



# Stirling Stuff

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## **Pastor's Letter**

Once again, we have arrived at the beginning of the Christian Year with the season of Advent. It is so easy to say that Advent is that four weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas when we have to do all the stuff: the decorating, the buying of gifts, and the partying that all go into making Christmas what it is. For many, Advent would seem to take it's cue from Black Friday as the season of running exhausted to get everything done. However, to think of Advent this way is to do this very precious season a great disservice.

One of my memories of college and seminary was going home and leaving all of the pressures and work of school behind for a short period of time. We could focus on being with family and friends and celebrating the season of Christmas. In many ways, I like to think of Advent in some of those same ways. Except for this year, many of the Hebrew Scriptures used during the season of Advent come from what I call Second Isaiah (Isaiah chapters 40-55), and they speak of the exiles going home to Judah. We come out of the darkness of our lives of the world, out of our exiles, and we go home to the light of God in the birth of Christ.

Robert Frost wrote a piece entitled, "*The Death of the Hired Man.*" In the prose he writes:

*"Home is the place where, when you have to go there,  
They have to take you in."  
"I should have called it  
Something you somehow haven't to deserve."*

During Advent, we make our way to God's home in a stable at Christmas knowing that God will take us in even if we don't deserve it. That is the good news of the season of Advent--we can make the journey trusting that we will be let into the Christmas story. Will you walk that journey with me and your family at First Presbyterian Church-Stirling? I hope so, and I hope you will invite friends to join you in the journey.



May God bless each of us in our Advent journey.

*Tom*

The First Presbyterian Church of Stirling  
**Feeding Those Who Hunger**



## Worship Services and Scripture Passages for December

### December 1, 2019

### Service in Meyersville

- *First Sunday of Advent*
- *Sacrament of Holy Communion*
- *Non-Perishable Food Collection – Fruit Cocktail*  
Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122;  
Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44  
*Rev. Barbara Aspinall, Preaching*

### December 8, 2019

- *Second Sunday of Advent*  
Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19;  
Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12  
*Can We Reclaim Repentance?*

### December 15, 2019

- *Third Sunday of Advent*  
Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10;  
James 5:7-10; Luke 1:46b-55; Matthew 11:2-11  
*Now You Have Doubts?*

*Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings,  
followed by Fellowship Hour in Pollard Hall.  
Child Care is provided in the Nursery.*

*Children join their families in church and then leave for  
Christian Education classes after the Children's Talk.*



### December 22, 2019

- *Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;  
Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25  
*Sometimes Rules Are Meant To Be Broken*
- **Blue Christmas Service – 5:00 p.m.**  
Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 2:1-20  
*When Life Goes off Script*

### December 24, 2019 – Christmas Eve

- **Candlelight Service - 8:00 p.m.**  
Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96;  
Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:1-20  
*No One's Left Behind*

### December 29, 2019

- *First Sunday After Christmas*  
Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148;  
Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23  
*The Messiah Seeking Asylum*

**Scriptures that are listed after the first Gospel reading are non-lectionary passages that will be used in the sermon. All the scriptures are provided here for any weekly Bible reading you may do.**

Rev. Peters' sermons and the scripture readings are posted on the church website.

Visit: [www.fpcstirling.org](http://www.fpcstirling.org), click on: "Sermon Archive," then select the sermon and/or scripture reading date you would like.



### **Pastor's Coffee Klatch**

Our "first Saturday of the month Coffee Klatch" will be held on **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**, at the **Stirling House Diner**. We will gather at 9:00 AM for fellowship and food. The conversation will be about whatever you want it to be about. Please join us.



**Per-Capita Apportionment****- Rev. Peters**

For 2020, our per-capita apportionment to the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly is **\$39 per member**. I want to stress that this money is important for the life of the Presbyterian Church. It pays the costs of the denomination. I believe it is imperative that we pay our per-capita this year since we are getting a lot of assistance from the Presbytery with our talks with Meyersville about the future of the two churches. Two people from Presbytery have attended all of our FLHiP meetings, and Rev. Jeanne Radak, the Presbytery Leader, has been instrumental in leading us through the process. The denomination is helping us in very real ways.



