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Rev. Kenneth D. Peterkin, Pastor

December 2023

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Calendar Highlights

Sundays, December 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

*10 am—Worship in person and
livestreamed on YouTube*

Sundays, December 3, 10, 17

8:30 am—Adult Learning Hour

Mondays, December 4, 11, 18

1-4 pm—Compassionate Crafters

Thursdays, December 7 & 21

*1-4 pm—Afternoon of Games
in King Auditorium*

Thursdays, December 7, 14, 21, 28

*Weekly music rehearsals:
6 pm—Hand bells • 7 pm—Choir*

Sunday, December 10

11 am—Congregational Meeting

Sunday, December 17

*Community Concert Series
7 pm—113th Annual Carol Sing*

Sunday, December 24

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
9 pm—Special Music • 9:30 pm—Worship*

Monday-Tuesday, December 25-26

Office Closed

From the desk of Rev. Ken . . .

So much to convey and pray . . .

Hi, friends and fellow travelers. My wife Suzanne and I just returned from time away – a vacation to Houston and Galveston Island, Texas. I found Houston to be very nice, actually; huge, but nice. Galveston, a town of 50,000 sits on a long stretch of island, with lots of land to yet build upon. I say that because I saw it as charming, historic, beach beautiful, and filled with incredible eateries. Texas is a very different place than PA – open carry, warmth in winter, cheap gas, 14-lane highways, and open, unfettered, inter-racial couples. I found it a place to be lovingly charged. And yet, finding the charge was nearly impossible!

You see, our vacation package included the use of a rented, electric car. GREAT car seeking to “hook-up” with an actual charging station. Despite it being an oil town we saw that Houston had over 800 charging stations! However, anxiety ruled our days as the charging stations were either far further away than advertised, didn’t actually exist at many of the addresses we were instructed to go to, were stationed within parking garages that charged you for both the electric AND the garage stay, and when finding one appearing to want to charge us the charging station was not communicating through the internet to its company nor to the application on our cell phone. Actually finding one – we were desperately approaching a low reserve of power in our batteries. We hooked up, gave the station our credit card number, and, were driven away in a gas-operated car by Suzanne’s sister and husband whom we had warned about getting an electric car before they arrived.

Knowing we’d have to wait 7 hours for a full charge, we went off to enjoy our first day of sun and pool festivities – except for the nagging concern in my wife’s heart about where our car was, and whether it was receiving a charge. As earlier, the phone app wasn’t reaching the charging station and so we opted to float in the lazy river.

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Join us for Advent and Christmas

Celebrate the hope and joy of the season

Advent

December 3 • December 10 • December 17 • December 24

Worship at 10 am each Sunday will feature the lighting of the Advent Candle and seasonal music. Worship in person, watch the livestream on YouTube or view the recording at emmanuelucc.org.

Special presentation:

- The cantata “God Is With Us” by Tom Fettke will be presented by the Chancel Choir during 10 am worship on December 17.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

• *Sunday, December 24* •

A program of Special Music at 9 pm will be followed by a service of lessons and carols at 9:30 pm.

Congregational Meeting set for December 10

A Congregational Meeting will be held in the sanctuary immediately after worship on Sunday, December 10, to approve the budget for 2024 and to approve the nominees to serve on Consistory next year. Details were sent to members by mail. Megan Alcott and Charlotte Pinette are nominated to each serve an additional term. Sean Moore is nominated for an initial term. There will still be vacancies on the Consistory. Anyone interested in serving can contact Chuck Siegel. A quorum of 10 percent of membership, or 27 people, is required to hold a Congregational Meeting. Your attendance is encouraged and appreciated.



Christmas Fund offering supports retired pastors

The Christmas Fund has cared for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ for over 100 years, providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas gift checks to low-income retirees.

This year, as we anticipate the hope and joy of Advent and Christmas, challenges remain for many pastoral leaders who continue to experience loss of income as congregations struggle with budget shortfalls. Read more in the December bulletins.

The theme of the 2023 Christmas Fund Offering is “**Grace Upon Grace**” based on John 1:16. One of the four Special Mission Offerings of the UCC, the Christmas Fund provides an opportunity to show your continued gratitude to those who faithfully shepherded the church and who now face unforeseen financial needs.

