

LET'S CELEBRATE!

December Birthdays

9 Nellie Oliver
 10 Victoria Heldt
 Ian Choi
 17 Annie Silva
 28 James Schroll
 30 Diane DiLeo
 31 Jim Tresner

December Anniversaries

If anyone has a wedding anniversary in December, please let us know so we can celebrate you. ❤️

Your Generosity at Work in the Community & the World

12/15 Worship Attendance: Offering's Received
 Adults: 59 Kids: 22 12/9– 12/15: \$2,483

Step into the Christmas Story this Advent Season!

This Advent, our worship services invite you on a journey to meet the people of the Christmas story through the vivid imagination of Ruth L. Boling's "Season's Greetings." Each Sunday, we will reflect on the powerful messages shared in four heartfelt letters that bring the season to life.

- **December 1st – 1st Sunday of Advent:** *A Letter from King Herod*
- **December 8th – 2nd Sunday of Advent:** *A Letter from Mary*
- **December 15th – 3rd Sunday of Advent:** *A Letter from John the Baptist*
- **December 22nd – 4th Sunday of Advent:** *(Christmas Pageant Sunday)*
- **December 24th – Christmas Eve:** *A Letter from Jesus*

These letters explore the profound meanings of Christmas, inviting us to reflect on the birth of Jesus and its impact on our lives and the world. Don't miss this inspiring and thought-provoking journey through the Advent season!

KID'S PAJAMA SUNDAY - DECEMBER 29TH

Pajamas at church? Yeah!! Children, come to church in your comfiest, coolest pajamas on the last Sunday of the year.
 We can't wait to see you!

IN CASE OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY

Call Pastor Sue at: church office – 516 541-7008; cell phone – 617 999-7081

Pastor Sue Hyosuk Yun E-Mail – pastorsue.yun@gmail.com

1. Pastor Sue is available on a flexible appointment basis for individual pastoral counseling for Zoom and telephone spiritual care of individual members.
 Pastor Sue can also refer persons to other professionals as needed.
2. The congregation care network is available for Zoom and telephone spiritual care of individual members

TODAY December 22, 2024

****Recorded Worship available at 12 p.m.**

When joining us for the Recorded Online Worship, please use one of the following:

CUMC Website Address: www.cumcmassapequa.org

Facebook: <https://bit.ly/FACEBOOKcumc>

YouTube: <https://bit.ly/cumcmassapequa>



THANKS to Kim Gill for directing this year's Christmas Pageant. Thank you also to all her volunteers. Thank you to Pastor Sue for acting as Liturgist, The Bohenek- Grassano Family for lighting the fourth Advent Candle, the Youth for Ushering, and Anita Hernandez for setting up Coffee Hour.

THIS WEEK

The "Service Box/We Care Visitors" Dispatcher is Jeana Heldt (516) 520-8935

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS– Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9a.m.- 2p.m.

Bulletin materials are due Thursdays by 9am. Thank you!

Sun. Dec 22

Tues. Dec 24

Wed. Dec 25

Dec. 25-Dec 27

Sun. Dec 29

THE DISTRICT PARSONAGE OPEN HOUSE IS CANCELLED

5:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Service

Christ is Born! Merry Christmas!

Church Office is CLOSED

10:00 a.m. – Family Worship Service & Sunday School

*Pajama Day!

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec 30-Dec 31

Wed. Jan. 1st

Jan. 2-Jan. 3

Sun. Jan. 5

Church Office Open 9-12

HAPPY NEW YEAR – Church Office is CLOSED

Church Office OPEN 9-2

10:00 a.m. – Family Worship Service & Sunday School

*Epiphany Sunday

12/24 SERVICE SCHEDULE

Liturgist – Matt Clark

Usher – Youth

12/29 SERVICE SCHEDULE

Liturgist – **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Coffee Hour – **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Usher – **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

12/9-12/29 Jeana Heldt (516) 520-8935

HEADS UP
Volunteers are needed for Liturgist and Coffee Hour.
Please sign up in the Narthex.

