

# the Messenger

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YEARS of MINISTRY  
1971 – 2021

November 28, 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent



FACE MASK  
REQUIRED

**ALL PERSONS over the age of 2 are required to wear a mask AT ALL TIMES INDOORS.**

You are **not** required to wear a mask for outdoor ministries and activities.

Read the Messenger **online** at [godslovenewtown.org](https://godslovenewtown.org) (click "Read the latest newsletter") or scan this code with your phone.



You will be enriched in every way to be *generous in every way*, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.  
2 Corinthians 9:11

**"For just such a time as this..."**

**GOOD NEWS!** At least **85 Estimates of Giving** were submitted within the first two weeks after our Stewardship Emphasis, approaching Pastor Dan's initial challenge. Thank you, and let's keep them coming!

If you haven't had a chance to turn in your commitment for 2022, please do so by placing it in the offering plate or mailing it to the church office. Extra cards are available in the Commons.

*The Stewardship Team*



Midweek Advent  
Worship

Wednesdays at Noon  
December 1, 8, 15 and 22

Holy Darkness: A Service of Word, Prayer and Reflection for Advent

## Turkey Collection

As of Tuesday, November 23, we collected **39 turkeys** and **1 ham** to benefit the food pantry of Bucks County Housing Group!

**Thank you** for all those who donated and to **Eric and Janet Nordberg** for making multiple deliveries.



## Christmas Worship Schedule

### Five Worship Opportunities

- **Christmas Eve:** Friday, December 24 at 4pm, 6pm, and 9pm
- **Christmas Day:** Saturday, December 25 at 10am
- **Christmas Sunday:** December 26 at 10am



**Saturday, December 11  
4:00pm - 5:30pm**

Come one; come all to the **Advent Family Fun Night**.

[RSVP HERE](#) (or by calling the church office) to participate in any or all of the activities. All activities are **FREE**. RSVP by **December 5** so we can purchase enough supplies.

**Questions?** Sandy Anthony or Amy Carr.



- **Wreath Decorating** (16" live wreath; decorations provided)

- **Cookie Swap** (bring 2 dozen *homemade* cookies; take 2 dozen assorted *homemade* cookies home)

- **Gingerbread Cookie Decorating**

- **Movie "A Charlie Brown Christmas"**  
Kids wear your PJs and bring a blanket and pillow.



Sundays • 10:00am in the Lounge

**NEW! "The Messiah"**

December 5, 12, and 19

A study for Advent using the scriptures and music sung in Handel's Messiah.



**Bible Book-of-the-Month • Luke**  
**THIS MONDAY, November 29 • 7:00pm**

Read through the Gospel of Luke at your own pace with the help of this [reading guide](#) and then join the online discussion led by **Pastor Dan**. The **ZOOM** link will be emailed.

*"Here am I,  
the servant  
of the Lord;  
let it be  
with me  
according to  
your word."*  
LUKE 1:38, NRSV

Scripture Readings  
for December 5

**Malachi 3:1-4**  
*A refiner and purifier*

**Philippians 1:3-11**  
*A harvest of righteousness*

**Luke 3:1-6**  
*Prepare the way of the Lord*

## St. Nicholas Day

REMEMBER to bring your gift donations to worship **NEXT SUNDAY, December 5.**

There are still a few requests posted in the **Lobby of Love** ♥.

Monetary donations are also accepted by mail or in the offering plate. Add "St. Nick" to the memo section of your check or envelope.

If you can't get to church and/or prefer to shop online, [click HERE](#) to support Family Services. Your gift will be shipped directly to them.

**Questions?** Contact **Karen Hoch.**



## Got Leftovers?

Why not make Caring for Friends meals with your Thanksgiving leftovers? Caring for Friends delivers meals to thousands of homebound individuals every day. You can help by packaging and freezing meals using the directions and packing supplies available in the **Lobby of Love** ♥ (open 24/7). Just fill, freeze and bring them back to church. We'll take care of the rest.



The need is great but God's love is greater!



Welcome to those that joined God's Love on November 21:



Jeneane and Lary Whelan



Marie and Tom Carroll



Ann and Larry Auerweck

## December's Highlighted Collection: Reverse Advent Calendar benefits Bucks County Housing Group

Unlike a regular Advent calendar where you **get** something each day, we are reversing that and **giving** something each day!

On the Christmas tree in the **Lobby of Love** ♥ you will find a shopping bag with a calendar inside. One non-perishable food item is listed on each day from December 1 – 24. Add each day's item to the bag then return your filled bag to church by the end of December.

For your shopping convenience, there is a list of these items on the back of the calendar. Star stickers are also included if you or your children want to count down the days. **Questions?** Janet Nordberg.



The Bucks County Women's Chorus was founded in 2012 by Pat Guth (former Organist and Director of Choirs at God's Love). Several current God's Love members sing in this ensemble.

## God's Love 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert Series

### Event 2: Bucks County Women's Chorus • Sunday, Dec 12 • 3:00pm in the Sanctuary

In continuing celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are pleased to present this second event in our community concert series. Admission is **FREE**, and God's Love will make a contribution to the performing group from our Henry and Ruth Pfister Performing Arts Fund. Plan to attend for an enjoyable afternoon of music and a great way to support the local performing arts.



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