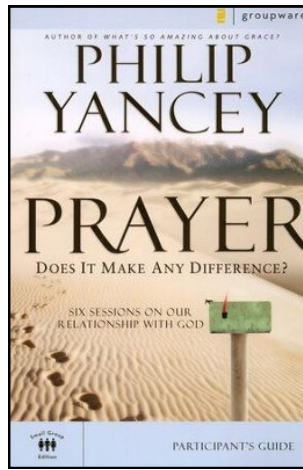




Denbigh United Presbyterian Church JANUARY 2024

Worship Series on Prayer

On January 7 we will begin a new worship series titled, "Beginning the Year with Prayer." The series is based on the book *Prayer: Does it Make Any Difference* by Philip Yancey. We will address "Keeping Company with God," "Unraveling the Mysteries," "The Language of Prayer," "Prayer Dilemmas," and "The Practice of Prayer."



Congregational Meetings— January 7 and January 28

The Session has called a congregational meeting for January 7 immediately following the worship service for the purpose of electing officers for the Class of 2026.

The Session has also called our Annual Congregational/Corporation Meeting for January 28. This meeting will be called to order at the beginning of the worship service at 10:30 as some matters will be handled in the context of worship. We will continue the meeting after the service. You will receive our annual report booklet by January 21 so that you can prepare for the meeting.

The purposes of this meeting are:

- Receive annual reports from the Session, Preschool, and other groups.
- Receive as information the 2024 Operating Budget as approved by the Session.
- Review the adequacy of the Pastors' salaries as reflected in the 2024 Operating Budget and approve changes in the Terms of Call.
- Act on any other matters coming out of the above.
- Conduct the Annual Corporation meeting.

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Church Staff

Senior Pastor

The Reverend Deborah Dail

Associate Pastor

The Reverend Boone Clayton

Office Manager

Kimberly A. Garriott, CAP, VS

Director of Music Ministries

Jane Martin

Accompanist/Organist

Al Buchanan

Nursery Coordinator

TBD

Sexton Team

Mark and June Tessarolo
Nick and Lauren Tessarolo

Preschool Director

Nancy Kerns

Church Accountant

Jeff Dawson

Session Meeting Summary for December 2023

- Approved DUPC Financial report through November 30, 2023.
- Approved DUPP Financial report through November 30, 2023.
- Approved Stated Session Meeting minutes of November 9, 2023.
- Approved the Baptism of Janelle Ngozi-Adanneya Kalu, daughter of Joanne Agbam and Chukwuma Udo Kalu on Sunday, December 24, at the 10:30 service.
- Called a Congregational meeting for January 7, 2024 to approve the slate of officers for the Class of 2026.
- Set ordination/installation of officers for January 14.
- Approved the church budget for 2024.
- Approved the housing allowances for the Pastor and Associate Pastor.
- Elected Mark Tessarolo as Bookkeeper and Clerk of Session for 2024.
- Elected Commissioners to the January 27, 2024 PEVA meeting.
- Called the Annual Congregational Meeting/Corporation Meeting for January 28, 2024.
- Received committee reports.

Record of Contributions for Tax Purposes

Message From the Bookkeeper:

If you desire a copy of your 2023 Report of Contributions for your taxes, please contact the Bookkeeper at tessarolo1970@gmail.com, or call 757-874-4356 and leave a message. Please specify in your request whether you would like an electronic copy or a postal mailed copy.

Thank you, Mark Tessarolo

FINANCE REPORT THROUGH November 2023	
Total Income:	\$358,318.89
Total Expenses:	\$395,163.30
Difference:	(36,844.41)
% of Pledge Received	101.50



Offering Envelopes

This year we will not be providing offering envelopes. This is a cost-saving measure in light of our deficit budget for 2024. We understand that this is different from what we have been accustomed to, but we are hopeful we can work together and save approximately \$600.

One suggestion is to purchase a box of regular envelopes which are available at many stores. Write the date, your name, and operating fund (if the donation is part of your pledge fulfillment), or a designated fund by name. If you are making a cash gift in the envelope, please include your name on the envelope, as well, so your gift may be recorded for your tax record. (Checks do not require an envelope; please use the memo line for designations!)

