



Pinelands United Methodist Church

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

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2nd Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

Theme: Advent

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

❖ Call to Worship

Leader: Let's deck the halls with the peace of the coming Savior!

People: There is comfort here for all.

Leader: In this season that can be stressful

People: We praise the Prince of Peace.

Leader: God has prepared a way for us.

People: Let's deck the halls with peace!

❖ Gathering Hymn

#206 "I Want to Walk as A Child of Light"

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, slow us down amid this season's chaos. Slow us down to witness your beauty in the littlest details. Slow us down to understand what you are calling us to do. Slow us down so we can appreciate your hand at work. Slow us down and grant us peace. Amen.



Candle Lighting

Last week we lit the candle of hope, a reminder to trust in the spaces and places of uncertainty.

Light the first candle.

Today we light the candle of **PEACE**, inviting God to still us and help us witness the dream of **PEACE** that God has for us all.

Light one purple/blue candle.

May we remember to trust in the Prince of Peace. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

Isiah 26:7-13

❖ Hymn of Preparation #204 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"
(Sing Twice)

2nd Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:3-11

Sermon

Deck the Halls With Peace

❖ Hymn of Reflection

#236 "While Shepherds Watch Their Sheep by Night"

Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving page 13

The Lord's Prayer #895

Joys and Concerns of the People of God

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

❖ Doxology #95

❖ Closing Hymn #249 "There's a Song in the Air"

❖ Benediction

God bless you and not let you out of his sight.
God keep and protect you by day and by night.
Let love, understanding be yours evermore.
God's grace be with you forever more.



KEEP THEM IN PRAYER

Kathy Simpkins
 Barbara Kurowski
 Linda Hirst
 Linda Green
 Dave Dixon
 Marge Clifton
 Tom Rheault
 Anna Walker
 Denny & Joy O'Shaughnessy
 Jerry
 Sandra Allebach
 Brian Plasket
 Robin Green
 Paul Cowan
 Stephen Lister
 Ciara McCarthy Burke
 Kaitlin DeLucca (US Air Force)
 Tiernan James (US Coast Guard)
 Max Lister (US Army)

Frances Ernwood
 Wilma Brown
 Mary Jo Sheridan
 Sean Plasket
 McCartney Family
 Barbara Ford
 Margie Cochran
 David & Emily Elkin
 Denise
 Larry Acker
 Evelyn Roland
 John Allebach Sr
 Nicholas Cellini
 Deneen Wyld
 Melodee Ashby
 Courtney Warner
 Billy Cheatham (US Marines)
 Riley James (US Marines)
 Robert S.
 Little Jack



CHURCH NEWS

DECEMBER 10, 2023

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR ADVENT EVENTS

- Dec 10 ~ Deck the Halls with **PEACE** ~ Batsto 9 / GB 10:30 a
- Dec 13 ~ Dinner & Study ~ Atco UMC ~ 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- Dec 17 ~ Deck the Halls with **JOY** ~ Batsto 9 / GB 10:30 am
- Dec 20 ~ Dinner & Study ~ Atco UMC ~ 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- Dec 24 ~ Deck the Halls with **LOVE** ~ *One Service* Batsto 10:00 am
- Dec 24 ~ Deck the Halls for Christ ~ *Christmas Eve Candlelight*
 - 5:00 pm ~ Batsto
 - 7:00 pm ~ Green Bank
 - 11:00 pm ~ Nesco
- Dec 31 ~ Deck the Halls for a Promise Fulfilled ~ Batsto 9 / GB 10:30 am

PINELANDS UMC ROAD CLEAN UP

We will be having a road clean up next Sunday, December 17th. Plan to join us! We will gather in the Nesco Church parking lot at 10:30 am. Invite friends to join us. We can make a difference together!



FISHING CLUB MEETS

The fishing club meets on January 3rd (the first Wednesday of every month) at the Bridel House. All are welcome to join; invite a friend to attend.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

SANTA'S WORKSHOP OPENS TODAY

Calling all Elves... If you are able to volunteer an hour or two today after church to help sort toys we will begin at 10:30am. Have any time this week? We will gather each evening at 6:00 pm in Batsto Church to fill "wishes" of the local community children. There are 44 families on our community trees. Those 44 families = 102 children. Please volunteer time if you are able. We will also need help during toy distribution to families planned for either Thursday or Friday. It has not been determined yet.

TOY / GIFT DONATIONS

Bring gift and toy donations to church with you on Sundays. Questions about donations call **Liz Rabush 609-412-5918**. Tags may also be picked up at Mullica Township School District. The toy and gift donation has been extended to December 17th. We also accept gifts for teens year round, especially toiletries for our "Middle School" Closet at Mullica School.



Behold!

Advent Dinner and Study

Come join us for a joint dinner, Bible Study, and a time of Worship for the season where we wait for the of the birth of Christ the King.

Dinner for 6:30-7:30

Worship and Study 7:30-8:30

Please bring a dish to share.

Coffee, Tea, Water, and juice provided.

Family friendly and interactive Worship and Study with

Pastor Danny Clark
Atco UMC
2128 Atco Ave
Atco NJ 08004

Behold Hope!

November 29th

Mexican/ South Western

Behold Peace!

December 6th

Italian

Behold Joy!


December 13th

German

Behold Love!

December 20th

Casserole



**CHRISTIAN CHURCHES OF
ATCO PRESENT
A BLUE CHRISTMAS
SERVICE**

For many of us this time of year is hard, so we are offering a time of prayer and Worship to help center us on the real meaning of Christmas and a chance to remember the Empty Chairs we all can experience this time of year.

Thursday December 14th 2023
7pm
Atco UMC
2128 Atco Ave
08004

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS...

Pinelands United Methodist Church
Advent Invitation

HOME OF THE HISTORIC BATSTO CHURCH,
NESCO CHURCH & GREEN BANK CHURCH

SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER ~ WORSHIP

BATSTO 9:00 AM / GREEN BANK 10:30 AM

NOV 26 ~ THE WAITING WORLD

DEC 3 ~ DECK THE HALLS WITH HOPE (COMMUNION)

DEC 10 ~ DECK THE HALLS WITH PEACE

DEC 17 ~ DECK THE HALLS WITH JOY

DEC 24 ~ DECK THE HALLS WITH LOVE ~ MORNING ~ BATSTO ~ 10:00 AM

DEC 24 ~ CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE ~ CANDLELIGHT ~ BATSTO ~ 5PM

DEC 24 ~ CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE ~ CANDLELIGHT ~ GREEN BANK 7PM

DEC 24 ~ CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE ~ CANDLELIGHT ~ NESCO ~ 11PM

COMMUNION OPPORTUNITY

DEC 25 ~ HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!

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You're Invited

CHRISTMAS

OPEN HOUSE ~ DEC 17

PASTOR DANNY & PASTOR ROBYN

PINELANDS UMC PARSONAGE ~ 5213 PLEASANT MILLS ROAD, HAMMONTON
DINNER & FELLOWSHIP ~ ALL ARE WELCOME
3:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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