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ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT

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 God's Spirit, we love, grow and serve.

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 Open-minded
 Caring
 Welcoming
 Generous

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 Tuesdays - Thursdays



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Affirmation of Welcome

Welcome to new visitors and old friends.

We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation and strive to welcome people of every age, color and culture, all sexual orientations and gender identities, any socioeconomic status, marital status, ability and challenge.

Welcome to believers and questioners, and to questioning believers. Welcome to all who seek Christ's love and grace.

This is a place where you are welcome to rejoice and lament, seek healing and offer service. Welcome in the name of Jesus.

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From the Pastor

*It's when we face for a moment
the worst our kind can do, and shudder to know
the taint in our own selves, that awe
cracks the mind's shell and enters the heart:
not to a flower, not to a dolphin,
to no innocent form
but to this creature vainly sure
it and no other is god-like, God
(out of compassion for our ugly
failure to evolve) entrusts,
as guest, as brother,
the Word.*

"On the Mystery of the Incarnation." Denise Levertov

Advent. Every year, as the daylight hours grow shorter and shorter, we begin again with a new liturgical year. Fall makes way for winter, and we find ourselves in wonder at the birth of God into our human world.

The word Advent comes from the Latin *ad-venire*, meaning "to come." Similar to the season of Lent in the spring, this is a time of preparation. We are called to be ready, alert, and not distracted by the ways of the world. What are we waiting for – what do we hope will come? The birth of Jesus, the arrival of Christ in our hearts, and the ultimate return as promised in prophecy. And as we wait, we pray: *O come, O come, Emmanuel.*

Advent also requires us to confront that which is not "God-with-us" in our world and in ourselves. As we come face-to-face with the "one little Word that will save us all" – the infant Jesus – we can't help but remember, as Denise Levertov writes, "the worst our kind can do."

I will admit that Advent is not a season in which I want to "call a thing what it is," as Martin Luther asserts in his *Heidelberg Disputation*. Carols, candles, and Christmas don't exactly set the stage for rumination on the Theology of the Cross. Truthful self-assessment seems most appropriate for Lent. And yet – unhealthy self-deprecation aside – I'm with Luther as he frames Advent not as a sentimental time when we gush with wide-eyed longing for the hoped-for return of Christ the King. Rather, it's a time to proclaim the Good News as forcefully as we might, remembering that God's action is toward us and not the other way around. Luther writes:

Without a doubt, you do not come to Him and fetch Him; He is too high and too far from you. With your effort, pains, and work you cannot reach Him, lest you boast that you had brought Him to yourself by your own merit and worthiness. No dear friend, all merit and worthiness is defeated here, and there is nothing on your side but demerit and unworthiness; on His side, nothing but grace and mercy. ("Postil on Romans 13:11-14," American Edition: Luther's Works 75:33)

This Advent—our first together as people and pastor—my hope is that, as Levertov asserts, our mutual “awe cracks the mind’s shell and enters the heart”; that in our daily repentance our faith would grow, and our bodies would consistently pray: *Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

In peace,

Pastor Christophor

News from St. Peter’s Council, November 15, 2025

Greetings! Hope all of you enjoyed a happy and filling Thanksgiving!

Council had a special meeting on November 12, 2025 to make a decision regarding the sale of the lot we own on Round Cove Road. Jim Merriam was our meeting guest: he discussed the history of the lot and zoning rules in Harwich. We had received six bids; five were from builders / contractors and one was from The Harwich Conservation Commission. After some discussion it was decided (unanimously) to counter The Harwich Conservation Commission’s bid of \$319,000 at \$330,000 and with a response deadline of Friday, December 14 at noon. Much to my surprise, my phone rang at 8 am on Thursday with Jim Merriam reporting a positive response from The Harwich Conservation Commission. The closing will be on December 12, 2025. This is certainly a positive outcome and will maintain this property as undeveloped with access to the conservation area behind our land.

In December please join me in welcoming Pastor Christophor Gilbert and his husband, Donald to our church family. Looking forward to new energy for services and caring leadership as we move ahead to serve the Lord and our missions here at St. Peter’s!

Wishing all of you a joyous, peaceful Christmas! Health and happiness in 2026!

Jane Wordsworth
Council President

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
2025 Advent & December Schedule:

November 30 @ 9:30 am Service
First Sunday of Advent

December 7 @ 9:30 am Service
Second Sunday of Advent
No Healing Service; it resumes in January.