You may also wish to consider online giving. For more information, contact the church office.

Baptism

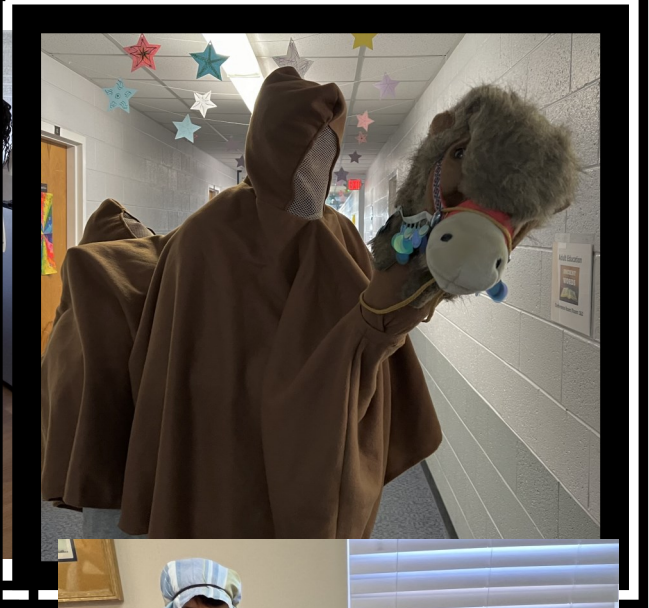
We joyfully celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism for Janelle Ngozi-Adanneya Kalu, daughter of Chukwuma Udo Kalu and Joanne Agbam on December 24, 2023.



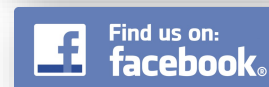
Sunday's January 2024 Master Schedule

	7	14	21	28
Greeter (parking lot entrance)	Easter, Logan Limneos, Andrea	Ferri, Marlene	Gamble, Vanessa	
Ushers	Miller, Martha Minarik, Joan	Murawski, Patrick Murawski, Sandi	Morrison, Bill Murphy, Bob	Pauley, Rick Pennell, Keith
Nursery	Clayton, Julie Keffer, Kamryn	Easter, Logan Limneos, Andrea	Hunt, Connie Moses, Lloyd	Kyle, Jean Lloyd, Mykaila
Youth Reader	Nance, Maddy	Clayton, Elias	Hake, Becca	Keffer, Kamryn
Children's Moment	Murawski, Sandi	Spivey, Kristi	Clayton, Boone	Dail, Deborah
Preparation of Elements	Minarik, Joan Stevens, Sheila			
Communion Servers	Ames, Debbie Hunt, Connie Pennell, Dale Pennell, Keith			
Welcome Table	Ferri, Marlene	Joy, Betty	Schmidt, Amy	
Counters	Hall, Terry Hunt, Connie	Crippen, Sara Ferri, Marlene	Morrison, Bill Miller, Charles	Spruill, Doug Skaar, Becky

Christmas Eve Nativity Production



In-Person and Facebook Live Worship						
Attendance	12/3	12/10	12/17	12/20 Blue Christmas	12/24 10:30 a.m.	12/24 7:00 p.m.
Worship (in-person)	80	91	83	11	90	69
Facebook Live	131	128	101	5	188	108
YouTube	24	34	34	47	34	36
Staff/Volunteers	—	—	11	9	—	11
Nursery (+ helpers)	—	—	6	—	—	—
TOTALS (as of 12/26/23)	235	253	235	72	312	224
Join us Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. live on YouTube and Facebook.						



Facilities

Thank you to Pastor Boone and Megan Spivey for organizing our shed. We will be ready for spring soccer.

We also thank Paster Boone, Patrick Murawski, and Fred O’Keeffe for installing digital thermostats, which will allow remote setting of the thermostats for the many meetings and activities at DUPC. Thermostats can still be adjusted manually.



