

SPECIAL PRAYER CONCERNS THIS WEEK

- Pray:** For the ministry of our congregation that the love of Christ will be shared in the world!
- Pray:** For our country and the President.
- Pray:** For the tragedy in New York City.
- Pray:** Jeanne Clark for God's healing.
- Pray:** Dianne & Jim Lowing. Jim's mother passed away.
- Pray:** Jean Vander Vort's grandson, Sean, as he is struggling with the return of cancer
- Pray:** For Eleanor Powell, for healing of pain.
- Pray:** For the family of Mary G. McCleary, Katharine McCleary's mother, who went to be with the Lord.
- Pray:** For the family of Frances T. McCrink, Patty McCrink's mother, who went to be with the Lord.
- Pray:** For the people of Las Vegas!
- Pray:** For residents of Puerto Rico!
- Pray:** For Jackie Henderson whose family is in the Dominica.
- Pray:** For Fran Hansen recovering from surgery.
- Pray:** For Paul Dupree who is living at Majestic Rehab, 100 Chapin Ave., Red Bank 07701
- Pray:** For Stella Bishop's friend, Patricia Levy diagnosed with cancer.
- Pray:** For Karen Whitaker's father for healing.
- Pray:** For Mary Tepfenhart for her peace of mind and for the health of her family.
- Pray:** For Lynn Scott's sister, Jan, who has Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia.
- Pray:** For peace and stability in the World.

Please pray for the families and individuals on **page 5** of our Church Directory this week. Those members and friends are:

- Susan, Eric Hallander
- Erik, Kathy, Stephen Heinlein
- Ellen Hock
- Ralph & Tish Jensen
- Carol & Doug Johnson, Chloe, Charles
- Lawrence Johnson, Tina
- Kathleen Johnson, Deanne, Thomas
- Ward Johnson
- Erik Kamp
- Tom Kennedy
- Rich & Susan King, Chad & Tyler Copeland, John, Nicholas
- Fred & Margo Klein
- Rev. Gerry & Rev. Diane Koob, Jennifer, Robin

ATTENDANCE

11/26	22
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GIVING

	Week Ending Nov. 26	Year to Date
Needed for Ministry	\$2,558.26	\$122,796.46
Actually Given 11/26	\$3,636.00	\$101,034.97

More Announcements

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH – Embury will once again be collecting gifts for children living in foster care. The gifts will be distributed through Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS), a non-profit agency.....”We believe that children in foster care are the community’s children with the same hopes and dreams of all children”. Gifts will be collected by gender and age group – ages 4 – 7, and ages 8 – 12. There are no specific requests. Any gift appropriate for the gender/age is welcome. Also, age appropriate gift cards are requested for the teenage boys and girls. These teens are often overlooked and typically live in group homes. Please take a gift tag from the Christmas Tree, put your name on the sheet with corresponding selection, and return **wrapped gifts** by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th**. Monetary donations are also welcome and will be used to purchase gifts for this outreach. Please contact **Carol Johnson** for any additional info.

LOVE, INC. (LOVE THY NEIGHBOR) We have opened a second store in West Long Branch. I am amazed at the furniture we have been donated! Our store looks like it belongs in Macy's! Hope to encourage your congregation to shop there! Proceeds help those in need with free furniture as well as rental assistance. Thanks, Carolyn Eyeran, Director of Love Thy Neighbor (formerly Love, INC.)

FLOWER CHART: The Flower Chart for 2017 is in the Narthex all ready for your “In Honor” and “In Memory” Floral arrangements. **Be sure to sign up soon for your personal date.**

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK: We have an Embury Facebook Page. It is “Embury UMC – Little Silver, NJ.” Come visit and join in the conversation.

EMBURY'S WEBSITE: Visit our website at www.emburyumc.org for ministry information, our photo library and upcoming events, etc.

UPPER ROOM Daily Devotional for **January & February** is now available in the Narthex and Table outside the Office.

