

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 people of California – out of control fires!
- Pray:** For Mary Tepfenhart’s health.
- 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 Fran Hansen recovering from surgery.
- Pray:** For Paul Dupree who is living at Majestic Rehab, 100 Chapin Ave., Red Bank 07701
- Pray:** For Karen Whitaker’s father for healing.
- 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 8** of our Church Directory this week. Those members and friends are:

- Rev. Grace & Dan Pak
- Eleanor & Harry Powell
- Henry & Eleanor Raemsch
- Marie Rell
- Joan Rice
- David Richards
- Thomas M. & Rosemary Richards
- John & Robin Roberts, Christian, Hannah
- Richard Roper, Beth, Cindy
- Rev. Leonard & Ann Rowell
- Flo & Walter Schaefer
- Barrett & William Jr Schindler, Heather
- Rachelle Scolari
- Lynn & Michael Scott, Matthew
- Chester & Mary Seba

ATTENDANCE

12/17	24
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GIVING

	Week Ending Dec. 17	Year to Date
Needed for Ministry	\$2,558.26	\$130,471.24
Actually Given 12/17	\$2,435.00	\$107,046.97

More Announcements

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.

PASTOR’S EMAIL & EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER:
hyunhuikim75@gmail.com / 973.879.8663 (cell)

REQUEST FOR SCRIPTURE READER: Please speak to Pastor about becoming a Scripture Reader.

COUNTER NEEDED: for only one Sunday per month! Please contact Wade Turnock if you could help in this ministry @ 732.747.3113.

FOOD GIFT CARDS: If you are interested in food gift cards, please contact the following: Stella Bishop for Acme or Foodtown (732-600-6460). We need more shoppers!!! Thank you.

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

December 24, 2017

10:00 A.M. Service



PEOPLE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY

Ushers: Beverly & Jim
 Counters: Wade & Jim V.
 Scripture : Luke 1:46b-55 (pg.1013 pew bible) Michael Chee

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

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 The Sweet Peace of Christmas Greg Sewell

Welcome and Announcements

* Passing of the Peace

* Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome this day to worship.

People: The light of this season has beckoned us forward.

Leader: Come and rejoice, for God’s light is coming to us.

People: Praise be to God who pours light into our lives.

Leader: Open your hearts and spirits and receive the blessings of God.

People: May we always be ready to respond in joyful ways to God’s love. AMEN.

Lighting the Advent Candle:

Voice1: We have lit the candle of Peace, remembering God’s dream of a peaceful world, the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ, and the candle of Joy, remembering the Spirit within us who brings joy. (Light Candles).

Voice2: Today we light the fourth candle of Advent, the candle of Love. Scripture tells us “There is no fear in love, for perfect love casts out fear.” (1 John 4:18). God created this world in love and this world will end in the love of God. God’s love pervades all aspects of this life. From birth to death, pain to delight, strangers to lovers, God’s love is there. We light this candle in Love. (Light Candle)

Together: On this day, we remember God is Love.

* Opening Prayer (in union)

In the rush of preparation for holiday celebration, we come to this place to be fed by God. We need the peace, hope, joy and love that this season represents. We need to listen again with wonder at the magnificent words of Mary as she proclaims her faithful participation in God’s most miraculous gift. Open our hearts this day, Lord, to receive the words and the blessings, to be fed and then to be those who will share with others as you have shared with us. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.

* Praise #246 “Joy to the World”
“Go Tell It on the Mountain” by James Taylor

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.

✦ LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD ✦

Scripture Reading Luke 1:46b-55 (pg. 1013) Michael Chee
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Time for Young Disciples

Message Love is Born Rev. HyunHui Kim

✦ 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 only Wise, accept these offerings, the fruit of our labor and lives, in obedience of our faith, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever!
Amen.**

* Praise “Give Thanks” TFWS 2036

* Benediction

* Postlude Rejoice, the Lord is King arr. by Joyce Jones

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 Honor of “Jack’s Birthday” the Beardasley’s grandson.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK

Sun. Dec. 24	Fourth Sunday of Advent	10:00am
Sun. Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service	4:30pm
Thur. Dec. 28	Praise Team Choir	7:30-8pm 8-9pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. Dec. 31	First Sunday after Christmas Day	10:00am
Thur. Jan. 4	Praise Team Choir	7:30-8pm 8-9pm
Sun. Jan. 7	Epiphany – Baptism of the Lord	10:00am

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.

GREEN PLEDGE CARDS should be returned to Wade Turnock or placed in his office mailbox. Envelope boxes for 2018 have been prepared for anyone who pledged or gave on a consistent basis in 2017. If you need a box of 2018 envelopes, please see Wade Turnock.

SPECIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE: Monday, January 15, 2018, 7:00pm, Embury United Methodist, Rev. Jessica Campbell to preside. The sole purpose is to elect a new Treasurer.

BACK 2 BASICS CENTRAL REGION LEADERSHIP TRAINING: Northern Shore District – Monday, January 29 – 7-8:30pm – Monmouth Grace UMC, 76 Wyckoff Road, Eatontown, NJ.