



It is hard to believe that the season of Advent is upon us. We have many special programs and opportunities available here at St. Matthew to help us prepare our hearts and souls to welcome that little babe, born so long ago, in Bethlehem.

Of course all our programs are open to the community. Come, join us, and bring a friend.

For more information, call the church at 301-598-4400



**November 27:
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9:00 am Adult Advent Study- Agnes Wilson Room. a discussion based on the book titled *Names for the Messiah* by Walter Brueggemann, an Old Testament scholar and theologian

10:00 am Worship (with child care) and Church School Followed by a cookie exchange

Wednesday, November 30
3-5:00 pm Pre-Christmas Relaxation- come un-wind and enjoy the Spirit of the Season! We'll listen to Christmas music and work on some fabulous coloring posters that will be used in our Christmas morning worship service.

12 noon **Saturday December 3**
Women of Faith Potluck- a Muslim and Christian dialogue

7:30 pm – 9:00 am **Saturday- Sunday, December 3-4**
Youth Christmas Celebration
With "Minute to Win it" games, cookie baking, movie watching and a sleep over

**Sunday, December 4:
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9:00 am Adult Advent Study- Ongoing discussion based on the book *Names for the Messiah* by Walter Brueggemann in the Agnes Wilson Room

10:00 am Worship (with child care) and Church school

3-5:00 pm Pre-Christmas Relaxation- come un-wind and enjoy the Spirit of the Season! We'll listen to Christmas music and work on some fabulous coloring posters that will be used in our Christmas morning worship service.

10:00 am – 12 noon **Saturday, December 10:**
Community Christmas Party- In The Commons
The day will feature crafts, games, and light refreshments



**Sunday, December 11:
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9:00 am Adult Advent Study- a continuing discussion based on the book *Names for the Messiah* by Walter Brueggemann in the Agnes Wilson Room

10:00 am Worship-with special music by the Adult Choir Church School

6- 8:30 pm Young Adult Gathering
Join us at Pastor Leslie's home for heavy hors d'oeuvres, lively discussion and relaxing fun.

3-5:00 pm **Wednesday, December 14**
Pre-Christmas Relaxation- come un-wind and enjoy the Season! We'll listen to Christmas music and work on some fabulous coloring posters that will be used in our Christmas morning worship service.

**Sunday, December 18:
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9:00 am Adult Advent Study- We will conclude our discussion based on the book *Names for the Messiah* by Walter Brueggemann in the Agnes Wilson Room



10:00 am Children's Christmas Play:
It's Not About A Date.

11:30 am Christmas Orchestra concert
(if you play, or ever have played an instrument and would like to participate, call the office 301-598-4400)



4-6:30 pm Caroling and Pizza
 Come meet us for pizza before we go Caroling.
 OR if you prefer- skip the pizza and meet at
 4:30 to go sing . We'll gather in The Commons.

Wednesday, December 21

3-5:00 pm Pre-Christmas Relaxation- come un-wind and
 enjoy the Spirit of the Season! We'll listen to
 Christmas music and work on some fabulous
 coloring posters that will be used in our
 Christmas morning worship service.

7:30 pm The Longest Night Service
 (The Agnes Wilson Room)
 This service is designed for those for whom the
 Advent/Christmas seasons may be a difficult
 time—people who have suffered a loss, who
 don't enjoy all the preparation or who feel
 isolated in the midst of all the festivities. It is
 also ideal for people who just want to slow down
 and experience a worship service focused on
 prayer and contemplation. Come enjoy a quiet
 evening with friends, reflecting on the hope we
 find in the coming birth of Christ.

**Saturday December 24:
 CHRISTMAS EVE**



4:30 pm **Christmas Eve Service**, designed to be
 meaningful and appropriate for children of all
 ages- but specifically geared for the youngest
 among us!

7:30 pm **Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion
 Service**



**Sunday, December 25
 MERRY CHRISTMAS**

10:00 am Worship – Come in casual dress to share in a
 child friendly celebration of our Lord's birth.

**Sunday, January 1, 2017
 HAPPY NEW YEAR**

10:00 am Worship with Communion
 Joint Church School for all ages.

Don't forget: We are participating in the Linkage to Learning gift
 card program- (Remembering, Caring and Sharing) November
 27— Dec. 11 as well as Alternative Gift Giving, December 4, and
 11.

*This year our Alternative Gifts are going to Extra-Ordinary
 Birthdays (a non-profit that provides birthday parties in homeless
 shelters) and Shepherd's Table- a community organization
 whose mission is to provide basic services to people who are
 homeless or in need.*



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*Please join us as we prepare for and celebrate
 the birth of our Lord and Savior,
 Jesus Christ.*