#### **DECEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER**

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Dear Zion Church Family and Friends,

As we come to the close of another year, my heart is full of gratitude for the many ways you continue to serve God and one another. This past month has been an inspiring reminder of what happens when this church family comes together with generous hearts and willing hands.

Our Harvest Home Sunday Food Drive for the Illinois Valley Food Pantry was a tremendous success! Thank you to everyone who donated food and helped decorate the sanctuary so beautifully. Your gifts and efforts will make a real difference for local families in need this winter.

Then, on Thanksgiving Day, we hosted our Annual Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner, and what a day it was! We had our biggest attendance ever — a true sign that the love and hospitality of Zion Church continue to reach out beyond our walls. Thank you to all who prepared and donated food, contributed financially, and volunteered your time to cook, serve, and welcome guests. It was a beautiful expression of God's love in action.

Advent has arrived. We begin a season of joyful anticipation and reflection — preparing our hearts once again for the coming of Christ, the Light of the World. There are several special celebrations ahead:

- On Sunday, December 14, we'll be blessed with special music during worship.
- On Sunday, December 21, our children will present their Christmas program, reminding us of the wonder of that holy night so long ago.
- On December 24 we'll hold our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00 pm.

I hope you'll make plans to join us for these meaningful moments in worship and fellowship.

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior and look ahead to a new year, I want to express my deep love and appreciation for each of you. Thank you for your faithfulness, your kindness, your support, and your presence in the life of our church. You are truly a gift to me and to one another. It is my privilege and honor to be your pastor!

May the peace, hope, and joy of Jesus fill your hearts and homes this Christmas and throughout the coming year.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2026!

Pastor Alex



Members present: Pastor Alex, Larry Grosenbach, Arnie Watkins, Marty Johnson, Jerry Koehler, Dinelle Freschi, Elecia Lindenmier, Lauren Knutson, Alice Tostovarsnik, Jyll Janz, Lori Rynke, Phyllis B.

Call to Order: Larry G.

Opening Prayer: Lauren K.

Last month's minutes: Motion to approve by Jerry K. seconded by Phyllis B.

<u>Christian Education</u>: All going well. Integrating 3 groups, working together. Planning Advent & Christmas for children.

Evangelism: Sending cards.

<u>Pastoral Care:</u> Prayer list is being revised and reduced to be more manageable.

<u>Missions:</u> Terri Kelly contacted LaSalle Public Schools social worker- found family of four to give donations. CROP Walk raised over \$5000. Total not available yet. PADS looking to be at full capacity this year.

<u>Building and Grounds</u>: Roof is done, not leaking and paid off. Will need to replace window A/C in office next spring. Zion is on Chapman's list to check both boilers.

<u>Women's Guild</u>: Looking forward to Cookie Sale Dec. 12. Encouraging young people to help out. Roaster has been replaced. Also looking forward to Carry-out Spaghetti Dinner in February.

Renewal Leadership Team: Next meeting Monday, October 27.

<u>Minister's report</u>: • Took part in Bible Study each Tuesday evening. • Attended 2 clergy group (CCOP) meetings. • Spoke at a Peru Rotary Club meeting on behalf of the Illinois Valley Food Pantry.

• Met twice with Food Pantry Board of Directors. • Coordinated PADS meal in September. • Recorded 6 radio shows for WLPO. • Participated in Illinois Valley CROP Walk. Over \$5000 was raised to feed the hungry. • Attended Prairie Association Fall Meeting • Attended ribbon cutting ceremony at our new IV Food Pantry facility. • Attended Women's Guild meeting. • Officiated at one funeral, Josh Ellis. • Attended webinar on active shooter response. • Attended Zion Diners at Blue Margarita. Visited with one shut in, Stephanie Heilstedt on her birthday. Took her a card and fresh flowers from her church family. We are preparing for Thanksgiving Day Dinner. I'll be attending Illinois Conference Annual Meetings Oct. 30-Nov. 1. I'll be on vacation November 3-9, Pastor Kay Harding will be available for urgent matters. She will also fill the pulpit Nov. 9.

