



Glad Tidings



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For All Saints' Day, on November 1 & 2, we will celebrate one of the oldest festivals of the Church. During worship there will be a time to remember family and friends who have gone before us.

Big Church Clean

The Big Church Clean will be **Saturday, November 8, from 9am till noon**. Please help spruce up the church for the Christmas season! We can use you all, big or small. Anyone who can help for any length of time would be most appreciated. We'll provide snacks and drinks. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or you can sign up online at the volunteer spot (<http://vols.pt/aLdSq3>).



Music for All & Silent Auction!



Grab a friend and join us on **Saturday, November 15th** for an evening of food, music, deals and fellowship! The evening will kickoff with a pasta dinner after the 5pm service, followed by an evening of music, drinks and a silent auction. See **page 3** for more details.



Give Thanks!

The **Combined Thanksgiving Service** will be held on **Wednesday, November 26 at 7:30 pm**. This is the annual Thanksgiving Service shared by Pop, Good Shepherd (Gaithersburg), and Christ the Servant (Montgomery Village). This year join everyone at **Good Shepherd** to share giving thanks with others!



Intergenerational Advent Event

Begin your "Journey to Bethlehem" with us on **November 30**. This faith formation event is for ALL ages. We will travel with Mary, Joseph, the inn keeper, and Zachariah through parts of the Christmas story which prepare us for the birth of Jesus. You won't want to miss this fabulous event beginning immediately following the early service. See **page 3** for more details.

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November Highlights

Every Sunday

8:30 am Worship with piano and guitar
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship with organ and piano
A Supervised nursery is available during all Services

Every Monday

6:00 pm High School Youth Group

Every Tuesday

10:00 am Quilters
12:30 pm Women's Bible Study

Every Wednesday

7:30 pm Adult Choir

Every Thursday

7:30 pm Grace Notes

Every Saturday

7:45 am Men's Group
5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship



From Pastor Christine...

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301-869-3666)

International/Intergenerational Mission Trip Opportunity

As some of you have heard me express in the past, when I went to seminary I wasn't positive I wanted to become a pastor. I only knew two things:

1. I had a lot of questions about God
2. I had a lot of questions about the church's expression of God.

Fast forward four months into seminary and I'm registering for my J-term class (classes and experiences offered during the month of January). It was a requirement that sometime during my seminary career I participate in a cross-cultural experience. J-term classes were often used to fulfill that requirement.

Having never been to any economically depressed or ravaged country, it's a little bewildering why I thought traveling to Costa Rica and Nicaragua was a good idea, but ... I did. The 14 days I spent in those two countries changed my life forever.

I could go on and on about the trip, experience, and learnings, but that would fill volumes. But I will tell you it was then that I realized I did want to be a pastor and that I could actually do it. It was also there where I witnessed the church as a life-force among the community.

I'm not alone in this. Sure, not everyone goes on international travel with the church and decides to be a pastor, but those who do participate in international trips led by the church are often fed and moved spiritually differently than they ever have been before (or ever will be again).

A few years ago Prince of Peace led an international trip to Haiti. I know that each of the participants has a compelling story to tell of their trip; I know that it shaped them differently.

This summer PoP will be hosting another international trip - this time we will be traveling to Cuba. This trip will center on service to local communities. We will be paired with local service ministries that work within the

community. Projects could range from assisting with VBS to repair work on churches to home improvements for those with disabilities. Our trip will be led by an experienced mission trip coordinator through LifeTree.

The dates of this trip are: June 13 - June 20. Current price approximations are: \$1700 for airfare, lodging, and meals. Age requirements: 18 or older, or have attended a workcamp trip with PoP, or are 12 years - 17 years and attending with a parent.

An informational meeting will be held on November 16 between services (9:45 am in Besecker Youth Center). Attending the meeting does not mean you have to go on the trip, but it will provide you with information so that you can make a decision. If you are unable to attend this meeting but would like further information, please contact Pastor Christine (pastorchristine@poplutheran.org).

