

## ADULT FORUM DURING ADVENT

9:00 AM – Adult Forum (Dec. 3, 10 & 17)

This Advent we conclude our study of Marcus Borg's challenging book, "The Heart of Christianity" and it is not too late to join in. **Dec. 3** we will discuss the question, "Are you really a Christian if you don't act like a Christian?"

**Dec. 10** we will tackle the question, "Is Jesus the only way to salvation?" Finally, on **Dec. 17** we will conclude the study utilizing all of Borg's insights as we examine the meaning of the incarnation. All are welcome.

## GIVING DURING ADVENT

Christmas Angel Tree: One Tree, Many Ways to Give

Take a Gift Tag from the Tree that will be in the Lower Children's House this Advent. Bring back your gift the week of Dec. 11. Gifts go to the children of incarcerated women at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility (unwrapped), and to the Nodine Hill community (wrapped).

## WEDNESDAYS DURING ADVENT

Our wildly popular **Wednesdays at Hitchcock** will continue for all four weeks of Advent! Come and join in good food, fellowship, Christian Education, youth programming, and kid's choirs...all in one night! Advent is a time for reflective anticipation, but it is also a time for us to come together as often as possible and celebrate the joys of this blessed community.

## "DESIGN IT YOURSELF" ADVENT

Craft and color your way into Advent this year. Kids and families put it together in their own way by selecting from a variety of options: wreaths, calendars, music, and devotionals. Activities during "DIY Advent" will help set the tone for the season of preparation ahead. Wed. Nov. 29, 4:30-5:30 PM OR Sun. Dec. 3, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. Upper Children's House.

## FRIDAY, DEC. 1

8:00 PM – The New Choral Society

*Handel's Messiah, Part I and Francesco Durante's Magnificat* presented by the New Choral Society chorus, orchestra and soloists. Deanna Breiwick, Soprano;

Margaret Lattimore, Alto; David Portillo, Tenor; Christopher Job, Bass and John T. King, conductor. Tickets available online at [www.newchoralsociety.org](http://www.newchoralsociety.org) or by calling (914) 725-1678.

## COMMUNION SUNDAY, DEC. 3 – ADVENT 1

10:30 AM – Worship (Communion)

The Rev. Pete Jones - "Hopeful Anticipation"  
Music provided by the Chancel Choir.

3:00 PM – The New Choral Society

*Handel's Messiah, Part I and Francesco Durante's Magnificat* presented by the New Choral Society chorus, orchestra and soloists. (See Friday, Dec 1 for more details.) Tickets available online at [www.newchoralsociety.org](http://www.newchoralsociety.org) or by calling (914) 725-1678.

## SUNDAY, DEC. 10 – ADVENT 2

10:30 AM – Advent Choral Worship Service –

*Three Nativity Carols for Chorus, Harp and Oboe* by Stephen Paulus, presented by the Chancel Choir and instruments. (Pageant Rehearsal during Sunday School)

The Rev. Pete Jones - "Loving Preparation"

11:30 AM – Wolf Conservation Center Gift Market

This mission fundraising event is led by the Youth Forum during coffee hour in the Lower Children's House. Youth Forum has elected this year to support the Wolf Conservation Center (WCC) in South Salem, NY. WCC is a private, not-for-profit environmental education organization that promotes wolf conservation by teaching about wolves, their relationship to the environment, and the human role in protecting their future.

4:00 PM – 12<sup>th</sup> Annual All Community Carol Sing-Along

(Musical Prelude by Donna Elaine's Flute Choir begins at 3:45 PM)

Members, friends, family and neighbors are invited to meet in the sanctuary for an informal Christmas Carol Sing-Along. All are welcome at this community event which is followed by the Annual Christmas Tree-lighting and Party.

5:00 PM - Annual Christmas Party

Eat, Drink & Be Merry! Food and activities for the entire family in the Children's House. Crafts in the Hancock Room.

**THURSDAY, DEC. 14**

10:00 AM – Presbyterian Women and Living in America's Annual Christmas Program

Traditional carol singing with handbell music and scripture readings in the sanctuary, followed by coffee and fellowship in the Lower Children's House.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 17 – ADVENT 3**

10:30 AM – Worship (Pageant Rehearsal during SS)

The Rev. Pete Jones - "Joyous Anticipation"  
Music provided by the Chancel, Handbell and Children's Choirs. Traditional carols sung by the congregation.

**THURSDAY, DEC. 21—WORSHIP AT THE AMBASSADOR**

10:45 AM – Come and join Pete and John for this special Christmas worship service with the residents of The Ambassador!

**SUNDAY, DEC. 24 – ADVENT 4 AND CHRISTMAS EVE**

10:30 AM – Worship (Pageant Rehearsal during Sunday School)

The Rev. Pete Jones - "Peaceful Presence"  
Music provided by the Chancel Choir

5:30 PM – Family Service and Christmas Pageant

Informal service for families with young children which will include the children's Christmas Pageant, and music by Children's Choir and Youth Instrumental Ensemble.

8:30 PM - Traditional Service of Lessons and Carols, beginning with a 30 minute Choral Prelude: *Gloria* by Francis Poulenc (Presented by the Chancel Choir, Meredith Bloomfield, Soprano and chamber orchestra.)

A service of scripture and song celebrating the birth of Jesus, with music by the Chancel Choir and orchestra with congregational singing of traditional carols.

**The Rev. Pete Jones**  
Pastor

**Lesley Pella-Woo**  
Director of Christian Ed and Youth Ministry

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