

# Holiday Tunes

Away in a Manger  
 Choir of the Bells  
 Dominick the Donkey  
 Frosty the Snowman  
 Holly Jolly Christmas  
 Jingle Bell Rock  
 Jingle Bells  
 Let it Snow  
 Little Drummer Boy  
 Little St Nick  
 O Holy Night  
 Rudolph  
 Santa Baby  
 Silent Nigh  
 Silver Bells  
 The Christmas Song  
 The First Noel  
 Winter Wonderland



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 C K M B H P L O D U R J T G J I H Z N O  
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 L W B T K S L L E B E H T F O R I O H C  
 U I M U Y F C J H B X B V R U M Q C Y B

Chicken Scratch NY



# The West Side Story

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 Zach Lowman,  
 Youth Director  
 Trish Barker,  
 Office Manager  
 Joe Diggs,  
 Custodian



Please join us on  
 Christmas Eve  
 for a candle light service

Saturday  
 December 24  
 7:00 PM

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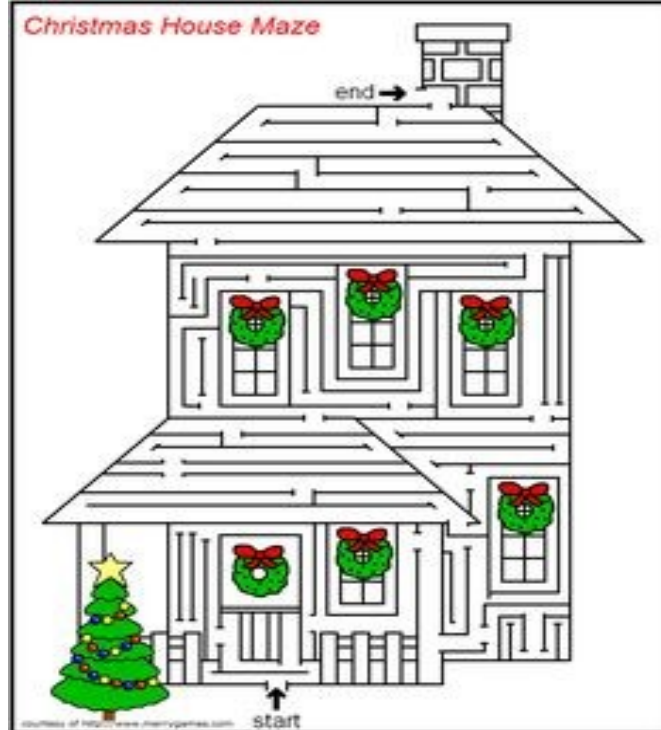
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## Christmas House Maze



## PRAYER LIST

### *Church Members*

Marleen Whitehurst, Doris Tugwell, Justin Friberg,  
Wilma Ingram, Frances Wells, Mary Wyatt

### *Family & Friends*

Janet Myers, Linda Britt, Megan Relis, Edith Mann, Codee Comberiat, Tina Jones,  
Fred Broccolo, Bailey Lowe, Van Paul, Marcie Shea, Joan Newsome, Frances Martin,  
Jean Thompson, Angela Powell, Chris Campbell, Daisha Melchor & Family,  
Surart & Amy Emerson, Billie Warren, Mary Grace Nelson, Kathy & Curtis Nelson,  
Amber Critzer & Family, Katrina Hastings, Phil Barnes, Judy Kelly,  
Ruth Ann Gonsalves, Jordan Lahy

## SHUT INS

Ruth Blackman, Belinda Gray



**The Invitation at Christmas is to BELIEVE AGAIN.**  
**Received in most congregations on December 11 and 18**

The Word from the church is to Believe in a Deeper Hope that moves beyond the “wrappings” of Christmas around us. We proclaim a Hope that brings Good News, Joy and Compassion for all of God’s people.

### **THIS DEEPER HOPE IS MADE REAL IN ALL OF OUR REGIONS AS WE:**

Assist congregations and leaders in claiming their unique mission and ministry, and provide resources and support.  
Call, commission and ordain new pastors, and support and equip all pastors for their ministries.  
Revitalize existing congregations and plan for new congregations.  
Connect Regional Disciples to give witness to ministries of justice, hope and compassion.  
Provide camps, conferences and retreats where children and youth find hope and Christ’s love and a community of faith that embraces “everyone.”  
Make visible the care for all of God’s family through ministries of reconciliation and anti-racism.  
Call and equip passionate leaders for today’s church.  
Provide pastoral care for clergy and congregations.

**The Christmas Special Day offering supports all of these and many other ministries of our Region. Your generous gifts make a difference in our shared ministries in the Region.**

## Oasis Social Ministry

(Feeding the homeless)

**Thursday, December 15**  
**10:00 AM**

Please sign up on the bulletin board  
leading to the Fellowship Center.  
Carpooling is available.