A few words of caution: It'll change your life.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

. . . My need was met because someone came and communicated . . . in words I could not express. . . .
Pastor John B. McGarvey

Sympathy

Family & friends of Jacob Jesuitas (friend of Alex Yaney)

Thanksgiving

Wedding of Michael Kettler & Kate Moore

Baptism of Bruce Flores

Baptism of Evelyn Higgins

Birth of Henry Alden Weitzel (grandson of Lesa Sullivan)

Confirmation of: Andrew Hawley, Allison Hurst, Christina Levine, and Raisa Niederhelman



UPCOMING EVENTS

Photo Directory Updates

If your picture is missing or out-of-date, plan to visit Gordon Gipe in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, November 9 or November 16** at one of the following times: between services (9:30-10am) or after the late service.

Music for All & Silent Auction!

Grab a friend and join us on **Saturday, November 15th** for an evening of food, music, deals, and fellowship! The evening will kickoff with a pasta dinner after the 5pm service, followed by an evening of music, drinks and a silent auction.

More details for the evening are:

6:00 pm Pasta Dinner

6:30-9:30pm Musical Ensembles featuring *Bach to Rock* youth performance; Barney Cook's band Rockville Station; & Joel Bernstein with musicians from *The Eclectiks*

7-9pm Family-friendly movie & popcorn / Child care

How can you help make this evening a success? We are collecting donations. Things that have traditionally gone really well in the past are sporting tickets or homemade items such as baked goods or jewelry. Also, if you have any gift cards to restaurants that you aren't using consider donating those. The other way you can help is COME and bring a friend. It is going to be a great night!

The silent auction will be open all evening. So save the date and come join us for a night of fun!

If you have any questions or have a donation you would like to contribute please contact Astrid Crookshank (crookshank_astrid@comcast.net) or Lori Kohne (lorikohne@hotmail.com).

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There will be four stations, each lasting approximately 15 minutes.

The stations will be:

Joseph's workshop (making Advent wreaths to take home)

Zachariah's Prayer house (family devotions and Advent prayer)

Holy Day Inn (nativity scene and story)

Mary's Hearth (service activities for Advent)

Each station will offer adult, youth, and children engagements.

Questions? Contact Pastor Christine (pastorchristine@poplutheran.org).



Christmas Pageant

It is close to Christmas at The Little Church in the Vale. Tonight is the Christmas Pageant. Olive Green, the director, thinks she has finally discovered the secret to

having 'the only real Christmas pageant in town'. Meaning, of course, the very best Christmas pageant in town! Spoiler alert: stuff happens. Discover, once again, the true meaning of Christmas. Join us for "The Only Christmas Pageant in Town" by Faye Couch Reeves, a play with traditional Christmas music. Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, Colorado.

The Pageant will be performed **Sunday, December 7 at 6:00 pm**. (Cast arrives at 5:15 pm). For further info contact Lisa & Jon Canary (lconary@prodigy.net).

RECENT NEWS

Welcome, New Members!

On October 18 & 19, we welcomed into the POP family Emily Adams-Muhler; Samuel, Miriam, Vincent, Xavier, & Zachary Bornhorst; Terry & Carol Edgar; Clara, Eric & Kevin Ely; Amy, Carolyn, & Holly Engels; Steven Hill; Kevin & Zachris Matthews; Gerry Pfaff; Marty, Christina, Zachary, and Evan Schneider; and Susan Weiner! Pick up a New Member insert from the narthex to learn about these new POP members.

WELCOME

Send Council Your Thoughts, Wishes, and Opinions Via E-mail!

Email the Church Council at council@poplutheran.org! Please feel free to tell us what is going well or what you like about Prince of Peace and also share thoughts and wishes about what we could do or could change.



RECENT EVENTS

Confirmation

Class of 2014: Confirmation was held on Reformation Sunday, October 26, capping more than two years of study, preparation and reflection. Congratulations to our most recent Confirmands: Andrew Hawley, Allison Hurst, Christina Levine and Raisa Neiderhelman. Thank you to Janet Levine, their small group leader who gave so generously of her time over the last two years to provide guidance, wisdom and support. Becky Carr gave her time and expertise to help the Confirmands create the beautiful banners that were an integral part of the celebration. Additional thanks to the many adults who joined with Pastor Steve to plan and present the theme events during the Confirmands' two years of study: Susan Hawley, Laura Hurst, Pam Malmgren, Aubrey Merchant-Dest, Chris Michel and Kristin Swick.



