

NEWS OF THE PEWS

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Striving to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community

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News of the Pews is a monthly publication intended to share events of the Plainfield Community Baptist Church and extended church community as well as thoughts by church family and friends. You are invited to share by submitting information to news-of-the-pews@gmail.com. Submissions received after the 20th of the month are not guaranteed to appear in the next edition.



Freelance Family Singers
Holiday Concert
Saturday, Dec 1 ~ 7:00 pm
Sunday, Dec 2 ~ 3:00 pm

**First
Congregational
Church
of Woodstock**

Free Admission
Refreshments

Donations of food items for the Community Foodshelf suggested

Chris Jordan 2018

LUNCH &/or COOKIE SWAP



Sunday, December 16

Free soup & sandwich lunch: 11:30-12:30

Cookie Swap: 12:30-1:30

Bring 3 dozen cookies of one kind,
the recipe to share, and a container to take other cookies home. Coffee, tea and
punch will be provided.

ICE RINK CONSTRUCTION

By Erin Wessling Barnet

Our ice-rink and bonfire pit build day was a great success. We had about 15 families show up with tools and materials. The children were happily running around, playing snow soccer and snow football, and from time to time, jumping in on some shoveling action, and even carrying wood and driving in screws!

The crowd was grateful for hot cocoa and hot dogs and treats after about 90 minutes of work. We look forward to "fill day," perhaps mid-December when we get a stretch of very cold days. We will lay the plastic liner and the fire truck will come by to fill.

The rink will be community/volunteer maintained. So please chip in and shovel after storms, clear debris after you are done skating, re-stock wood when it runs low, put out the fire if you are the last one there, and BYO S'Mores! We will be posting signs/announcements related to times/days when hockey sticks/pucks are allowed and not allowed. (Other communities have warned us to be very strict about this because it can be a huge tension).

Thanks to all who supported this community event, and to the Church and the Tasker Fund for the donations!



PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

By Chris Jordan

After Thanksgiving and many of us are ready to jump right to Christmas but wait! There is a season between Thanksgiving and Christmas called Advent. Growing up as a Protestant, mostly non-liturgical church goer, I was largely unfamiliar with Advent. Apart from remembering the lighting of the advent candles when we visited my grandparents Presbyterian church, we didn't have any advent traditions.

Over the past few years we have added more Advent traditions to our family, like our own candle lighting and reading Scripture. This year are trying to slow down and savor the Advent season and Christmas. I wanted to share some tips from Tsh Oxenreider's blog, <https://theartofsimple.net>. You can link to the article here: <https://theartofsimple.net/advent/>

Here are six things we can do to experience Advent:

1. Learn the calendar; as with most things, Advent is best understood in the context of the liturgical calendar. Remember Advent is before Christmas, they are not the same thing.
2. Slowly Decorate. This is a really great way to stretch out the holiday season and make it less stressful. Take time to think about where you got a specific decoration before you put it out. If you got it from a person or it reminds you of a person, pray for them.
3. Play anticipatory music. I didn't realize some music is actually Advent music and not Christmas music. Tsh has a Spotify playlist of Advent music on her blog.
4. Keep an Advent calendar. We distributed some Advent calendars at church, one per family. There are lots of ideas for Advent calendars online as well. Some have activities in addition to readings.
5. Display an Advent wreath. There are lots of ideas online for having your own Advent wreath in your home. Light the candles once per day during Advent and read some Scripture. Here is a link to daily Advent readings for 2018: <http://www.criovoice.org/advent1.html>
6. Read an Advent devotional. [Watch for the Light](#) and [Preparing for Christmas](#) are two resources Tsh has on her blog as well. I am planning on using Preparing for Christmas this year.

Advent is one of my favorite times of the year. I love the anticipation of preparing our hearts for the arrival of Christ, God in the flesh. I hope you find joy and peace this season.

Happy Advent!