Administration

Tech Workshop Being Offered by the Office Manager

Now that we have our new website up and running and all of this new technology, I will offer an informal workshop for those that may want to learn a little bit more of the basics on how to use them. Our first workshop will be Thursday, January 25 at 12 noon in the Conference Room for those that need a little boost or refresher course in some of our technology we are providing at DUPC. There is a lot of great information now on our website. Church members can access our Church Directory, Church Calendar, the Digest (newsletters), and more. Some of the technology I am suggesting training on (but not limited to) are the following:

- DUPC Website
- Church Calendar
- Church Directory (phones and computer)
- Word Basics
- Other

I hope to have a basic survey form for you to select what you are interested in and write down any other items that may come to mind. Again, this will be a basic and informal workshop for all ages. Keep an eye out for the survey in the narthex. Thank you!

Fellowship

Christmas Luncheon

What an enjoyable day! Many enjoyed great conversation and fellowship along with a variety of delicious foods and amazing desserts at the Christmas luncheon. We did miss the many who were ill and couldn't be there. Santa's elves worked hard to serve food and then make the kitchen spotless. Thanks to all those hard working elves.

I would like to reflect over the past year and set goals for the new year. The past year has been amazing. I would like to thank all the many volunteers that provided food, cooked, and cleaned. Many worked hard scrubbing, mopping, and organizing. You are amazing and so much fun to work with.

As we enter a new year, I plan to have a meeting early to plan activities for next year. If you have any questions or suggestions for the coming year, please call or email me.

Joan Minarik, Fellowship Chair (jominarik@me.com or 757-329-1582)

Prime Timers

In December, the Prime Timers toured historic Lee Hall Depot. *(top right picture)*

The Prime Timers donated \$1,050.00 in Sam's gift cards to the Heroes Lounge in Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport (PHF), to buy and serve food to all the Ft. Eustis soldiers who were traveling home for Christmas Block Leave. More treats will be available to the soldiers as they return back through the airport to return to the post. *(bottom right picture)*

Thursday, January 18, 12:00 p.m. - New Year's luncheon at The Vineyards Trattoria & Pizzeria, 1405-P Kiln Creek Parkway, Newport News. Everyone will order and pay for their own meal the day of the luncheon. Reservations may be made after worship on January 7 and 14.

Sunday, February 18, 2:00 p.m.— "9 to 5" performed at CNU by their drama students. Tickets are \$8.00 each for seniors, and reservations may also be made on January 7 and 14.



CCC Congregational are Committee

Grief Support Group

This group will be starting back up in January 2024 to help people continue the grieving process.

Details coming soon. If you have any interest or questions, please contact Marlene Ferri at 757-291-NICK or Kimberly Garriott at 757-790-9946 or 757-877-2048 (church

Thank you!

Thank you dear friends for the prayers, cards, phone calls, and texts after my brief hospital stay. It is so good to be back with you all. Love, Gerry Ellis



Marlene Ferri and Anne Avery

CCC Members

Betty Joy

Carol Lynch

Carolyn Vassos

Janet Morrison

Kimberly Garriott

Sara Crippen

Your Name Here

Marlene Ferri, Chairperson, 757-291-NICK

Deborah Dail, Senior Pastor

Boone Clayton, Associate Pastor

Next Committee Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be **Wednesday, January 3, 2024** in the Conference Room.

Outreach

Santa's elves worked very hard this year to pull together our Christmas ministry. Food was purchased and packed for the families' Christmas dinner as well as breakfast and lunch for the ten days the children were out of school. Presents of two undergarments for each child were ordered and put in gift bags, and all of the items were delivered to the families of Paul's Mobile Home Park and surrounding areas. The Outreach Committee, with the gracious monetary donations of our congregation, food assistance from Virginia Peninsula Foodbank, and our many dedicated volunteers, enabled **43** families with **150** children to have a brighter Christmas this year and feel the blessings of the love of Christ being shared with them.



"Thank you so very much for the gifts and groceries. It is a Blessing."

