

# The Link



## Worship Committee

The Consistory is pleased to announce that an Interim Minister has been hired. The Rev. David Kahler will be joining us full time starting January 1st. In the meantime, we have guest ministers lined up to lead us through the Advent/Christmas season including both evening services on Christmas Eve.

## Fall Cleanup & Hanging of the Greens

We are looking for eager hands to help spruce up the church before the Christmas season. The Worship and Property Committees are teaming up to clean up and decorate for Christmas. The Property Committee is looking for people to work outside, raking leaves and cleaning up the grounds while the Worship Committee will be hanging the greens and decorating all the buildings for Christmas. We are starting at 9am on Saturday December 1st and your hard work will be rewarded with a pulled pork lunch prepared by Jeff Bevan and sponsored by the NRC Women. If you have any questions, reach out to Jeff Bevan (Property Committee), or Robin Kiefer (Worship Committee).

## Consecration Sunday

Pledge cards for 2019 have been mailed to each household. If you are unable to attend service on December 2nd please mail your pledge to the church prior to Consecration Sunday in the enclosed envelope. Thank you!

## Advent Brunch

Please bring a brunch dish (no desserts please) to our annual potluck brunch held after worship at 11:00 a.m., December 2nd. On display will be a Jesse Tree decorated by our Sunday School classes.

## Hearts & Hands Boutique at Advent Brunch

Come shop Christmas ornaments, winter wear and holiday home décor. The items made from this talented group make wonderful gifts!

## Adult Christmas Party

Our party this year will be on Saturday, December 15th, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Gary & Lisa Domanski (909 Rolling Hills La. Branchburg 08853). Please bring an appetizer (no desserts) as well as a beverage of your choice. Contact Lori Barrett at 908-963-0619 or Lisa Bergstrom at 908-369-4729 with any questions.

## Upcoming Events

- Dec. 1 Hanging of the Greens & Fall Cleanup
- Dec. 2 Jesse Tree Decoration & Christmas Crafts
- Dec. 2 Advent Brunch
- Dec. 2 Hearts & Hands Boutique
- Dec. 3 Search Committee
- Dec. 9 Poinsettia orders & Visions & Pathways gifts due
- Dec. 9 Youth Group Meeting
- Dec. 9 NRC Women
- Dec. 10 Elders Meeting & Consistory Meeting
- Dec. 14 Santa's Helpers
- Dec. 15 Adult Christmas Party
- Dec. 23 Christmas Concert
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services at 5:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 30 & Jan. 6 No Sunday School
- Jan. 6 New Year's Communion Breakfast

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## More Important Church News

### Santa's Helpers

The Youth Group is planning an evening of holiday fun for kids! Let our helpers help you! Children ages 3-12 years old are invited to Fellowship Hall on Friday, December 14th from 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM. The Youth Group, along with their adult mentors, will entertain the kids with fun Christmas activities so parents can have some free time. The cost is \$10 per child which provides pizza and festivities including crafts, cookie stations, games and a holiday movie. For questions contact: Michelle Zgombic at (908) 246-6468, email [mrszmzgombic@gmail.com](mailto:mrszmzgombic@gmail.com) or Tina Bevan at (908) 229-5408, email [tinabevan@comcast.net](mailto:tinabevan@comcast.net)

### Trenton Brass Quintet Plus One Christmas Concert

This talented group will be sharing music of the season on Sunday, December 23rd, starting at 12:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are welcome to attend.

### December Mission— The Deacon's Fund

This fund provides Neshanic Reformed Church a discreet way of extending financial assistance to individuals and families who are in genuine need due to an unforeseen circumstance. The disbursements are one-time gifts that are meant to help others navigate financial strains and difficulties in the midst of a short-term crisis. These gifts are always coupled with prayers and appropriate follow-up by our church Deacons.

This offering will be collected on during worship on December 30th. Donations are accepted all month via our E-Giving (online donation) website, the Monthly Mission offering envelope or write "December Mission" in the memo section of your check.

### Christian Nurturing Center

The Christian Nurturing Center will be bustling with activity all through December preparing for the most special birthday of all...that of Baby Jesus! On Wednesday, December 19th, 9:15 am in our sanctuary all are welcome to a special performance of "The Christmas Story" by our Prekindergarten Children. We'll also be busy through the season "filling our trees with love" as we host our annual gift card collection for local families in need through our partners at Steps Together. We hope you all take a minute to view this special advent season through the eyes of a child, seeing the wonder, hope and love that the birth of one special baby gives to all and help to share this message with others. Merry Christmas!

### Poinsettia Orders Due Sunday, December 9th

Order form is available on our website.

### Gifts for Youth at Visions & Pathways Due Sunday, December 9th

Gift donations (from tree tags) along with wrapping supplies are greatly appreciated. Contact the church office if you would like a gift tag.

### 2019 Offering Envelopes Available

Please pick up yours today in the narthex. If you currently don't have any and would like a set for 2019, contact the church office.

### Advent Supplies

Wreath & candle kits (\$7.00) and replacement candle sets (\$5.00) will be available in the narthex.

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