

December Newsletter  
Pemberton United Methodist Church  
45 Hanover Street  
Pemberton, NJ 08068

Dear Parishioners & Friends of Pemberton United Methodist Church,

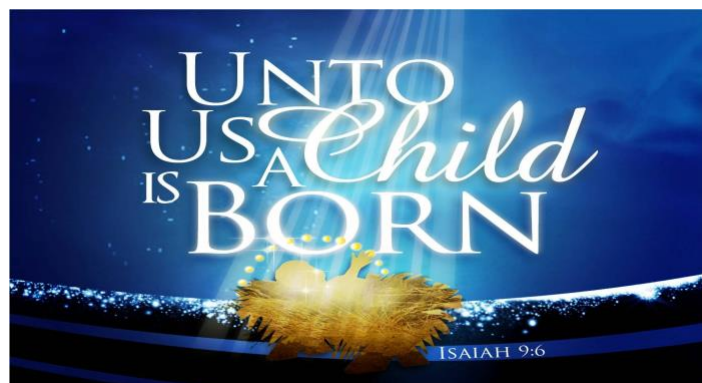
It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. The air is becoming more frigid. People are walking around nestled in turtlenecks and sweaters. As we sit in our warm homes, let us pray for those who are without homes and shelter. Our church will have an Angel Tree, which allows us to give gifts to those who are less fortunate. The bible says in Deuteronomy 15:11, "Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.'" Please help us ensure that each child enjoys a great Christmas by sponsoring a child from our Angel Tree!

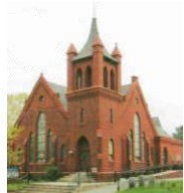
I am proud of our church and the way each of you came out in support of our Thanksgiving Eve Service. It was a phenomenal service and the area pastors were excited to join in community with us. Please be mindful of all the upcoming events that will take place at our church during the month of December. The two services I would like to highlight are Sunday, December 10, 2017, when we will welcome those from the 449 Club who will join us for our regular worship service. Please bring a covered dish to be shared after service. The other service will take place on Sunday, December 24, 2017, at 7 p.m. for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. It is going to be an exciting time that you will not want to miss!

All things considered, let us remember all the many reasons we have to be grateful. God has sustained us throughout the ebbs and flow of our lives. He has restored our hearts, minds, and spirits. Therefore, let us remember all of the great things God has done for us in this year of 2017!

With Love,

Pastor William D. Carter, III





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**Upcoming Events**

- Breakfast with Santa, Saturday, December 2, 2017, at 9 a.m. We are asking for a suggested donation of \$5.00 per child.
- Young Adult Day with Pastor Carter, Saturday, December 2, 2017, at Dave & Busters in Philadelphia. We will meet in the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m.
- Lunch & Show, Surflight Theatre in Beach Haven, December 13, 2017. Please see Sue Conover for more information.
- Community Dinner, December 17, 2017, from 2-4 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Please consider bringing deserts and volunteering. Please see Mariko Tabone for more information.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, December 24, 2017, at 7 p.m.
- Men's Day Service, January 28, 2018, at 10:45 a.m.
- Women's Day Service, February 25, 2018, at 10:45 a.m.

**Note: Bible Study will break for the holidays beginning December 28, 2017, and will resume Thursday, January 11, 2018.**

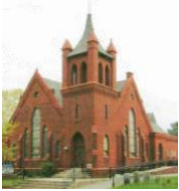
**Don't forget the Food Pantry & Loads of Love during this season of giving!**



We are preparing for our Annual Pretzel Sale. The forms are in the back of the church. Please help us sell as many as possible, as this is one of our greatest fundraisers! If you are interested in making pretzels, please see Connie Emmons.



The women of PUMC will travel to Crossroads Program Inc. for their Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, at 6 p.m.



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**REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS**

Choir Practice – Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Bible Study – Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.

Christian Brothers – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays, 7:30 a.m., Red Lion Dinner

Food Pantry, God’s Closet, and Loads of Love – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. in Educational Bldg.

Office opens every Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you would like to meet with Pastor Carter, please schedule a time with our church secretary, Linda Hobert.

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**December Birthdays**

2 – Christian Anderson

12 – Phil Milliken

21 – Judy Misner

24 – Michelle Phillips

**December Anniversaries**

31 – Judy & Denny Dindinger

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