Old Business: Need measurements for smaller paper dispenser in Men's room.

<u>New Business:</u> Discussed Insurance policies- received Council approval to send in policy. In the future, will need Council's approval on items/ decisions instead of one individual.

Jerry K. made a motion to adjourn meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Marty J.



Members present: Pastor Alex, Larry Grosenbach, Marty Johnson, Jyll Janz, Lori Rynke,

Jerry Koehler, Lauren Knutson, Dinelle Freschi, Elecia Lindenmier, Phyllis Bender.

Call to order: Larry G.

Church

Opening Prayer: Dinelle F.

Last month's minutes: Made motion to approve by Marty J. and seconded by Phyllis B.

Treasurer's report: Motion to approve made by Jerry K. and seconded by Phyllis B.

<u>Christian Ed</u>: Nice music program by the children 11/16. Special thanks to Elecia, Lauren, and Dinelle for a great program. Nice turnout due to how many kids were at church.

Evangelism: Mailing out cards beginning and middle of the month.

<u>Stewardship</u>: Discussed need for another money counter. Good donations of time, money, and items for the Thanksgiving dinner. Decorate church at 3:30pm on Thursday for Harvest Home. So far, a lot less food for Harvest Home. Need to get the message out about Harvest Home meaning.

<u>Missions</u>: Continuing working on PADS Meal. All gifts from giving tree have been fulfilled. Will still collect gifts- the need is great.

<u>Building and Grounds</u>: New boiler passed state inspection. Have to get doors on all exits working- per state inspection.

<u>Women's Guild</u>: Moving toward Cookie Sale. Passing around sign-up sheets. Old wreaths available through 11/23. New wreaths purchased by Guild. Looking into Spaghetti Dinner; Drive-thru only in February.

<u>Renewal Leadership Team</u>: Met and discussed doing a survey for improvement in the next 5 years; early stages.

<u>Minister's Report</u>: • Took part in Bible Study each Tuesday evening. • Attended 1 clergy group (CCOP) meeting. • Met with Food Pantry Board of Directors. • Coordinated PADS meal in October. • Wrote and recorded 4 radio shows for WLPO. • Attended Women's Guild meeting. • Met with Renewal Team.

• Attended Illinois Conference Annual Meetings Oct. 30-Nov. 1. I was on vacation November 3-9. Thanks to Rev. Kay Harding for filling in. We had morning worship and lunch at Pilgrim Park November 2. We'll be hosting Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner from noon to when we finish. Thanks to all who are volunteering, contributing food and financially. What a blessing! Harvest Home Sunday is Nov. 23. Advent begins November 30. Attendance has been good in morning worship. We're getting visitors regularly. Some members who've been inactive are once again getting involved. We've welcomed 10 new members this year so far with 2 more who will be joining very soon. What a joy! The future looks bright for our growing Zion family!

<u>Old Business</u>: It's been proposed to go back to the way we used to serve Communion. Consensus by Council- Ok to try it.

Jerry K. made motion to adjourn meeting.

The Lord's Prayer: Pastor Alex

Respectfully submitted by: Marty J.



### In Need of Ongoing Prayer:

Karen Hauser, Holly and family of Bob Antkowiak, Lois Wilmot, Tina Garncarz, Dave Wagner Family, Steve Theisinger, Shelly, Mary Thies, Kittilson Family, Debbie, Ristau Family, Family of Gene, Kevin Kramer, Dixie, Arnie & Jan Watkins, Dawn & Ron Narczewski, Jean Mikus, Deb Cooper, Ryan, Cindy Harzheim, Paul Lewis, Marilyn Haslam.



Our deepest condolences go out to Holly and the family of Bob Antkowiak. Bob passed away Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Services were held November 19, 2025 at St. Valentine Church, Peru.

**The Altar Flowers** November 9<sup>th</sup> were In Memory of Gary's birthday and our anniversary, from Terry Hoelle.

**A Memorial** in Loving Memory of David Splittstoesser was given by Georgia Splittstoesser.



Flower Charts There are many open dates for Altar flowers. The dates are hung on the bulletin board outside of the Fellowship Hall. We have 4 months hanging at a time. If you would like to reserve flowers you may sign up on the chart or contact the church office to ask about availability. Altar Flowers will be seen on YouTube services, the weekly bulletin, monthly newsletter, and on the church website in the posted bulletin. The cost for flowers is \$25.00. Please be sure to include all names, first and last, and any information you would like added to announcement.

