

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

12/1 Worship Attendance: Offering's Received
Adults: 41 Kids: 16 11/25 – 12/1: \$2,747

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

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 8, 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

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

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



THANKS to Giovannina Clark for acting as Liturgist, the Benzoni Family for lighting our second Advent Candle, Virginia Lorenzi for reading *A Letter from Mary*, David & Jeana Heldt for Ushering and Anita Hernandez & Cherie Ridley for setting up Coffee Hour.

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!

Mon. Dec 9 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting (Zoom)
Tues. Dec 10 Bible Study Christmas Luncheon
Wed. Dec 11 7:00 p.m. – Weekly Prayer Meeting (Virtual)
Wed. Dec 11 7:45 p.m. – Weekly Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sat. Dec 14 12:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m. Cookie Walk *9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Cookie Drop-off
Sun. Dec 15 10:00 a.m. – Family Worship Service & Sunday School
*3rd Sunday of Advent *Advent Craft Workshop & Pot Luck

LOOKING AHEAD

Tues. Dec 17 10:00 a.m. – Advent Bible Study
Wed. Dec 18 7:00 p.m. – Weekly Prayer Meeting (Virtual)
Wed. Dec 18 7:45 p.m. – Weekly Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sat. Dec 21 3:00 p.m. – Blue Christmas Service
Sun. Dec 22 10:00 a.m. – Family Worship Service & Sunday School
*4th Sunday of Advent *Christmas Pageant
*Giving Tree Gifts Due
Sun. Dec 22 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. – District Parsonage Open House
Tues. Dec 24 5:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Service

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE SCHEDULE

Liturgist – Pat Hansen
Coffee Hour – Mark Esposito
Usher – Russ & Linda Garbutt
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.



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!

CASTING CALL!!

Our Christmas Pageant will be presented on Sunday 12/22 during Worship. We are looking for adults & children to participate. We need actors as well as helpers.

Please see Kim Gill if you're interested. (516) 987-7658



- 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)
- 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
- ANTHONY VESSA – bladder cancer that has moved to liver & kidneys (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

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.

Hark the Herald, CUMC Sings!!

Join us for Christmas Caroling TODAY. We will meet at The Bristol of Massapequa at 12 noon to spread joy to the residents there. Afterwards, we'll wassail to the homes of some of our beloved church members to sing the songs of the season for them. See you there!



New Names added this week:

- THE KASIN FAMILY & FRIENDS for the sudden tragic loss of Connor Kasin
- THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF TIM LY for his loss to suicide (Friend of Eric Cortright & Jeong-Hwa Park)
- PEOPLE STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES & THEIR CAREGIVERS, DOCTORS, & RESEARCHERS
- YOUNG-YI – shingles (Pastor Sue's Mom)
- THE FAMILY OF EILEEN AMENTLER after her passing on Nov. 22
- BABY JANE GILL has been sick and getting treated for pneumonia (Kim & Tim Gill's granddaughter)
- MICHELLE GOTTLIEB has a rare cancer and currently receiving chemo (Kim Gill's friend)

*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)
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)
WILLIAM & GABRIELLE HARTMAN & FAMILY (Suzy Hartman’s children) for the loss of Suzy
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)
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

WAYS TO SERVE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

LEAD

ADVENT CRAFT WORKSHOP LUNCH

DECEMBER 15TH @ COFFEE HOUR

VOLUNTEER TO LEAD AN ADVENT OR CHRISTMAS CRAFT. EACH CRAFT LEADER WILL HAVE A DESIGNATED TABLE SET UP IN HOWARD HALL.

COOK

POT LUCK DONATIONS ALSO NEEDED

FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE SEE OUR COORDINATOR, MICHELLE RABINOWITZ.



BAKE

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

CUMC KIDS



Word Search Puzzle: Luke 2:1-20 The Birth of Jesus Christ

ANGELS - AUGUSTUS - BABY - BETHLEHEM - CAESAR - CHILD
CHRIST - FIRSTBORN - JOSEPH - MANGER - MARY - SHEPHERDS

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N	I	Q	N	C	H	R	I	S	T	W
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Q	S	G	J	Z	E	O	J	P	N	H
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M	S	J	A	U	G	U	S	T	U	S

"The Birth of Jesus Christ" Luke 2:1-20. Written by [Linda Schmitt](#).
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THE SUNDAY CHUCKLE



Once again, CUMC will sponsor a family for the Christmas season through the Wyandanch Coalition. This year we will be supporting a local single mother and her three children: two sons and one daughter. TODAY, you will find The Giving Tree in the Narthex. It will be decorated with sets of gift tags. One tag indicates a gift requested by the family and the other tag is blank and should be attached to the wrapped gift to identify who it's for. Newly purchased wrapped gifts are due to CUMC by Sunday, 12/22. In addition to gifts, the family is also in need of household and food items. Tags indicating what they need will also be on the tree. A collection box will be available for these items and they do not need to be wrapped. ALSO – The Outreach Committee is looking for a volunteer “Santa Claus” (costume not necessary) to deliver the gifts & donations between 12/22 & Christmas Eve. Please contact Barbara Garofolo if you're interested (631) 842-1372 to coordinate delivery.

Thank you, one and all, for your support in this important ministry.

-The Outreach Committee
Co-Chairs Barbara Garofolo & Peggy Racine