

Pinelands United Methodist Church

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

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2nd Sunday of Advent December 5, 2021
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Prelude

❖ Hymn #230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Time of Greeting and Announcements

❖ **Call to Worship**

LEADER: Look to the east.

PEOPLE: Light is dawning this day.

LEADER: Look to the west.

PEOPLE: Prepare for the journey ahead.

LEADER: Look to the north.

PEOPLE: God is guiding our steps.

LEADER: Look to the south.

PEOPLE: God is shining the warmth of love in our lives.

LEADER: Look to the heavens.

PEOPLE: Christ is coming soon.

2nd Sunday of Advent Lighting of the Advent Candle

❖ Hymn #211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
1st verse sung after lighting of the advent candle



Opening Prayer

Blessed One, bless us this day with your compassion and your love. Prepare our hearts to receive your Word. Prepare our lives for the changes you are bringing. Shine upon us with the fiery truth of your Spirit - - to purify and refine us, and to guide our steps, as we seek to walk your path of peace. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading Malachi 3:1-4

2nd Scripture Reading Philippians 1:3-11

❖ Gospel Reading Luke 3:1-6

Sermon

Holy Communion

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The Lord's Prayer #895

Joys and Prayers of the People of God

❖ Benediction

❖ Hymn #220 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

God bless you and not let you out of his sight.

God keep and protect you both day and night.

Let love, understanding be yours evermore.

God's love be with you forever more.





THIS WEEK:

Today: Worship @ Batsto - 9:00 am - NO LIVE TODAY
: Sunday School @ Batsto - 9:00 am
: Worship @ Green Bank - 10:30 am
: Bible Study @ Batsto - Noon

AT A GLANCE:

November 12 - December 12: Gift Drive
December 11 - Hammonton Christmas Parade - 7pm
December 12 - State Park Police Toy Delivery - 8:00 am
December 12 - 3rd Sunday of Advent
December 19 - 4th Sunday of Advent
December 24 - Christmas Eve Service - Batsto - 5pm
December 24 - Christmas Eve Service - Green Bank - 7pm
December 24 - Christmas Eve Service - Nesco - 11pm

POP-UP VACCINES AT TOWN HALL

There will be a pop-up Covid-19 vaccine clinic at Mullica Township Courthouse on Monday, December 6th. Walk-ins welcome. No appointment needed. Sponsored by NJ Government. Children & adults 12+ years.



CHURCH NEWS

Reminder: Pinelands UMC must follow CDC guidelines in regards to Covid-19. We will follow new guidance as it is received.

PINELANDS UMC CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE

From now until December 12th we will be collecting new or very gently used gifts for local children and teens in our community. Please take a tag or two from our Angel tree or just bring in a variety of items that we can use for gifts. Please consider pre-teens and teens while shopping.



CHRISTMAS EVE - CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



Please join us on December 24 for Christmas Eve Service. Bring your whole family and invite your neighbors as we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. To think on this night in Bethlehem a baby would be born; a baby that would change everything! Pinelands

UMC will be offering three worship times: Batsto Church @ 5:00 pm, Green Bank Church @ 7:00 pm and Nesco Church @ 11:00 pm. Plan to come to one or all!

PRAYER REQUESTS

**Pastor Dave Carber
Frances Erwood
Barbara Kurowski
Mike Lister
Wilma Brown
Linda Hirst
Walter Wood
Margie Cochran
Duffy Colton
Barbara Pirtle
Sean Plasket
Bonnie Hakes
George Phy
Jen Allebach
Kathy Simpkins
McCartney Family
Leah Cirillo & Family
Marge Clifton
Meryl Evangelisti
Barbara Ford
Glenn Ford
Chris Green
Nancy Castrenze
Our President & Military**



WINTER CARRIAGE RIDES AT BATSTO VILLAGE

The South Jersey Carriage Company will be providing carriage rides at Batsto Historic Village: December 5th - Winter at Batsto event, and December 19th. With two carriages on site, rides will start from the Horse Barn near the Blacksmiths Shop, travel around the Mansion, proceed down the road and over the bridge through the lower village and back to the Horse Barn. There is a charge of \$10.00/ person. There are no advance ticket sales. Rides are from 11AM – 3PM. Rides are purchased the day of the rides at the Horse Barn. These are fun rides reminiscent of days gone by at Batsto Village! Come and enjoy!



IT'S NOT WHAT'S
UNDER THE
CHRISTMAS
TREE THAT
MATTERS
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- charlie brown