December 14 @ 9:30 am Service
Third Sunday of Advent

December 21 @ 9:30 am Service
Fourth Sunday of Advent
@ 7:00 pm Longest Night Service

Wednesday, December 24 @ 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, December 25 @ 9:30 am Christmas Day Service

December 28 @ 9:30 am Service



St. Peter's Longest Night Service

The Longest Night Christmas Service for 2025 will be on **Sunday, December 21 at 7:00 pm.** This service is for those who feel at odds with or estranged from the general feeling of joy and happiness typically associated with this time of year. You may have suffered a personal loss: death of a loved one, divorce, illness or job loss. This service seeks to comfort you by reminding you that you're not alone and your feelings are valid. Feel free to bring a friend or family member. We have invitations to this service for you to distribute to friends, family or neighbors who may appreciate this service. Rides will be provided; there is a sign-up form on a clipboard in the narthex for those who need a ride, or you can call the church office to request a ride at 508-432-5172.



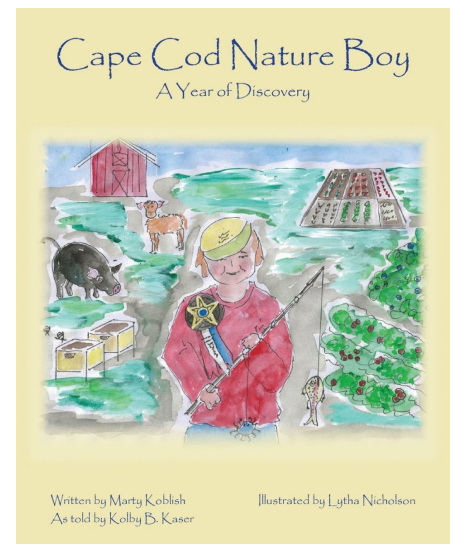
December 7 Book Signing Coffee Hour and Welcome to Pastor Gilbert

December 7 has turned into a banner day! Not only is it our new pastor's first Sunday with us, but you will also have the opportunity to review and purchase the new children's book, Cape Cod Nature Boy written by Marty Koblisch and illustrated by Lytha Nicolson.

Cape Cod Nature Boy is an extended interview with our own **Kolby Kaser** who takes us through a full year of seasons as he works on his family's organic farm in Brewster. Month by month, Kolby describes his chores and seasonal activities, defining key farm terms along the way. He shares fun facts about the animals, fruits and vegetables he raises and explains how organic farming helps protect and sustain the environment. We also get a window into what Kolby does for fun.

On **December 7**, we will have a special coffee hour featuring "Kay's Blueberry Muffins" (featured in "September"). We will have copies of the book on hand, and Kolby will be happy to sign them for you. Books will be on sale for \$20, and 50% from the sale of the books will be donated to the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry.

MJ and Stewart Pattison are hosting this coffee hour. If you would like to help, please contact MJ at: mjpattison@gmail.com.



Women's Bible Study

The next Women's Bible Study will meet on **Saturday, December 6 at 10:00 am** in the Luther Room.

Second Sunday Service

Since our second service with a focus on healing falls on Sunday, December 7, which is Pastor Gilbert's first Sunday with us, we will **not** have this service in December.

We will resume this service in January.

December Dulcimer Fellowship Group Dates

With the Christmas holiday approaching, we will meet just once on Sunday afternoon, **December 14 at 3:00 pm**. Please note the time change as it has been suggested that it would be good to start earlier now that daylight savings time has moved to standard time.

We are now meeting downstairs in the fellowship hall. I suggest you plan to park in the back parking lot and enter through the door that goes directly into the fellowship hall. New players are always welcome! We have some extra dulcimers for you to play right away, and if the loaners aren't all loaned out, it's often possible to take a dulcimer home and practice.

For more information, please contact MJ at: mjpattison@gmail.com

Submitted by MJ Pattison



The Capital Fund

St. Peter's Capital Fund is used for various improvement projects. Every year a Five Year Capital plan is prepared and presented to the congregation for approval at the Annual Meeting. Previous projects have included the mini-split systems and connecting to the town sewer system. This past year, capital improvements consisted of renovations to the parsonage which were financed by contributions to the Parsonage Fund. The Finance Committee is in the process of developing the Five Year plan for 2026.

Submitted by Suzanne Bassett

St. Peter's Treasurer

Rooted in God's Grace

On October 26, the Stewardship team wrapped up the fall pledge drive which is based on the theme, "Rooted in God's Grace." We would like to thank you for participating by listening to our messages during worship, attending the Ministry Fair, signing up to help ministry teams, and responding with your pledges.