Last year, Emmanuel gave \$1,380 to the Fund. Offerings will be taken through Dec. 24. Make checks to Emmanuel UCC and indicate “Christmas Fund” in the memo or look for the purple envelopes.



113th Annual Carol Sing



A Hanover Tradition

7 pm – Sunday, December 17

Join in this Christmas carol singalong, with stories of the carols narrated by Steve McKonly and Landy Grimm, accompanied by a live 30-piece community orchestra.

Sponsored by Linda & Steve McKonly

Community Concert Series 25th anniversary season

Emmanuel has welcomed the community to enjoy music in our beautiful sanctuary for decades. Join us this 25th anniversary season for four more Sunday concerts featuring diverse programs from world-class musicians and regional performers. Stay after each concert for a dessert reception to meet the performing artists.

• SCHEDULE •



Susquehanna Slide Express

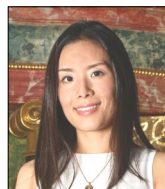
Trombone Quintet: March 10
An ensemble of four horns and percussion has an extensive repertoire. *Sponsored by Sandy Rebert*

L'abri Trio

Saxophone | Cello | Piano: April 7
Enjoy a varied program from this world-class trio.
Sponsored by Sam S. Lee

Grace EunHye Oh

Organist: May 12
Oh will perform on our magnificent 1930 E.F. Skinner organ.



Thank you, concert sponsors!

Donor-Named Concert Sponsors

The Alma Strings – Judy Morris
113th Annual Carol Sing – Linda & Steve McKonly
Susquehanna Slide Express – Sandy Rebert
L'abri Trio – Sam S. Lee

Sustainers

Estelle King
Henry & Jean McLin
Peter & Vicky Robinson
Bill Wertzberger

Benefactors

Bonnie & Dick Clendaniel
Robert Larsen
Peg Custer Moulton

Grand Patrons

Jody Adelsperger & John Wheeler
Mary & Mike Bair
Phyllis Egger
Edward & AnnaMae Frederick
Bob Marchio
James McLin
Charlotte Pinette
Cathy H. Reck
Metha Williams

Patrons

Teresa Arcari
Sandra Bull
Sharlene Davis
Brian Frederick
Carol & Ron Giesey
Edward S. Gobrecht
Maria & Brian Shea
Sally Smith
Marilyn Van Lenten
Michael Warns & Rick Freda
Liz Webb

Friends

Glenn & Dot Cooper
Mark Deardorff
William & Judith Foreman
Sharon L. Narushoff
Carole Rhoten
Janet L. Stein
Carole G. Zinn

Association plans Epiphany Party

Enjoy a relaxing evening after the holidays at an Epiphany Party on Friday, January 5, 2024, hosted by the Gettysburg Association. All are invited to the event, planned for 5-9 pm at the St. Paul's (Dubs) Church Conway-Runkle Annex at 1958 Dubs Church Road, Hanover.



The event includes a meal from Skip and Penny's Country Catering with pit ham, lasagna, sides, apps, dessert and beverages. Bring a white elephant gift of \$5 or less and feel free to re-gift. Tickets are \$10 per person, with the Association covering the remainder of the cost as a gift to you. For reservations, RSVP to Rev. Susan Fritz at revfritz1958@gmail.com or leave a message at 717-637-2419. The deadline is Wednesday, December 13.

Inclement Weather Policy

For your safety and to facilitate the clearing of our sidewalks and parking lot...



If the Borough of Hanover declares a Snow Emergency, church services, meetings and any other activities will be cancelled or rescheduled. Check for updates at emmanuelucc.org.

Events & Activities

Coffee ER

9:15 am Friday & Saturday

Join Rev. Ken for an informal gathering every Friday and Saturday from 9:15-10:30 am at The



Reader's Café, 125 Broadway.

Grab coffee, tea or breakfast.

Coffee ER's name pays homage to Emmanuel's Evangelical and Reformed roots.

Afternoon of Games

1:30-4pm, December 7 & 21

The group meets for Scrabble, cards and more games and snacks first and third Thursdays in King Auditorium. For info, call Carol Giesey at 717-632-2665.

