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Hello Friends!

I have some updates for you as you make plans for the holidays in December!

First, Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year so we will have our regular Sunday morning service at 10am on Christmas Eve Day and then our Christmas Eve service will be at 7:00pm! We are already planning the service and it will be a very meaningful experience for everyone!

Second, we have been meeting and planning about the Candlelight Christmas Concert on December 6th. Our friends at Stageworks Theatre Group are amazing and I am really excited that we can offer this event this year. Our goal was to sell 100 tickets and we have already passed that with more than a week to go! Get ready to hear the Christmas classics in our amazing sanctuary!

Next up will be the Christmas Wonderland! It has been amazing to see how this event connected with our community and looking forward to having 2 nights in the wonderland! Ha!  
If you would like to get involved in Christmas Wonderland, please check our bulletin information to see the opportunities.

Finally, our monthly free dinner is going to be on Thursday December 21st and The Elks of Pompton Lakes is going to sponsor and serve at our last dinner of 2023!

I hope you all have a meaningful advent and holiday season!

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor John



# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save,  
And give them victory o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high,  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.



O come, Thou Key of David, come  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Adonai, Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
In ancient times didst give the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.





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## Visions of Sugar Plums

By Elaine Peacock

I love the story of the “Night Before Christmas”; before I could read my Mom used to read to me at bed time and I looked forward to hearing Christmas stories as soon as Christmas books and toys started showing on the shelves. Not like now when every store has toys for sale but that special place just for kids where you could wander the few aisles of this magical land looking at all the wonderful things that would fit nicely in my toy box. We would then have a visit with Santa and be given a candy cane before we left; you can bet your life our heads were definitely filled with sugar plums.

As I grew older, I would wonder what the shepherds thought after seeing all the angels surrounding them in the cold winter night sky announcing the the birth of the Christ child, filling their heads not with sugar plums but thanks to God for the coming of a Savior who would save his people no matter whether you were rich or poor; the Savior was for all of us. May all of you feel as the shepherds felt that night so long ago; feel free to add a few sugar plums.

Birthday  
Mark Warner



## In Memoriam

In memory of Jeannette Struble on her birthday with love from Walt

Happy Thanksgiving to all at PRC from Eleanor Haling

In Memory of Eleanor Finke from Brooke Morrow and Allan Knies - designated Building Fund





PRC Family,

Many thanks for surrounding me in prayer this past year with the ups and downs and many issues concerning my knee. So many cards, emails, rides to Dr's and outreaching of encouragement from you are much appreciated!

Please continue to pray for success with this treatment.

Wishing all a very Blessed and Merry Christmas!

Love,

Nancy Shimmel

## PLEASE MAKE A NOTE!

### Congregational Meeting Date Change!

Consistory voted to change the date of the Congregational Meeting from it's traditional first Sunday in December (Dec. 3) to December 17. Plan to stay after church for this important meeting.

### SAVE THE DATE!

When all the hustle and bustle of the holidays is over and we are in a Winter slump, it will be the perfect time to have our first BUNCO PARTY FUNDRAISER! For those of you that have played before, you know how much fun it is. While playing everyone moves from table to table and meets new players. No skill is needed to play, everyone can do it, and at the end of the games everyone goes home with a prize.

(approximately 75 prizes are needed)

Now in order to have prizes for everyone playing we will need your help. I am sure you like me, have things that have been given to you and you never used them, or you bought things and put them aside thinking you could use them as a gift for someone, only to still have them hanging around. Well now you can donate them for BUNCO prizes. If you have any items you would like to donate, you can put them in the box that will be marked and located by the coat racks. ONLY NEW UNUSED ITEMS PLEASE!

BUNCO is scheduled for Saturday, February 10th at 1pm, the cost for this fun afternoon will be \$12.00 per person. Refreshments will follow. Pass the word to all your friends, tickets will be sold in advance based on the number of prizes we have.

Tickets will be available for sale starting January 7th.

Thank you,

Joann Mack

## Quilters are looking for New Members!

Fran and Bella would love for you to join the group!

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month from  
9:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

No sewing skills necessary to participate.

Bella is looking forward to meeting you!

The quilts are such a comfort to those that  
receive them.



Merry Christmas to you and yours! January Newsletter submissions are due 12/22/23.

Please email to [khuysers@msn.com](mailto:khuysers@msn.com).