MUSIC NOTES

Input from Helen Davidson, Music Coordinator

Special Music Offerings:

December 2 – Ruth & John Bassette

December 9 – Helen Davidson & Fern Wilder

December 16 – Plainfield Chimers Handbell Choir under the direction of Sandra Yeaton

December 23 – Vocal Choir under the direction of Helen Davidson

December 30 – Dubbers Reimagined

If you are willing to offer your gift of music as part of a Sunday service, please contact Helen Davidson, Music Coordinator.

**Plainfield Community Church
CHIMERS BELL CHOIR
CHRISTMAS CONCERT**



**Sunday, Dec. 16; 2:00 P.M.
1094 Rte 12-A
(donations welcome)**

PEOPLE IN THE PEWS

Happy Birthday to:

- 4 – Barbara Hendrick
- 5 – Ruth Stalker
- 7 – Shannon Wetherington
- 12 – Judy Rook
- 14 – Nancy Peterson
- 15 – Jack McNellis
- 27 – Ruth Cassedy
- 28 – Elise Angelillo



Apologies are given to any PCBC family/friends who have December birthdays that are not listed. Please consider sending unlisted birthdays to newssofthepews@gmail.com so our database will be more complete.

Nancy Scott reports that she had a great time visiting family and friends in Arizona.

Congratulations to newlyweds Sven Heisted (son of **Betty Ann Heisted**) and Jaime Bordner.

Lorraine Meyette announced the birth of her second grand-daughter.

Prayer Concerns.

Prayers of condolence and sympathy to the families of **Sal Angelillo** and **Emma Mosher**.

While we keep all of our PCBC family in prayer, we especially lift up prayers for: Joyce and children (friend of Jim & Joanne Longacre); Jeff McNamara; Jack & Carolyn McNellis; Grace Tisdale; Sharron Murray; Saunders Family; Nora Cheney; Jo Clarke; Vicki Kuskowski; Frank Orlovski (Elise's friend); Meghan Saben; Sarah Saben; Henry Ingham Jr.; Ann Grobe; Jane DeLue; Don Unhjem; Jan Allen; Thomas Martin (Cindy Patch's father); Gerry Greenan; Timmie Lapan; Bill Eckert; Annamay Chapman; Abby Chellis; Rebecca Loomis; Dale Rook; Sandra Carney; Suellen Leugers; Tom Peterson

BIRTHDAY BANK

With input from Doris Mercier, PCBC Missions Point Person

The December Birthday Bank will support fuel assistance for our sister church in Cornish.

PLAINFIELD CHURCH WOMEN

By Loretta Weitzel, PCW President

Please join us for our PCW December meeting on Monday, December 3, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in Pierce Hall. We will assemble our gifts of fruit stockings, filled with an assortment of apples, pears, oranges and Christmas candy. During the week we will make deliveries and visit briefly with friends and neighbors that are not able to attend church on Sundays. Come be a part of our ministry.

PCW Calendar

Meetings are held on the first or second Monday of the Month, alternating between day and evening.

Monday, December 3 (first Monday) – 9:30 a.m. – Pierce Hall – Gift Stockings
Monday, January 7 (first Monday) – 10:15 a.m. – Pierce Hall – Business Meeting
Monday, February 4 (first Monday) – 7 p.m. – Pierce Hall – Evening Program
Monday, March 4 (first Monday) – 10:15 a.m. – Pierce Hall – Business Meeting
Monday, April 1 (first Monday) – 7 p.m. – Pierce Hall – Evening Program
Monday, May 6 (first Monday) – 10:15 a.m. – Pierce Hall – Plant Sale

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS DINNER

Buffet includes turkey, ham, French meat pie, and new this year—brisket enchiladas, plus all the fixings; & homemade pies & eggnog (gift certificates available)

\$15/adults (2/\$25); \$5/children (5-12); free under 5; take-out available.



Please use our front entry (with ramp & chair stair) and enjoy music & appetizers in the sanctuary while you wait to be seated in Pierce Hall.

**Saturday, December 8, 5-6:30 pm
At the PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY CHURCH
1094 Rte 12-A**

PARSONAGE RENOVATIONS

Input from Mark Overman

Although Pastor Chris and his family are now living in the parsonage, the project is not yet completed. Stair railing, mop boards, kitchen cabinet, and the final egress window are among those things that still need to be completed.

