

From the Church Office

Please~ Remember to contact the Church Office if you have a change of address, email or family status. Thank you for helping us keep our records up-to-date!



Reminder:

All ministry leaders and/or committee representatives are encouraged to submit monthly articles about their ministry and upcoming events for publication in the Bell Tower. Anyone who is responsible for coordinating Worship Assistant Schedules are also strongly encouraged to have their schedules completed at least 2 months ahead and given to the church office. **The deadline for all articles, schedules, etc. is Friday, December 14th.** Nothing will be accepted after this date. Thank you for your help keeping the congregation informed!

Weather-related Cancellations

Emmanuel has adopted the following policies for the modification and/or cancellation of Sunday morning services and evening events due to inclement weather:



SUNDAY MORNINGS

Please consult one of the following:

- Website: emmanuelchurch.net
- Radio: 88.9 FM – The Word FM
- Radio: 1440 AM – WNPV
- Church Office: 215-723-7514

EVENINGS

If the Souderton Area Schools have dismissed early or are closed for the entire day, all evening events will be cancelled unless you are otherwise notified by the event leader

Bulletin Sponsorship

The 2019 Bulletin Sponsorship Chart will be hung on the Bulletin Board in the Gathering Space starting **December 3rd**. If you would like to sponsor the Sunday Bulletin, please put your name and dedication to reserve your Sunday. The cost is still \$15.00 and the money goes to offset the cost of printing the bulletins. Thank you!

Hospital Visitations

Due to privacy laws, Churches are no longer contacted when members are admitted to the hospital. In the event that you or another member is hospitalized, please contact the church office.

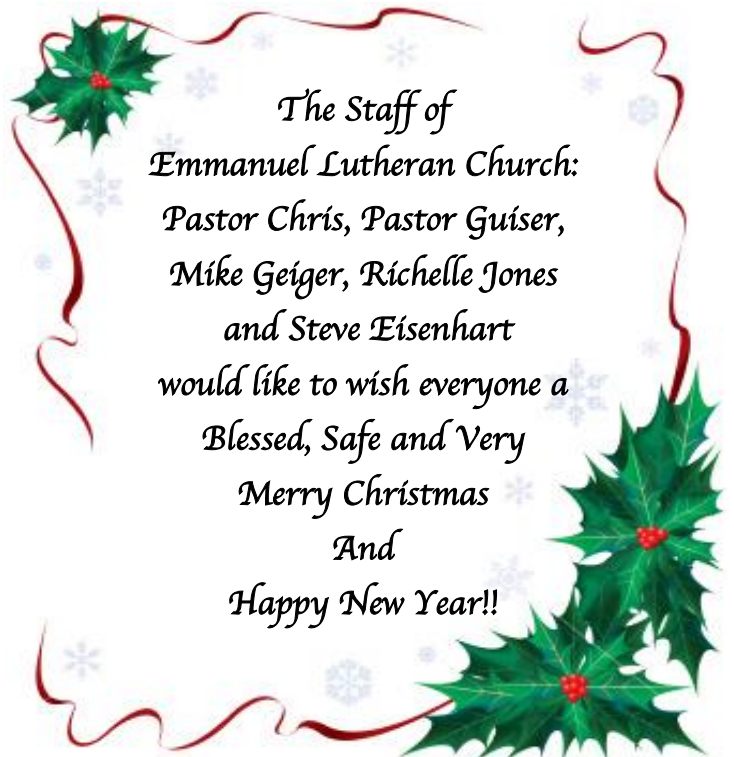


To All Committee Chairpersons



Please have all articles for the *Annual Report* submitted to the church office by **Friday, January 11th.** Please e-mail your article to Richelle in the church office at:

emmanuel@emmanuelchurch.net



From the Director of Music

Christmas is just around the corner! If you'd like to provide special music for one of our Christmas Eve Services this year, please let me know by **December 9th**. Perhaps you play a musical instrument or would like to sing one of your favorite Christmas Carols? This opportunity is open to anyone; what an excellent gift that you can give to the Christ child.

