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Warner Sallman (April 30, 1892 – May 25, 1968) was an American painter from Chicago whose illustrations, particularly *Head of Christ* (1940) has essentially fixed in most people's minds what Jesus must

have looked like; chiseled European facial features, swarthy complexion, capacious robe, long hair, etc. Of course Jesus, a first century Palestinian Jew, would not have had chiseled European features nor would he have had long hair (Paul criticized men wearing their hair long calling it a disgrace in 1 Cor. 11:14). But the image captures us none the less.

Another illustration by Sallman often found in church basements is entitled, *Christ at Heart's Door*. The image is that of Sallman's Jesus knocking on a door the frame which joins with a neighboring arch to form a heart. I have heard more than one sermon on this picture pointing out that there is no visible exterior doorknob signaling that the Jesus cannot open the door of our hearts because they must be opened from within. (You could also argue that his sleeve is simply covering the knob).

While I have reservations about Sallman's depiction of Jesus I have to admit I've always liked this picture. Jesus about to lightly tap on the clearly very solid oaken door seeking entrance to the

stony abode seems about right as a depiction of the hearts of most of us. I cannot help but wonder if the light tap the illustration shows would make any discernable sound inside so solid a fortress. The theological possibilities seem endless.

But for me the picture is incomplete if interpreted as Jesus only seeking entrance into our hearts. Jesus also comes to us in the guise of the strangers (swarthy or otherwise) who come into our presence and search out our hospitality (Matt 25:31ff). For this reason the picture represents for some Jesus wanting to come in, for others Jesus bidding us to come out and for still others, both.

There is not much about the middle ages that I would like to see reintroduced into modern times. These years were largely marked by brutality, oppression and fear. Yet somehow in the midst of this a tradition developed which might merit reconsideration.

In medieval times it was believed that on Christmas Eve the Christ child wandered throughout the world, looking for places where he would be welcomed. Everyone hoped Jesus would visit their homes ... it was a leveling belief ... lords in manors and serfs in hovels all hoped Jesus might find his way to their door. To demonstrate the desire to receive him lighted candles were placed in windows, a sign of welcoming.

No one, of course, knew for sure in what guise the Christ child might appear. They did not expect the Christ child would come looking like his pictures in church. Rather, they expected him to come in the humble form of someone in need.

If the Christ child's coming was to be consistent with the accounts of his birth he would certainly visit as one destitute and needy. The holy family were homeless travelers in Luke (Lk 2:7) and political asylum seeking refugees in Matthew (Matt 2:13-15). If the Christ child would make a contemporary visit (which Jesus described in Matthew 25:31ff) it would make sense to look for him in one of these forms.

Mostly medieval persons expected the Christ child would come dressed in the rags of a beggar or likely an orphaned child, though he might also appear incognito in the form of the disabled, the crippled and the blind who were put out to roam the streets in medieval cities. (The Life of St. Edward the Confessor describes such a man in detail: *The leg was pulled up against the thigh, and the knees were twisted around, all the body below the waist moving uncontrollably. Apparently the man dragged along the ground with two little hand crutches. A similar poor soul placed himself inside a basin and dragged himself from door to door.*)

So it became customary for devout Christians to welcome into their homes all who knocked at their doors on Christmas Eve. To turn any away may have meant the rejection of the Christ child, who had come in an unfamiliar garb.

We are not so likely to have the poor and needy come to our doors for help as in medieval times. But it would be appropriate, especially in the Advent season, to consider how we might imagine the Christ child wandering along our streets, or maybe even our borderlands, looking for a place of safety and shelter. This is sturdy theology since Jesus repeatedly identified himself with the needy (*And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family - you did it to me. Matthew 25:40*)

If we could cultivate this image in our minds, actively seeking to see Jesus in the needy around us, we would come a great deal closer to apprehending the biblical themes which typify the season of Advent. The candles in the windows of our homes and the lighting of the Advent-wreath candles in our church symbolize to all that Christ is welcomed in all the forms with which he has chosen to be identified. And perhaps especially those forms we find most challenging!

Let the refrain of the hymn be our watchword for our Advent season: *O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, There is room in my heart for Thee.*

--Pastor Frey

### Adult Study

Adult Study in December -- Monday December 17<sup>th</sup> we will talk about the winter solstice and its relation to and impact on the Christian celebrations of Advent and Christmas. Dinner is at 6:00 PM and the study begins about 6:30 PM.