SOUND SYSTEM

Input from Rosie Pelletier

The new microphone Pastor Chris has been using has received great reviews from members of the congregation. Two thumbs up on being able to hear the sermon!

Jeff Moore and Rosie Pelletier tried out options that allow video images from the sanctuary to be projected on to the television screen in Pierce Hall. So far, so good... next major purchase to be considered might be a wide-screen TV.

Jeff has also started recording services with hopes that we will be able to give recordings to those who are no longer physically able to attend worship services. Next goal: recordings to the web site?

LOOKING BACK



Christmas Choir 2013 – (L–R) Front Row: Sandra Yeaton, Nancy Scott, Nicole Moore, Ruthie Stalker, Helen Davidson, Doris Mercier; Back Row: Jennifer Emmons, Joy Hutchins, Dick Davidson, ?, Carlton Cassedy; Rosie Pelletier – Suellen Leugers, Director; Annette Moore, Accompanist.

WINTER PALOOZA AT CAMP SENTINEL

WHO: Youth ages 11 – 18

COST: \$100

WHEN:

Middle School: Feb. 22 (6pm) – Feb. 24 (2pm)

High School: Mar. 1 (6pm) – Mar. 3 (2pm)

ENROLL now at campsentinel.org

This high energy weekend has all the excitement of traditional camp in a fun winter setting. Campers sleep in Sentinel Lodge in warm and cozy bunk-style rooms. Winter Palooza consist of team games, winter activities, and a theme-based Bible study. This is sure to be a weekend you won't want to miss! Friday dinner – Sunday lunch included. Youth groups welcome

MASTER BOARD MINUTES

By Sandra Yeaton, PCBC Clerk

September 2, 2018:

Pastor Chris led us in prayer.

Sandra read the minutes of August 5. They were accepted.

Deb handed out the treasurer's report. So far \$15,000 has been spent on the parsonage. They were accepted.

Loretta let the Board know that she was going to bring to PCW the idea of transferring to the church \$4000 to help pay for rent for the Jordan's. Deb spoke against it as it would leave PCW with almost nothing in their account. Where is the \$5000 given by the Moore's family?

Rosie reported on the parsonage. First floor is primed; windows trimmed; electrical inspection done; interior doors ordered; cabinets for kitchen ordered. Still probably not ready until end of October. Pastor Chris will try to negotiate an additional month where they are.

Doris – We received two thank you s from Sparks. September Birthday Bank will be Seeds for Change.

Joy volunteered to send out something regarding not wearing perfume to church.

October 7, 2018:

Pastor Chris led us in prayer.

Sandra read minutes of September 2, 2018. Amended to read "to parsonage ready at end of October."

Joy requested \$100 from the Ward Fund for the Town Christmas Party. Jeff made a motion to get her \$100. Doris seconded; approved.

Deb handed out the Treasurer's report. We have received \$14,405 in donations for parsonage repair. She will contact Comcast re: TV in the parsonage. We will contact Rymes Propane for a \$1.91 check valve needed in the furnace. Jeff made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report; Tina seconded; accepted.

Bees/Wasps – Doris will call to find out what follow-up should be.

Parsonage – Jeff made a motion to purchase a fifth egress window for the 2nd floor. Doris seconded. Ceilings are done. Walls are done and need paint. Woodwork will remain white and is almost finished.

Greeter needs to be outside and welcome and assist.

Doris – December 8 is Christmas Traditions Dinner. November Birthday Bank will be for Shoebox. Doris expressed concern that dog park not interfere with space needed for plant sale.

Pastor Chris reported all is going well. Pastoral Relations Committee met with Chris and Beverly and discussed the move-in to the parsonage on November 1.

Tina wanted to let all know that the woodwork in the parsonage looks wonderful.

