please note the time change. We will return to our practice of using real, wax candles for the candle lighting portion of the service. The battery-operated units served their purpose for five years. It is now time to return to the special feeling we all have when we use the real candles for our candle lighting during the final portion of the worship service. We look forward to welcoming you back to the Green Hill Christmas Eve service in 2025.

## Craft Group Reports Nut Proceeds

The Craft Group is pleased to report net proceeds of **\$460.00** from the annual **bagged nut sale**. Our new fundraising vendor this year, Durham-Ellis Pecans of Comanche, Texas, has exceeded expectations with their nut offerings. We sold 72 bags of nuts. This hefty total recognizes personal nut sales as well as nuts purchased to donate to the Deacons' Nuts for Troops project. Chairperson, Evelyn Williams, reports that this year generous Green Hill purchasers donated **15 bags** of nuts to Air National Guard troops deployed overseas. Our friend, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Susannah Tulloch, has supplied an active-duty military address for us to send the nuts.



Craft Group net proceeds from craft sales and nut sales have been used most recently to fund important Green Hill projects such as the new Zoom and sound equipment in the sanctuary and permanent WiFi installations in the sanctuary and in Fellowship Hall.

## Advent Candle Lighting 2025

In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter's season and to pray for the return of the light. The church has claimed that practice in the lighting of the Advent wreath. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that Great Day, we watch and wait for Christ's light shining in the darkness, lighting candles of hope, peace, joy, and love; and remembering the promises of God with prayer.



Advent Candle Lighters in 2025 will be:

- November 30: Evelyn Williams
- December 7: Amy & Rick Baun
- December 14: Laurie Collender and JoAnna Ventresca
- December 21: Denise Snyder

## Women's Christmas Party – Tuesday, December 2

The Green Hill Women's Christmas Party will be in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, December 2 at 6:30 PM.



## Christmas Joy Special Offering



At our worship service on **Sunday, December 21**, Green Hill Church will participate with other Presbyterian Churches to collect the **Christmas Joy Special Offering**. For more than 80 years, this offering has been collected. It is shared equally by the *Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions*, which provides much-needed assistance to Presbyterian Church (USA) church workers and their families, and *Presbyterian-affiliated racial ethnic schools and colleges*, which enable students to develop their gifts and find their calling. Special envelopes will be available on the back table in the Sanctuary beginning on December 15.

## Annual Election and Christmas Luncheon Are December 7

The Green Hill Christmas Luncheon will be held immediately following the **annual Congregational Election Meeting on Sunday, December 7**. Fellowship Committee will be supplying meatballs and rolls this year. The sides, salads, and desserts come from attendees. A sign-up sheet, with a spot to indicate what food item you will bring, is located on the back table in the sanctuary. If you plan to attend, please sign up! This will be a very festive time at Green Hill, held early in the season to kick off your Christmas activities. There will also be a Craft Sale!! Please plan to sign up and join us on December 7!

## UrbanPromise Wilmington Banquet Recap

The annual UrbanPromise Wilmington fundraising banquet was held on Thursday, October 30, at the Chase Center on the Riverfront in Wilmington, Delaware, this year. UrbanPromise Wilmington welcomed over 600 guests representing many different churches and businesses. 25



Streetleaders, teenagers who are part of UrbanPromise's job training program, and UrbanPromise Academy students from our high school assisted at the event and engaged with guests during dinner. The Banquet program included powerful testimonies from current and former StreetLeaders, including teens who traveled to Honduras in August, and the keynote speaker, Giovanni Paredes, pictured, who graduated from the UrbanPromise Academy as a StreetLeader. About 60 youth representing all of the program areas took part in a joy-filled dance presentation. More than \$150,000 was raised. Overall, God was honored and glorified.

*UrbanPromise Wilmington is one of our local supported missions.*

## Special Music during December

The second Sunday of Advent has traditionally been one filled with Christmas carols played by the musicians of **Capitol Brass**. We are looking forward to their annual Christmas-time visit. Instrumentalists this year are Patrick Hoffman, trumpet; William Gregory, trumpet; Sara Hoffman, horn; Frank Gazda, trombone; and Jaden Adkins, tuba. Please plan to attend this festive musical worship service on **Sunday, December 7**.