~Steve Eisenhart



Winter 2018 Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Youth Choir

6th thru 12th grade

Rehearsal: Sunday mornings 11:15 to 11:30

Chancel Choir

Post high school age and older

Rehearsal: Sunday mornings 11:30 to 12:30

The Chancel Choir will sing at the 9:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve

Handbell Choir

High school age and older

Rehearsal: Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 7:30

The Handbell Choir will ring at the 9:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve



Our Mission Statement...

...is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, nurture, service and outreach

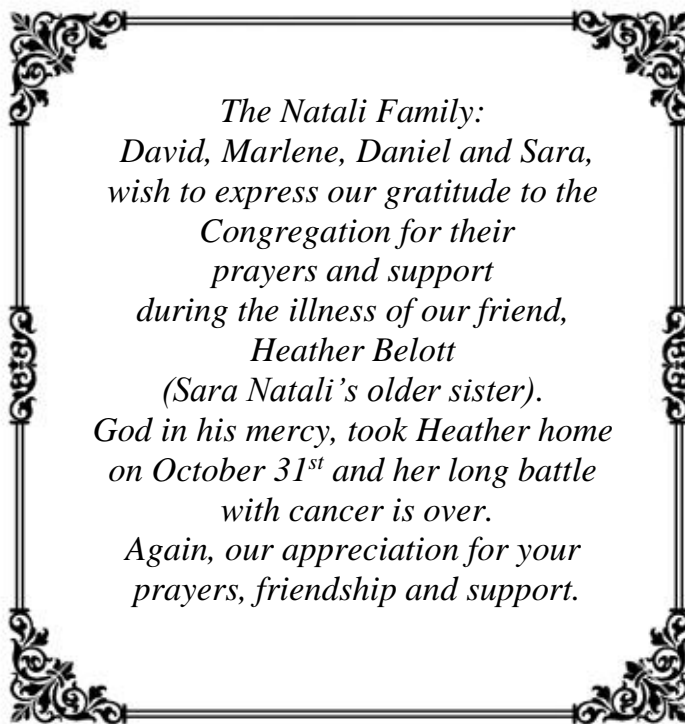
Christmas Eve Living Nativity

We are in need of Angels, Sheep and Shepherds for the Living Nativity during the 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Service. **There will be two rehearsals at 11:15 am on Sundays, December 16th and 23rd.** Please see the sign-up board in the Gathering Space by **December 9th** if your child is interested in participating. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Eisenhart.



Did You Know...

...in December of 1977 the crèche in the Chancel was first used? On the fourth Sunday in Advent, the children of the congregation were invited to fill the stable with straw and on Christmas Eve ceramic figures of Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus appeared. These figures were a gift of Rev. Richard G. Miller, Jr. and his wife, Meleny.



† First Year Confirmation Class †

Please note the upcoming dates:

December 3rd:

11:15 AM: Rehearsal
11:30 AM: Lunch
12:00-1:00 PM: Class #12

December 9th:

8:30 AM: Community Breakfast –
ALL Confirmands Serve

December 10th:

11:15 AM: Rehearsal
11:30 AM: Lunch
12:00-1:00 PM: Class #13

December 16th:

11:15 AM: Rehearsal
11:30 AM: Lunch
12:00 -1:00 PM: Class #14

December 23rd:

***No Confirmation Class**

December 24th:

6:30 pm: Young Family Service –
ALL Confirmands Serve

December 31st:

***No Confirmation Class**

**Please check the Worship Assistant Schedule each week to see who is the Crucifer for each Sunday († after the Confirmands name) and which family is responsible for pizza and which Teaching Team is scheduled for that day's Confirmation Class.*



Pictures with Santa



Take your child to get their picture taken with Santa at the Men in Mission Breakfast on **Saturday, December 8th from 9am-11am.** There is no charge for this event – please bring your own camera.

We would like to thank everyone who has been a part of our journey since Keira's Leukemia diagnosis last December. We want everyone to know how much their support has comforted us. Our family is supporting Keira in her desire to pay this love forward by launching the KeiraKares foundation. We look forward to, with the help of our community, comforting local families through this difficult process. Thank you again for your contributions, support, and words of encouragement.

