

“**Hope** begins in the dark,
the stubborn **hope** that
if you just show up and
try to do the right thing,
the dawn will come.

You wait and watch and
work: you don't give up.”

—Anne Lamott



Advent & Christmas 2018



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Worship

Sundays ~ 10:30 am

Rev. James F. McIntire, preaching

December 2	<i>Festival of the Greens</i>	Advent 1
December 9	<i>The Voice</i> Luke 3:1-6	Advent 2
December 16	<i>The Good News Flash</i> A Christmas Pageant	Advent 3
December 23	<i>Great Expectations</i> Luke 1:39-55	Advent 4
December 30	<i>Christmas Carol Communion</i>	Christmas 1
January 6	<i>A Rising Star</i> Matthew 2:1-12	Epiphany Sunday



Christmas Celebration

December 16 ~ Sunday ~ beginning at 10:30 am

- 🌀 10:30 am ~ *Christmas Pageant* by RUMC children and youth
- 🌀 12:00 pm ~ *Christmas Luncheon*

This year's Christmas Celebration begins with worship and our annual Christmas Pageant and continues after worship in Fellowship Hall with food, singing, and activities for families and children.



Family Advent Crafts

Sundays ~ After Worship

Each Sunday following worship, Pastor Jim will offer a different Advent Craft for individuals and families. Come make an Advent Wreath, a Jesse Tree, Angels and a Nativity. Loads of fun and creative energy!

Advent



Holiday Progressive Dinner

December 1 ~ Saturday

This “moveable feast” invites you to share in a different dinner course at various houses. A schedule will be distributed—contact Cliff or Mary Wilson (610-948-5922) for more information and to reserve your place!

Festival of the Greens

December 2 ~ Sunday ~ 10:30 am

During worship we will decorate the Sanctuary for the season so get a beautiful start to your holidays.

Candles, wreaths, trees, and ribbons await us.

Christmas with the New Freedom Singers

December 9 ~ Sunday ~ 5:30 Light Meal; 6:00 pm Concert

Join friends in the Sanctuary for a special holiday concert with the *New Freedom Singers*.

Christmas Caroling

December 16 ~ Sunday ~ 3:30 pm

All are invited to carol at the homes of members who don't get out as often as they'd like. We gather at the RUMC Welcome Center and carpool to several locations. Bring joy to yourself and to others.

A Blue Christmas

December 18 ~ Tuesday ~ 7:00 pm

Blue Christmas, also called the *Longest Night* in church tradition, is a day in the Advent season marking the longest night of the year, the Winter Solstice on December 21. This season is a difficult one for some people so on this evening, we gather in worship to remember loved ones who have died, losses we have experienced, and griefs that stay with us.

Christmas Cookies

December 23 ~ Sunday ~ After Worship

Our annual Sunday School Christmas Cookie sale will take place after worship so plan your sweet tooth schedule accordingly!

Christmas

NEW

Live Nativity

Plans are underway for a Live Nativity sponsored by the Churches of Royersford Borough on an evening in December. Experience Christmas with live animals and your 5 senses along with your heart this year.

Bring friends; refreshments will be available; free will offering.

Watch for date, time, and location.



Christmas Eve

December 24 ~ Monday ~ 7:30 pm

Candles light our way as we gather in the glow of the Light to celebrate God's incarnational invitation to us to live a different Way.



Christmas Carol Communion

December 30 ~ Sunday ~ 10:30 am

End the old year and begin the new on this 1st Sunday of Christmas with a special *Christmas Carol Communion* during morning worship. The communion liturgy is set musically to familiar Christmas carols tunes.



Cheerful Giving Sunday

Sunday ~ January 6 ~ 10:30 am

On Epiphany Sunday as we remember Matthew's telling of the arrival of the Magi in Bethlehem to offer their gifts to the baby Jesus, we will receive the new year's pledge cards committing our financial and spiritual gifts for 2019. Our Cheerful Giving campaign runs through the Advent season asking that pledge cards are returned to the Church Office before January 1 or presented on Epiphany Sunday.

