

THIS WEEK AT CCUPC

<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
TUESDAY (12/25)	- <i>Merry Christmas!!</i>	
WEDNESDAY (12/26)	- Office Closed	
SUNDAY (12/30)	-	
10:00 am	- Worship	Sanctuary
TUESDAY (1/1)	<i>Happy New Year!!</i>	Office Closed

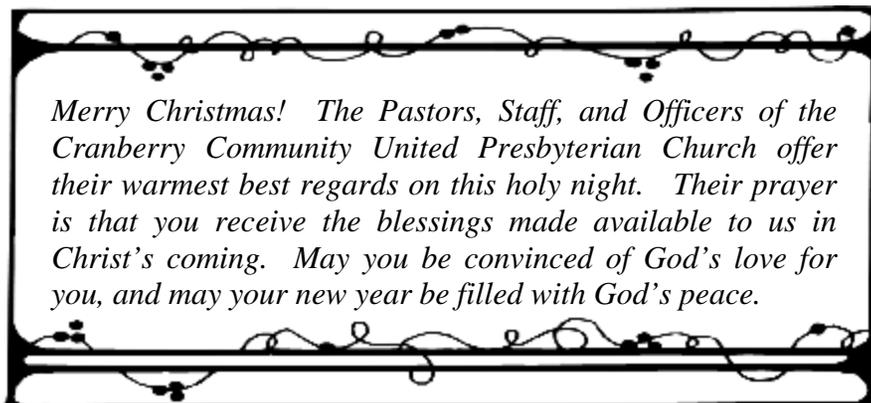
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The luminary candles that are displayed and lit this evening are given by a family in our church to the glory of God.

The luminaries are lit tonight with the help of the Boy Scouts from Troop 403.

If you ordered a poinsettia, please feel free to take one from the chancel area after the worship service you attend. We have written your names on the bottom of the plants so that you know which is yours. Plastic sleeves to protect them from the weather are on a table in the Greeting Area.



Cranberry Community United Presbyterian Church

December 24, 2018

A CANDLELIGHT CELEBRATION OF CHRIST'S BIRTH 7:00 & 9:00 PM

Christmas Eve

“Arise, shine for Your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon You and His glory appears over You. Nations will come to Your light, and kings to the brightness of Your dawn.” Isaiah 60:1-3

**Please stand as you are able.*

The Prelude

“Carols of This Holy Season”

Jane Meltzer and Telma da Costa 7:00 PM

Jane and Ariella Meltzer and Lauren Agnello 9:00 PM

The Call to Worship

Lynn Moran

*A Carol #91

(use screens)

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

The Welcome and Greeting

The Special Music

“What Child is This?/Child of the Poor”

Isaac, Natalie and Sarah McKinley 7:00 PM

“Heaven Came Down Tonight”

Dara Marner 9:00 PM

*A Unison Prayer

Our Father, we thank You and praise You today for the miracle of Your Son's birth and the joy He brings into our lives. Thank You for giving us the assurance that because You came to us in the form of the Christ child, we who believe in Him can know with absolute certainty that we belong to You forever. We thank You for the many reasons we have been given a merry Christmas. And we rejoice for each blessing. And although we have many reasons to rejoice today, we also know for some this is a sad time. We pray for those who are experiencing loss this Christmas: relational, financial, spiritual and physical. We pray for those who are coping with an overwhelming challenge. Thank You, that You are The Wonderful Counselor and Prince of Peace, even in the midst of our not-so-merry circumstances. Finally, Lord, we ask You to grant us peace. Peace in our homes, peace in our churches, and peace in our hearts, when the world all around us spins out-of-control. Help us to stay focused on You this Christmastime and always. Thank You for loving Your children enough to send the greatest gift, Your Son, so that we might truly have a very blessed Christmas. In Jesus' name. Amen.

An Old Testament Reading (page 683)
Isaiah 9:2-7

An Invitation to Give

The Offertory

“Mary, Did You Know?”
Linda and Aalyse Schuman 7:00 PM
Ryan Miller 9:00 PM

*The Doxology

*The Prayer of Dedication

*A Carol #96 (use screens)
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

A New Testament Reading (page 1014)

Luke 2:1-7

The Message Pastor James M. Moran
“IS THERE ROOM?”

The Lighting of the Christmas Candles

(Please remain seated through the end of the service)

When the light is passed to you during the introduction to “Silent Night,” please bow your candle to the flame in order to prevent burns from dripping wax. When all the candles have been lit, the pastor will raise his candle to signal the time for us to begin singing. For everyone’s safety, please extinguish your personal candle before leaving the pew.

A Carol #113 (use screens)
“Silent Night! Holy Night!”

The Benediction and Postlude

“Joy to the World!”

The vases of flowers are given by Amy, Isaac, and Sarah McKinley to the glory of God, and in celebration of their daughter/sister, Natalie, on her 20th birthday.

The basket of flowers is given by Dara Marner to the glory of God, and in loving memory of her parents, Herb and Audry Passoth.

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