

## LET'S CELEBRATE!

### December Birthdays

9 Nellie Oliver  
10 Victoria Heldt  
Ian Choi  
17 Annie Silva  
28 James Schroll  
30 Diane DiLeo  
31 Jim Tresner

### December Anniversaries

If anyone has a wedding anniversary in December, please let us know so we can celebrate you. ❤️

### Your Generosity at Work in the Community & the World

12/8 Worship Attendance:	Offering's Received
Adults: 51 Kids: 15	12/2– 12/8: \$2,184

### Step into the Christmas Story this Advent Season!

This Advent, our worship services invite you on a journey to meet the people of the Christmas story through the vivid imagination of Ruth L. Boling's "Season's Greetings." Each Sunday, we will reflect on the powerful messages shared in four heartfelt letters that bring the season to life.

- **December 1st – 1st Sunday of Advent:** *A Letter from King Herod*
- **December 8th – 2nd Sunday of Advent:** *A Letter from Mary*
- **December 15th – 3rd Sunday of Advent:** *A Letter from John the Baptist*
- **December 22nd – 4th Sunday of Advent:** *(Christmas Pageant Sunday)*
- **December 24th – Christmas Eve:** *A Letter from Jesus*

These letters explore the profound meanings of Christmas, inviting us to reflect on the birth of Jesus and its impact on our lives and the world. Don't miss this inspiring and thought-provoking journey through the Advent season!

### IN CASE OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY

Call Pastor Sue at: church office – 516 541-7008; cell phone – 617 999-7081  
Pastor Sue Hyosuk Yun E-Mail – [pastorsue.yun@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsue.yun@gmail.com)

1. Pastor Sue is available on a flexible appointment basis for individual pastoral counseling for Zoom and telephone spiritual care of individual members.  
Pastor Sue can also refer persons to other professionals as needed.
2. The congregation care network is available for Zoom and telephone spiritual care of individual members

**TODAY December 15, 2024**

**\*\*Recorded Worship available at 12 p.m.**

**When joining us for the Recorded Online Worship, please use one of the following:**

**CUMC Website Address: [www.cumcmassapequa.org](http://www.cumcmassapequa.org)**

**Facebook: <https://bit.ly/FACEBOOKcumc>**

**YouTube: <https://bit.ly/cumcmassapequa>**



**THANKS** to Pat Hansen for acting as Liturgist, James & Joseph for lighting our third Advent Candle, Paul Hesleitner for reading *A Letter from John the Baptist*, Russ & Linda Garbutt for Ushering, Mark Esposito for setting up Coffee Hour, and all our cooks and crafters contributing to our Advent Craft Workshop & Pot Luck.

### THIS WEEK

The "Service Box/We Care Visitors" Dispatcher is Jeana Heldt (516) 520-8935

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**– Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9a.m.- 2p.m.

Bulletin materials are due Thursdays by 9am. Thank you!

<b>Tues. Dec 17</b>	10:00 a.m. – Advent Bible Study
<b>Wed. Dec 18</b>	7:00 p.m. – Weekly Prayer Meeting (Virtual)
<b>Wed. Dec 18</b>	7:45 p.m. – Weekly Adult Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sat. Dec 21</b>	3:00 p.m. – Blue Christmas Service
<b>Sun. Dec 22</b>	10:00 a.m. – Family Worship Service & Sunday School *4th Sunday of Advent *Christmas Pageant *Giving Tree Gifts Due
<b>Sun. Dec 22</b>	11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. – District Parsonage Open House

### LOOKING AHEAD

<b>Tues. Dec 24</b>	5:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Service
<b>Wed. Dec 25</b>	Christ is Born! Merry Christmas!
<b>Sun. Dec 29</b>	10:00 a.m. – Family Worship Service & Sunday School
<b>Sun. Jan. 5</b>	10:00 a.m. – Family Worship Service & Sunday School *Epiphany Sunday

### NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE SCHEDULE

Liturgist –Pastor Sue  
**Coffee Hour – VOLUNTEER NEEDED**  
Usher – Youth  
12/9-12/29 Jeana Heldt (516) 520-8935

### HEADS UP

**Volunteers are needed for Liturgist and Coffee Hour. Please sign up in the Narthex.**



**Thank you to everyone who chose a star off our Giving Tree. By the end of last week's service, our tree was bare and that is a beautiful thing. It means our sponsor family will have a blessed and merry Christmas feeling God's love through our gifts.**

**Please remember that all wrapped and labeled gifts, as well as the household items, are due back to CUMC by next Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Thank you!**



One: This tree needs decoration.

**All: What should we use for decoration?**

One: Tinsel so it shimmers?

**All: No!**

One: Lights so it glows?