Here's a recap of what we shared with you during October:

Week 1: We introduced the stewardship theme, providing a preview of what was coming throughout the month.

Week 2: We held a Ministry Fair after worship on Sunday where over 20 ministries and volunteer groups were represented and almost 30 people signed up to help them. We also noted how St. Peter's members participate in the Cape Cod Council of Churches which served 19,466 people in 2025.

Week 3: We explained how a portion of your offerings help the ELCA and NE Synod reach an even wider community. One example of the Synod's outreach this year was the Synod's support to us throughout the entire call process resulting in the recent calling of The Rev. Christophor Gilbert as our new pastor.

Week 4: We thanked you for your generosity combined with God's grace which, in the past two years, brought us a new pipe organ and a parsonage which enabled us to call Rev. Gilbert to shepherd us into the next chapter of our life together here at St. Peter's. We asked you to continue to support and maintain these treasures, with which we have been blessed, in the coming years with your pledges and offerings. You can still pick up a bright yellow Estimate of Giving card from the Office if you need one.

Thank you.

Yours in Christ,

St. Peter's Stewardship Team



Local Grief Support Groups

- Run by Broad Reach Hospice's bereavement coordinator, Rebecca Chesbro, this grief support group is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse. It meets on the first and third Tuesdays at 2 pm in the Luther Room at St. Peter's.
- The Northside United Methodist Church, 701 Airline Road, Brewster, has a grief support group at their church for all who are experiencing some type of grief that meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 2 pm.

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry Challenge

Thrivent Member Network-Northeast sent us the following message: "We're excited to share that, due to the amazing results of your Feed Northeast Thrivent Action Team project, your benefiting organization will be receiving a **\$500.00 donation from the Thrivent Member Network - Northeast**. They should receive the check by November 30, 2025."

Thanks to the members and friends of St. Peter's Loaves & Fishes Pantry and to Ruth Brenneman and her pantry staff for the collection of over 2,000 items for the project. Thrivent continued, "Especially now, so many in our communities are food insecure, and food pantries across the region are in dire need of supplies. We're grateful for the opportunity to support your efforts. Your team, along with other Thrivent members across the Northeast, collectively contributed hundreds of volunteer hours and gathered thousands of food and care items for those in need."

Thank you all for your support of this project which has made a huge impact on our community. Ruth encourages continued support of the pantry as the need is evident by the increase of visitors to the pantry.

Submitted by Paul Bongfeldt,
Project Leader



**Food Pantry Gift Donations,
Coats, and Turkey Pick-Up**



Food Pantry Update

Loaves & Fishes Pantry

Monday: 1:00 - 3:00 pm **Tuesday:** 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Wednesday: 12:30 - 2:30 **Friday:** 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

A big THANK YOU to Paul Bongfeld for getting St. Peter's involved in the Thrivent FEEDNE2025 challenge and for all of you for hauling in bags and bags of needed items. The many donations kept the shelves stocked for the critical weeks when we had long periods without a delivery, along with reduced food availability from the Food Bank, yet record numbers of pantry visits. We were excited to learn that the Loaves and Fishes Pantry was picked to receive one of the \$500 awards!!!! This will go a long way to get us get through the Holidays, but we hope you will keep looking for grocery deals to share.

It was obvious that families were very concerned about how they would manage keeping food on the table. The Lower Cape Outreach Council ("LCOC") gave us some statistics that were eye opening. There are 2,723 SNAP recipient households in the nine towns that LCOC services. Of those, 774 are in Harwich which helps explain why we had 77 shoppers the first week in November.

Not only have we provided hundreds of bags of groceries and produce this past month, our volunteers have signed up clients for coats and Thanksgiving dinners. LCOC purchases coats at a reduced cost from Operation Warm and our volunteers took orders, sorted, and passed out 98 winter coats. On November 21, the fixings for almost 80 Thanksgiving dinners were distributed here at St. Peter's, double the number from last year. The need is here, right in Harwich.

Now we are on to the Santa Stop sign up and collection of gift cards, toys, and new clothing items. Our families can sign up for a voucher that allows them to pick out items for their children. We love that these gifts go directly to "our" families. A bin will be located in the lobby after Thanksgiving through Sunday, December 14. Gift cards to stores like TJ Maxx, Marshalls, CVS, Target, Old Navy, etc. can be put in the pantry mailbox or dropped off in the bin in a larger envelope. Thanks for opening up your hearts to our neighbors in need.