Classes of 2015 and 2016: Future Confirmands have already begun the process of learning more about their faith as they prepare for their own Confirmations. The group joined together in early October at Mar-Lu-Ridge for a retreat based on defeating doubt and deepening belief. The group also participated in several team building activities. Currently undertaking studies for Confirmation are: Annie Coulson, Sydney Kienzle, Ella Malmgren, Michela Staab and Trey Wilson (Class of 2015) and Kristina Bach, Paul Bolek, Khalil Corbin, Sonja Holdsworth, Brianna McKiernan, Grace McKiernan, Zach Muma, Halle Pogorelc, and Heather Robinson (Class of 2016). Thank you to the small group leaders (Susan Holdsworth, Sherry Kienzle and Brett Parris) and presentation team members (Karol Bach, Eric Holdsworth, David Malmgren, Pam Malmgren, Christian Michel, Susan Muma, and Lesly Robinson).



THANK YOU!

Many Thanks to all who donated PB&J for our [Gaithersburg HELP](#) collection! We surpassed 100 items with 42 jellies, 63 peanut butters, and 12 nut-free butters!! Our Collection bucket is always in the foyer, so please consider donating non-perishable foods regularly.

A shout-out of thanks to Chris Schaefer and AJ Oddo for organizing the Halloween party. Also, many thanks to all of their enthusiastic helpers!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the **Halloween Party and Trunk-or-Treating**. A number of families with and without kids showed up. Not only did the kids enjoy themselves, the parents did, too!

A Big Thank You to Martha for working in the office while Donna was on vacation!



STEWARDSHIP

From the Treasurer's Desk

As we transition in to another holiday season and another year quickly passes, I thought it would be a good time to take stock of the financial health of Prince of Peace. We are truly blessed here with a generous and benevolent congregation and it is demonstrated on a regular basis. However, we also live in one of the most expensive locations in the nation and frankly, the costs to support our active and important ministries are significant.

At the beginning of 2014, we were blessed, once again, to have an associate pastor as part of our ministry team! We welcomed Pastor Christine with great enthusiasm but that also meant that our budget was greater than in 2013. The Church Council and Finance Committee proposed a 2014 budget based on our 2012 giving, which was when we last had a full-time associate pastor, and the congregation approved the budget in January. Yes, our financial plan was ambitious, but so was the decision to ask Pastor Christine to join the Prince of Peace family and to retain the services of Chris Schaefer, our Youth and Family Minister.

Add to this the fact that many of our line item costs have increased due to inflation and it has been a challenging year financially. In fact, when you put the numbers together it costs about \$9,500 a week to fund the core operations of this church. Another way to look at our core costs is it takes about \$57 an hour, every week, and every month!

Council and the Finance team have been determined all year to avoid a deficit in our general operating fund and we have been successful so far but there has been a price to pay. Historically, 10% of our regular contributions (what we receive to fund day to day operations) have gone to benevolence. We split benevolence equally between support for the Metro DC Synod and various charitable organizations and community missions like Gaithersburg Help as identified by our Social Ministry Committee. While these contributions are important and we have been able to provide this support in the past, Council decided to withhold these contributions this year based on the availability of funds *after we have addressed our core obligations* (such as salaries, mortgage and utilities). To date, we have been unable to make these contributions as we simply have not had the funds to do so.

So, as we enter the final two months of 2014, our goal is to use any undesignated special financial gifts that we receive to fund, to the extent possible, the many organizations that Prince of Peace has so generously supported in the past. Of course, all is contingent upon what we receive above and beyond what it takes to fund the core. As we enter this time of Thanksgiving and the celebration of the birth of our Lord, we hope you will prayerfully consider giving a little extra (or a lot!). We guarantee it will be put to good use.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Forish
Treasurer

ELCA Disaster Response

Please consider giving to the ELCA Disaster Response to assist with the Ebola Outbreak. Visit the [ELCA Disaster Response webpage](http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response) (<http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response>) to donate or learn more about how you can help.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School



Preschool/Kindergarten

The preK/K Sunday School class really enjoyed our second fall rotation on The Lord is My Shepherd. All the children had fun taking their cotton ball sheep to munch on green grass, splash in cool waters, and put them back in their pen for the evening. We learned through stories, games - and even snacks! - how God cares for us, just like a shepherd cares for his sheep.