On **Sunday, December 21**, the choir will present its annual choral advent performance, entitled ***The Dawn is Near***.



Music Director, Bruce Fine, writes: Advent invites us to stand in the deep blue stillness before sunrise, listening for the first rustle of God's coming. In a world weary with conflict, fear, and unmet longing, Scripture reminds us that the night is not forever—light is already pressing at the horizon. Isaiah's visions of swords beaten into plowshares and deserts bursting into bloom assure us that God's future is breaking into our present. The gospel calls us to wake from our sleep, to live alert and hopeful, ready for Christ's arrival in unexpected places. "The dawn is near" becomes both promise and invitation: a promise that God's radiant mercy is on the way, and an invitation to orient our lives toward that growing light even while the world still lies in shadow.

Please join us for this special choir event on December 21!

## Women's Bible Study News

The Green Hill Women's Bible Study filled three shoe boxes for the **Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child** program. Since 1993, Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse ministry has delivered these shoe boxes filled with Christmas presents along with a Gospel message to more than 209 million children in more than 170 countries and territories throughout the world. Women's Bible Study selected the category "Girl Age 5-9" as the recipients of their three shoe boxes. Members of the group bought "wow" items, toys, personal care items, school supplies, and accessories to stuff the boxes. Within a few weeks we will be able to access information naming the specific countries where our shoe boxes were delivered. Two individual women each filled a shoe box so our total delivery to the drop-off location at Faith Baptist Church on Limestone Road on November 17 was five boxes!

The women filled their shoe boxes after the Women's Bible Study session on November 12. The group is now on Thanksgiving/Christmas break and will resume on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 5:00 PM. We will continue our study of the Old Testament book of Daniel, including the books of Susanna and Bel and the Dragon from the Apocrypha. These books are Chapters 13 and 14 of Daniel. New members are always welcome **in-person or via Zoom**.

## December 2025 Hymn-of-the-Month

### *“Sleepers, Wake!”*

This hymn, (*Wachet Auf*), is known as the “King of Chorales”. It was written by **Philipp Nicolai** (1596-1598). Niccolai was born in Mengeringhausen, Germany and educated at the universities of Erfurt and Wittenburg. He held several pastorates during his life and was a controversial preacher best remembered for his opposition to both Roman Catholic and Calvinist views of the Lord’s Supper. The hymn’s text is based on the parable of the “wise and foolish bridesmaids” in Matthew 25:1-13.

The harmonization is by **Johann Sebastian Bach** (1685-1750) who arranged it for his Cantata 140. Bach received his musical education from his father and his elder brother. By the age of 18 he was an accomplished organist, violinist, and composer. Bach was the greatest organist of his day and his genius as a crafter of music has never been surpassed.

The English translation is by **Carl P. Daw, Jr.** for *The Hymnal 1982* of the Episcopal Church. Daw was born in Louisville, Kentucky in 1944 and served many years as the vicar-chaplain at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church at the University of Connecticut. He has written over thirty hymn texts. He is recognized for contributing meaningful paraphrases of the Psalms.

The hymn is especially relevant during Advent, with its theme of hope and expectation.

*“Sleepers, Wake!” A voice astounds us.  
The shout of rampart guards surrounds us: “Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”  
Midnight’s peace their cry has broken, their urgent summons clearly spoken:  
“The time has come, O maiden wise! Rise up, and give us light:  
The bridegroom is in sight, Alleluia!  
Your lamps prepare and hasten there; that you the wedding feast may share.”*

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*Zion hears the watchmen singing; her heart with joyful hope is springing.  
She wakes and hurries through the night,  
Forth He comes, her Bridegroom glorious in strength of grace, in truth victorious.  
Her star is risen, her light grows bright.  
Now come, most worthy Lord, God’s son, Incarnate Word. Alleluia!  
We follow all and head your call to come into the banquet hall*

