

L: God's love--graciously, silently, and vulnerably offered.

P: **And heaven, and heaven and nature sing!**

LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF HOPE, PEACE, LOVE, AND JOY

HYMN #40 (Hymnal)

"Joy to the World!"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Virginia Goss

Holy God, we confess that we do not walk in your light. We hurt and destroy one another and neglect the poor and hungry. We let evil grow among us and fail to bear good fruit. Forgive us, God of grace. Awaken us to your Word, so that we may be ready to welcome you with joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

"Gloria Patri"

THE PEACE* ✠

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✠

Pastor Hannah

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1: 18-25

Kylie Vandenberg

Pew Bible pg. 1

ANTHEM

"Here comes the light"

Joseph Graham

The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

Pew Bible pg. 2

SERMON

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #27 (Hymnal)*

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Christmas Joy Offering

Anne Gordon

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Visitors! We hope you will find a warm welcome here. We invite you to consider membership in our church family. Please speak to our Greeter or Pastors after worship for more information; or if you would like to be contacted, please provide us with your address and/or email address in the red “friendship pad”.

Childcare is provided during worship. Children from birth to age 2 may be taken to the infant room, and children age 3 through kindergarten are welcome in the toddler room. Linda Protinick is the Nursery Coordinator.

There are new Worship bags available in the Narthex! These bags are full of activities to help children of all ages worship alongside the whole church family.

Hearing devices are available for your convenience in the narthex. The ushers can assist you.

Flowers in the chancel are the beautiful Christmas poinsettias. They have been given to the Glory of God in memory, in honor and as a gift of gratitude for many wonderful people. (Poinsettias may be picked up after the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service or after Worship on December 25.)

Coffee Hour today is our Annual Christmas Luncheon.

Head Ushers are Brian and Gina Moore.

Greeter is Jack Britton/Heidi Knowlton.

Prayer Chain If you have a prayer request, or if you would like to become part of the “chain” of church members, who pray daily with and for people with a particular need, please call the church office at 609/395-0897.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special needs: George Andrews and family due to the passing of his sister, Billie; Bill Chermak; Robert Dyke; Bill Eller; Paul Furchak; Tyler Katsoff; Pete Keve; Ed Luffey; Evan Pease; Joanne Petto; Russ Richardson; Marge Scott; Wilma Shimer; Barbara Wahlers; Margo Wegner and Ina Zimmer and family due to the passing of Richard.

Meadow Lakes members with special needs: Joan Gray, Carolyn Hilgendorff and Joe Kelly.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: David Anderson’s father, Robert; Betty Borgeson’s sister, Martha; Phyllis Dyke’s friend, Rosemarie; Linda Ferguson’s son’s fiancée, Kristin and friends, Susan & Rose; Joan & Gordon Fraser’s son, Iain; Gail Geijer’s son, Dan; Patricia Grasso’s mother, Eileen and friend, Annette; Barbara Hannon’s brother-in-law, Michael; CPNS Teacher, Noël Kinney’s son, JP; Ed & Janice Luffey’s granddaughter, Alyssa & her newborns, Mackenzie & Mason; Beatrice Mabutho’s sister, Phyllis & friend, Aaron; Linda Morris’ nephew, Matthew; Ron Perry’s father, Daniel; Sharon Ramkishun’s niece, Kaitlyn; Russ & Cheryl Richardson’s son, Mark; Jane Siebert’s friend, Madlyn; Pat Scott’s niece, Brenda; Wilma Shimer’s niece, Janean; and Mary Szczepanik’s nephew, Kevin.

We pray for all people who are in need in our wider community and please remember family and friends in our nation's service. Members of our church family are encouraged to make prayer requests for relatives serving in our armed services, most especially those serving in harm's way.

Prayer Requests in the Bulletin: *In order to keep the prayer request list up to date, we will print the names of friends and family of church members who have prayer requests for one month. After that time you may call the church office to have a name reappear on the prayer list.*

Please be sure to **sign** the "**Pipeline to Session**" cards found in the pews if you have any questions/concerns for the Session. This is a great way to give "kudos" as well!

Birthday of Distinction: Fritz Hager today, December 18. **Happy Birthday!**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and YOUTH MINISTRY

THANK YOU! Our Sunday school and church families very generously donated new gifts of clothing and toys for 21 children, as part of our giving tree project for RISE . The Klein and Arsnow families delivered all your gifts to RISE and they were distributed to the children on December 10. A huge thank you to everyone for giving comfort and joy to these kids during the Holiday season! Your outpouring of generosity was truly inspiring!

Join us for Sunday School each Sunday morning!

