

# Pinelands United Methodist Church

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

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Prelude

❖ Hymn ..... #196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Time of Greeting and Announcements

❖ **Call to Worship**

*LEADER: Surely God is in our midst.*

**PEOPLE: God is our strength and our shield.**

*LEADER: Christ is with us now.*

**PEOPLE: Rejoice and give thanks for this gift!**

3rd 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

Gather us in, Emmanuel, as we come to worship and rejoice together. Be with us now, as you have always been with us. Prepare our hearts to receive your presence, and prepare our lives to produce the fruit of your justice and righteousness. Gather us in, Emmanuel, that we might be strengthened to go forth as your beloved children. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading ..... Zephaniah 3:14-20

2nd Scripture Reading ..... Philippians 4:4-7

❖ Gospel Reading ..... Luke 3:7-18

Sermon

Joys and Prayers of the People of God

❖ Benediction

❖ Hymn ..... #240 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

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 16: Gift Drive  
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



# 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 19th 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**

**The Family of George Phy  
Jen Allebach  
Kathy Simpkins  
McCartney Family  
Leah Cirillo & Family  
Marge Clifton  
Meryl Evangelisti  
Barbara Ford  
Glenn Ford  
Chris Green  
Nancy Castrenze  
The Family of Lily Malick  
Our President & Military**



## WINTER CARRIAGE RIDES AT BATSTO VILLAGE

The South Jersey Carriage Company will be providing carriage rides at Batsto Historic 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!



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UNDER THE  
CHRISTMAS  
TREE THAT  
MATTERS  
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- charlie brown