*Lamb of God, the heavens adore you: let saints and angels sing before you;  
As harps and cymbals swell the sound,  
Twelve great pearls, the city’s portals through them we stream to join the immortals  
As we with joy - your throne surround.  
No eye has known the sight, No ear heard such delight: Alleluia!  
Therefore we sing to greet our King; forever let our praises ring.*

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*Presbyterian Hymnal* (1990) Hymn #17  
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*Bruce Fine*

# Signs of Serving

## from the Green Hill Deacons



### October Clothing Drive

The members and friends of Green Hill responded this year with their generous donations to the Deacons' Fall Clothing Drive. We delivered **31 bags of clothing and shoes and one bag of stuffed toys** to the **Sunday Breakfast Mission's** **thrift center, *Urban Vintage*, 500 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Wilmington, Delaware.** Thank you so much for your compassionate giving and "thank you" to Deacon event chair, Caroline Beard, who delivered bags along with Evelyn Williams.

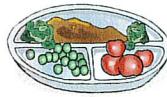
### Thank You for your Generous Donations to the Food Drive

The Deacons thank you for the **four big bags of mixed groceries, one 12-can case of canned vegetables + \$245.00 cash** donated to the **Great Thanksgiving Food Drive for Sunday Breakfast Mission.** SBM prepared 1800 Thanksgiving 50 lb. food boxes from donated food items. Most of the boxes were distributed on November 24 and 25. Volunteers give away the food boxes along with a Gospel message to needy families who sign up. SBM will serve 700-1000 hot meals on Thanksgiving Day at the Mission. *Throughout the year we accept non-perishable food items for the Sunday Breakfast Mission and EDR into the bin in the back of the sanctuary.*

### EDR & Meals on Wheels (MOW)

Thank you to all who participated in the preparation of the meal for **EDR** on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. They included: **Ellen Grubbs, Gail Heath, Dan Dugan, and Kathy Dugan.**

We appreciate the work of our **MOW** delivery volunteers for November as well: **Evelyn Williams, Maya Hirs, Jen Galvin, Gail Heath, and Kathy & Dan Dugan.**



### Adopt-A-Child Program

Ministry of Caring collected only cash this year for Adopt-A-Child. Green Hill members and friends contributed **\$660.00** which provides presents for **seven** children. Thank you for your love and generosity which brings joy to children during this Christmas season.

### Christmas Caroling

**Christmas Caroling will be in-person and via Zoom this year.**

Our Zoom caroling will follow the worship service on **December 14**; as soon as we can get set up. If you are not already receiving Zoom invitations from us, please phone Diane at the office to be added to this list for the Christmas Caroling Zoom. We also record the Christmas caroling and will send you a link for later viewing. As for the in-person caroling, this event will be on December 14, immediately following our Zoom caroling. If you are interested in participating in the caroling, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary or phone Diane at the church office. It will be a fun time of Christmas fellowship!



### For The Troops

Thank you to everyone who donated **nuts** for the **deployed airmen and women who are serving overseas.** We collected **15 bags!** We also sent a card with our church e-mail address to encourage photos from the recipients. I know that the gift of these nuts will make their holidays a little bit more cheerful and happy. We send a special "thank you" to Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Susannah Tulloch, who provided the military address, to Evelyn Williams, nut sale chair, and to Deacon Gail Heath, who prepared and shipped the overseas packages.

## *Mission & Prayer Page*

### **Delmarva Adult & Teen Challenge Message**

#### **The Six-Letter Word**

**By Bob Carey, Chief Executive Officer, Delmarva Adult & Teen Challenge**

In the account of the healing of the ten lepers, Jesus lamented that only one came back to express appreciation (Luke 17:11-19). Although the main point of this story is not to point out some rejected return-rate of gratefulness offered by the average person it does however challenge us to examine how faithful we've been in saying the six-letter word – **T-H-A-N-K-S**.

As we read about the exodus of the children of Israel in the Old Testament, we discover that one of the first and most prevalent sins they committed was that of murmuring and complaining (see Numbers 11:1). In most instances, the judgment of God was revealed as the people were either destroyed, detained, or afflicted with disease.

The Apostle Paul provides his own discussion on the matter in Romans. He contends that ingratitude is one of the vices that begins the cycle of regression leading to reprobation. “For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened” (1:21).