Prior to The Lord is My Shepherd, we learned about the story of Lydia - how Paul welcomed her to the church through baptism and how Lydia opened her home to welcome others to the church as well. The children acted out the story using purple scarves and blankets (since Lydia sold purple cloth), and then they painted a beautiful "Welcome" sign for the Sunday School classroom.

Elementary

Elementary classes explored the 23rd Psalm in a variety of ways. In Cooking Workshops, learners made and ate popcorn sheep and edible pastoral settings. In Science, Lower Elementary explored, complete with pretend mucus, how God protects us through our amazing bodies. In Music Workshops, learners used a creative approach to teach each other this beloved Psalm.

We began our Sunday school year with Lydia, a great example of faith and leadership among the Early Christians. Characteristics of good leaders were explored by Upper Elementary with a video clip of the movie *The Sandbox* and by Lower Elementary with a variety of games. In Cooking, learners made grape blintzes and discussed how God used Lydia (seller of purple cloth) to carry his message into her community. In Science, learners used a variety of plants to make dyes as they considered the beautiful world God has given us.

This month, Elementary classes will make bagged breakfasts at Prince of Peace for the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless.



Middle

The middle school Sunday school class has been working hard so far this year, learning things like, "Who Wrote the Bible: God or Humans?" and "Building Strong Foundations." The input and insight from this middle school class has been amazing! They are truly wise beyond their years. We have already performed one service project this school year consisting of picking up trash in the community. We look forward to more exciting (and thought provoking!) discussions in weeks to come!

Youth Group

High School weekly meet-ups are back on a regular schedule this fall! **Please note, though, that we had to change them to every Monday night instead of Tuesdays. We will still meet at the same time 6-7:30pm** for fellowship, pizza, and discussions on life and faith and where they intersect. All high school aged youth are welcome to attend.

In addition to the weekly meet-ups, the high school group will also have one weekend event each month. On **November 15 at 2:00 pm**, the group will attend the fall play at Quince Orchard High School.

For more opportunities for youth of all ages to get involved, please check the Children & Youth page on the PoP website for calendars of events.

Parent Meet-Up

All Parents are invited to a Parent Meet-Up on **Tuesday, November 4 at 7:30 pm**. Meet at *Not Your Average Joe's* in Kentlands. Join us for great conversations about faith, life, and the joys/struggles of parenthood.

Faith-Full Families

Faith-Full Families' Thanksgiving event will be held **Thursday, November 20th** from 6-7:30 in the Fellowship hall. Families with pre-school - elementary age children, and their siblings, are invited for dinner, crafts, a Bible story and fellowship. Sign up in the narthex, email Judy Bruening, or just come! **We will provide a main dish - probably mac & cheese and chicken nuggets/tenders**. If you would like to bring a side dish/salad or a dessert sign up in the narthex or let Judy know. If you just have younger children you are welcome to join us for fellowship, too.

Our Advent event will be held **Thursday, December 4th**.

Questions? Contact Judy Bruening (Judy.bruening53@gmail.com)

Upcoming Youth Events

Please refer to the website calendar or the Youth Ministry bulletin board for details about events throughout the year. Also, don't forget that the High School youth meet weekly on Mondays from 6:00-7:30 pm. If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer, please contact Kim Drissel (Drissels@comcast.net).

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Bible Class

Join Pastor Steve's adult Sunday School class on the **Augsburg Confession (10/19-11/9)**. This 4 week class focuses on one of the key theological documents of the Lutheran Church, and explores both the historical context as well as how the issues raised are still relevant for our faith and life today. No prior study of theology is required, and each class is stand-alone, so join us for one or all! Contact Pastor Steve (pastor@poplutheran.org) with any questions.

Keep watch in the Weekly Email and bulletin inserts for information on the next class.

PoP Women's Bible Study

Join the **Tuesday Women's Bible Study on Tuesdays at 12:30 pm** as we explore the Gospel of John through selected chapters and verses. (Currently scheduled sections are: 11/4 - John 15: 1-17 & John 16: 5-15; 11/11 - John 17: 6-19; 11/18 - John 18; 11/25 - John 19.) It is not necessary that you attend every week. This is an

open and fluid group. We base our meetings around the joy of coming together over the word of God. Bring your lunch or a snack, if you would like. If you have questions or want to be included on our email distribution list, please contact Pastor Christine (pastorchristine@poplutheran.org).