Monthly Mindfulness

6 pm, First Sundays

Join Karen Jones December 3 and every first Sunday for a 45-minute Monthly Mindfulness Drop-In session in Bowers Chapel. The stress-reduction practices are open to everyone. Use the courtyard door. For a Zoom link or questions, email Karen at kjones@mindfulnessandmotion.com.



IN THE SPIRIT

The Church Growth Committee decorated the outdoor Christmas tree with a "Peace" theme this year. The tree is entered in Main Street Hanover's Tree Wars, a friendly competition among downtown businesses and organizations. Visit mainstreethanover.org/treewars to vote. Voting runs through January 2.

HOLIDAY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Feed a Friend Marathon

WHVR 1280 AM, Rocky 98.5 FM and Nu 95.3 FM will host the 37th annual radio giving marathon to benefit New Hope Ministries food programs. The 16-hour on-air event will run 12-8 pm Thursday, Dec. 7; and 8 am-4 pm Friday, Dec. 8. Pledge by calling 717-637-0052 or visit nhm-pa.org.

Christmas Blessings Express

New Hope will host its Christmas Blessings Express “shoppers room” where clients can get for gifts for their entire family. Donate unwrapped items through Dec. 2 at 135 Baltimore Street, Hanover, 9 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday.

Hoffman Homes Holiday Gift Program

Volunteers are needed to wrap gifts at Hoffman Homes on December 14. Contact Heather Rohrbaugh at 717-359-7148, ext. 4502, to sign up.

BELL RINGERS WANTED

The Missions Committee is again helping organize volunteers for The Salvation Army Red Bucket Christmas Campaign. Bell ringers are needed for the Hanover Market on Chestnut Street Saturday mornings through December 23. All funds support local program needs. To help, contact Estelle King at 717-487-1906 or estellebking@icloud.com.



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Just after dinner we went to the car. Suzanne got a message, a dreaded message... our charger had stopped charging an hour after we had dropped it off!!! Oy. With a twisted gut, I sat in the driver’s seat and glanced at the dashboard and its digital report – 96% CHARGED!!!!!!!!!!!!!! 6 days later we still don’t know how much our credit card was “charged.”

We travel our long roads, making short advances here and there along the way. How often have you felt directionless, a lack of situational awareness, not knowing if your finances will match your needs, feeling foreign, losing “control” of where you’re at, how you’re at, with whom you’re at? I swear there are days when all those questions apply. But other times I feel at least at ease.

In all reality, God is in control, somehow, somewhere, some why. And don’t you think that’s best? At this Advent time, the waiting for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, start NOW, this moment, to let go of any feelings of absolute “control” over life. Why? Each of us goes along with confidence until a feeling, an action, an outside event breaks through our sense of control and disturbs us to the point of disappointment.

Traditional faith so often tells us “800 chargers in town,” meaning to say “all you need to do is assume control because even if things run out,

God’s chargers are gonna be at hand.” I say and have experienced that such just isn’t the case. Honestly, it’s not easy to throw up our hands and to declare to God, “my life is yours God, your control, my surrender.” As days of Thanksgiving appear our hearts sort of melt a bit. As our calendars fill up with holiday observations, the melt continues greatly and paves a path to the possibility of a daily, Godly presence. I urge you but never demand or expect you to use this both melancholy and celebratory time to “let go, and let God.” I urge you to make room in your ego (that’s a pretty grand space, is it not?) to let in God to be your controller. I am fairly certain that with a daily hug to God from within, the control we used to think was awesome, can charge itself with no extra fees.

I love ya, and you should know that God’s fine tuning brings your life to hook up at the easiest and closest charger.