**Prayer Requests In the Bulletin** We are grateful for the privilege of praying for one another. To help us keep our prayer list current, each new request will be included in the bulletin for four weeks. After that time, we will remove it unless we are asked to continue sharing it longer. If you would like a request to remain, please let us know—we want to walk alongside you in prayer for as long as you need.

#### THANK YOU FOR HARVEST HOME 2025

The Harvest Home Festival at Zion was started in 1966 by the Youth Fellowship. At that time the youth decorated and participated in the worship

service. Food in institutional sized cans was requested because the food was donated to children's homes which over the years included the UCC Bensenville Children's Home, the UCC Ulich Children's Home, the UCC



Sunburst Children's Home, and the Princeton Covenant Children's Home. In 1982 when the Illinois Valley Food Pantry was started, the donations of food were divided between the pantry and a children's home. With the disappearance of the residential children's homes in favor of placement in families, and the growing need of the food pantry in our community, all food was donated to the pantry. Zion members have always been very generous in giving and working for the pantry and this year was no exception. All of the food donated will be picked up by the IV Food Pantry and distributed for Christmas dinners.

So many members and friends responded so generously. Let's be extra thankful that we participate in such a caring church. -Jim



Listen to Pastor Alex at 8:25 every Sunday morning on 103.9 **WLPO**. Tell your friends!



**Join us for coffee fellowship after worship!** If you would like to sign up to provide coffee fellowship (most Sundays) after worship there is a sign up sheet in fellowship hall, or contact the church office.



Advent begins on November 30<sup>th</sup> this year. Join us on Sundays as we prepare our hearts and lives to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern."

- Mother Teresa, Love: A Fruit Always in Season





**The Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble Winter Concert** will take place at Zion on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. The event is free and open to the public. A variety of holiday music will be featured. We hope to see you!





**The Women's Guild** The Guild December meeting will be a "working meeting" packaging cookies the morning of Thursday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **COOKIE SALE COUNT DOWN**



Thanksgiving has come and is gone (except perhaps the leftovers) and we hope that everyone had a wonderful day. As of this writing the Cookie Sale is just two weeks away. So here is a rundown of what you can do to help make it a big success.

Finalize your plans for whatever you are going to bake. Make your grocery list accordingly. Put on some holiday music and have fun baking. Remember that we have 9 inch plastic pie shells available at church to make transporting pies easier. They will work well for round coffee cakes rolls and muffins, too. They are located on a table in the fellowship hall. Please try to have your baked goods at the church by 9:00 am Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup>. The church will be open Wednesday afternoon and early evening, and early Thursday morning. Remember to label your items and indicate which have nuts in them.





Tell your family, friends and neighbors about the sale. Word of mouth is a great way to generate interest. Invitations sheets on light green paper are available for you to share. They are available at the back of the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall. They also make a good info sheet for you to use if you are inviting folks via text, phone call or social media.

Help arrange the fellowship hall for the sale **after worship on Sunday the 7**th. This should take no more than half an hour if we have lots of helpers. We'll also bring down the supplies needed for the sale from storage.





<u>Help</u> put the cookies in "display boxes" ready to be set out on the tables, package "specialty cookies" and those that are fragile or sticky, price other baked goods and candy, and arrange the goodies on the tables for sale. <u>This will happen Thursday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00am.</u>

**Come help with the sale on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>.** If you are going to help with the sale please arrive by 2:30 for final instructions and set up. If you will be coming later to help with cleanup plan arrive about 5:30. And of course do a little cookie shopping yourself!

And thank you all in advance for making the sale a great success!





This Christmas, Zion UCC will be collecting and providing gifts for a local family in need. There are four children, and we invite you to help make their holiday bright!