**All: No!**

One: What should we use for decoration?

**All: SOCKS!**

Clothes pins for hanging in the Narthex

**The Outreach Committee is collecting socks that will be used to decorate our sanctuary Christmas tree and then donated after the holidays to organizations in need. Please donate socks for the young and old, male and female and keep tootsies of all sizes warm this winter. Thank you!**



**ADVENT  
CRAFT  
WORKSHOP &  
POT LUCK  
LUNCH**

**TODAY  
AFTER  
WORSHIP**

- LINDA – breast cancer; had a double mastectomy and started chemo (The Petracca Family)
- VIRGINA LORENZI & HER BROTHER DONALD for strength and healing blessings
- THE LUPO FAMILY – young family & the father has been battling cancer for some time (Amy Branch)
- TOMMY LYONS (Olga Hernandez' son)
- SUSAN & PATRICK MARTIN – speedy recovery and good spirits (Lori Benzoni)
- ROSALIND MCKELVEY – Virginia Lorenzi
- SALVATORE MONACO (Dominique Monaco-Vetter)
- DOMINIQUE MONACO-VETTER – struggling with life stressors
- LANDON & HAYDEN VETTER – affected by a shortage of their much needed medications
- RONNIE MURPHY – cancer (Linda Garbutt)
- SAMANTHA MURRAY – 4 yrs. old; diagnosed with Celiac Disease (Russ & Linda Garbutt)
- SUZANNE that her family members find employment (Annette Hesleitner)
- GREG ORLANDO – fighting childhood disease without cure (The Garbutt Family)
- MATT PARRINELLO – cancer (Garbutt)
- PEOPLE STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES & THEIR CAREGIVERS, DOCTORS, & RESEARCHERS
- CAROL & ROY PETER
- ARAGON PEREZ – doing well after tongue surgery; born w/ health issues (Olga's Grandson)
- CHERIE RIDLEY'S FATHER – chronic kidney disease, please pray for healing, his family & healthcare team
- JOHN SHARP –cancer treatment; scoutmaster of eagle scout doing project at CUMC (Kim Gill)
- JEFF SMITH- ongoing health concerns; participating in an experimental drug trial
- THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF TIM LY for his loss to suicide (Friend of Eric Cortright & Jeong-Hwa Park)
- ANTHONY VESSA – peace & an end to suffering from cancer (Anita Hernandez's brother-in-law)**
- MARTA VITTORIO –dealing with many health issues (The church's mailman, Joseph Vittorio's, wife)
- MARGARET VOLENCE
- GARY VOLENCE JR. – blood clots (Garbutt)
- GARY VOLENCE SR. (Linda Garbutt)
- CAROL WHYTE – recovering from a stroke
- YOUNG-YI – shingles (Pastor Sue's Mom)

*Have a Prayer Gram sent to someone who could use the comfort and smile that comes from learning they are thought of. Fill out a Prayer Gram card that can be found in the pews or Narthex and leave it in the offering plate or call/email the Church Office with the information.*

**New Names added this week:**

- THE GRUENER FAMILY for the loss of Ann Gruener (Laura Lucas)
- ISADORE GRASSANO – undergoing new treatment after his kidney transplant (Son of Gina Grassano)
- THE FAMILY OF GRACIA DESTRA for his tragic loss after a car accident (Cynthia Bohenek-Grassano)
- CHELSEA & BILL QUINN who welcomed a healthy baby girl, Sophia Rose, on 12/11☺

\*Please alert the church office when a person can be removed from the list

**If you have asked for prayers for someone who is now on our prayer list, please give us an update and let us know how that person is doing. We pray our prayers are working or have worked, and would love to hear about it. Thank you!**