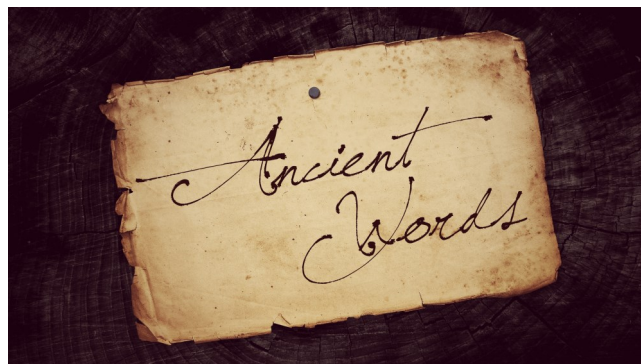
*"Dear Outreach Team, thank you very much for the Christmas gifts for Lukie and Clayton. They were very much appreciated in a year of need. I am so blessed to have a caring church family."
Love, Kimberly*

"Thank you so much! You're amazing! Thank you for the Blessings."

Adult Education and Spiritual Growth

Adult Sunday School Class

The winter quarter of the Ancient Words class began December 3, 2023 and continues through February 25, 2024. With a variety of readings in both Testaments, we will study the meaning of faith. In an age of "trust but verify" where does "trust and obey" fit in? Can faith be verified? We will explore these and many other questions as we search Scripture for answers. The class meets weekly Sunday mornings from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the Conference Room.





Children's and Youth Ministries

Sunday School Classes

Children's and youth Sunday School classes are offered weekly at 9:15 a.m. Breakfast is provided. We hope to see you there! Please contact Kathy Baldwin, Jean Kyle, or Jessica Shildt if you are interested in volunteering to teach Sunday School, drive children to and from church, or sit with children during worship. Join us for Fun, Fellowship, and learning about our Faith!

Kathy kmbwin@gmail.com, Jean jsekyle@cox.net, or Jessica jessica.shildt@gmail.com

Children's Christmas Party

Enjoy some pictures from our Children's Christmas party on pages 11-13. All children were invited to a Christmas party on Sunday, December 17, 2024. Thank you to the volunteers who provided this fun event.



Children's Sunday School				
	12/3	12/10	12/17	12/24 10:30 a.m.
Teachers	4	3	6	5
Students	14	16	21	27
Visitors	-	1	1	1
TOTALS (as of 12/11/23)	18	20	28	33

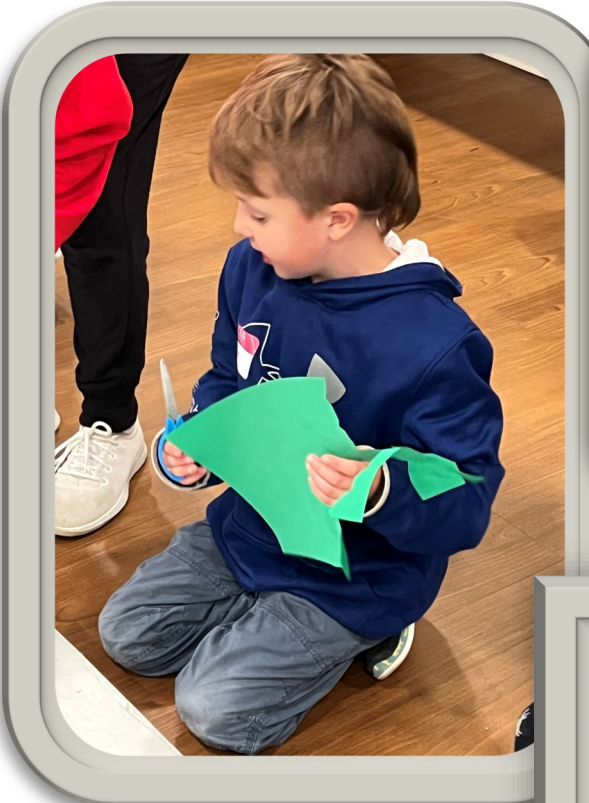
Faith Weaver Friends (FWF)

This Winter/Spring Faith Weaver Friends will start Wednesday, January 10, 2024 and run through Wednesday, March 6. As always, we need your support for all of our children's and youth ministries. See page 14 for the Bible lessons children will be studying.



