



Birthdays December

1-Lois Weston
 2-Lee Fertitta
 2-Dominique
 Marchenoir
 8-Karen Bloom
 13-Diandra Burton
 19-Melanie
 Hirschberg
 20-Doug Weston
 25-Paula Johnson
 25-Kim Rosenbaum



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Beloveds,

Two months ago as I was working on the October and November newsletter, I knew December was going to be a busy month of ministry for us. And there is no doubt, it has become just that!

Typically, at least as a dad, I'm not the one in our family that goes back and looks through pictures from previous years on my own. Pastor Romi often handles that and we look back each season at previous years, sometimes going back to when we first were married – or even back as far as when we first met!

However, last year I remembered how busy our Advent and Christmas seasons were, and I wanted to look back and see what all we did. Honestly, I'm shocked we were able to have so many wonderful experiences from the Kids' Christmas Pajama and Big Kids' Christmas Sweater Sunday to Santa arriving to help light the tree at the Christmas Event. As I looked closer at the pictures from last year, as joyful as the memories are, there are some in the photos who have moved away to other parts of the country or entered into the church

triumphant. Yet in these sorrowful times, I look forward with great joy to recreating the masthead picture in a few short weeks with all the new additions to our church family.

Looking back has reminded me of what we have done together, but more importantly, has shown me what we can do together as one Body in Christ. I'm praying for an Advent season that will not only keep us active, but one that will continue to bring us closer as one.

Grace and peace, Pastor David

December Calendar

Sunday, December 1 @ 10:00 am: First Sunday of Advent. Pledge cards are due - thank you for your generous support of our ministries in Jesus Christ. We kindly ask for a donation of a Christmas ornament/s that carries a special meaning so Sunday School can decorate our Parlor Christmas Tree during Hospitality. Children are welcome to make their ornament/s. Thank you.

Wednesday, December 4 @ 6:00 pm, Parsonage: Bible Study of the Gospel according to Luke. Please read chapters 12 & 13. Reflection on Mary the Mother of Jesus by Pat Rush. All are welcome.



Saturday, December 7, 4:00 - 6:00 pm: The UMCPW Third Annual Christmas Event: Santa Claus, Hay Rides, Face Painting, Cupcake Decorating, Button Making, Ornament Making, Tree Lighting,

S'mores, Hot Cocoa & Cider, and Christmas Concert in the Sanctuary. All are welcome.



Sunday, December 8 @ 10:00 am: Second Sunday of Advent. Christmas Sweater and Pajama Sunday. Wear your favorite Christmas sweater or come dressed in Christmas colors. Children are welcome to come to church wearing their favorite pajamas.

Wednesday, December 11 @ 5:30 pm, Caroling at the PW Train Station. Adults and kids hand out candy canes and holiday worship schedule to commuters accompanied by the Chancel choir. Come join the fun!



Friday, December 13 @ 2:00 pm, Church Office: Finance Committee Meeting.

Sunday, December 15 @ 10:00 am: Third Sunday of Advent. Children's Christmas Pageant. Our Lady of Fatima gifts are due.

Wednesday, December 18 @ 6:00 pm, Lee Fertitta's House: Bible Study of the Gospel according to Luke. Please read chapters 16 & 17. All welcome.

Thursday, December 19, 6:30 - 9:00 pm: Bishop's Meeting w/ North Shore Nassau Parish at Risen Rock Ban Suk UMC, 11 Powells Lane, Old Westbury 11568. Representatives needed. Contact Pastors David and Romi if you have any questions.

Sunday, December 22 @ 10:00 am: Fourth Sunday of Advent. Holiday Hospitality Potluck. Is there a dish that is a must for you and your family during holidays? Side dish, soup, salad, or a dessert? If so, we kindly ask you to share your traditional holiday dish with your church family during our Holiday Hospitality Potluck. Donations of non-perishable foods for two families in need to be blessed. Caroling to our Friends at Home begins at 4pm. All ages welcome.

Tuesday, December 24 @ 5:00 pm: Christmas Eve Worship Service with Children's Choir.

Tuesday, December 24 @ 10:00pm: Christmas Eve Worship Service with Chancel Choir.

Thursday, December 26 and Friday, December 27 Church Office closed.

Sunday, December 29 @ 10:00 am: A Festival of Scripture Lessons and Hymns.