9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Gathering Time with Pastor Hannah in the Fellowship Hall for ages 2 - 8th grade

9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Sunday School for ages 2 - 8th grade, check the Sunday School Bulletin Board for classes and classrooms

9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. High School Sunday School in the Church Library

Please Note: There will be NO Sunday School on December 25 and January 1.

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE:

Tonight, December 18 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Youth Group Christmas Party! Don't forget to bring a \$10 gender-neutral gift and a nut free dinner dish to share.

Please Note: There will be NO youth group gathering on December 25 and January 1.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed! Coffee Hour is a great time to meet and catch up with friends and members of the congregation as well as make our visitors feel welcome. There has been a shortage of host volunteers for coffee hour. Please consider hosting coffee hour. The coffee hour sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall so be sure to check out the available dates. For more information, please contact Ed Luffey at eluffey@gmail.com.

CPNS

Everyone at CPNS is preparing for Christmas. We are collecting pennies and buying gifts for children that might not have any, making cards, and decorations, and even making gifts for our families. We'll hear the Christmas story in our Sanctuary, and have a Christmas sing-a-long around the Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall. It's a very busy time of year, filled with joy, hope, peace and love.

Mrs. K will be telling the children the story of the first Christmas on Monday and Tuesday. She will be using a beautiful nativity set donated many years ago by Harriet Perrine. Feel free to stop in and hear the story and see the faces on the children as Mrs. K tells them this amazing story. We will also have a family Christmas sing-a-long on Wednesday at 10:45 a.m. and Thursday at 10:45 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for our sing-a-long and enjoy some of the delicious cookies made by our CPNS families.

As you begin to research your options for a preschool for your child, please consider CPNS. Please call Janice Parker at (609)655-8663 or email her at CPNSchool@comcast.net for more information. Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors about our developmentally appropriate academic Christian preschool. We don't want anyone to miss the opportunity to give their children the strongest foundation for their child's academic success.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

All of us who volunteer at Skeet's Pantry thank you for caring so much about what we do - and we hope you and your family have a very Merry and Blessed Christmas too!

Christmas Joy Offering! Supporting our Past and Present Church Leaders:

Every year our church family supports the **Christmas Joy Offering**. As a result, we are providing financial assistance to current and retired Presbyterian Church workers and pastors in their time of need and we are supporting students in their time of promise at Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges. This special offering will be collected during worship on Christmas morning. Thank you for your generous gift of support. Merry Christmas!

Anne Gordon



Looking for a Meaningful Christmas Gift? Take a look at our Presbyterian Giving Catalog. It is full of great gift ideas, with a very big impact. There are many wonderful missions to support from providing water filters to families in Flint, Michigan to providing a bicycle to pastors in Zambia. Catalogs are located in the church Narthex and on the hallway bulletin board across from Fellowship Hall. Make a difference in someone's life, give the gift of mission.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Merry Christmas to All from Senior Fellowship!! Many thanks, to all the volunteers who make it possible for us to carry out this mission and especially to have this Christmas program. Special thanks to Janice Parker, Mrs. K and the students and teachers of CPNS for their Christmas songs. We are grateful to CPNS for their Halloween entertainment for the seniors in October as well!

Senior Fellowship has had a wonderful year of programs and trips. Connie Bauder, coordinator of Senior Fellowship, would like to give thanks to the following members of the Senior Fellowship Committee who make it possible for the Senior Fellowship mission of this church to flourish. Please give your thanks to them for doing God's work; Bill Bauder, Nancy Chonko, Dennis Chonko, Joan Fraser, Anita McManus, Jean Randazzo, Audrey Smith, Larry White and Heidi Knowlton. Please keep these people in your prayers and join with me in giving thanks for their service.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 12/18 (Team #1) – 12/25 (Team #2)

Pledge Envelopes: Your 2017 pledges envelopes are available to pick up today in the Fellowship Hall.

	Week Ended 12/11/16
Weekly Offering	\$7,097
YTD Offerings	\$410,891
YTD Expenses	\$436,464
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$25,573)
YTD Per Capita: \$4,237 (19% of \$21,780)	

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Flower Openings Available: If you are interested in dedicating flowers on Sundays for the Sanctuary, please contact Diane Smith at 609-890-0822.