It is true that we have one day this month marked as a national holiday of Thanksgiving; but, let us seriously consider how we may celebrate this occasion from day to day. Below are three things we can do of gratitude:

#### **DECIDE to say t-h-a-n-k-s**

A spirit of thanksgiving starts as an act of volition. “I will bless the Lord at all times” (Psalms 34:1). If we wait until our feelings move us to say thanks, we may never open our mouths. Choose someone each day to whom you can say some simple words of thanks. Don’t wait until you are in the mood.

#### **DISCOVER the good**

Too often we focus on the flaws and mistakes. We want an A+ report, a perfect performance, and an immaculate room. Unfortunately, we quench our joy in the process. We live in a fallen world. Let us take the good with the bad and rejoice in the good. A few months ago, my 95-year-old friend who can barely walk exclaimed, “My feet feel like two-by-fours, but at least they’re still hanging.”

#### **DETERMINE if your expectations are realistic**

When we begin to compare our lot with others, we can become quite disgruntled. We see what they have and then what we do not, and we feel cheated. Where we were once content, we are now unhappy and ungrateful. Perhaps for some, with a touch of gratitude, we would realize that we are truly blessed by the grace of God.

*Delmarva Adult & Teen Challenge is one of Green Hill’s local supported ministries.*

### **December Prayer Emphasis**

A Sign from the Lord

<sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14 NIV

## December 2025 Schedule of Volunteers

**Head Usher** Mark Collender

**Deacon of the Month** Jen Galvin

### **Worship Assistants**

December 7 - JoAnna Ventresca  
December 14 - John Stevens  
December 21 - Laurie Collender  
December 24 - Rob Brokaw  
December 28 - Evelyn Williams

### **Greeters**

December 7 - Evelyn Williams  
December 14 - Evelyn Williams  
December 21 - Gail Heath  
December 24 - Amy Baun  
December 28 - Kathy Dugan

**Refreshments** Gail Heath  
December 7 - Christmas Luncheon

### **Chancel Flowers**

December 7 - Miriam & John Stevens  
December 14 - Jane & Chick Reed  
December 21 - Evelyn Williams  
December 24 - Evelyn Williams  
December 28 - Kathy & Dan Dugan

### **Advent Candle Lighters**

November 30 - Evelyn Williams  
December 7 - Amy and Rick Baun  
December 14 - Laurie Collender and JoAnna Ventresca  
December 21 - Denise Snyder

### **Ushers for Christmas Eve**

Mark Collender, Dan Dugan, John Stevens, Evelyn Williams

### **Communion Servers**

December 7 - JoAnna Ventresca; Rick Baun  
Intinction and Pre-packaged Communion

### **Kids Activity Bags**

Kids Activity Bags Available in the File Room

### **Meals On Wheels**

December 15 - Allison Brokaw and Evelyn Williams  
December 16 - Maya Hirs  
December 17 - Jen Galvin and Gail Heath  
December 18 - Kathy Dugan and Evelyn Williams  
December 19 - Kathy Dugan and John Hartman

### **Emmanuel Dining Room – Cook Only**

Friday, December 19

Cooks – Allison Brokaw  
Gail Heath  
Kitchen Help – Dan Dugan  
Celery – Allison Brokaw

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### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

1	Mark Collender	15	Nancy Wolf
2	Rob Poppiti	20	Roman Cincilla
8	Megan Mahle	22	Melanie Venet
9	Agnes Brown (105 in 2025)	26	Don Hirs
11	Palin Poppiti	27	Charles Murphy
13	Andrew Baun	30	Kate Maxwell
		31	Miriam Stevens

### **DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

None

December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	
5:00 PM AA Mtg. 6:30 PM Session Mtg. via Zoom 7:00 PM Al-Anon Mtg.	11:00 AM Handbells Rehearsal 4:00 PM NC Presbytery Mtg. via Zoom 6:30 PM Ladies' Christmas Party	7:00 PM AA Mtg.	9:30 AM Sanctuary Christmas Decorating	6:30 PM AA Mtg.		
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