~The Drissel Family



Box Tops For Silver Springs



We are collecting “Box Tops for Education” to benefit the children of Silver Springs – Martin Luther School. Box Tops can be found on General Mills cereal boxes, Hefty trash bags, Ziploc bags and Scott tissues and more! Go to

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/> for a complete list of participating products. Please put your box tops in the jar on the Organ Fund box marked with the Box Tops logo. Thank you!

The Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will go to Franconia Café for our Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday,



December 19th at 12:00 Noon.

You will be called to get the count and arrange transportation.

Join us for this holiday celebration. Any questions? Call Gloria Heckler: 215-779-2264. New members are always welcome!

Rejoicing Spirits

Please join us on December 9th at 4:00 P.M. at our joyful, inclusive worship as we lift the name of Jesus together. Rejoicing Spirits serves those with



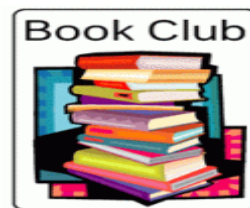
intellectual disabilities. We start at 3:30 p.m. with Sunday School and craft time. Worship starts at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and refreshments are served immediately after the service.

If you need transportation, please contact the church office at 215-723-7514.

Come Rejoice With Us!

Ladies Book Club

We *will not* read a book in December. Please bring a wrapped book for the Book Swap. Always a fun evening! The Ladies Book Club meets the 3rd Monday of each month in the Parlor at 7:00 PM. All are welcome! Contact Mary Anne Morral at morral@verizon.net with any questions!



Men in Mission-Community Breakfast

Join us for our “Free Community Breakfast” every second Saturday of each month from 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM. This month’s Free Breakfast will be held on December 8th. Everyone is welcome!



Sunday Morning Adult Class

Please join us each Sunday Morning in the Church Parlor at 9:00 AM for an Adult Bible Reflection. This class is led by Marlene Natali and Dave Blaich.

Mid-Week Bible Study

Wednesday evening bible study will take a break for the Holiday season and resume the weekly bible study on Wednesday, January 9th, 2019 in the Church Parlor (depending on the weather). Contact Fred Crouthamel with any questions: 215-721-1953.

Emmanuel’s Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School on December 30th. Happy Holidays!



December Birthdays:

- 2 Neal Quinn
- 3 Wyatt Laird
- 4 Emaline Austin
- 5 Beverly Clark
Lester Hallman
- 6 Donald Wolf
- 8 Sara-Beth Natali
- 9 Erica Staehle
- 10 Leitha Foley
Zachary Valentine
- 11 Deborah Pifer
Wesley Quinn
Kade Snyder
- 12 George Alexander
- 13 Dave Blaich
William Darragh
- 14 Charles Peck
- 15 Barry Gibson
- 16 Wesley Ahart
Jane Greiser
Faye Mizic
- 17 Frank Bucher III
- 18 Tina Antill
Lisa Vasey
- 19 Floyd Yothers
- 20 Rebecca Hartman
Peter Lipsi
Noelle Wetzel
- 21 Claire Kistler
- 22 Larry Vogel
- 23 Nelson Snyder Jr.
Jane Vogel
- 26 Emily Christman
- 27 Jacob Gilbert
Lily Pifer
- 28 Gismunt Sutkaitis
- 29 Werner Buschmann



Emmanuel's Family

† Prayer List †

**In order to keep our Prayer List up to date, please inform the office of any changes*

Health and Healing

Members:

Doris Alderfer, Jackie Bond, Elaine Cash, Merrill Christman, Bill Darragh, Lorraine & Dominick DeSalvo, Kevin Deitz, Keira Drissel, Rita Fritz, Craig Freed, Louella Gehringer, Cindy Hichens, John Kemmerer, Kitty Kramer, Craig Kulp, Betty Jane Lederach, David Natali, Jane Niemczyk, Arlene & James Pifer, Kermit Schnable, Anita & Joseph Sykes, Faye Wetzel, Dorothy Wohlgemuth, Ruth Yothers, Robert Ziegler