Annette moved to adjourn; Jeff seconded; adjourned.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP & CONTACT DIRECTORY 2018

CHURCH MASTER BOARD MEMBERS

NAME	POSITION
Jeff Moore	Moderator
Sandra Yeaton	Clerk
Deb Johnson	Treasurer
John Hendrick	Member
Jim Longacre	Member
Doris Mercier	Member
Annette Moore	Member
Mark Overman	Member
Tina Overman	Member
Rosie Pelletier	Member
Loretta Weitzel	PCW President

OTHER ROLES

NAME	POSITION
Deb Ryan	Collector
Nancy Scott	Assistant Collector
Annette Moore	Pastoral Relations Committee
Mark Overman	Pastoral Relations Committee
Doris Mercier	Pastoral Relations Committee
Helen Davidson	Christian Education Director
Helen Davidson	Music Coordinator
Gordon Best	Auditor
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- Click “search”
- Choose our church using the “select” button
- Click the “Yes, I understand...” box

- Start Shopping!!!

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NOTE: The top of your screen under the search box should say: **Supporting Community Baptist Church**

DECEMBER EVENT CALENDAR

Saturday December 1 –

- **9 am – Bone Builders** at Plainfield Fire Station
- **7 pm – Freelance Family Singers Christmas Concert** at the Woodstock Vermont Congregational Church

Sunday December 2 –

- **10 am - Worship Service** – Communion Sunday – All are invited to share in this service of worship and praise.
Organist/Pianist: Annette Moore
Special Music Offering: Ruth & John Bassette
- **11 am – Eat ‘n Greet Fellowship** in Pierce Fellowship Hall
- **11:15 – Master Board Meeting** in PCBC sanctuary. Open meeting; interested members and friends are welcome to attend
- **3 pm – Freelance Family Singers Christmas Concert** at the Woodstock Vermont Congregational Church

Monday December 3 –

- **9:30am – PCW Meeting** in Pierce Fellowship Hall

Tuesday December 4 – **HAPPY BIRTHDAY to BARBARA HENDRICK**

- **9 am – Bone Builders** at Plainfield Fire Station
- **6:30 - Zumba** in Pierce Fellowship

Wednesday December 5– **HAPPY BIRTHDAY to RUTHIE STALKER**

- **11:45am–1:00 - Willing Hands Fresh Produce** - Free fresh produce at the Cornish Town Hall.
- **7pm – Chimers Rehearsal** in the PCBC Sanctuary.

Thursday December 6 –

- **9 am – Bone Builders** at Plainfield Fire Station
- **10 am – Bible Study** – For more information contact Sue Kelley 675-6254 russell.e.kelley@gmail.com
- **9 am-12 Noon - Community Resource Room & Food Pantry.** Located in the handicap accessible Christ Community Church on Rte. 12A. Warmly welcoming residents of Plainfield, Meriden & Cornish
- **7pm – Choir Rehearsal** in the PCBC Sanctuary. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome.

Friday December 7– **HAPPY BIRTHDAY to SHANNON WETHERINGTON**

- **9 am – PC Quilters** at the Plainfield Fire Station. For more information, contact Sandra Yeaton.
- **11:00–Noon – Holiday Senior Luncheon** at KUA

- **8 pm - AA** in Pierce Fellowship Hall

Saturday December 8 –

- **9 am – Bone Builders** at Plainfield Fire Station
 - **5:00–6:30 pm – Christmas Traditions Dinner** in Pierce Hall
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Sunday December 9 –

- **10 am - Worship Service** – “Fill the Food Box” – Birthday Bank to support fuel assistance in the Cornish Baptist Church. All are invited to share in this service of worship and praise.

Birthday Bank Speaker: to be announced

Organist/Pianist: Jennifer Emmons

Special Music Offering: Helen Davidson & Fern Willder

- Consider bringing a non-perishable item to help fill the food box
- **4pm–6pm – Town Christmas Celebration** at Plainfield Town Hall

Monday December 10 –

Tuesday December 11 –

- **9 am – Bone Builders** at Plainfield Fire Station
- **6:30 - Zumba** in Pierce Fellowship

Wednesday December 12 – **HAPPY BIRTHDAY to JUDY ROOK**

- **11:45am–1:00 - Willing Hands Fresh Produce** - Free fresh produce at the Cornish Town Hall.
- **7pm – Chimers Rehearsal** in the PCBC Sanctuary.