### --WORSHIP IN DECEMBER--

December 1	6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion
December 2	8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Holy Communion 9:15 A.M. – Sunday School
December 8	6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion
December 9	8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Worship 9:15 A.M. – Sunday School
December 15	6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion
December 16	8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Holy Communion 9:15 A.M. – Sunday School
December 21	7:00 P.M. – Longest Night (Blue Christmas) <i>A service of healing and hope on the darkest day of the year. This service is especially designed for those needing encouragement at this time of the year.</i>
December 22	6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion
December 23	8:00 – Worship 9:15 A.M. – Sunday School 10:30 A.M. – Worship/SCS Christmas Program
 <u>Holiday Schedule</u>	
December 24	2, 7, & 10:00 P.M. – Christmas Eve Holy Communion/Candlelight Service
December 29	<b>NO SERVICE</b>
December 30	8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Worship 9:15 A.M. – Sunday School

**FROM THE PARISH RECORDS.....**

**Baptism:** 11/4 – **Callie June Kupp**, daughter of Eric & Erika (Killian) Kupp

Contributions to the **Memorial Fund** given in memory of **Gerald**

**Rohrbach** by:

Howard & Connie Hunter

Stauffer & Marie Kutz

JoAnne Merkel

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Brown.

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**Powers** given by Jane Kinder

**THOUGHTS ABOUT THE THIRD ARTICLE OF THE CREED**

Why talk about the third article of the creed and the Holy Spirit at Advent and Christmas time? Well, the Holy Spirit was instrumental in Mary's conceiving Jesus; the Nicene Creed says the Holy Spirit has spoken through the prophets and there are a lot of prophets speaking during Advent; and we call Jesus Immanuel (or Emmanuel), God with us, which we could actually say about the Holy Spirit, too.

With all that said, there is very little we know about the Holy Spirit. We know the Spirit hovered over the waters at creation (Genesis 1:2), descended in bodily form like a dove at Jesus' baptism, and in Mark 1:12 it says the Spirit immediately drove Jesus into the wilderness. (I always

wonder what kind of car the Spirit had.) In John's Gospel (14:16) we read that Jesus promised to send "the Spirit of Truth" to be with his disciples (and us) forever. At Pentecost (Acts 2) the Holy Spirit came in wind and fire to inspire the disciples after Jesus' resurrection enabling them to speak in other languages and spread the gospel to three thousand who believed.

It's hard to teach about the Holy Spirit to young people, even tenth graders, when adults can barely understand what the third person of the Trinity is. The teacher's guide for my curriculum says defining the Holy Spirit is as hard as trying to pin a wave upon the sand. Our lesson on the Holy Spirit likens the Spirit to a source of power in our lives. I think this is a good image since God does empower us to serve God's purposes in the world, in fact we are empowered by God to simply have faith. Martin Luther also helps explain the work of the Holy Spirit. Luther says the Spirit "calls, gathers, enlightens, makes holy (I prefer the old word "sanctifies") the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith." Luther also explains that it is through the Holy Spirit that we are forgiven of our sins, raised from the dead and given eternal life. (Of course, those of you who had to memorize the catechism know this!)

We read in the Gospel of John (3:8) that Jesus says to Nicodemus, "The wind/spirit blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is goes." The Spirit is not tamed but free and restless (see Hymn 396). Though gentle, the Spirit can stir us from placidness, just as the Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness. Have you felt the Spirit move you? Have you been empowered to do something you might not have ordinarily done? We need to notice and talk about God's presence—God's Spirit—at work in our lives.

The names for the Holy Spirit have always fascinated me—paraclete, Greek for Advocate or Counselor (John 14:26,15:26-27) or Helper (GNB translation), Comforter, Lord and Giver of Life (Nicene Creed). Eugene Petersen in his paraphrase of the Bible, *The Message*, calls the Holy Spirit "Friend." What do these names mean to you? Do you seek the Holy Spirit for help or counsel, comfort or breath of life? "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control "(Galatians 5:22-23). St. Paul

adds, "If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit" (5:25). As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, let us open ourselves to the direction of the Holy Spirit, helping us bear fruit we can surely use in the holiday season, and guiding us to do what is good in God's sight.