Friends of the Congregation:

Donna Clemens (Friend of Janel and Barry Gibson), Luca Condo (friend of Ruth Miller), Sabrina Haap (Ruth Miller's niece), Suzanne Willnauer (Ed Cash's Sister), Donald Heller (Shirley's brother-in-law), Dixie Kephart (Darlene Kephart's Mother), Pam Valenti (Lou Gehringer's Sister), Steve & Stewart Schrauger (brothers of Julie Freed), Michael Smith (friend of Cheryl Starke), Eric Sykes (Anita & Joe's Son), Katherine Stover (Cindy Crouthamel's Mother), Debbie Schweizerhof (Friend of Bob & June Kulp), Alexander & Sylvia Wagwicz (Friends of the DeSalvos)

Comfort for the Bereaved

The Family and Friends of Heather Belott (Natali Family Friend)

The Family and Friends of Almira (Susie) Musselman (Richelle's Step-mother)

Serving in the Armed Forces

Senior Airman Justin Lesko (Neal and Toni Quinn's grandson)

Homebound Members

Current addresses for our homebound are posted in the Gathering Space

Evelyn Billger, William and Helen DeTurk, Norma Detweiler, Rita Fritz, Dorothy Kober, Kitty Kramer, Martha Magargal, Gismunt Sutkaitis, Katherine Stover, John Kemmerer, Dorothy Rodemer, Betty Jane Lederach, Dorothy Wohlgemuth, Bill & Mary Frank, Betty Frese, Jane Niemczyk, Faye Wetzel

The Emmanuel family includes many people who cannot participate in our Christmas celebration because of health considerations. We encourage you to remember these people at Christmas. Below are their names and addresses for your convenience.

Members in Retirement Communities
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Lutheran Community at Telford
12 Lutheran Home Drive
Telford, PA 18969

***Evelyn Billger (PC-229)**
***John Kemmerer (PC 125)**
***Martha Magargal (209B)**

***Catherine Kramer (#104)**
Katherine Stover (3rd Floor)

Lutheran Community at Telford
325 E. Church Avenue
Telford, PA 18969

Ruth Miller (#424)
***Dorothy Rodemer (#221)**
Richard Miller (#115)

William & Margie Opdyke (#417)
***Betty Lederach (#113)**
Kermit Schnable (#107)

Lutheran Community at Telford
235 N. Washington Avenue
Telford, PA 18969
Romaine Lucom (#123)

Briarleaf Nursing & Rehabilitation
252 Belmont Ave.
Doylestown, PA 18901
***Gismunt Sutkaitis**

Community at Rockhill
3250 State Rd. #211
Sellersville, PA 18960
*** Dorothy Kober**

Peter Becker Community
Harleysville, PA 19438
Werner and Gloria Buschmann – 815 Maplewood Dr. #162
Dominick and Lorraine Desalvo – 220 Crescent Way
***Joseph & Anita Sykes – A3 Woodsedge Drive**

Souderton Mennonite Home
207 W. Summit Street
Apt 3220
Souderton, PA 18964
***Dorothy Wohlgemuth**

Gwynedd Square Nursing Home
773 Sumneytown Pike
Lansdale, PA 19446
***Norma Detweiler**

**Homebound Members*

Homebound Members in Personal Residences

Jane Niemczyk
467 Godshall Rd
Souderton, PA 18964

Rita Fritz
346 North Fourth St
Souderton, PA 18964

***Bill & Helen DeTurk**
106 Erie Avenue
Telford, PA 18969

Faye Wetzel
559 North Fourth St.
Souderton, PA 18964

Bill and Mary Frank
259 Ridge Ave
Souderton, PA 18964

Betty Frese
305 Founders VIg
Lansdale, PA 19446

Doris Alderfer
641 N 4th Street
Telford, PA 18969

Ruth Yothers
157 Green Street
Souderton, PA 18964

***Request No Visit**

Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
Contact Information

Sunday Bridge Pastor: Rev. Christopher L. Weidner

Phone.....610-331-4804
Email.....Christopher.l.weidner@gmail.com

Visitation Pastor: Rev. Kim D. Guiser

Cell Phone610-389-2828
E-mail.....PastorG340@gmail.com

Facilities Manager: Michael B. Geiger

Hours.....Monday through Friday: 6:00 a.m. – 12 noon;
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Office Phone.....215-723-7514
E-mail.....Mike@EmmanuelLutheranChurch.net



