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As shepherds watched their flocks by night
Ding dong merrily on high
Virgin birth
Emmanuel, God is with us
Now thank we all our God
The First Noel

If you look up Advent Acrostics, many come up. I am partial to the music of advent so my acrostic is largely musical. I can't wait for the first Sunday of Advent to arrive and the beginning of the Christmas carols to be played. In my youth, I taped (huh?) Christmas music from the radio on my cassette recorder when the radio stations switched over to all Christmas all the time. It was a novelty then; it is common now. I amassed many cassette tapes and played and played them until Christmas came and went. And then, cassette tapes and players went the way of the dinosaur. My favorites were relegated to a bag in a closet. And I mourned the loss of those wonderful tapes. Recently, my son cleaned out his stuff and found his old stereo and pushed it aside. I hate to throw usable things out, so I saved it- and much to my delight- it has a cassette player! I am back in business, so if you are looking for me these days, I will be in my "sewing room" listening and singing to my old Christmas tapes. I hope you all find delight in the season as we await the birth of our Lord!

Never Enough Time

By Elaine Peacock

The Christmas season is upon us, how did that happen? Well, the Advent Devotions Booklet is called "the Fullness of Time" how is that for a wakeup call? This Christmas instead of rushing around shopping for the perfect gift for everyone on your list, baking cookies, and all the other things we usually do so we will have a perfect Christmas; sit down and start your day by reading the inspiration for that day. You will be surprised how quickly the stress melts away and you can face that "to do" list. God wants us to be prepared for his son's arrival and how much he loves each and every one of us. He wants us to be open to his messages of hope, peace, joy and love. I wish each and every one of my PRC Family and every one that comes to our doors during this beautiful season of the year a Merry & Blessed Christmas.



Birthdays

Mark Warner

In honor of Paul Lockwood on his birthday from Ellen Lockwood and family

Reminder- Poinsettia orders are due by Dec. 10!



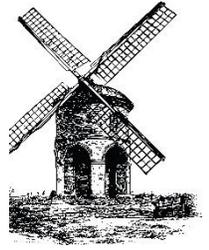
December Events

Dec. 4- Holiday Stroll-, 4:30-8PM-an opportunity to greet the community and warm them up both physically and spiritually! Physically with a cup of warm cider and spiritually by inviting them to join us for advent and Christmas Eve services.

December 5- Annual Congregational Meeting- this is important for all families to attend as we move forward into 2022. It will be held in the sanctuary and broadcast for those that are not able to come to church.

December 11 , Toys for Tots- volunteers are needed to hand out hot chocolate to the people bringing gifts for the children. The train stops in town for approximately 45 minutes. (1:05PM)

December 16- Free Community Dinner- All are welcome!



AUTUMNFEST/CRAFT FAIR 2021 reflections—

October 16th was the culmination of a year of prayer and several meetings where we as the Fellowship Committee struggled with how we would put together an event that would show our community that Pompton Reformed Church doors are at last open and welcoming, following a year and a half of restrictions as a result of a world wide pandemic. We wondered if we could be successful at presenting an event that would be greatly scaled down from the glorious major fund raiser everyone had grown to know and love for many years. But we felt God's leading as we unanimously agreed to move forward, not focusing on the fund raiser aspect, but the welcoming and sharing of our love to our church family and our community as our main goal. I think we can claim success to that bright and beautiful Saturday morning as we all gathered to make this Autumnfest/Craft Fair happen. God certainly smiled down on us with the perfect weather, and with about 33 vendors who came with smiles and hope of success, the church lawns were soon filled with folks from all over who seemed to be happy that finally they were able to come out with their families to have a fun time together! I think we as the Fellowship Committee felt a happy and warm feeling of success at the end of the day. I want to thank everyone involved who worked hard—not only our committee, but also our church family who came out to support us and to enjoy what turned out to be a very happy and successful day.

And now to begin planning for next year! Even bigger and better? We hope so.

Rick Pierce, Fellowship Committee chair.

SIGHT & SOUND TRIP 2021

On Saturday, October 1st, 51 people from Pompton Reformed as well as several other churches from surrounding communities boarded a bus in the church parking lot, for a trip to the Sight & Sound Theater In Lancaster, PA to see the production of "Queen Esther."

The show was followed by an all-you-can-eat home style meal at the Good 'N Plenty Restaurant a short distance from the theater.