REV. GRACE AND DAN PAK'S NEW ADDRESS – 18 Mountain View Road, Lopatcong, New Jersey 08865

PEOPLE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY

- Ushers: Barbara & Stella
- Counters: Stella & Tom

Scripture Reading : Isaiah 64:1-9 (p. 742 pew bible) Barbara Mason

CHURCH STAFF

- Rev. Hyun Hui Kim, Pastor
- Pastor Juyeon Lee, Music Director
- Carol Mawby, Church Secretary
- Erik Heinlein, Custodian
- Office Hours: Monday and Thursday
9:00AM – 1:00PM
- Church Phone: 732-741-9708

December 3, 2017

10:00 A.M. Service



At Embury, we are here to know Jesus Christ and to make him known in the world.

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✦ GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE ✦

Prelude Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus arr. Lani Smith

Welcome and Announcements

* Passing of the Peace

* Call to Worship

Leader: The time of waiting and watching is here!
Are you ready?

People: We are waiting for the Lord of peace to open our hearts.

Leader: The Lord of Peace comes to you this day to free you from your sins.

People: We are ready to receive the precious blessings of God.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who loves us dearly.

People: Let us praise God for God’s blessings in our lives. AMEN.

Lighting the Advent Candle:

Voice 1: Blessed be the God of Israel, who has come to set us free. All around the world there are wars and rumors of wars. Peace appears to be a distant dream.

Voice 2: Through the prophets of old, God promised peace. Like the people of old, we too long for peace, not only as release from armed conflict, but as a way of living our lives freed from fears and anxiety.

Voice 1: Today, on this first Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of PEACE. May we find God’s peace in our hearts, and be bearers of God’s peace in our world.

Voice 2: God’s light of Peace will shine on us this day, to guide our feet into the ways of peace.

[The First Advent Candle is lighted - the Candle of Peace]

* Opening Prayer (in union)

Almighty God, as we begin this season of Advent remind us again that in the midst of our darkness you are bringing us peace, to calm our anxious spirits and hectic lives. Turn our hearts again toward you. Make us ready to receive your Son our Savior. Slow our pace, and give us the blessing of feeling your peace in our spirits. For we ask this in Jesus’ precious Name. AMEN.

* Praise “O Come, O Come Immanuel” #211
“How Great Thou Art” #77

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (in Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem “Antiphonal for Advent” Joel Raney

✦ LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD ✦

Scripture Reading Isaiah 64:1-9 (pg. 742) Barbara Mason
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Time for Young Disciples

Message Peace and the Hiddenness of God Rev. Kim

Holy Communion UMH p. 15

Prayer After Receiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go in the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✦ RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD ✦

Giving of Our Tithes & Offerings
(Prayer requests may be placed in the offering plate at this time)

Offertory

* Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of dedication

God of Peace, you have blessed us in so many ways. Today we return blessings and thankfulness to you. Bless these gifts and all gathered here that we may be bearers of peace to your world. AMEN.

* Praise “Change My Heart O God” (TFWS) 2152

* Benediction

* Postlude Alleluia, Amen Chester Nordman

A single * indicates to stand, if you are able, # refers to the hymnal.

Bold print indicates unison response.

*“The altar flowers this morning are
In Memory of Carol Wade given by Barbara Mason”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK

Sun. Dec. 3	First Sunday of Advent 4 th Annual Tree Lighting – Boro Hall	10:00am 4:00pm
Thur. Dec. 7	Praise Team Choir	7:30-8pm 8-9pm
Thur. Dec. 7	Clergy & Lay Leadership with Bishop Schol – Aldersgate UMC	Clergy 9am Laiety 7pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. Dec. 10	Second Sunday of Advent Advent Lunch Christmas Caroling (Wrapped Christmas Gifts Due)	10:00am 11:30am 2:30pm
Thur. Dec. 14	Praise Team Choir	7:30pm 8:00pm

WELCOME TO EMBURY: We welcome our new friends in Christ’s name. We hope that you will be blessed in our worship services as well as in the fellowship with our members. Please sign the registration card in the pew.

PASTOR’S EMAIL & EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER:
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REQUEST FOR SCRIPTURE READER – Please speak to Pastor about becoming a Scripture Reader.