
Subject: Pastor's Weekly Email

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Friends in Christ,

Though winter officially arrives next week, there is no doubt that it is already here! The first snowfall of the season is beautiful, but be careful out there! Our local weather experts predict more of the white stuff this weekend. I hope that the weather will not be a factor at all on Sunday morning, but if it is, please travel with care or stay home if the roads near you are icy. In the unlikely event that we have to cancel the worship service we will post a notice of cancellation on WFSB Channel 3 (WFSB.com).

This Sunday is the Sunday of joy! We will hear the song of celebration young Mary sang when she realized she was carrying the Christ child, the Transformers children's choir will fill the sanctuary with joyful noise and we will all have reason to celebrate as we baptize Colin Olmstead, son of Rick and Holly Olmstead. A full and wonderful service of worship is in store for us in the middle of this busy, holy season! Hope to see you here.

Note: If you were not able to have your photo taken for the church directory last month, you are in luck! A make-up day has been scheduled for Friday, December 27. This will be your last chance to have your smiling face included in our new pictorial directory. It is very important that you get your name on the list as soon as possible, so please call Kate Fowler today at 860-614-9747 or email her at kfowler64@yahoo.com .

May hope, peace and JOY be yours today and every day!

**With you on the journey,
Meg**

REMINDERS...

During Coffee Hour this Sunday...Cookies in a Box Sale: Fill a box with homemade Christmas cookies for only \$5.

Scrip-Your-All: If you ordered gift cards on December 8 or earlier, you may pick up your cards this Sunday. If you did not place an order last week, there is still time! Any cards ordered and paid for this Sunday will be available next Sunday, December 22. The fastest way to order gift cards is to sign up for Presto Pay! This allows you to get eCards within minutes and you'll be able to send eCards to others as gifts, on a selected date and with a message from you! Presto Pay takes several days to set up, so sign up today and you'll be all set to send those last minute gifts! Contact Kate Fowler at kfowler64@yahoo.com or 860-614-9747 if you need assistance. Also, mark your calendars, as a Scrip-Your-All information session will be held next Sunday, December 22 at 11:15 AM for anyone interested in learning more about how to set up a Scrip account, using Scrip, and how Scrip Your All works to help support FCCV ministries.

Youth Fellowship...this Sunday from 5-6:30 PM at the parsonage. There will be a gift swap (please bring a generic gift costing no more than \$5).

Dinner will be provided. We will be making gingerbread houses and having lots of fun!

Sunday School

All children are invited to participate in our Family Christmas Eve Service, December 24 at 5:30 PM. We will have several adults at the back of the church who will get your child "dressed" as an angel (wings and halo) or as a shepherd (staff and headdress). Children will sit in the last pews with adult supervision, going forward to the front of the sanctuary when prompted. We hope you will join us for our Christmas Eve Family Service.

On Sunday, December 29, there will be no Sunday School but we will offer a movie for children in the Library with supervision provided.