FWF/PEP Craft Time

(Crafts last night, December 6, 2023)



Children's Christmas Party



Children's Christmas Party (Cont'd)



Children's Christmas Party (Cont'd)



Sunday School/FWF Lessons for January

Sunday January 7th & Wednesday January 10th (FWF starts)

Lesson 4: Faithful People Thank God for Jesus, Luke 2:22-40

Bible Point: We thank God for Jesus.

Sunday January 14th & Wednesday January 17th

Lesson 5: Wise Men Find Jesus, Matthew 2:1-12

Bible Point: "For the Lord is good and his love endures forever" (Psalm 100:5).

Sunday January 21st & Wednesday January 24th

Lesson 6: John Baptizes Jesus, Mark 1:4-11

Bible Point: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Sunday January 28th & Wednesday January 31st

Lesson 7: Jesus Surprises Nathanael, John 1:43-51

Bible Point: "O Lord, you have searched me and you know me" (Psalm 139:1).

Children's Choir



Our new Children's Choir sang two songs for our 10:30 a.m. service on December 24.

Thank you to director, Jane Martin, and assistants Rylee Rucker, Emily Woollum, Kathy Baldwin, Boone and Julie Clayton, and our Transportation Team.

Thank you!

Thank you so much Prime Timers for the Advent Calendars provided for our children and youth! They were given out at the end of November to our children and youth attending our Faith Weaver Friends/PEP program. The children and youth LOVED the chocolate calendars and it was a wonderful opportunity to talk about the meaning of the Advent Season—anticipating the arrival of Jesus and celebrating this time with reflections of hope, peace, joy, and love. Thank you again Prime Timers!



Prayer Chains

If you are not already on the **email prayer chain** and would like to be added, please contact **Elaine Minch** at elainem33@cox.net.

If you would like to be on the **telephone prayer chain**, please contact **Carol Lynch** at 757-930-0678.

February 2024
Digest Deadline
Monday, January 15, 2024



DENBIGH UNITED PRESBYTERIAN
PRESCHOOL

December brought fun, excitement, and anticipation in a very short time. The four-year-old class enjoyed hearing the story of the Gingerbread Man and decorating their own gingerbread men. All of the children were busy creating beautiful gifts for their families and making special reindeer food so Santa would be sure to find their house. Mrs. Claus paid us a visit and read a special story to the children. Most importantly we remembered the real reason for the Christmas season—the birth of Jesus. The children rocked baby Jesus gently and heard about that very special night in the stable. We celebrated our annual Christmas Chapel program which was as sweet as could be! The children did a wonderful job singing and ringing their jingle bells for their families. Afterwards, the Preschool Board helped us with a yummy cookie reception—a special thank you to them.

The month of January will bring us new discoveries in our classrooms. We will make our own “snow” and learn about polar animals. The four-year-old class will experience the world of dinosaurs.

Registration for next school year 2024-2025 will begin for Denbigh United Presbyterian Church families and returning preschool families in February. Be on the lookout for more information about the classes offered and registration/tuition fees.

The staff of Denbigh United Presbyterian Preschool wishes all of you a Happy New Year filled with many blessings!

Many Blessings!
Nancy Kerns, Director

Play. Learn. Grow.

Preschool Registration for 2023-2024		
# of Days	Registration/ Supply/Activity Fees	Monthly Tuition
3 days (3 years) Tues./Wed./Thurs.	\$180	\$180
4 days (4 years) Mon./Tues./Wed/Thurs.)	\$220	\$220

In our Thoughts and Prayers . . .