Ruth Brenneman, St. Peter's Food Pantry Coordinator
thomasbrenneman41@comcast.net, call or text 774-286-9025

St. Peter's Ministries



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

St. Peter's Prayer Shawl Ministry is scheduled to meet on Friday, **December 5 and Friday, December 19 at 1:30 pm** in the Luther Room. We have now gifted well over 900 shawls since this ministry began. Please consider joining us for prayerful work and pleasant company.

ESTHER CIRCLE

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Cranberry Fair. It takes many hands for the fair to be a success, both those of you who contribute all the items for sale as well as the customers who come to buy. The organizations that are supported by Esther Circle and the PSALM group benefit greatly from the proceeds.

Each year Esther Circle fills bags for seafarers who come to Boston. These men (and women) spend months away from home and are sometimes not treated very well by their employers. We have had reports about how much the gifts are appreciated by those who receive them. Bags to be filled for the New England Seafarers are located in the Narthex. Lists are included for requested items.



Please return completed bags by **Sunday, December 7**. Thanks! We will gather for a Christmas lunch on December 9 at Brax Landing and invite the church staff to join us. Wishing everyone a joyous, healthy Christmas!

SACRED SORROW

"Grief is not a problem to be solved nor a difficulty to be overcome. It is a sacred expression of love; a sacred sorrow." St. Peter's Ministry for bereaved parents will meet on **Thursday, December 18 at 1:30 pm** in the Luther Room. The holidays can be a difficult time for those who have experienced loss and it is helpful to be with others who understand that it may not be a joyful season for all of us. There are two opportunities which are likely to be helpful this month. December 14 is the date for The Compassionate Friends annual Candlelighting Observance. During this time of remembrance, candles are lit and we speak the names of our children that we have lost. This gathering is observed at 7:00 pm around the world so a wave of light encircles the globe as we remember our children. Some members of our group attend a service in Chatham, and transportation can be arranged if you are interested in attending. On **December 21**, St. Peter's will have a Longest Night observance. It's a service of hope and light will begin at **7:00 pm**, and transportation will be provided for those who prefer not to drive at night. Please invite anyone you know for whom the holidays may be a challenge.



For more information about the Prayer Shawl Ministry, Esther Circle, or Sacred Sorrow, please contact Marianne O'Boyle at 508-775-2757 or marianne@oboyle.net.

In Defense of Immigrants

We are a nation of immigrants. We know not one of us would be here were it not for the courage of our forebears who left their native lands—whether through fear or desire, compulsion or ambition—to emigrate to the United States. Until the early 20th century, the U.S. had a more or less open border policy; but in the course of the last 100 years, quotas and other restrictions have been legislated. It seems now that we have turned our backs on immigrants. A mere 7,500 refugees will be admitted in 2026, with preference given for white South Africans.

Immigrants already here live in fear of ICE arrests which are on the increase, sweeping up legal residents as well as undocumented refugees. In a time of such disarray, with policies changing daily, it seems there is little we can do to bring about change. Just the opposite is true! Hundreds of efforts are currently being made throughout the country—from the courts, to state legislatures, to immigrant coalitions, churches, charities, food pantries, all the way down to individual acts of kindness—to help and protect those refugees already among us.

In Massachusetts an important bill—*The Immigrant Legal Defense Act*—has been introduced in the House (H. 1954) and Senate (S. 1127) <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/H1954>. It would appropriate funds to provide no-cost legal defense to immigrants who live and work in Massachusetts who are in imminent risk of deportation. According to a fact sheet supplied by MIRA (Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition), 55% of sanctuary seekers are unable to afford a lawyer and must face a higher risk of losing their case. Those with legal representation are 10 times more likely to win a positive outcome. The MIRA website offers information on taking action in a number of ways, including how to contact our legislators <https://miracoalition.org/>

The Just Peace Committee is committed to finding ways to help our brothers and sisters, just as our ancestors were helped in their great transition to a new country. Thus we persevere, with efforts great and small, to follow Jesus' teaching to "Welcome the Stranger."

Submitted by the Just Peace Committee

PSALM Cranberry Fair 2025

The annual Cranberry Fair was held on November 22, 2025 and was a huge success. A few raindrops did not dampen attendance or enthusiasm. Although the final totals are not in yet, we raised over \$14,000 to provide Christmas gift cards, socks, and treats to homeless and at-risk students in our local schools. A big thank you to everyone who supported the fair by baking cookies and pies, making soups and chili, creating crafts, donating attic treasures, staffing the various venues, lunching at the Cranberry Café, shopping or bidding on the silent auction items. We couldn't do it without your help. Contact Claudia Bellis with any suggestions or to volunteer to help with next year's event.