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

UMD Campus Ministry

On Sunday, November 16, PoP has been asked to provide dinner for UMD campus ministry (housed in Hope Lutheran of College Park). We need 5-6 people to make and serve dinner for approximately 25 students. We will also have good conversation and a brief time of worship with them. Dinner is served at 5pm and we will be done by 7pm. If you are interested in helping, please see Pastor Christine or sign up in the narthex.

YOU CAN *Gaithersburg* HELP



The Gaithersburg HELP Infant Needs Program provides diapers, baby formula, and baby food to eligible clients. Diapers are provided up to age 3. Special needs clients may receive diapers beyond age 3. Milk-based formula is provided to age 1, and soy-based formula is provided up to 15 months. Exceptions are made with a doctor's order, especially for infants requiring special formula. The most requested formula is Similac Advanced powder in 12- or 13-oz cans, but all brands are accepted. Baby food is provided to age 1. Each child can be served 12 times in a 12-month period. The package consists of one jumbo pack diapers and one can of powder formula or two cans of liquid formula. Each baby food order consists of 3 fruits, 3 vegetables, 3 dinners, and 1 box of cereal.

If you can donate, please provide:

Packages of diapers from newborn to size 6, and especially sizes 4 and 5

Cans of powder baby formula, soy or milk based: Similac Advanced most preferred but all brands accepted

Stage 2 baby food: fruit, vegetables, meat/dinners, and single grain rice or oatmeal baby cereal

Please remember to check expiration dates

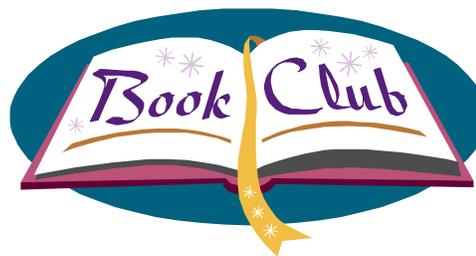
The Auxiliary at the Village at Rockville

The Village At Rockville's Fall Festival is coming up on **Saturday, November 8, 9:30am-2pm**. Come enjoy shopping for wonderful treasures, handmade crafts, baked goods and fudge, and much more. Enjoy a delicious lunch 11am-1:30pm and a Home Chorus performance at 2pm in the Chapel. Independent Living Cottage tours at 10:30am and 1:00pm. Donations of baked goods and used household items, books, and jewelry are needed. Call 301-354-8460 if you want to make a donation. This event is organized by the Auxiliary and Thrivent will be assisting with matching funds. All proceeds benefit the residents of The Village at Rockville (formerly the National Lutheran Home) which is located at 9701 Veirs Drive, near Wootton Parkway in Rockville. For more details and a map, pick up a flier from the Social Ministry table in the foyer.

FELLOWSHIP

Men's Book Club

The November selection for the Men's Book Club is Donna Tartt's The Goldfinch, "an examination of friendship, and a rumination on the nature of art and appearances. Most of all, it is a sometimes operatic, often unnerving and always moving chronicle of a certain kind of life." All men of Prince of Peace and their male friends are cordially invited to meet at the home of Garry Linton for lively discussion and fellowship at **7:30PM Thursday, November 20**. RSVP to Gary (cglinton@verizon.net).



Women's Book Group

Sharon Wahl hosts the November Book Group gathering on **Thursday, November 13th at 7:30 pm**. We will discuss Sara's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay. Z. Hayes described the novel on Amazon.com, "July 1942 marked a dark period in the history of France where thousands of Jewish

families were rounded up and forcibly kept in the Velodrome d'Hiver. They were then sent off to transit camps in France such as Drancy, before being packed off to Auschwitz, a Nazi death camp. What is so unnerving about this whole incident is that the rounding up and mobilization of Jews for deportation was done by the French authorities....Based upon this seldom mentioned, little known piece of French history, author Tatiana de Rosnay has crafted a well-written novel that alternates between the past in 1942, and the present. The past centers around a 10 year old Jewish girl Sarah Strazynski who is forced to go to the Velodrome d'Hiver with her mother and father, innocently leaving behind a 4 year old brother, Michel, locked in a secret cupboard with the assurance that she would return to let him out when it was safe. The present revolves around writer Julia Jarmond, a transplanted American who is married to a frenchman and finds herself being consumed by the story of the Vel d'Hiv incident...The method employed by the author, which alternates between the past [1942] and the present is an effective tool for it ties both periods together and brings the story to a satisfying conclusion.”