Lay Reader Schedule: The January through June 2017 Lay Reader Schedule has been posted in Fellowship Hall. We appreciate all who are our regular Readers signing up again, and look forward to finding some new names for the coming six months.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

<p>December 18, (4th Sunday of Advent) 9:15a Sunday School - All areas 9:15a Adult Bible Study – Rm 1 10:10a-10:25a Sunday School Caroling from the Balcony - Sanctuary 10:30a Worship followed by the Annual Christmas Luncheon 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 11:45 Lib. Cmte – Lib. 3p-6p Calling hours for Richard Zimmer at Barlow and Zimmer Funeral Home in Hightstown 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band–upstairs 5:30p-8p Middle/High School Youth Group Christmas Party – FH/Kit</p>	<p>December 19, 2016 10:45a CPNS Christmas Stories 11:00a Richard Zimmer Funeral Service – Sanctuary 7:00p Brass Choir 7:30p CPNS Board Mtg and Christmas Party -Library 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm</p>
<p>December 20, 2016 CPNS Christmas Stories – Sanctuary(AM/PM) 9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 12p Staff Christmas Lunch 3:30p Advent Bible Study – Mtg Rm @ Meadow Lakes 4:15p Children’s Choir-Sanctuary 7:30p Session Mtg at Pastor Lou’s house 7:30p AA – McKnight Room</p>	<p>December 21, 2016 9:00p-3:00p CPNS – Kit/Lib 10:45a CPNS Christmas Program – FH/Kit 7:00p Bell Choir</p>
<p>December 22, 2016 9:00p-3:00p CPNS – Kit/Lib 10:45a CPNS Christmas Program – FH/Kit 2:15p CPNS Christmas Program – FH/Kit 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary</p>	<p>December 23, 2016 CPNS/Church Office Closed</p>
<p>December 24, 2016 (Christmas Eve) 4:00p Meadow Lakes Christmas Eve Service 5:00p Children’s Service 9:00p Family Service 11:00p Candlelight Communion Service</p>	<p>December 25, 2016 (Christmas Day/Christmas Joy Offering) No Sunday School 10:30a Worship 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band–upstairs CRs No Youth Group</p>

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS
2016**

Given to the Glory of God by:

In Memory, Honor, Gratitude of:

Grace Applegate-Tissiere

John and Colleen Arno

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Vicki Bain

Alan and Barbara Balcomb

William and Constance Bauder

Harry and Patricia Bohrs, Jr.

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Dennis and Nancy Chonko

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Lil Conley

Arthur and Barbara Danser

The Dixon Family

Jean Dunham

Jean E. Dvorak

Jean E. Dvorak

The Ellsworth Family

Linda Ferguson

Gordon and Joan Fraser

Ken and Anne Gordon

Ken and Anne Gordon

Karen Henderson

Mark and Jennie Lindbloom

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Hannah Lovaglio

Aldo Maselli and family

Susan Mavoides

In memory of Scott Applegate

In memory of Mr. Vincent Arno and Clara Arno

In memory of Dr. Robert Hofer and Colleen Hofer

In memory of Dennis Bain

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. George Balcomb and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thomas

In memory of Constance's parents, Margaret and Milton Huber

In memory of Elizabeth Hagerty

In honor of the Bell Choir

In honor of the Brass Choir

In memory of Lyle Armstrong

In memory of John and Mary Chonko

In honor of all the beautiful music presented in this church

In honor of our children and grandchildren

In memory of beloved family and friends

In memory of my sister, Patricia R. Conant

In memory of Ruth, Julius and Walter Dvorak

In honor of The Cranbury Presbyterian Chorale

In honor of William Ellsworth, in thanksgiving and praise to God for his remission and return to good health

In memory of loved ones who are no longer with us

In memory of Gordon and Hilda Fraser and Charles and Winifred White

In memory of Claire Maselli

In honor of Aldo Maselli

In memory of William J. Keller, Jr.

In memory of our mother, Mabel Davenport

In memory of our father, Robert Lindbloom

In honor of our granddaughter, Carter Rose Lindbloom

In memory of Patrick Keller

In memory of Claire Maselli

In memory of beloved grandfather, Don Scroggins

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Given to the Glory of God by: In Memory, Honor, Gratitude of:

Barbara Mortensen	In memory of my husband, Cliff Mortensen
Andre Moutenot	In memory of Karen Moutenot
Leah Moy	In memory of Richard and Helen Wagner
Leah Moy	In memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. Schassburger
Doris Davison Parry and Hugh R. Parry	In memory of Asa T. Davison, Jr. and Margaret L. Davison
Doris Davison Parry and Hugh R. Parry	In memory of Asa T. Davison, Sr. and Verna D. Davison
Doris Davison Parry and Hugh R. Parry	In memory of Meribah Davison Busby and Donald A. Busby
Arthur and Gloria-Jean (McKenrick) Ryba	In memory of Ernest, Jeanne and Richard McKenrick
Barbara Sears	In memory of my husband, Hank Sears
Samuel and Rae Ellen Smith	In memory of our loved ones
George and Audrey Smith	In honor of our children and grandchildren
Virginia Swanagan	In memory of Don Swanagan
Doris Wiegartner	In memory of Bob and Sam Wiegartner
Walter Wright	In memory of Alice and Marcus Wright
Jeff and Diane Yeager	In honor of our children and grandsons, Colin and Andrew