#### Gift ideas include:

- 6-year-old girl: size 8/10 clothes, size 12 shoes loves Lilo
   & Stitch, coloring, Squishmallows, and princess dolls
- **5-year-old boy:** size 5T–6 clothes, size 11 shoes loves Paw Patrol, Minecraft, and monster trucks
- **3-year-old boy:** size 4T–5T clothes, size 10 shoes loves Bluey, PJ Masks, Spider-Man, and toy cars
- **Toddler girl:** size 2T clothes, size 7 shoes loves Ms. Rachel, building blocks, and Blue's Clues
- The family also needs new sheet sets for: 1 full-sized bed, 2 twin beds, and 1 toddler/crib bed

Please consider choosing an item or two to donate. You can bring unwrapped gifts to the church. Let's share the God's love through generosity and kindness this Christmas season! For questions or more details, see Pastor Alex.

#### Join the CREW!



Our Sunday School program, **CREW**, is meeting again every Sunday at 9:00 AM. Kids in kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join us for stories, games, crafts, and activities that help build faith and friendships. We're excited to see you this Sunday!



\*Zion Children's Christmas Program will be on December 21st during morning worship. You don't want to miss this!\*

#### **Zion Diners**

Diners met Thursday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> at The Right Spice with Dick and Alice Tostovarsnik as hosts. Mark your calendars for the **Zion Diners Christmas Party!** The event will take place on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Liberty Restaurant and will feature the **famous White Elephant gift exchange.** Dixie Tonozzi will be hosting. Please let her know if you are planning to attend. The Diners will also meet Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm with the place to be announced. All are welcome!





#### Luminaries and Poinsettias

Orders for Luminaries and Poinsettias are now being taken. The deadline is December 21<sup>st</sup>. The orders can be in memory of those who have passed or in honor of someone. Please fill out the order form and send to the church. Contact the church office with any questions. Thank you!

Luminaries to benefit the Food Pantry are now being sold for \$10.00 each. They will be set out and lit on Christmas Eve. Once again we hope to reach our goal of 100 luminaries. Please fill out the order form and put it in the offering plate or send to the church office. Please give all donation information by Sunday, **December 21**<sup>st</sup>.

In Memory of:		,
In Honor of:	<u>.</u>	



#### Poinsettias



Poinsettias can now be ordered. The cost is \$10.00 each. Please fill out the order form and put it in the offering plate or send to the church office. Please give all information by Sunday, **December 21**<sup>st</sup>.

In Memor	y of:		

In Honor of:	•



The Luminary & Poinsettia Booklet will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletins and available to view online at www.zionperu.org

#### DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

# CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE AT 7:00 PM IN-PERSON AND AVAILABLE ONLINE (YOU TUBE)





I wish you all a wonderful Christmas season and a Happy, Healthy New Year!
Your Secretary, Erin





Pastor Alex will be on vacation beginning December 29 and will be back in the office January 5<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Kay Harding will preach on Jan 4<sup>th</sup>. and will be available for emergencies. Her phone number is: (815)993-9220



#### 2026 Offerings and Offering Envelopes

2026 Offering envelopes will be available in the narthex in December. Please continue to use your 2025 envelopes, sending your donations, or giving online as you have been doing. Any donations given until December 31, 2025 will be credited to 2025 giving statements. After January 1, 2026 donations will be credited to 2026 giving statements. If you are unable to pick up your 2026 envelopes, use any envelope and put your name and date on it when you donate your contribution. Your envelope number will be the same as you have this year. If you have leftover 2025 envelopes, you can use one of those and write the 2026 date on it. If you are giving for more than one week, you do not have to use a separate envelope (or a separate check) for each week. You can mark the envelope for the weeks that are covered in it. Zion Church again thanks you for your continued support during these hard times. Your generosity has been a blessing for the continued operation and mission of Zion.



#### Tuesday, January 6 – Join Us for Bible Study!

Bible Study will take a break through the holidays. We'll resume on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Our study is based on the inspiring series *The Chosen* and is open to all adults.