Anne Avery
Aurelia Grant
Beth
(Ann Wagner's daughter)
Bill Cole
Charlotte Eason
Darcy Terry
(Pat Terry's son)
Darlene Wickline
Dave and LuAnn Jusino
Dave and Shirlie Anson
Dave and Bernie Rogers
Franz and Helen Thiessen
Gerry Ellis
Jack Schweickardt
Jeanne Kent
Jim Robinson
Joanna Daniels
Joe, Brenda, and Racheal (LaFlamme) Bender
Judy Jones
Mike Minarik
Nancy Williams
Phyllis Thweatt
Ray Minch
Robin Huffman
Ruth Magill
(Jack Schweickardt's sister)
Sara Sue Law
Tim Easter
(Danny and Sharon Easter's son)
Will Cooper



OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

<i>Michael Cohen</i>	<i>Nixon Fombebe</i>	<i>Tom Joyner</i>
<i>Cameron Dail</i>	<i>Morgan Henretta</i>	<i>Jacob Mayes</i>
<i>Grey Davenport</i>	<i>Kevin Huss</i>	<i>Joshua Silva</i>
<i>Lazaro Durruty</i>		<i>Gabriel Williams</i>

RESERVES

Christian Jones
Jeff Schildt
Jonathan Graebener
(Nephew of Joanna and Bev Daniels)
Savannah Gore

OUR MISSIONARIES

Bruce and Deb Robinson
Meredith and Sandy Elder

We express our sympathy to the following families. May God bring comfort and hope to all who grieve.

†To Mike Murphy and their family on the death of his wife, Cheri Murphy.

†To Brenda McGowan Raasch and her husband Russ on the death of Russ's brother.

†To Jim Wightman on the death of his father and Kendal Wightman (grandfather).

†To Kimberly Garriott and family on the death of Kimberly's grandmother Imo.

†To family and friends of Pat Horton who died on Christmas night.



JANUARY 2024

Birthdays/Anniversaries


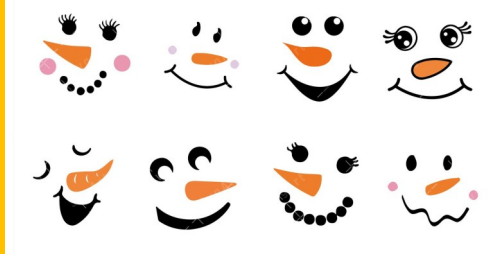
DAY	NAME
4	Jack Cohen
4	Suzanne Kinkade
5	Katje Roach
6	Heaven Lamb Johnson
6	Jackie Judd
7	Tyler Spruill
9	Joanna Daniels
10	Santana Carlson
10	Thomas Nyenty
10	Keith Pennell
11	Scott Jones
12	Cameron Dail
13	Meagan Kyle
14	Kyle Temple
A15	Thomas and Linda Nyenty
15	Betty Joy
15	Connie Hunt
15	Jennifer Lambert
16	Daniel Ellis
17	Janet Morrison
17	Liylah Jefferies (daughter of Diamond Snead-Harris)
17	Pat Morgan
19	Linda Kerns
19	Mary Lee Dunn
19	Yeung-Sook Lee
20	Jeanne Bensten
21	Alicia Lewis
21	Evan Jones

DAY	NAME
22	Adrienne Crick
22	Carter Melvin
23	Roz McCreery
A24	Al and Sherry Buchanan
24	John Robert Amos
25	Aliyana Davis
25	Dallas Timmons
25	Leone Harrison
25	Maria King
25	Norman Baffer
A26	Mike and Nancy Langrehr
A27	Tim and Debbie Jacoby
27	Donna Dellinger
28	Jasmine Woollum-Tshiek
28	JewLeigha Harris



JANUARY 2024

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous CCC—Congregational Care Committee ChR—Choir Room CR—Conference Room EW—Education Wing
 FWF—Faith Weaver Friends GS—Girl Scouts OA—Overeaters Anonymous OL—Online N—Narthex OS—Outside
 P—Parlor PL—Parking Lot PEO—Philanthropic Education Organization PEP—Parents as Educational Partners PS—Preschool
 PSW—Preschool Wing RR—Reverent Ringers S—Sanctuary SH—Second Hall SS—Sunday School V—Vacation
 Worship V&P—Worship Vision and Planning Team Zm—Zoom