***BE AWARE** – this week scammers called the church posing as PSEG. They were very convincing, but fortunately not convincing enough for our intrepid Lisa Kunz who realized something wasn't right with their story. She was able to confirm with the real PSEG that it was indeed a scam. Please be very careful if anyone calls your home claiming you owe them money or that you "overpaid" and now they need to "refund" you the money if you give them your account number.



One: This tree needs decoration.

All: What should we use for decoration?

One: Tinsel so it shimmers?

All: No!

One: Lights so it glows?

All: No!

One: What should we use for decoration?

All: SOCKS!

Clothes pins for hanging in the Narthex



Gifts and donations are due today. They will be delivered to our sponsor family this evening. Thank you to everyone who participated.

The Outreach Committee is collecting socks that will be used to decorate our sanctuary Christmas tree and then donated after the holidays to organizations in need. Please donate socks for the young and old, male and female and keep tootsies of all sizes warm this winter. Thank you!

Please note that Pastor Sue will be on vacation starting Christmas Day thru New Year's Day, however she will preach on December 29th.

The holiday church office hours will be as follows:

Monday 12/23 9-2pm

Tuesday 12/24 9-2pm

12/25-12/27 CLOSED

Monday 12/30 9-12noon

Tuesday 12/31 9-12noon

Wednesday 1/1 CLOSED

Thurs. 1/2 & Fri. 1/3 9-2pm

LESLIE LENZ

GARY LENZ – fighting leukemia; having a bone marrow transplant

CAROLYN LORENZI – having health issues; headed to graduate school ☺

LINDA – breast cancer; had a double mastectomy and started chemo (The Petracca Family)

VIRGINA LORENZI & HER BROTHER DONALD for strength and healing blessings

THE LUPO FAMILY – young family & the father has been battling cancer for some time (Amy Branch)

TOMMY LYONS (Olga Hernandez' son)

SUSAN & PATRICK MARTIN – speedy recovery and good spirits (Lori Benzoni)

ROSALIND MCKELVEY – Virginia Lorenzi

SALVATORE MONACO (Dominique Monaco-Vetter)

DOMINIQUE MONACO-VETTER – struggling with life stressors

LANDON & HAYDEN VETTER – affected by a shortage of their much needed medications

RONNIE MURPHY – cancer (Linda Garbutt)

SAMANTHA MURRAY – 4 yrs. old; diagnosed with Celiac Disease (Russ & Linda Garbutt)

SUZANNE that her family members find employment (Annette Hesleitner)

GREG ORLANDO – fighting childhood disease without cure (The Garbutt Family)

MATT PARRINELLO – cancer (Garbutt)

PEOPLE STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES & THEIR CAREGIVERS, DOCTORS, & RESEARCHERS

CAROL & ROY PETER

ARAGON PEREZ – doing well after tongue surgery; born w/ health issues (Olga's Grandson)

CHELSEA & BILL QUINN who welcomed a healthy baby girl, Sophia Rose, on 12/11☺

CHERIE RIDLEY'S FATHER – chronic kidney disease, please pray for healing, his family & healthcare team

JOHN SHARP –cancer treatment; scoutmaster of eagle scout doing project at CUMC (Kim Gill)

JEFF SMITH- ongoing health concerns; participating in an experimental drug trial

THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF TIM LY for his loss to suicide (Friend of Eric Cortright & Jeong-Hwa Park)

ANTHONY VESSA – peace & an end to suffering from cancer (Anita Hernandez's brother-in-law)

MARTA VITTORIO –dealing with many health issues (The church's mailman, Joseph Vittorio's, wife)

MARGARET VOLENCE

GARY VOLENCE JR. – blood clots (Garbutt)

GARY VOLENCE SR. (Linda Garbutt)

CAROL WHYTE – recovering from a stroke

YOUNG-YI – shingles (Pastor Sue's Mom)

Have a Prayer Gram sent to someone who could use the comfort and smile that comes from learning they are thought of. Fill out a Prayer Gram card that can be found in the pews or Narthex and leave it in the offering plate or call/email the Church Office with the information.