Parish Administrative Assistant: Richelle L. Jones

Office Hours.....Monday through Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Office Phone.....215-723-7514
E-mail.....Emmanuel@EmmanuelLutheranChurch.net

Director of Music: Steven C. Eisenhart

Home Phone267-932-8187
Cell Phone215-804-8733
E-mail.....Steve@EmmanuelLutheranChurch.net

Congregational Council

David Blaich.....President
William Morral.....Vice President
Cheryl Starke.....Secretary

Carole Darragh	Chris Harubin
Evan Freed	Robert Renner
Julie Freed	Brian Pifer
Michelle Gilbert	Melinda Ferrara
Jane Vogel	

Committee Chairs

Altar GuildMary Ann Morral
Archivist.....Gerry Blaich
Christian Education.....Patricia Frankenfield
Men in MissionRichard Landis
Personnel.....Jennifer Casta
Property.....John Wellington
Service MissionsCheryl Starke
Worship and MusicMegan Campolei
Hospitality.....Gerry Blaich & Jane Vogel

Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

Please return to the church office by Sunday, December 9. Thank you.

Number of plants: _____ @ \$7.00 per each = \$_____ total enclosed

Please check 1 or more:

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by: _____

Following the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service, I will:

- take it home leave it in the chancel to be donated to a homebound member

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World Hunger Donation Form

Please return to the church office by Sunday, December 9. Thank you.

\$_____ total enclosed

Please check 1 or more:

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by: _____



Emmanuel's Ministries

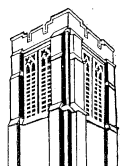
December 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9:00a Bushi Karate
2 <i>First Sunday Of Advent</i> 9:00a Adult Forum & Sunday School 10:00a Worship & Healing 11:00a Fellowship Hour 12:00p Confirmation Class 1:00p Prayer Shawl Pastor Chris's 1st Sunday	3 5:30p Bushi Karate 8:00p AA Group	4 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	5 5:30p Bushi Karate 6:30p Bible Study	6 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:00p Worship & Music	7	8 8:30a Men in Mission Christmas Breakfast - with Santa *ALL Confirmands Serve 9:00a Bushi Karate
9 <i>Second Sunday Of Advent</i> 9:00a Adult Forum & Sunday School 10:00a Worship 11:00a Fellowship Hour 12:00p Confirmation Class 4:00p Rejoicing Spirits	10 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:00p Church Council 8:00p AA Group	11 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	12 5:30p Bushi Karate 6:30p Bible Study	13 5:30p Bushi Karate	14 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	15 9:00a Bushi Karate
16 <i>Third Sunday Of Advent</i> 9:00a Adult Forum & Sunday School 10:00a Worship~ Congregational Meeting After 11:00a Fellowship Hour 11:15a Live Nativity Rehearsal 12:00p Confirmation Class	17 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:00p Ladies Book Club 8:00p AA Group	18 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	19 12:00p Lunch Bunch @ Franconia Cafe 5:30p Bushi Karate	20 5:30p Bushi Karate	21	22 9:00a Bushi Karate
23 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> 9:00a Adult Forum & Sunday School 10:00a Worship 11:00a Fellowship Hour 11:15a Live Nativity Rehearsal *No Confirmation Class	24 Christmas Eve 6:30p Young Family Service* *ALL Confirmands Serve 9:00p Traditional Candlelight Service	25 <i>Christmas Day Office Closed Merry Christmas</i> †	26 5:30p Bushi Karate	27 5:30p Bushi Karate	28	29 9:00a Bushi Karate
30 <i>First Sunday After Christmas</i> 9:00a Adult Forum 10:00a Worship 11:00a Fellowship Hour *No Sunday School or Confirmation Class	31 5:30p Bushi Karate 8:00p AA Group	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p><i>For unto us a Child is born; Unto us a son is given...</i></p> </div> </div>				