--Joy Gerhart

**CHRISTMAS EVE PRELUDES.....**

Any person, young or old, who would like to play a prelude on Christmas Eve is invited to do so at the 2:00 service. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for you to give your information. Please sign up on or before December 16.

**BLOOD DRIVE.....**



You can save a life of someone in your community today! Sign up for the **Community Blood Drive** right here at St. Paul's on **Wednesday, December 5 from 3 pm to 7 pm.** Online registration is available at [www.GIVEaPINT.org](http://www.GIVEaPINT.org). Use sponsor code 2050 or contact Rhonda Maloney at 610-213-3085.

**--YTD Giving thru October 2018--**

	<u>Jan- Oct.,2017</u>	<u>Jan-Oct.,2018</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>% chg.</u>
Offerings	\$ 287,494	\$ 292,093	4,599	1.6
Renovation Contr.	71,838	57,750	-14,088	-19.6
Total Giving	\$ 359,332	\$ 349,843	\$ -9,489	-2.6
Mortgage Balance		\$ 99,978.16		

**THANKS TO ALL OUR OLEY FAIR VOLUNTEERS.....** We have received a check in the amount of \$600 from the Oley Valley Community Fair Association for your efforts. We hope to have many enthusiastic volunteers again next year to continue to support this community event.

**CHRISTMAS BASKETS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES IN DANIEL BOONE SCHOOL DISTRICT.....**



We will be assembling 4 food baskets for families in the Daniel Boone School District. The sign-up sheet for items needed will be in the narthex. Donations to purchase hams will be appreciated.

The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone that donated items for the Thanksgiving baskets.

**WE 'RE AGAIN DECORATING WITH POINSETTIAS ON CHRISTMAS EVE...**

Use the form printed below if you would like to order a poinsettia. Orders must be placed early to ensure availability. **Try to place your order by Sunday, December 9, but final deadline to order is Sunday, Dec. 16.**

The plants may be taken with you following the 10:00 P.M. Christmas Eve service.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Please order \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettias (5 blooms +) at \$8.75 per plant.

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Information for the bulletin: Given to the Glory of God:

\_\_\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ As a gift by \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_



**Sunday School Christmas Program Dec. 23 -- "Let All Creation Sing!"**



Christmas Program

This year the Sunday school will present "Let All Creation sing" at the 10:30 am worship service on Dec. 23. As a follow-up to the theme of creation on Rally Day, the play will show how all creation rejoiced at the birth of Jesus. You may even be asked to sing a fairly familiar hymn/carol ("Joy to the World") with slightly different words. Children and youth will be rehearsing on Sunday, Dec. 9, 16 and 23 from 9:15 – 10:15 am before the big program. Please be sure your children come to class if they want to be in the program and be sure to come on December 23 to see the children join in rejoicing at the birth of Christ.

**YOUTH EVENTS.....**

**SPLAT Christmas Party—Dec. 9**

Is it really that time again? Yes, and it promises to be really fun! Food, gifts and baking...what could be better? All SPLAT participants are invited to bring a dish (of food) to share for lunch, a gift worth \$10 that could be enjoyed by a girl or boy, and possibly some cookie dough. We are going to make cut-out cookies. Friends are welcome, but be sure they bring a gift too! Sign-up on the board outside Joy's office or call Joy Gerhart or Cindy Matosky to let us know you are coming.

**SPYY and Family Christmas Caroling at Amity Place, Dec. 7**

We are hoping for clear weather this year to aid us in singing with the residents at Amity Place on Friday December 7 at 6:00 pm. Some of you may remember the wonderful time we had indoors with the Amity Place folks while a storm was raging outside! Celebrate Advent and prepare for Christmas by sharing familiar carols with others. We will probably sing for about an hour. Please sign up on the youth Board outside Joy's office. Friends and parents are welcome!!!



**ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** by the Daniel Boone Interact Club, Tuesday, Dec. 11, noon at Daniel Boone High School, Birdsboro. For reservations, please respond to [nicole.muhleisen@dboone.org](mailto:nicole.muhleisen@dboone.org) or call 610-582-6100, ext. 2213. Please RSVP if you would like to be entered into a drawing for prizes.