Thursday December 13 –

- **9 am – Bone Builders** at Plainfield Fire Station
- **10 am – Bible Study** – For more information contact Sue Kelley 675-6254
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- **7pm – Choir Rehearsal** in the PCBC Sanctuary. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome.

Friday December 14 – **HAPPY BIRTHDAY to NANCY PETERSON**

- **9 am – PC Quilters** at the Plainfield Fire Station. For more information, contact Sandra Yeaton.
- **8 pm - AA** in Pierce Fellowship Hall

Saturday December 15 – **HAPPY BIRTHDAY to JACK McNELLIS**

- **9 am – Bone Builders** at Plainfield Fire Station
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Sunday December 16 –

- **10 am - Worship Service** – All are invited to share in this service of worship and praise
Organist/Pianist: Helen Davidson
Special Music Offering: Plainfield Chimers under the direction of Sandra Yeaton
- **11 am – PCBC Luncheon** in Pierce Hall. All are welcome to share in this time of fellowship.
- **12:30 pm – 1:30 pm – Cookie Swap** in Pierce Hall
- **2 pm – Chimers’ Christmas Hand Bell Concert** in PCBC Sanctuary

Monday December 17 –

Tuesday December 18 –

- **9 am – Bone Builders** at Plainfield Fire Station

- **6:30 - Zumba** in Pierce Fellowship Hall

Wednesday December 19 –

- **11:45am–1:00 - Willing Hands Fresh Produce** - Free fresh produce at the Cornish Town Hall.
- **7pm – Chimers Rehearsal** in the PCBC Sanctuary.

Thursday December 20 –

- **9 am – Bone Builders** at Plainfield Fire Station
- **10 am – Bible Study** – For more information contact Sue Kelley 675-6254
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- **7pm – Choir Rehearsal** in the PCBC Sanctuary. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome.

Friday December 21 –

- **9 am – PC Quilters** at the Plainfield Fire Station. For more information, contact Sandra Yeaton.
- **9 am-12 Noon - Community Resource Room & Food Pantry.** Located in the handicap accessible Christ Community Church on Rte. 12A. Warmly welcoming residents of Plainfield, Meriden & Cornish
- **8 pm - AA** in Pierce Fellowship Hall

Saturday December 22 –

- **9 am-12 Noon - Community Resource Room & Food Pantry.** Located in the handicap accessible Christ Community Church on Rte. 12A. Warmly welcoming residents of Plainfield, Meriden & Cornish
- **9 am – Bone Builders** at Plainfield Fire Station

Sunday December 23 –

- **10 am - Worship Service** – All are invited to share in this service of worship and praise
Organist/Pianist: Jennifer Emmons
Special Music Offering: Vocal Choir under the direction of Helen Davidson
- **11 am - Eat 'n Greet Fellowship** in Pierce Fellowship Hall

Monday December 24 –

- **7pm – Christmas Eve Service**

Tuesday December 25 – MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wednesday December 26

- **11:45am–1:00 - Willing Hands Fresh Produce** - Free fresh produce at the Cornish Town Hall.

Thursday December 27 – HAPPY BIRTHDAY to RUTH CASSEDY

- **9 am – Bone Builders** at Plainfield Fire Station
- **10 am – Bible Study** – For more information contact Sue Kelley 675-6254
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- **7pm – Choir Rehearsal** in the PCBC Sanctuary. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome.

Friday December 28 – HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ELISE ANGELILLO

- **9 am – PC Quilters** at the Plainfield Fire Station. For more information, contact Sandra Yeaton.
- **8 pm - AA** in Pierce Fellowship Hall

Saturday December 29 –

- **9 am – Bone Builders** at Plainfield Fire Station

Sunday December 30 –

- **10 am - Worship Service** – All are invited to share in this service of worship and praise
Organist/Pianist: Annette Moore
Special Music Offering: Dubbers Reimagined
- **11 am - Eat 'n Greet Fellowship** in Pierce Fellowship Hall

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday January 21 –

- **11:15 – PCBC Annual Meeting** in the sanctuary. Snow date is January 24th