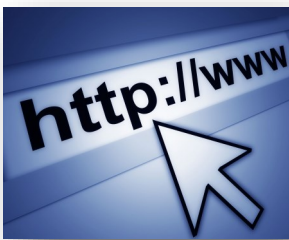
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 New Year's Day Church Office and Preschool Closed	2 9:15 Teacher Workday (No Preschool) 11:00 Staff Mtg. (CR) 7:00 OA (Rm 9)	3 9:15 Preschool (PSW) 10:00 CCC (CR) 12:30 Kimberly-Appt. (Out of Office) 4:15 Choir Parts (ChR)	4 (Session reports due) 9:15 Preschool (PSW) 7:00 DUPP Planning Mtg. (CR)	5	6 10:00 AA (SH) 10:00 Al-Anon (Rm 9)
7 9:00 Chancel Choir (ChR) 9:15 Children's/Youth SS (EW) 9:15 Ancient Words SS (CR) 10:30 Worship/Communion (S, OL) 11:30 Congregational Meeting (S) 12 noon Officer Training (CR)	8 9:15 Preschool (PSW) 5:30 KIDZ'N- GRIEF (All)	9 9:15 Preschool (PSW) 11:00 Staff Mtg. (CR) 7:00 OA (Rm 9)	10 9:15 Preschool (PSW) 4:15 Choir Parts 5:30 FWF/PEP (All)	11 9:15 Preschool (PSW) 7:00 Session (CR/ Zm)	12	13 10:00 AA (SH) 10:00 Al-Anon (Rm 9)
14 9:00 Chancel Choir (ChR) 9:15 Children's/Youth SS (EW) 9:15 Ancient Words SS (CR) 10:30 Worship (S, OL) Ordination and Installation of Officers	15 Martin Luther King Day (Church Office and Preschool Closed) Digest Deadline 6:30 Girl Scouts #1013 (Rms 9, 3)	16 9:15 Preschool (PSW) 10:00 Esther Circle (SH) 11:00 Staff Mtg. (CR) 7:00 Priscilla Circle (Pennell's Home) 7:00 OA (Rm 9)	17 9:15 Preschool (PSW) 4:15 Choir Parts Rehearsal (ChR) 5:30 FWF/PEP (All)	18 9:15 Preschool (PSW) 12 noon Prime Timers Lunch (Vineyards Trattoria & Pizzeria)	19 1:00 PEO Setup (SH, K)	20 10:00 AA (CR) 10:00 Al-Anon (Rm 9) 7:00 PEO Dinner/ Auction (SH, K)
21 9:00 Chancel Choir (ChR) 9:15 Children's/Youth SS (EW) 9:15 Ancient Words SS (CR) 10:30 Worship (S, OL) Pick up Annual Reports 11:45 Usher/Greeter Training (CR)	22 9:15 Preschool (PSW) 5:30 KIDZ'N- GRIEF (All) 7:00 Worship V&P (Zm)	23 9:15 Preschool (PSW) 11:00 Staff Mtg. (CR) 7:00 OA (Rm 9)	24 9:15 Preschool (PSW) 12:15 Kimberly-Appt. (Out of Office) 4:15 Choir Parts Rehearsal (ChR) 5:30 FWF/PEP (All)	25 Preschool Closed (Staff Development) 12:00 Tech Work- shop for Members (CR)	26	27 10:00 AA (SH) 10:00 Al-Anon (Rm 9) 10:00 PEVA Stated Mtg. (Great Bridge PC)
28 9:00 Chancel Choir (ChR) 9:15 Ancient Words SS (CR) 10:30 Worship (S, OL) 11:30 Annual Congregational/ Corporation Meeting (S)	29 9:15 Preschool (PSW) 6:30 Girl Scouts #1013 (Rms 9, 3)	30 9:15 Preschool (PSW) 11:00 Staff Mtg. (CR) 7:00 OA (Rm 9)	31 9:00 Preschool Parent Coffee (SH) 9:15 Preschool (PSW) 9:45 Preschool Chapel (SH) 4:15 Choir Parts Rehearsal (ChR) 5:30 FWF/PEP (All)			



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