**Weekly Prayer Service -- Wednesdays--9:00 AM**



We pray for every member of the congregation on Wednesday mornings at 9 am. If you see your name here it is not because we think you have a specific need for prayer, but to let you know you are in our prayers whatever your need may be. On Wednesday mornings we also pray for churches around the world, leaders in the ELCA, our staff and council members, our political leaders, those in the military, special requests, and many more. If you are free a Wednesday morning, stop in and join us. We are always finished before 9:30 AM. Included this month in our prayers will be: Audrey LeGrand, Parker LeGrand, David Leahy, Letisha Leahy, Adison Leahy, Colin Leahy, Jackson Leck, Westley Leck, Irene Lecki, Barry Leier, Susanne Leier, Gary Leister, Pat Leister If you have anyone to add to the prayer list, please fill out a Prayer Request Card found in the pew racks or call the church office. Please pray for those with special concerns: Marilyn Anton, Maureen Benedict, Patti Christman, Courtney, Charles "Skip" Davidheiser, Valerie Day, Brian Derr, Dawn Donachie, Terry Eberly, Carl Fetterman, Barbara Fletcher, Lynn Gibson, Frank Jablonski, Jenny, Gary Leister, Ruby Lewis, Charles Marquette, Bonnie Moser, June Rhoads, Liz Roberts, Gwen Sullivan, Helene Wallauer, Lynwood Weil, Terry Weiler, family and friends of Ana Bartra, Ronnie Wimmer, and all others listed below or those we name in our hearts: Amanda, Eric Burkhart, James Cooke, Jeannie Crass, Kimmi Cremi, Barbara DePrefontaine, Maureen Dolan, Sharon Dotterer, Mary Ellen Eidell, Wendy Ericsson, Pat Frey, Ron Glaser, Bob Graeff, David Groff, Marie Hafer, Connie Hunter, Jimmy H., Margaret Kakas, Sue Keay, Beverly McClung, Lisa Moore, Kate Oshinskie, Sherry Rogers, Ruth Ann & Anita, Audrey Serrian, June Shirey, Brian Spitko, Joan Sterner, Kelly Stoltzfus, Sue Strain, Dale Tobolski, Tony Yanos, Tom Yetto; homebound— Geraldine Barbone, Peggy Burns, Jennie Clouser, Carol DeLong, Grace Frey, Jan Haas, Daniel Light, Laura Schmale, Alma Shirey, Patsy Smale, Ralph Trainer, Pauline Trout, Millard Watson, Richard Wise.

## **WORLD HUNGER MESSAGE.....**

It is long overdue for an ELCA world hunger message. I do not know where the time goes, but it sure does pass quickly especially as we get older. Christmas is around the corner and it seems like only a few months ago for the previous one.

More than 800 million people in our world today are undernourished. As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) **WE ARE CALLED TO RESPOND.** Working with our neighbors in the United States and in more than 60 countries around the world, we start by listening and learning about how we can accompany them to help break the cycle of hunger and poverty for good. From water wells to animal husbandry, microloans to health clinics, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support innovative solutions that get to the root causes of hunger; and they don't stop there. We engage Lutherans in advocacy and hunger education to act and speak in ways that can make a difference. We rely on your gifts. ELCA World Hunger is funded solely by gifts from ELCA members and congregations like ours.

Thanks for making this work possible through learning, action, prayer and giving.

--Mary Graefe



### **THE NEW DINNER CLUBS ARE FORMING FOR JANUARY – JUNE 2019!**

We invite you to make a reservation to join! (Existing members need not sign up; you'll be automatically included.) New members should please sign-up by Sunday, January 6. You'll enjoy breaking bread with group members four times during the six months. Enjoy fellowship while enjoying the company of fellow worshipers. We'll announce the new groups Sunday, January 13 between Worship Services during an All-Dining-Club-Pot-Luck Brunch.

**PORK & SAUERKRAUT DINNER** – Saturday, January 5 from 3 – 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Pork, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Applesauce and more. Proceeds will benefit the Puerto Rico Mission Trip. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and must be purchased in advance. Tickets will be sold before and after Worship Services in the Narthex during the month of December. Dine In or Take Out.

**VOLUNTEER FAIR** – Monday, January 21 from 11 am – 2 pm. We will



open our Fellowship Hall to area non-profit organizations that need volunteers to thrive, and we welcome you and any member of the community who are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities. Join us! This will be the third year for this unique community outreach event. To learn more, contact Jim Trout or any member of the T3 Committee.