## *Lectionary Readings*

### *December 2016*

**December 4** Isaiah 11:1-16  
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19  
Romans 15:4-13  
Matthew 3:1-12

**December 11** Isaiah 35:1-10  
Psalm 146:5-10  
or Luke 1:46b-55  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

**December 18** Isaiah 7:10-16  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-25

**December 25** Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 96  
Titus 2:11  
Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)



## Stewardship Giving for October, 2016

**Weekly Operating Expenses:**  
**\$ 4,054.00**

Beginning balance for Oct.: \$ (7,527.12)  
Received in Oct.: 16,253.81\*  
Expenditures in Oct.: 15,227.49  
ENDING BALANCE FOR Oct.: \$ (6,500.80)

**\*October was a 5 Sunday month**

Our budgeted pledge to Disciples Mission Fund for 2016 was \$10,000. At the end of October we still owe a little over \$4,300. to make our pledge total by years end.

## December Birthdays

1st Kathy Saunders  
3rd Katie Mills  
5th Kathryn Bean  
10th Karen Brown  
15th Marleen Whitehurst  
Gladys Smith  
17th Leo Gibbs  
18th Ed Coe  
19th Michael Stidham, Jr.  
21st Jennifer Larson  
Ashanti Colson  
24th Rick Oliver  
29th Cecil Dillon  
Brian Mills  
30th Karen Hartzog

## A History of Operation Santa Claus



In 1957, one of our saints, Martha Cornett, helped initiate Operation Santa Claus with the help of Church Women United, Portsmouth Unit. At that time there was no federal assistance for foster parents. The CWU helped approximately 20 foster parents in 1957.

Almost 60 years later, 59 years to be exact Church Women United is still carrying on that gift of love and tradition; supporting and sponsoring Operation Santa Claus in Portsmouth.

West Side still continues this tradition. This year we had nine children to buy gifts for, to wrap them in colorful paper, and to have them dedicated on December 2. The social service workers receive these gifts and distribute them to foster parents.

In the season of Advent we wait for our Saviors' birth and children wait to see what is under the tree. May God bless you as the season of Advent brings you peace, joy, hope and love.

Cheryl Jarvis

### OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

Friday, December 2

11:00 AM

Zion Baptist Church

225 Hatton Street

Portsmouth

Light refreshments will be served at 10:30 AM. Those participating from West Side are asked to have their gifts wrapped, tied together for each child separately, and placed in the Covenant class by Sunday, November 27.

If you would like to attend or need a ride, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary or contact Cheryl Jarvis.



Join us on  
**Saturday,  
December 18th**

at **6:00 PM**

for the  
performance of

**"The Fumbly  
Bumbly Angels"**



West Side Preschool is offering a  
**"Parent's Night Out"**

Friday, December 2,  
6:30-9:45 PM,

for children ages 2 yrs to 11 yrs.  
While you shop, dine, or just  
"take a break,"  
you children will enjoy a movie,  
snacks and activities.

Registration forms can be picked  
up in the church office.

Suggested donation per child is  
\$10.00, which should be paid to  
the Preschool.



## Letter from Santa



What child doesn't wish for  
a Letter from Santa!

West Side Preschool can arrange for your child to receive a personalized letter from the "jolly" man himself at a cost of just \$5.00. Fill out a request form (in the church office) and leave it with your money and Trish will see that it gets to Santa's helpers right away.

**Deadline is December 15!**

## HOMELESS WEEK

It's not too early to start thinking about preparing for Homeless Week here at West Side.

We will house and feed the homeless of our community beginning Saturday evening, February 18 though February 25.

A collection box is already in place for donations of personal hygiene items, wash cloths/hand towels, clothing, coats, and shoes.

Volunteers will be needed to chaperone, cook, service and assist with the various duties this event requires.





# December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>EVERY SUNDAY:</b> 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship 9:45 am Church School 11:00 am Worship Hour 4:30 pm Youth				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 11:00 AM CWU Operation Santa Claus @ Zion Baptist 5:30 PM Parent's Night Out (FC Reserved)	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Advent II	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00 PM Ministry Action Team	<b>7</b> 9:00 AM Music Club	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 1:00 PM FC Reserved (Pyles)
<b>11</b> 4:00 PM FC Reserved (Wells) Advent III Christmas Special Offering	<b>12</b> Recycle	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 11:00 AM Preschool Chapel	<b>15</b> 10:00 AM Oasis	<b>16</b> 9:00 AM FC Reserved (Preschool Party)	<b>17</b> 3:00 PM FC Reserved (Pyles)
<b>18</b> 6:00 PM Christmas Play Advent IV Christmas Special Offering	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00 PM Elders	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service 
<b>25</b> Christmas Sunday No Sunday School 	<b>26</b> Office Closed Recycle	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Office Closed	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve
		Preschool Closed				
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