Delicious Specialty Foods and Baked Goods



Holiday Gifts and Ornaments



Jewelry Table Shoppers



The Silent Auction Items in the Sanctuary: 99 Items This Year!



Cranberry Fair's Silent Auction

Thank you to all who assisted with the Silent Auction, whether in getting donations, contributing items, or helping on the day of the fair. We made \$5,184 at the Silent Auction.

**A special thank you to the following donors.
PLEASE SUPPORT THEIR BUSINESSES:**

Alberto's Ristorante	Double Dragon	Pilgrim Monument
Atlantic Spice Company	Dune Boutique	The Rail
Terri Avery	Fisherman's Daughter	The Red Cottage Restaurant
The Barley Neck	Peg Flood	Reed Books
Bay Spirit Tours	Flowers by the Bay	RPM Carpets
Claudia Bellis	George's Pizza	Sandwich Glass Museum
Boston Red Sox	Giardino's	Andy Savery
Breakaway	Harwich Paint & Decorating Center	Scribano's Market & Deli
Buca's Tuscan Roadhouse	Harwich Port House of Pizza	The Seal
By the Beaded Wire	Heritage Museums & Gardens	Snow's Home & Garden
Candy Manor	Hot Stove Saloon	Solis
Cape Cod Museum of Art	Hyannis Whale Watcher Cruises	Sundance Clothing
Cape Cod Museum of Natural History	Hy-Line Cruises	Sweet Tomatoes
The Cape Playhouse	Impudent Oyster	Tale of the Cod
Cape Sea Grille	Jake Rooney's	Trader Joe's
The Captain's Table	JFK Hyannis Museum	Yankee Ingenuity
Chatham Bars Inn	Jackie's	
Chatham Paint & Hardware	The Kitchen Café	
Chatham Pottery	The Lanyard Bar & Grill	
Chatham Village Market (CVM Retail)	Lexaco	
Chocolate Sparrow	Life is Good, Chatham	
Cooke's Seafood	Lushie Nails	
Corner Store	Milano's Italian Kitchen	
Cranberry Valley Golf Course	Mooncusser's Tavern	
Creations by Rita	Paul Muratore	
Crocker Nurseries	Nantucket Steamship Authority	
Eric Czech, Cape Cod	New England Gardens	
Wooden Whales	New England Pizza House	
Daniel Webster Inn & Spa		

Through the Lens of Science with Doug...

Doug Kenney is a retired science teacher who lives at Regal Care of Harwich and joyfully shares a monthly newsletter article with us. Call him at 508 430-6309. December 2025

The BIRTH of the EARTH

The Earth was born about 4.6 billion years ago from clouds of gas and dust surrounding the early sun. Dust in swirling clouds collided and coalesced to create our embryonic world. Our atmosphere was cold and dark as meteoroids bombarded the Earth. As the Earth's interior compacted under gravity and heat generated by radioactive elements, iron sank to the Earth's core, and lighter elements such as silicon and aluminum created an outer layer of molten rock, belching hot gases into space. As the Earth cooled, the outer rock congealed to form a brittle crust allowing magma to surge upwards by volcanic action spreading magma out into vast sheets creating early continents.

The early Earth was a vision of hell with scalding rock and choking fumes. The sun was faint and the moon looked immense, because its distance from Earth was only one tenth of today's distance. Many millions of years passed before the Earth was fit for any kind of life. It took 700 million years for plants and oceans to appear. Canopies of rain fell the Earth only to be boiled back into the atmosphere as steam. It took another thousand years before sunlight could penetrate cloud cover. The Earth's crust cooled from 2,000 to 200 degrees while massive thunderstorms occurred. Volcanic rocks eroded into sand, mud, and sedimentary layers of soil. As the rains fell, blue-green algae trapped sunlight that created photosynthesis making oxygen fill the air to combine with nitrogen that was already there. Oxygen created ozone in the upper atmosphere that absorbed dangerous radiation from the sun. This made surface water safe for the emergence of primitive life.

Gravity arranged matter of different densities into separate layers of iron and nickel in the Earth's core as big as our moon with temperatures reaching 10,000 degrees F. Next to the inner core is the liquid metal outer core surrounded by the Earth's mantle, the outer layers of which act like silly putty. The next outer layer contains 200 miles of molten rock called the asthenosphere that lies just under the lithosphere that contains tectonic plates that float above the asthenosphere. The final 25 mile thick layer is the crust that we live on.