## **CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER HAPPENINGS.....**

We welcome the month of December and look forward to the annual Holiday Bazaar on November 30th and December 1<sup>st</sup>. This year in conjunction with the Bazaar, we will also be hosting the Scholastic Holiday Book Fair. A wonderful selection of books will be available for purchase November 25<sup>th</sup> through December 2<sup>nd</sup>. As you know, books make great gifts. Be sure to stop by and see what's new. The display tables will be set up in the rear hallway outside the library.

The children and staff have been busy practicing their musical selections for the annual Christmas Program. All of the students in the CDC and Preschool classrooms will be invited to present their program to family and friends in the Church during the week of December 10th. As a reminder, the CDC will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We will also be closing at 3:00pm on New Year's Eve and closed on New Year's Day. On behalf of the CDC, I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a joyous holiday season. As always, we appreciate your support and recent donations.



Thank You, Sherry Gardner, Director

**THE HOPEWELL LOVE BOARD IS COLLECTING FOOD** for the 75 families who attend the meals at the Fire Co. These items will be collected by Dec. 9 and handed out on Dec. 11. Our church is asked to collect cans of yams and cranberry sauce. The families will be grateful for these meals.

**LEARNING MINISTRIES DAY ON JANUARY 26, 2019.....**

Marlane Druckenmiller and I (Joy) serve on the synod’s Faith Formation Resource Ministry Team which plans the annual Learning Ministries Day which this year will be held on January 26 (snow date Feb. 2) at Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Schuylkill Haven from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. The theme is “Be Not Afraid: Being the Church in a Changing World.” After our opening devotion, the day will continue with a presentation by our keynote speaker, Elsayed “Steve” Elmarzouky, spokesperson for the Reading Muslim Community. Steve is a Reading area restaurateur, past president of the Islamic Center of Reading, and chaplain in the correctional and healthcare systems in Berks County. He speaks to many audiences about his personal journey of faith as a practicing Muslim in Egypt and the U.S. and how his understanding of Islam reflects principles familiar to all people of faith.

There are many workshops to choose from for the morning and afternoon workshop times. Our own Pastor Frey is leading the workshop on “Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes – Respect for Different Religions.” Joy is leading a workshop on crafts (SURPRISE!). Peter Pettit, Director of the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding will lead two workshops: one on “Others and their salvation in Lutheran Theology,” and another on “Learning about other faiths.” Some of the other workshops include: “Social Media – Basics and Advanced” ... “Special Needs Education” ... “Blessed are the Peacemakers” ... “Witness of Religion in an Age of Fear” ... “Creation Care and Native American Spirituality” ... “ELCA Statement on Interfaith” ... “Unleashing your Youth in Worship” ... “Confirmation” ... “Family Ministry Ideas...” “Bible Study on Fear” ... “Who Benefits When You are Afraid?” ... Conversation with the keynote speaker & panel discussions with Muhlenberg College students on various religious beliefs.... Early registration is due by December 31. Please see Joy Gerhart for more details.

**Happy Birthday!**

12/1	Barbara DePrefontaine	12/15	Shamyro Roman
	Luke Yambor	12/16	Lauri Barr
12/2	Colton Kupp		Maddalena Crichton
	Karen Merkel		William Dollhopf
12/3	Robin James		Judy Morrow
	Patrick Moore		Aubrey Polonsky
	Raymond Oxenford		Aubrie Weidner
12/4	Kathy Rhoads	12/17	Adrianna DePrefontaine
	Taylor Rotelli		Kaitlyn Hilberg
12/5	Alexander Moorman	12/19	Pat Leister
	Henry Smith	12/20	Erin Mooney
12/6	Ralph Rohrbach		Nan Tindall
12/7	Jennifer Beers	12/21	Laurie Mushick
	Margaret Burns		Carole Renninger
	David Leahy	12/22	Brody Klink
	Elizabeth Moore		Alexis Roman
	Nathan Tindall	12/23	Greg Godon
	Dave Walt	12/24	Cale Weidner
12/8	Christopher Weidner	12/25	Gloria Rhoads
12/9	Russ Lander	12/27	Faith Casciano
12/10	Debbie Kasdras		Bob Fisher
	Ada Marchewski	12/28	Kathy Szajek
12/11	Ryan Bennis	12/29	Gerald Levengood
	Nancy Centrella		Dominic Stoudt
12/12	Kevin Shaffer	12/30	Connor Duffy
12/14	Fern Brown	12/31	Daryl McCleary
	Rick Centrella		

**HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TO –**

Ken & Elisabeth Yoder	12/4	25 yrs.
Ron & Karen Glaser	12/7	33 yrs.
Ronald & Nan Tindall	12/11	19 yrs.
James & Stephanie Vernon	12/18	8 yrs.
Paul & Kay Reber	12/23	35 yrs.
Rory & Peggy Emery	12/26	32 yrs.
Lee & Susanne Walley	12/28	61 yrs.
Doug & Nancy Yocom	12/28	45 yrs.

**COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS.....**

**Owen J. Roberts Jazz Band Performance December 15**

On Saturday, December 15, the Owen J. Roberts Jazz Band will perform at the Coventry Mall Food Court on December 15 at 1:00 and 2:30 pm. The 2:30 performance has lighter attendance. Come and support some of our St. Paul's youth who are in the band.

**Community Tree Lighting—Dec. 9, 2018, 5:00—7:00 pm**

Amity Park (Next to the Playground)

Tree Lighting 6:15 pm

Refreshments and Carolers

Sponsored by Daniel Boone Optimist Club



**SNOW EMERGENCY .....**

In the event that we need to cancel Sunday Church School or Worship due to severe weather, it will be announced on Channel 69 as early as possible. The cancellation will also be on the church's answering machine (610-385-6616), website—[www.stpaulsdouglassville.com](http://www.stpaulsdouglassville.com), and Facebook.

**2018 ANNUAL REPORTS** were not mailed in order to save money on postage. If you would like a copy, they are available for pick-up at the church.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2018 .....**

Contributions to the church for the year 2017 must be received before December 31 in order to be credited to your statement for 2018.

# December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;">--Money counters--</p> <p>8:00 Joanne Guss Fred Hoffert Rhonda Maloney</p>		<p>10:30 Joanne Guss Ray DiSandro Arlene Hildebeitel</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Council persons in charge of services-- Frank Jablonski, Ray DiSandro</p>			<p><b>1</b> 8:30-12:30—Bazaar 6 PM—Holy Comm.</p>
<p><b>2</b> 8 &amp; 10:30—Holy Com 9:15—Sunday School</p>	<p><b>3</b> 7 PM—Christian Ed.</p>	<p><b>4</b> Quilting 2 PM—TOPS 6:15—Child Dev.</p>	<p><b>5</b> 9AM—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study 3—7 PM—Blood Dr.</p>	<p><b>6</b> 6 PM—T3 Comm. 7 PM--Choir</p>	<p><b>7</b> Noon—Amity Fr. Circle Christmas dinner 6 PM—SPYY caroling at Amity Place</p>	<p><b>8</b> 6 PM—Holy Comm.</p>
<p><b>9</b> 8 &amp; 10:30—Worship 9:15—Sunday School 9:30—Finance SPLAT after 10:30</p>	<p><b>10</b> 10 AM-Labyrinth Gr. 7 PM—Pastoral Care</p>	<p><b>11</b> Quilting 2 PM—TOPS 6:30--CDC Christmas Program</p>	<p><b>12</b> 9AM—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study 6:15—Executive Com 7 PM--Council</p>	<p><b>13</b> 7 PM—Choir 7 PM—Prayer Shawl</p>	<p><b>14</b> 6 PM--Crime Watch Xmas party</p>	<p><b>15</b> 7:30 AM--Property 6 PM—Holy Comm.</p>
				<p>---Pre-School Christmas Programs---</p>		
<p><b>16</b> 8 &amp; 10:30—Holy Com 9:15—Sunday School 9:15—Social Ministry</p>	<p><b>17</b> 6 PM—Bible Study</p>	<p><b>18</b> Quilting 2 PM—TOPS</p>	<p><b>19</b> 9AM—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study</p>	<p><b>20</b> 7 PM—Choir</p>	<p><b>21</b> 7 PM—Longest Night Service</p>	<p><b>22</b> 6 PM—Holy Comm.</p>
<p><b>23</b> 8 &amp; 10:30—Worship 9:15—Sunday School</p>	<p><b>24</b> 2, 7 &amp; 10 PM—Holy Comm.</p>	<p><b>25</b> <i>Christmas</i></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b> No Service</p>
<p><b>30</b> 8 &amp; 10:30—Worship 9:15—Sunday School</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>					