**We offer to God Our Prayers and Concerns for:**

DANIEL ALONZO - recovering from liver transplant and addiction (Tony Gittens)  
ALEX – Parkinson’s (Friends of Lisa & Tim Kunz)  
THE FAMILY OF EILEEN AMENTLER after her passing on Nov. 22  
LEONA ASMUNDO – fighting cancer & had to stop treatment b/c she now has pneumonia (Lisa Kunz)  
ROBERT BREIDENBACH – having major health issues (Marianna Perez’s cousin and son of Eileen Amentler)  
BEN - had an accident; recovering from ear & eye surgery (Annette Hesleitner)  
THE BAPTISTE FAMILY (Dominique Monaco-Vetter)  
JOHN BINDER – (Gina’s grandson)  
TRACY BINDER – experiencing circulation issues causing lack of oxygen (Annette Hesleitner)  
ETHAN BURKE – 13yrs. old; diagnosed with lung cancer; had surgery (Russ & Linda Garbutt)  
AUGUSTO CABOTAGE (Andrea Perez’ friend’s father)  
CATHY – Cancer and other medical issues (Annette Hesleitner)  
SANDY CAPASSON (Linda & Russ Garbutt)  
TRICIA CARBONE- restarted Chemotherapy that will be six months’ long  
CARLOS – Cancer; began hospice care; pray for his family & for his continued acceptance to his fate (Friends of Lisa & Tim Kunz)  
CHRISTINE CASTELLANO–rec’vd another ablation for neck & shoulder pain (Virginia Lorenzi)  
AIDAN CONWAY – cancerous tumors (Jake Garbutt)  
CHERYL COWAN – strength in spirit & body  
CUMC YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS (Virginia Lorenzi)  
MELISSA DI IORIO NORIS – bone cancer (Mattson)  
EILEEN & JOE – Lung Cancer & Leukemia (Debbie Holland)  
JEFF, NICOLE, JAKE & LUKE (Garbutt)  
ERICA FALCO – struggling with illness and the cost of medical care (Alexa Rabinowitz)  
JANET FAZIO – uterine cancer (Linda Garbutt)  
HELENE GASKA (Perez)  
DIMITRA GIATZIKIS – Having health issues (heart, hips and knees) (Virginia Lorenzi)  
BABY JANE GILL has been sick and getting treated for pneumonia (Kim & Tim Gill’s granddaughter)  
WILLIAM & GABRIELLE HARTMAN & FAMILY (Suzy Hartman’s children) for the loss of Suzy  
MICHELLE GOTTLIEB has a rare cancer and currently receiving chemo (Kim Gill’s friend)  
JOSEPH NAVARRA for the loss of his longtime partner, Suzy Hartman  
RICHARD HEATH – brain injury (Ora Heath’s son)  
MANUEL HERNANDEZ (Olga’s brother)  
ANNETTE HESLEITNER – struggling with illness; trying to recover her strength  
THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE’S HELENE & MILTON  
JANE JOHNSON – breast cancer/chemo (Sue Vulin’s niece)  
THE KASIN FAMILY & FRIENDS for the sudden tragic loss of Connor Kasin  
LISA KUNZ & FAMILY for strength, guidance & peace after the loss of their beloved Tim  
PAT LARSON (Linda & Russ Garbutt)  
RON LARSON (Linda & Russ Garbutt)  
LESLIE LENZ  
CAROLYN LORENZI – having health issues; headed to graduate school ☺  
GARY LENZ – fighting leukemia; having a bone marrow transplant

**A WAY TO SERVE  
THIS CHRISTMAS**



**Two Ushers will be  
needed for the 5pm  
Christmas Eve Service.  
Please let Pastor Sue  
or Stacey know if  
you’re interested.  
Thank you!**

**A CUMC Tradition,  
our Christmas  
Pageant will be  
performed next  
week, Sunday  
December 22nd.**

**You won’t want to  
miss it!**

**Please note that Pastor Sue will be on vacation starting Christmas Day thru  
New Year’s Day, however she will preach on December 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**The holiday church office hours will be as follows:**

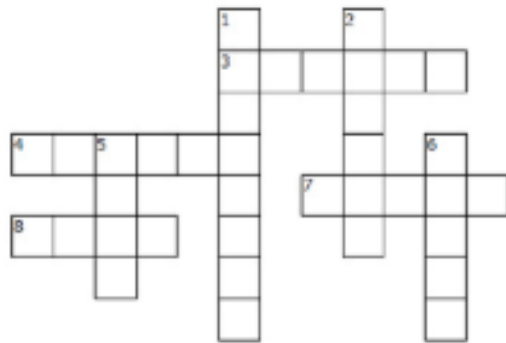
**Monday 12/23 9-2pm  
Tuesday 12/24 9-2pm  
12/25-12/27 CLOSED  
Monday 12/30 9-12noon  
Tuesday 12/31 9-12noon  
Wednesday 1/1 CLOSED  
Thurs. 1/2 & Fri. 1/3 9-2pm**

# CUMC KIDS

## The Real Thing

Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God. Luke 3:8a (NLT)

Based on Luke 3:7-18



### ACROSS

3. To make a charge of wrongdoing against another person
4. To confess one's sin and make a change for the better
7. The sweet and edible part of a plant or tree
8. The opposite of bad

### DOWN

1. To have water poured on one's head or to be briefly covered completely by water
2. Having a desire or need for food
5. Having little money or possessions
6. A small poisonous snake

BAPTIZED	REPENT	FRUIT	POOR
GOOD	HUNGRY	VIPER	ACCUSE

# THE SUNDAY CHUCKLE