If you have never been to Sight & Sound, you are missing a fabulous production of an inspiring Biblical story that is every bit as professional and entertaining as a Broadway show—but with a moving and very poignant message that can fill you with emotion and inspire your own journey of faith.

This was the tenth trip to Sight & Sound sponsored by the Fellowship Committee.

We are already planning our eleventh trip for Saturday, October 1, 2022 to see the brand new production of "David," which promises to be another spectacular show! The signup is already almost half filled. Cost is \$155 per adult; \$100 for ages 3-12, which includes everything including all gratuities.

I invite you to join us on this wonderful and memorable trip for the whole family.

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Coming in January-Hoagie & Salad orders for Superbowl Sunday!

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

We are encouraging families to celebrate Advent a bit differently and as an opportunity to give to others. Rather than opening the various "doors/windows" of the traditional Advent calendars to receive a chocolate treat each day - we encourage children and their families to make an offering of something as a blessing for someone less fortunate.

*Get a large box or two grocery bags and place them where the family often gathers.

*Each day place one of the listed food/personal items into the box/bag.

*Offer a simple prayer such as:

"Oh GOD - As we anticipate the birth of our dear Lord Jesus, we offer this _____ as a blessing to someone less fortunate than ourselves. AMEN."

On Sunday, January 9, 2022 - please bring your filled box/bags to church for restocking of our food pantry.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR 2021

Each day add an item to your collection box/bag
On January 9, 2022 donate the contents to our food pantry

December 1	Box of Cereal	December 18	Toilet Paper - 4 pack
December 2	Peanut Butter	December 19	Canned Pears
December 3	Stuffing Mix	December 20	Box of Instant Potatoes
December 4	Parmalat Milk	December 21 & 22	Toothpaste & Toothbrush
December 5	Baked Beans	December 18	Toilet Paper - 4 pack
December 6	Jelly/Jam	December 19	Canned Pears
December 7 & 8	Laundry Detergent	December 20	Box of Instant Potatoes
December 9	Macaroni and Cheese	December 21 & 22	Toothpaste & Toothbrush
December 10	Pudding Mix	December 23	Package of Pasta
December 11	Canned Peaches	December 24	Spaghetti Sauce
December 12	Canned Tuna	December 25	Brownie/Pound Cake Mix
December 13	Canned Potatoes		
December 14 & 15	Shampoo & Conditioner		
December 16	Canned Soup		



December 17

Canned Brown Gravy

We were asked to bring fresh vegetables and fruit to be added to the Thanksgiving baskets that were going to our food pantry families. This was our offering to Jesus.

Consistory hopes to do baskets again for Christmas.



DECEMBER

1. GIVE SOMEONE A HUG OR COMPLIMENT	2. LET SOMEONE IN FRONT OF YOU IN LINE	3. BUY A FRIEND OR COLLEAGUE COFFEE	4. HOLD THE DOOR OPEN FOR SOMEONE	5. GIVE A FRIEND OR LOVED ONE YOUR FULL ATTENTION
6. DONATE A CHRISTMAS PRESENT TO A CHARITY	7. TELL A JOKE TO MAKE SOMEONE SMILE	8. DO SOMETHING KIND FOR YOURSELF	9. HIDE A HAPPY NOTE FOR SOMEONE TO FIND	10. DONATE UNWANTED BOOKS TO CHARITY
11. TAPE SOME MONEY ON A VENDING MACHINE	12. SMILE AT A STRANGER OR 2. OR 15	13. GET IN TOUCH WITH AN OLD FRIEND OR RELATIVE	14. LET A CAR IN FRONT OF YOU IN TRAFFIC	15. WRITE OR SEND A THANK YOU NOTE TO SOMEONE
16. SMILE AND THANK SOMEONE WHO SERVES YOU	17. TELL SOMEONE YOU LOVE THEM	18. PAY FOR A STRANGER'S COFFEE	19. OFFER TO HELP SOMEONE	20. FEED ANIMALS (BIRDS, DEER, ETC.)
21. DONATE UNWANTED CLOTHES TO CHARITY	22. DO SOMETHING UNEXPECTED FOR SOMEONE	23. GIVE A TREAT TO YOUR POSTAL CARRIER	24. DO SOMETHING KIND FOR YOURSELF	25. REFLECT AND RECORD HOW MUCH JOY THIS SEASON BROUGHT YOU

ADVENT OF KINDNESS

January newsletters are due

By Dec. 27 to

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