The decay of radioactive Uranium has proven the Earth's crust solidified 4 billion years ago. Four miles below the crust is the deepest depth that's been penetrated. Geologists are trying to drill all the way through the Earth's crust. For every 60 feet of depth below the ground, the temperature rises one degree of Fahrenheit. Below 30 miles, the temperature rises one degree of Fahrenheit. Below 30 miles the temperature reaches 2,200 degrees, the boiling point of most rocks. Today God is putting the finishing touches onto our planet to make it safe for all of us.

December Birthdays & Anniversaries



2 Cheryl Nixon
3 Tom Christensen
4 Justin Sontag
6 Wayne Anstey
8 Bill Crocker
8 Skyeler Sandison
10 Marge Stramowski
11 Christine Johnson
14 John Padgett
22 Sam Hammond
23 Aaron O'Gorman
23 Megan Kaser
25 Linda Czech
26 David Coomber
27 Kathy Glifort
27 Doris Copoulos
28 Anastacia Athas
29 Peter Huey



17 Keeton & Beverly Arnett
27 Bill & Marianne O'Boyle
30 Bruce & Suzanne Bassett

**Update
your information in
St. Peter's Directory!**

If you have any changes or if we don't have your birthday or anniversary listed, please send to:


Office@StPetersCapeCod.org

Flowers are placed at the altar to the glory of God on a woman's 75th birthday.



If you know someone with this special day coming up, please let us know.

December 2025 at St. Peter's

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Room Guide: CR Conference Room DN Downstairs Narthex FH Fellowship Hall FP Food Pantry LR Luther Room N Narthex S Sanctuary Z Zoom	1 Church office closed 1p Loaves & Fish FP 6p Men's AWOL LR	2 8:10a Sojourners Pkg Lot 12:30p Monomoy Bridge FH 2p Broad Reach Grief Group LR 3:30p Loaves & Fish FP	3 12:30p Loaves & Fish FP 1p Kathy's Bridge FH	4	5 Church office closed 10a Loaves & Fish FP 12:30p Monomoy Bridge FH 1:30p Prayer Shawl LR 2p Choir Practice S 330p Bell Choir LR	6 10a Women's Bible Study LR 4p SMMC Worship, Sanctuary
7 Pastor Gilbert's 1st Sunday & 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:30a Worship, Sanctuary 10:45a Book Signing, Narthex	8 Church office closed 1p Loaves & Fish FP 1:30p JustPeace CR 6p Men's AWOL LR	9 8:10a Sojourners Pkg Lot 11:30a Esther Circle to Brax 12:30p Monomoy Bridge FH 3:30p Loaves & Fish FP 6p NAMI Meeting LR	10 12:30p Loaves & Fish FP 1p Kathy's Bridge FH 4p YOH Meeting LR	11 10a Pastoral Care Team Meeting CR & Z 1p Finance Committee Mtg CR	12 Church office closed 10a Loaves & Fish FP 12:30p Monomoy Bridge FH 2p Choir Practice S 330p Bell Choir LR	13 4p SMMC Worship, Sanctuary
14 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:30a Worship, Sanctuary 3p Dulcimer Fellowship Group FH	15 Church office closed 1p Loaves & Fish FP 4:30p SPLC @Faith Family Kitchen 6p Men's AWOL LR	16 8:10a Sojourners Pkg Lot 12:30p Monomoy Bridge FH 2p Broad Reach Grief Group LR 3:30p Loaves & Fish FP	17 12:30p Loaves & Fish FP 1p Kathy's Bridge FH 6p Council Mtg FH	18 130p Sacred Sorrow LR	19 Church office closed 10a Loaves & Fish FP 12:30p Monomoy Bridge FH 1:30p Prayer Shawl LR 2p Choir Practice S 330p Bell Choir LR	20 4p SMMC Worship, Sanctuary
21 4th Sunday of Advent & Home Communion Sunday 9:30a Worship Sanctuary 7p Longest Night Service, Sanctuary	22 Church office closed 1p Loaves & Fish FP 6p Men's AWOL LR	23 8:10a Sojourners Pkg Lot 12:30p Monomoy Bridge FH 3:30p Loaves & Fish FP	24 Christmas Eve 4p Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary 	25 Christmas Day Church office closed 930a Christmas Day Service, Sanctuary	26 Church office closed	27 4p SMMC Worship, Sanctuary
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