This is a hybrid event, so you can join us in person, at the church or via Zoom—whichever works best for you. We are currently discussing Season 3, so come ready to share your thoughts, questions, and insights. We start at 6:30pm on Tuesdays. All are welcome! Let's continue to grow in faith and community together. Enjoy Advent and Christmas, and we'll see you in the new year!

**Souper Bowl Sunday**" will run Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is asked to bring cans of soup



to worship and use them to vote for the team they think will win the Super Bowl, or the team they hope will win. The Sunday after the game, those who voted for the losing team are asked to bring one can of soup for every losing vote they cast. Jim Greening also says those who voted for the winning team should bring more soup to celebrate their team's victory. All the soup will be given to the Food Pantry. So who are you going to vote for?

**The Annual Meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> after worship. If you have a report, please turn it into the office by Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Feeding the Future** – The Illinois Valley Food Pantry launched a major fundraiser to fund their new building purchase, necessary renovations, and expanded food programs —so that we can continue to serve the growing number of individuals and families in need across our region. Local individuals, churches and businesses are joining together to make this vision a reality. Learn more or donate at <a href="https://www.ivfoodpantry.com">www.ivfoodpantry.com</a> or by contacting the Pantry directly.





**Zion Spaghetti Express-Save the Date!** On Wednesday, February 19, 2026 we'll be hosting a Drive-Through Spaghetti Dinner. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a delicious meal while supporting our church community.

We'll need plenty of hands to make this event a success—help will be needed to prepare the food, serve meals, and clean up afterward. More details will be shared soon, so stay tuned!



#### ILLINOIS VALLEY PUBLIC ACTION TO DELIVER SHELTER

#### \*\*HELP FEED THE HUNGRY!\*\*

Zion UCC is providing a delicious hot meal delivered to the **Peru PADS homeless shelter** each month. Every little bit helps us provide a nutritious meal each month through May. Write a check to the church and note **"PADS Meals."** Or go online and donate through the Giving page on our website. Your donation helps provide a healthy, hearty meal to those who need it most. Thank you for your generosity and support in feeding the hungry!

**How You Can Help:Donate:** Every gift—big or small—ensures that we continue providing hearty, healthy meals.

**Ways to Give:** Write a check to the church with "PADS Meals" in the memo or donate online through the Giving page on our website.



**Ushers:** We are building a new Ushers List. If you previously served as usher and would like to serve again, we would like to add you to the new ushers list. Previously ushers served for an entire month. Ushers now will serve when they are available to serve even for a single Sunday. You can let Larry Grosenbach know you will serve as usher or email

<u>ushers@zionperu.org</u> to be added to the ushers list.



**Evangelism:** We are updating our visitor information about Zion church and will be creating a visitor packet that will contain our new updated information about Zion Church and a thank you gift or two for them visiting. If you would like to help the Evangelism Team with the visitor project you can let Pastor Alex, Jerry Koehler or email <a href="mailto:evangelism@zionperu.org">evangelism@zionperu.org</a>.

#### THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Please follow all safety guidelines when in attendance. We understand if you are not comfortable coming in person and invite you to watch services on YouTube.

JOIN US LIVE ON YOUTUBE SUNDAYS AT 10:15

HOW DO YOU GET THERE? EASY......

1) Go to Youtube.com

- 2) Click on "Search" box at top of the page.
- 3) Type in "Zion UCC Peru Illinois"
- 4) Click on the big purple circle with a "Z" in it.
- 5) Click on the video that says "LIVE"



THAT'S IT! SEE YOU SUNDAY!

\*Bulletins available to view on our website!

You can donate to Zion Church with a credit card or by bank transfer from your bank account. All you need to do is go to our web page and click "Donate" located on the right-hand side. Also, here's the link to give to our church: https://zionuccperu.breezechms.com/

You can also donate to Zion Church by Text to (815)-393-1954: Enter the amount you want to give to Zion in the Text box and send. If it the first time you are giving by text you will be prompted to set up your giving method. Thank you for giving during these difficult times

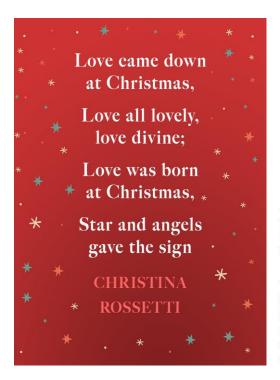


**Live Life (Pre and Post Transplant Support Group)** meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm at Zion UCC.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

**The Compassionate Friends Group** meets at Zion every fourth Thursday at 6:30pm. This meeting is open to any parent who has lost a child.