Fast acceleration, low fees, and a quiet smooth drive–

Rev. Ken

Reach Rev. Ken at
860-581-0869 or pastor@eucchanover.org

CONSISTORY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Consistory Minutes — October

October minutes were approved November 20.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Received via email prior to the meeting. Brian elaborated on the normal documents that were sent prior to the meeting. Brian noted that it was a poor income month and unfortunately a high expenses month, although they are still under budget for the year. Brian noted that to date, 33% of pledges are electronic. Bill asked if pledges are trending the same as previous years. Brian said that often there is fluctuation when we have interim positions. Brian noted that on Oct. 2, the Choir Savings account was closed with approximately \$47,000 transferred into the checking account. The funds are shown in the Music Fund Balance, not the General Operating Fund, with monies staying within the Music program, and a report will be run quarterly. Cheryl Fritz made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Judy Morris second. Vote taken. All in favor. Vote passed.
- **2024 Budget Review:** Brian led the Consistory through the proposed budget line by line with commentary. Notes:
 - ◇ Brian proposed a 2024 Budget with a \$300.70 difference between expenses and income.
 - ◇ Sean Moore reviewed the 2024 Capital Expenditures (Brownstone steps, Courtyard I & II). Architectural drawings are complete and paid for and Permit was delivered to Randy Brady.
 - ◇ PennDot unfortunately damaged our curbing and dented the drain – they have been notified. Sean will call Randy to press for dates for Brownstone step replacement.Brain asked Consistory to consider how to fund these items by the next meeting. The \$15,000 for the Brownstone work can be covered within the 2023 budget, however \$47,000 will need to be found to cover the Courtyard I & II expenses in 2024 budget. He recommended using Memorial Funds and EUCC savings or suggested a possible fundraising campaign. Chuck S. and Brian asked Committee Chairs to further review their committee budget line items to see if there are any expenses that can be cut/reduced.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Church Growth Committee — November 14

Bulletin Boards: Charlotte asked the committee to place anything interesting on the 'Things' Board; Megan will work to close out this round of the Buddy Board; Nancy wondered if we could move the

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Megan Alcott, Chuck Bauer, Cheryl Fritz,
Laura Kemp, Judy Morris, Charlotte Pinette,
Bill Wertzberger

Ex officio

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Estelle King 717-487-1906

Personnel Megan Alcott 717-451-5401

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Consistory Rep: Laura Kemp

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Chuck Siegel 717-969-5550

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'Things' board next to the Buddy Board. Will review once the Buddy folders come down.

- Greeters: Clip board is working and people are signing up.
- Free Merchandiser ads: Sent out Chapel, Reader's Café, Crafters, Games and Mindfulness info to the paper and Charlotte asked for them to appear monthly.
- Social Media presence: Abe posted Sunday Concert; Charlotte will reach out to Abe and ask him to post Bingo asap; Maria began a subscription to Canva for graphics design.

Missions Committee — November

- The current balance of Missions funds is \$5,501.
- A donation of \$500 from Missions funds provided 40 turkeys to God's Meal Barrel. They expect to provide Thanksgiving dinner to 75-100 people. Donations of children's PJ's up to size 14 are encouraged for Santa's Sleepers.
- At the PAL Lunch on Oct. 31, Emmanuel volunteers served 201 lunches and 39 Meals on Wheels. We will pinch hit for an additional lunch on Nov. 21. Our next regularly scheduled lunch will be Jan. 30. Contact Estelle King.
- We appreciate Andy Crone's years of coordinating Emmanuel's participation in the CROP Walk. This year about 15 churches participated. Emmanuel members donated \$115, and \$1,000 was donated from the Missions fund.
- Dwight and Judy Dubs, Emmanuel's reps to the Hanover Area Council of Churches, attended the November meeting. About 30 churches were represented. Expenses for the previous year include building repairs and a new alarm system. Requests have been made for about \$800,000 in grants. Ruth's Harvest numbers will likely increase from 190 to 300 children when they start serving middle school children. HACC is currently searching for a coordinating pastor.
- The Hoffman Homes Gala hosted 247 attendees, including 5 members and friends of Emmanuel. Info on the proceeds will follow.
- New Hope's Feed-A-Friend food collection marathon will take place Dec. 7 from noon-8pm and Dec. 8 from 8am-4 pm. We can pledge food or financial donations on WHVR 1280 radio at those times. Missions will donate \$1,000.
- The Homewood Auxiliary is collecting Bingo prizes, such as costume jewelry and other small items. Emmanuel members are invited to send Christmas messages to Homewood residents in Nursing or Personal Care. Use your own cards or cards provided at Fellowship Hour. Cards will be delivered on Dec. 6. Contact Peg Moulton.