New Names added this week:

JAZMIN PETRACCA – diagnosed with rare genetic neuro disorder with no cure (The Petracca Family)

SALVATORE SCIEMCA – suffering with bursitis (Dominique Monaco-Vetter)

***Please alert the church office when a person can be removed from the list**

If you have asked for prayers for someone who is now on our prayer list, please give us an update and let us know how that person is doing. We pray our prayers are working or have worked, and would love to hear about it. Thank you!

We offer to God Our Prayers and Concerns for:

DANIEL ALONZO - recovering from liver transplant and addiction (Tony Gittens)
ALEX – Parkinson’s (Friends of Lisa & Tim Kunz)
THE FAMILY OF EILEEN AMENTLER after her passing on Nov. 22
LEONA ASMUNDO – fighting cancer & had to stop treatment b/c she now has pneumonia (Lisa Kunz)
ROBERT BREIDENBACH – having major health issues (Marianna Perez’s cousin and son of Eileen Amentler)
BEN - had an accident; recovering from ear & eye surgery (Annette Hesleitner)
THE BAPTISTE FAMILY (Dominique Monaco-Vetter)
JOHN BINDER – (Gina’s grandson)
TRACY BINDER – experiencing circulation issues causing lack of oxygen (Annette Hesleitner)
ETHAN BURKE – 13yrs. old; diagnosed with lung cancer; had surgery (Russ & Linda Garbutt)
AUGUSTO CABOTAGE (Andrea Perez’ friend’s father)
CATHY – Cancer and other medical issues (Annette Hesleitner)
SANDY CAPASSON (Linda & Russ Garbutt)
TRICIA CARBONE- restarted Chemotherapy that will be six months’ long
CARLOS – Cancer; began hospice care; pray for his family & for his continued acceptance to his fate (Friends of Lisa & Tim Kunz)
CHRISTINE CASTELLANO–rec’vd another ablation for neck & shoulder pain (Virginia Lorenzi)
AIDAN CONWAY – cancerous tumors (Jake Garbutt)
CHERYL COWAN – strength in spirit & body
CUMC YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS (Virginia Lorenzi)
THE FAMILY OF GRACIA DESTRA for his tragic loss after a car accident (Cynthia Bohenek-Grassano)
MELISSA DI IORIO NORIS – bone cancer (Mattson)
EILEEN & JOE – Lung Cancer & Leukemia (Debbie Holland)
JEFF, NICOLE, JAKE & LUKE (Garbutt)
ERICA FALCO – struggling with illness and the cost of medical care (Alexa Rabinowitz)
JANET FAZIO – uterine cancer (Linda Garbutt)
HELENE GASKA (Perez)
DIMITRA GIATZIKIS – Having health issues (heart, hips and knees) (Virginia Lorenzi)
WILLIAM & GABRIELLE HARTMAN & FAMILY (Suzy Hartman’s children) for the loss of Suzy
MICHELLE GOTTLIEB has a rare cancer and currently receiving chemo (Kim Gill’s friend)
ISADORE GRASSANO – doing new treatment after his kidney transplant (Son of Gina Grassano)
THE GRUENER FAMILY for the loss of Ann Gruener (Laura Lucas)
JOSEPH NAVARRA for the loss of his longtime partner, Suzy Hartman
RICHARD HEATH – brain injury (Ora Heath’s son)
MANUEL HERNANDEZ (Olga’s brother)
ANNETTE HESLEITNER – struggling with illness; trying to recover her strength
THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE’S HELENE & MILTON
JANE JOHNSON – breast cancer/chemo (Sue Vulin’s niece)
THE KASIN FAMILY & FRIENDS for the sudden tragic loss of Connor Kasin
LISA KUNZ & FAMILY for strength, guidance & peace after the loss of their beloved Tim
PAT LARSON (Linda & Russ Garbutt)
RON LARSON (Linda & Russ Garbutt)



***Please Join Us
Christmas Eve at 5pm for a special candlelight
service as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.***

CUMC KIDS



THE SUNDAY CHUCKLE

