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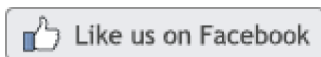
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December Services

December 24 - 3pm Children & Families Service
5pm Candlelight Service

December 31, Pancakes and PJs Brunch, see announcement below.

A Message from the Minister

The past few weeks of Advent have been wonderful as we imagine hope, peace, and joy. Most of us are grateful when church feels like an escape, a sanctuary where we are encouraged to



step in the goodness of the world. It is also the place where we come to realize how life could be, how the world could feel. At its best, church provides not just comfort and inspiration, but also a model of the world we dream about. When we combine that with a guiding story, like the one we get at Christmas, we know what it is we seek and how to find our way.

Merry Christmas!
Rev. Lisa

A Message from the Music Director

The choir, soloists, and I have been busily preparing beautiful musical contributions to the Christmas Eve services. We all look forward to

Hours: Mon. 8-9:30am
10:30am-noon
Tuesday: 8am-noon
Closed Wednesday
Thursday 8-noon and 1pm-4pm
Friday 8am-noon and 1pm-3pm

Minister:

Rev. Lisa Mobayed
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Office Drop in Hours: 4:00 to
6:00pm on Tuesdays and
Thursdays.

In an emergency, a call to the
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Church Directory

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sharing the joy and beauty of
the season with you.

Dan Ryan



A Message from the Director of Religious Education

Dear Parents,

Someone asked for the poem I shared
last Sunday. It would make a nice
bedtime poem in the darkness of
winter. Oh! To be sent off to sleep,
with dreams of Angels' winging and
children singing is a nice way to enter
the under-world of wintery slumber.



I wish you a joyful holy day with the ones you love.

Angel's Winking, by Pam

Angels wink outside your window

Angels dance at your front door

Angels cry

on wings

in shadow

Angels dream when children sing

So children raise your voice in song

Bring joy to earthlings all night long

....shake your wings

to crush the rust

And shine your light

On the rest of us

Love,

Pam



What's Happening in RE?

Meditative Play Group - Today from 3:15-4pm
Come hang out, have a snack and do some form of meditative play with others. All ages welcome, including parents. This group is guided by the kids - their needs and questions. No set agenda.

Save these Dates:

December 24th - Christmas Eve Tableau and Children's Choir with Judy Bose - Arrive at **2:30pm** to dress (and snacks!) for the 3pm Service. Come and be part of the Christmas Story. We need you! The Children's Choir will rehearse.

December 31st - Pajamas and Pancakes with the Jazz Band.

Programs begin after the Children's Story

This Sunday, Christmas Eve - 3pm Service

All children are invited to attend the Christmas Eve Tableau - a simple yet timeless telling of the sacred story of a new baby in a needy world. Please come at 2:30 to dress in costume and be a part of the

singing and procession. The Children's Choir will also sing with Judy Bose. I can't wait to see you there.

Next Sunday, 12/31- PJs and Pancakes - Come dressed for a Pajama Parade and Maple Syrup.

The Following Sunday, 1/7/18

Little's (1yr-4yrs) with Bella Eckler

K/1s - with Brianna Neptune and Carly Neale Paris

Middles - with Holly West, Rachel Bryan and Judy Bose

JYG - with Jasmine Neale Paris and Katie Baum - Knitting for Love

NYG - (7th-12th Grades) - 6-7pm Teen Cook, 7-9pm - Campfire Stories, Ice Games and Dark Silence

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Pastoral Concerns Ride Board: If you have trouble driving -- at all or at night -- and would like a ride to and from either of the Christmas Eve services (Dec. 24, 3 pm and 5 pm) or the Dec. 31 pancake breakfast, please email nancyswest@gmail.com or call the church office at 978-369-5180.

If you would be willing to give someone else a ride to/from either of the Christmas Eve services or the Dec. 31 pancake breakfast, please email nancyswest@gmail.com or call the church office at 978-369-5180.

WomenSpirit Annual Retreat Weekend - January 12-14 - Senexet House, Woodstock, CT
Our theme this year is "Equanimity and Self Compassion". Activities include discussions, creative arts, walks, yoga and meditation and time to reflect and consider the new year ahead. It's a warm and relaxing weekend and a great way to connect with women in our community. If you'd like more information, contact Sue Kirk at sukirk@aol.com. More details are available at <http://bit.ly/2B8lpOO>

Announcement from the Finance Committee:

Think Ahead On Taxes.

The new tax bill reportedly doubles the standard deduction. If you have been itemizing deductions (including your FRS pledge), you may want to change to using the standard deduction next year. If this is the case, consider fulfilling your FRS

pledge early (this month!) to take advantage of the tax deduction in the current year. You must do this by the end of December to count in this year. Contact a member of the Finance Committee if you have questions

PANCKAKES AND PAJAMAS. On Sunday, December 31, in place of our ordinary service, we will be hosting our annual Pancakes and Pajamas Breakfast in Union Hall. I'm sure everyone will have done enough hosting and cleaning during the holiday week, so here's a chance to leave it all to us! We will serve a hearty breakfast of pancakes, maple syrup, bacon, orange juice, fruit, bacon, sausage, coffee, and bacon. We will also have bacon! Not only do you not need to lift a finger, but you don't even need to change into "go to meetin" clothes for this. Come in your favorite PJ's! Flannels, robes, onesies, or night gowns. This has become a great tradition among us, and a chance to have some light hearted fun to close off the holiday season. There will be a special prize for the most interestingly turned out adult, and games for children. So make a statement of somnambulant fashions, and let us do the dishes! 10am in Union Hall. All are Welcome! Fabulous entertainment by our own FRS Jazz Group. And if you would like to help put this on, please contact Tom Rourk at 978 369 5366. Flapjack flippers wanted!

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