- Hanover Against Hunger: 23 members and friends of Emmanuel helped package 200,000 rice meals the weekend of Nov. 5. These meals were sent to Manila and other communities in the Philippines. The next meal packing event will be in 2025.
- Thanks to all who donated to our combined Harvest Home and Communion Gifts collection. A total of 280.7 pounds of food and 30 hygiene items were delivered to local food banks the following day.
- We are still awaiting news about our new sponsored child in the Philippines. We agreed to wire the \$1,320 yearly fee for schooling for our sponsored child in South Africa.
- Fisher House: On Nov. 12, In recognition of Veterans Day, photos of veterans from Emmanuel were shown and a collection was taken for Fisher House, which covers expenses for families of hospitalized vets. The collection totals \$521.

Property Committee — November

- Routine maintenance of the church building and property continue as scheduled.
- The curbing in front of the church office was replaced prior to the resurfacing of Broadway in October. The completion of this project will allow for the replacement of the Brownstone steps leading to the entrance of the church office. Randy Brady Masonry is contracted to replace the steps and railings in accordance to local building codes. Professional drawings and building permits were obtained and forwarded to the masonry company. Work will begin as weather allows. In addition to the Brownstone steps, the sidewalk in front of the office will need to be replaced.
- Additional masonry will be completed in the Courtyard. The bricks covering the courtyard between the church and the office will be taken up, the surface re-graded for proper drainage, and the bricks will be returned. Memorial bricks will be removed carefully, saved and put back.
- Anyone who is interested in serving on the property committee is welcome. Contact Chair Sean Moore at 1jsmoore007@gmail.com.

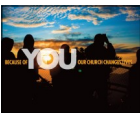
Worship & Music Committee — November

- The Chancel Choir is currently rehearsing a cantata titled "God Is With Us." The question of which day the cantata will be sung is pending.
- A brief discussion was held on livestreaming and the length of the announcements made during the service.
- Music Director Amy Kwon was given the go ahead to make arrangement for moving the Steinway grand piano donated by the McLin family to the choir room.

Thank You

► Thank you for your stewardship

Thank you to our members and friends for supporting the church's missions and ministries with your giving. So far, you have pledged more than \$113,600 for the upcoming year! This year's stewardship theme is "Because of You Our Church Changes Lives." Your gifts make an impact, not just Sunday, but everyday, in ways big and small.



► Thanks for Fisher House offering

Thank you for donating \$696 during Veterans Day weekend to the Fisher House Foundation, which assists wounded veterans. Learn more at fisherhouse.org.

► Thank you concertgoers

Thank you to all who attended the Alma Stings concert on November 12 and also to those who donated desserts for the reception. There were 49 attendees and a free will offering of \$141.

► Thank you for supporting bingo

Thank you to the contributors, the 49 players and all the volunteers who turned out for the Gift Card Bingo on November 17! The event benefits Emmanuel's Building Fund and the Salvation Army Hanover Service Unit.



► Thanks for Harvest Home collection

Thank you for your generous donations of 287 pounds of food for Thanksgiving meals! The Harvest Home collection in November was distributed to three local food pantries including HACC and New Hope Ministries.

Christian Sympathy and Heartfelt Prayers

Please extend sympathy and prayers to

- The family of Ross Sipe, who died October 24, 2023, at Homewood at age 92.

Christmas Poinsettias & Pastor's Care Fund



► PLANTS STILL AVAILABLE!

To purchase flowers to decorate the sanctuary at Christmas, please complete this form and return to the church office or drop in the offering plate.

_____ Plants at \$15 each Flower total \$ _____

Pastor's Fund Offering \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Your Name _____

Please circle one:

In ~ Memory ~ Honor ~ Appreciation ~ of

► **Deadline is December 18 or while supplies last.**

Make checks payable to Emmanuel UCC. Donations to the Pastor's Care Fund are welcome at any time.

Gift Cards for the holidays

Consider making your Christmas and holiday gift card purchases through EUCC! Your purchase through Emmanuel helps support the church, which receives a percentage of all gift cards sold.



An order form with featured retailers and restaurants can be found in the church office or at www.emmanuelucc.org under the newsletter tab.

