

**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 9** of our Church Directory this week. Those members and friends are:

- Rick & Christie Silver
- Gloria Skeele & Bob Steers
- Vanessa Smith
- Larry & Terry Sorsby, Carson, Cameron
- Kathy Stevenson, Evelyn, James
- Myrtle Stillwell
- Jennifer Strahan
- Dale Strover
- Emily Swift
- Ashley Tardiff
- Mary Tepfenhart, Ossiana
- Don & Mary Ann Thompson, Michelle, Ryan, Andres
- Amanda (Griffiths) & Joe Toscano, Daisy

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>12/24 (10:00am)</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>12/24 (4:30pm)</b>	<b>43</b>

**GIVING**

	Week Ending Dec. 24	Year to Date
<b>Needed for Ministry</b>	<b>\$2,558.26</b>	<b>\$133,029.50</b>
<b>Actually Given 12/24</b>	<b>\$14,202.00</b>	<b>\$121,248.97</b>

**More Announcements**

**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:**  
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**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](http://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 31, 2017

10:00 A.M. Service



**PEOPLE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY**

Ushers: Barbara & Stella  
 Counters: Stella & Jerry  
 Scripture : Luke 2:22-40 (pg.1015 pew bible) Jackie Henderson

**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.**

**Embury United Methodist Church**

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## ✦ GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE ✦

Prelude Dearest Jesus, We are Here arr. David Cherwien

Welcome and Announcements

\* Passing of the Peace

\* Call to Worship

Leader: Darkness descended over the land.

**People: The people lived in fear.**

Leader: Then something so unexpected happened.

**People: Something that filed the people with surprise**

Leader: A star burned brightly in the heavens!

**People: A star beyond imagining!**

Leader: Our darkness is gone!

**People: Though the night is dark and times are difficult,  
a new light shines for us!**

Leader: Fears are banished; failures are forgiven!

**People: God has heard our cries and has given us hope!**

Leader: Come, let us celebrate God's light given to us!

**People: Let us praise the God of hope and promise! AMEN**

\* Opening Prayer (in union)

**God of Promise and mysterious Light, be with us this day as  
we journey in our faith; to meet your Gift. Give us courage  
and hope along our way, as your light will continue to glow  
brightly in our path, leading us to service and discipleship.  
Amen.**

\* Praise 3032 "Across the Land"  
3003 "How Great is Our God"

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 "Were Your There on that Christmas Night? N. Sleeth

## ✦ LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD ✦

Scripture Reading Luke 2:22-40 (pg. 1015) Jackie Henderson

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Time for Young Disciples

Message New Beginnings 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

**By these gifts, Gracious God, may those who have so little  
be clothed with your abundant grace; may the hungry be  
fed with food that strengthens them and hope which gives  
them new life; may all who are searching find that they are  
your beloved children. Amen.**

\* Hymn "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" #671

\* Benediction

\* Postlude Lento Espressivo by Marin Marais

A single \* indicates to stand, if you are able, # refers to the hymnal.  
**Bold print indicates unison response.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THIS WEEK

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon. Jan. 15	Special Church Conference Election of new Treasurer	7:00pm
Mon. Jan. 29	Back 2 Basics Central Region Leadership Training Monmouth Grace UMC	7-8:30pm

**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.

**FLOWER CHART:** The Flower Chart for 2018 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.**

**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.