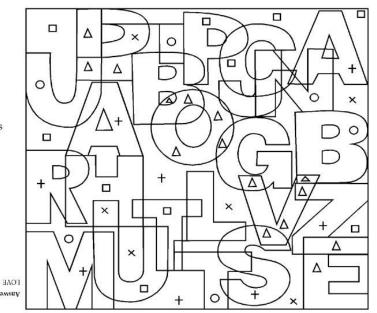
**Weight Watchers** meets every Saturday morning at 8:00. We're happy to provide space for this worthwhile service to our community.





# A Very Important Word

This puzzle hides an important word. Jesus says it is the most important thing we can do. Shade in the  $\triangle$  spaces to find the word.





#### **December Birthdays**

- 3. Alice Tostovarsnik Arnie Watkins Savanna Rietgraf Abigale Baker Aiden Grove
- 4. Alton Beck
  Theresa Grove
- 5. Andrew Merkel
- 7. John Eustis
- 8. Roger Rynke Lena Claire Trumpinski
- 11. Marissa Becker
- 14. Holly Antkowiak
  Jack Fetzer
- 20. Joanne Bejster Noah Martinez
- 22. Abigail Mize
- 26. Brian Donahue
- 29. Bill Grosenbach Matthew Jacobson
- 30. Jim Greening
- 31. Sheryl Churney

#### **December Anniversaries**

- 4. Dave and Debra Baltikauski
- 29. Jim and Barbara Ryba



THE BABY JESUS STARTS TEETHING.



#### **January Birthdays**

- 3. Wesley Gardner Jim Brown
- Terri Kelly Pam Coffey
- Lois Wilmot Jerrid Ware Kemper Kupperschmid
- 16. Katherine Wilmot
- 18. Mary Damer
- Reese Baltikauski Carol Theisinger
- 20. Douglas Johnson Duston Ploch Nikki Pacione Lynn Keyt
- 21. Savana Miller Cvndi Thurman
- 26. Sue Johnson
- 31. Abigail Coutre'

#### January Anniversaries

- 6. Matt & Hannah Sprong
- 9. Alan & Michelle Fupler
- 15. Bill and Terri Kelly

#### THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Oh, boy! Does this mean we don't have to be good anymore?"



# December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 30 8:25 Pastor Alex WLPO 9:00 CREW 9:30 Choir practice 10:15 Worship- Also available on You Tube Advent 1	1.	2.	3. 6:30 Choir practice	4. <b>1:00pm</b> Women's Guild Meeting	5.	6. 8:00am Weight Watchers meeting
7. 8:25 Pastor Alex WLPO 9:00 CREW 10:15 Worship- Also available on You Tube & Coffee Fellowship *Arrange tables for Cookie Sale* 2:00pm Winter Flute Concert	8 6:30pm Live Life Group meeting	9	Cookie Drop	11 Cookie Drop off  9:00am Packaging & Pricing for Cookie Sale	12 3:00pm Cookie Sale *worker "Elves" meet at 2:30pm	13 <b>8:00am</b> Weight Watchers meeting
14. 8:25 Pastor Alex WLPO 9:00 CREW 10:15 Worship- Also available on You Tube & Coffee Fellowship	15 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	16	17	18 6:00 Zion Diners Christmas Party	19	20 <b>8:00am</b> Weight Watchers meeting
21. 8:25 Pastor Alex WLPO 9:00 CREW 9:30 Choir practice 10:15 Worship- Also available on You Tube Children's Program & Coffee Fellowship	22	23 5:15 PADS Meal	24 Christmas Eve 7:00pm Candlelight Service *Also on You Tube	25 MERRY MISTIS	26	27 8:00am Weight Watchers meeting
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"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come"

2 Corinthians 5:17