The group will also select books for 2015. The practice is to recommend books that you have read, enjoyed, and feel are discussion-worthy, so please bring recommendations. RSVP to Sharon at (smwahl@dir.nidcr.nih.gov).

The Women’s Book Group meets monthly, usually on the second Thursday of the month. If you would like to receive email reminders, please send an email to Jennifer Maloney at (Maloney.jenn@gmail.com).

Future Dates, Book Selections, and Hosts:
 December 11 - Tolstoy and the Purple Chair, My Year of Magical Reading by Nina Sankovitch, hosted by Deborah Dixon

January 8 - Want Not by Jonathan Miles, host TBD



PoP Playgroup

Join the PoP Playgroup at 1 pm on Saturday, November 15th (changed from 11 am) for fun in the Gaithersburg Library discovery room. The library is located at 18330 Montgomery Village Ave and recently finished extensive renovations. In addition to the discovery room, there is a beautiful kids reading area with large windows and lots of new books to share!

Then on Saturday, December 6th, the playgroup will meet at the Croydon Creek Nature Center at 852 Avery Road in Rockville. The nature center has a children's room with lots of hands-on activities, fish and turtles to meet up close, and binoculars for birdwatching - there are several who visit the feeders out on the nature trail!

PoP Playgroup is a great way for families and their babies/toddlers/preschoolers to connect with each other. Please contact Jamie (jlpflast@hotmail.com) or Lauren (laurenkategibson@gmail.com) for more info!



Empty Nesters

Our Empty Nesters find ways to stay busy and have fun!

Saturday Sep. 20, 2014

Event - Maryland Wine Festival at the Carroll County Farm Museum in Westminster Maryland.



Saturday Sep. 27, 2014 -

Event - Autumn Harvest Festival and West Virginia Roadkill Cook-off, Marlinton, WV



At PoP, you're an Empty Nester if your children (if you have any) are all over 18. It doesn't matter whether you have children, where your children live, what your marital status is, or what your retirement status is. If you want to socialize with this diverse and interesting group, join us! For more information contact Nancy Wolejsza (nawolejsza@aol.com).

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COMING UP...

November

- 2 - All Saints Day
- 2 - Turn Back Clocks for Standard Time
- 4 - Parent Meet-Up
- 8 - Big Church Clean
- 8 - Fall Festival (Village at Rockville)
- 9 - Directory Photo Session
- 11 - Veteran's Day
- 13 - Women's Book Group
- 15 - PoP Playgroup at the Gaithersburg library
- 15 - HS Youth at QOHS Play
- 15 - Music For All & Silent Auction
- 16 - Directory Photo Session
- 16 - Summer Mission Info Meeting
- 16 - UM Campus Dinner
- 20 - Faith-Full Families
- 20 - Men's Book Club
- 26 - Thanksgiving Services at Good Shepherd
- 27 - Thanksgiving Day
- 28 - Church office closed

December

- 3 - Advent Supper & Vespers
- 4 - Faith-Full Families
- 6 - PoP Playgroup Trip to Nature Center
- 7 - Christmas Pageant
- 10 - Advent Supper & Vespers
- 11 - Women's Book Group
- 12 - DC Xmas Funfest (High School)
- 13 - Parents' Night Out
- 14 - Christmas Cantata
- 17 - Advent Supper & Vespers
- 18 - Men's Book Club
- 21 - First Day of Winter
- 24 - Christmas Eve
- 25 - Christmas Day
- 26 - Church office closed

January

- 1 - New Year's Day
- 1 - Church office closed
- 4 - Gingerbread Throwdown
- 8 - Women's Book Group
- 15 - Faith-Full Families
- 15 - Men's Book Club
- 25 - EarthTreks Indoor Rock Climbing (4th-6th grade)