You can get just about any card, but if the one you want is not on the order form, visit RaiseRight.com or contact Mary Bair at 717-870-5597 or mary.bair12@gmail.com. Orders are typically delivered in a week. For Christmas delivery, the order deadline is Monday, Dec. 11.



★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

The following members and friends of Emmanuel celebrate birthdays in **December**. We extend to each of you best wishes and many happy returns. May God bless you!

- 1—John Frock II
- 2—Donald Bair
- 3—Ronald Giesey
- 4—John Connor Jr.
- 5—Carol Giesey
- 10—Mary Little
- 12—Greg Bair I
- 15—Madden Nguyen
- 17—Gail Mattingly
- 22—Joyce O'Donnell
- 23—Andrea Saggau
- 24—Audrey Fuhrman
- 26—Chris Moore
- 28—David Jones, Haley Frederick, Patrick Caviness
- 29—Cheryl Fritz

Remembering ♦ Caring ♦ Reaching Out

Terri Alcott (Care South)
Julia Greth (Terrace E371)
Arlene Marks (Terrace 370)
Pat Sheaffer (Care South)
 Homewood, 425 Westminster Avenue,
 Hanover PA 17331

Audrey Fuhrman
 Forest Hill Heights Assisted Living
 1 Cardinal Drive, Room 809, Forest Hill MD 21050

Becci Little
 2990 Carlisle Pike, Room 4528, New Oxford PA 17350

Doris Unger (Room 214A)
 Hanover Hall, 267 Frederick St., Hanover PA 17331

► **Have some news?** New email?
 Change of address? Let us know!
 office@eucchanover.org
 124 Broadway, Hanover PA 17331



December 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			29 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open	30 6 pm—Hand bells 7 pm—Choir	1 9:15-10:30 am Coffee ER @ The Reader's Cafe	2 9:15-10:30 am Coffee ER @ Reader's Cafe
3 8:30 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship w/ Holy Communion Children's SS 6 pm—Mindfulness in Bowers Chapel	4 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	5 4 pm—Worship & Music Committee	6 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open 1 pm—Missions Committee	7 1-4 pm— Afternoon of Games 6 pm—Hand bells 7 pm—Choir	8 9:15-10:30 am Coffee ER @ The Reader's Cafe	9 9:15-10:30 am Coffee ER @ Reader's Cafe
10 8:30 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship Children's SS Congregational Meeting 11:45—Lunch Bunch	11 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	12 12—Church Growth Zoom	13 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open	14 7 pm—Property Committee meeting 6 pm—Hand bells 7 pm—Choir	15 9:15-10:30 am Coffee ER	16 9:15-10:30 am Coffee ER @ Reader's Cafe
17 8:30 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship Children's SS 7 pm—Carol Sing	18 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor 7—Consistory	19	20 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open	21 1-4 pm— Afternoon of Games 6 pm—Hand bells 7 pm—Choir	22 9:15-10:30 am Coffee ER @ The Reader's Cafe	23 9:15-10:30 am Coffee ER @ Reader's Cafe
24 10 am—Worship Children's SS 9 pm—Music 9:30—Service	25 Office closed Merry Christmas!	26 Office closed	27 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open	28 6 pm—Hand bells 7 pm—Choir	29	30
31 10 am—Worship Children's SS						

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10 am Sunday

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Church Office
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in person or livestreamed
7 pm Sunday, December 17
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■ Congregational Meeting

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Trombone Quintet

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This ensemble of four horns and percussion has an extensive repertoire of marches, jazz, patriotic, show tunes, sacred and Renaissance/ Baroque/ Classical music.

Sponsored by Sandy Rebert



Grace EunHye Oh

Organist

Sunday, May 12, 2024 – 3 pm

Grace EunHye Oh will present a program of Mendelssohn, Widor, Rameau and more on our magnificent 1930 E.F. Skinner organ. Oh earned a master's degree at Westminster Choir College and has been performing and teaching internationally for many years.



L'abri Trio

Saxophone, Cello & Piano

April 7, 2024 – 3 pm

With a varied program from Classical to Jazz to Modernist, this trio includes world-renowned Saxophonist, Musician and Educator Dr. Kenny Baik, Cellist Dr. Vasily Popov and

Pianist Dr. Bonghee Lee. *Sponsored by Sam S. Lee*