Worship Assistants

December 2018

Date and Time	Acolyte/ Crucifer	Deacon (Assisting Minister)	CD Delivery	Cup Bearer (Communion Assistants)	Communion Set Up	Counting Team	Greeters	Lay Reader	Usher Team
12/2/2017 10:00 a.m.	Dylan Drissel† Julia Bealer Jack Pifer Pizza: Bealers Teaching Team 1 Gilbert	Jen Casta	Pat Frankenfield	Barry Gibson Melinda Ferrara	Fran Hunsicker Gerry Blaich Liesl Stroup Kathleen Coll	Team 6 Julie Freed & Evan Freed, Co-Capts.	Lester & Joan Hallman	Carole Darragh	Team 3: Bill Morral, Capt.
12/9/2017 10:00 a.m.	Krieg Pierce† Keira Drissel Jacob Gilbert Pizza: Pierces Teaching Team 2 Pierce/Drissel	Dave Blaich	Gerald Heckler	Brian Cassel Cindy Crouthamel	Joan Hallman Elaine Cash Deb McElwee Pat Conard	Team 6 Julie Freed & Evan Freed, Co-Capts.	Gerald & Gloria Heckler	Chris Harubin	Team 4: David Natali, Capt.
12/16/2017 10:00 a.m.	Macey Coll† Abram Vasey Cole Pifer Pizza:Drissels Teaching Team 3 Bealer/Coll	Marlene Natali	Rich Landis	Bill & Carole Darragh	Becky Hartman Melinda Ferrara Mary Anne Morral Blythe Bealer	Team 6 Julie Freed & Evan Freed, Co-Capts.	Barry & Fran Hunsicker	Peter Harubin	Team 5: Cory Gilbert, Capt.
12/23/2017 10:00 a.m.	Hannah Vasey† Lily Pifer Jacob Gilbert No Confirmation Class	Julie Freed	Brenda Nace	Toni Quinn Chris Harubin	TBD	Team 6 Julie Freed & Evan Freed, Co-Capts.	Dave & Marlene Natali	Cory Gilbert	Team 1: Daniel Vogel, Capt.
12/24/2017 6:30 p.m.	*All Confirmands Serve	TBD	Pat Frankenfield	TBD	TBD	Team 6 Julie Freed & Evan Freed, Co-Capts.	TBD	Cory Gilbert	Team 1: Daniel Vogel, Capt.
12/24/2017 9:00 p.m.	TBD	TBD	Pat Frankenfield	TBD	TBD	Team 6 Julie Freed & Evan Freed, Co-Capts.	TBD	Evan Freed	Team 1: Daniel Vogel, Capt.
12/30/2017 10:00 a.m.	Cole Pifer† Jacob Gilbert Julia Bealer No Confirmation Class	Brian Pifer	Gerald Heckler	N/A	N/A	Team 6 Julie Freed & Evan Freed, Co-Capts.	Bob & Ann Renner	John Wellington Julie Freed Merril Christman Sharon Cassel Mary Anne Morral Pat Frankenfield Peter Harubin	Team 2: John Wellington, Capt.



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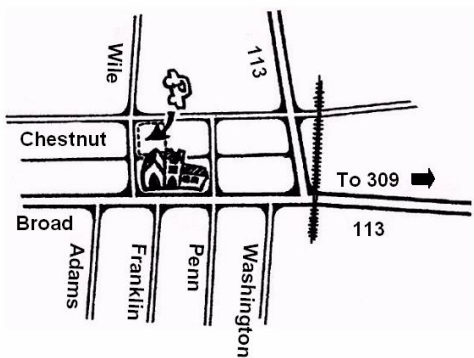


December 2018

Sunday Schedule:

- 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation for all ages
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
*The Sacrament of Holy Communion
is offered every Sunday.*
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
Refreshments served

Wheelchair Accessible
Large Print Bulletins and



Hearing Devices Available

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