I would also remind you, as I have in the past, that the Presbytery has to send our money for the Synod and General Assembly to those governing bodies. When we don't pay all of our per-capita, we are taking money away from Presbytery. Therefore, I ask you to pay the per-capita for everyone in your family who is a member. The Per Capita envelope can be found in the front of your offering envelopes box. Thank you.

**Offering Envelopes****2020 Church Offering Envelopes**

The 2020 Church Offering Envelopes are available to be picked up in Pollard Hall or the Church office.

**Car Needed**

If you or someone you know has a decent car they want to get rid of, please talk to Rev. Peters. He knows of someone who needs one, and it would be a big help to them.

**The Concert Series in Stirling**

On **Sunday, December, 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.**, we will welcome Anna Keiserman, to our sanctuary. Russian-born and New York-based pianist Anna Keiserman is known for her creative programming, expressive freedom, and singular vision. As a soloist, she has performed concerti by Rachmaninoff, Haydn, Beethoven, and Arensky with the Volgograd Symphony Orchestra and has also toured through Italy and Russia.



Ms. Keiserman's program will include Rachmaninoff's "*Etudes-Tableaux op. 33*," Alexander Krein's "*Two Poems op. 11*," Marc Migo's "*Four Preludes*," and 4 selections from Rodion Shchedrin: "*A la Albeniz*, *Troika*, *Two-part Invention*, and *Basso Ostinato*."

The concert is free; a free-will offering is accepted. A short reception follows the concert, during which guests may meet the performer. Refreshments will be served. We hope you will invite your family and friends, and join us for beautiful music played in our sanctuary. If you would like to help with the concert series, please contact Rev. Peters or Howard Kupferman. For more information, go to [www.fpcstirling.org](http://www.fpcstirling.org).

## **Travnicek Memorial Ringers**

On **Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**, our handbell choir will be playing *Prelude on Stille Nacht* by Douglas Wagner during morning worship. Plan to join us to hear this beautiful music.



### **Welcome New Member**

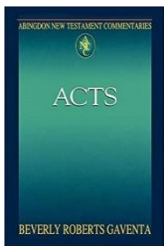
On Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed Kim Ridgway into our church membership.

Pictured here: Elder Paul Wermuth, Kim, and Rev. Peters



## **Christian Education Committee**

**- Lore Pateman**



### **Adult Bible Study**

**- Rev. Peters**

We are continuing our study of **Dr. Beverly Gaventa's book, Acts**. We often think of the Book of Acts as just stories about the beginning of the Christian Church. However, it is more about a movement struggling with what it means to believe in God and Jesus and how to be followers of Christ. It was a very intense time for the early Christian movement. Join us on **Thursdays from 10:30 - noon** for coffee, fellowship, and good open discussion.

## **Fourth Sunday Focus, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**- Tom Parziale**

*Fourth Sundays* give us an opportunity to connect with other members of our church family in a relaxed atmosphere: a pot of tea, a Box o' Joe, Munchkins . . . and conversation. We start around **8:45 a.m.** and end by about 9:45 a.m., but join us whenever you can. If you've never participated or haven't attended for a while, please join us on the 22<sup>nd</sup>; we always have lively discussions on a wide range of topics. **If you have a topic you'd like to discuss, contact Tom Parziale.**



## **Worship Committee**

**- Janet Parziale**

**Liturgists for October:**

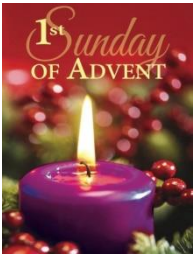
Dec. 1:	Meyersville	Dec. 22:	Jan Somers
Dec. 8:	Tom Parziale	Dec. 29:	Sue Gerecht
Dec. 15:	Janet Parziale		



If you would like to serve as Liturgist during worship, please sign up on the sheet in Pollard Hall or speak to Jan Somers.



## The Season of Advent



December 1<sup>st</sup> is the First Sunday of Advent. Please plan to join us for this service, which will be held at **Meyersville Presbyterian Church** that morning.

The congregation at Meyersville has pledged to donate canned mixed fruit, sometimes labeled "fruit cocktail," to the township food pantry. Since we will be worshipping at Meyersville on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, please consider bringing this item (preferably the kind in juice, not syrup) to donate when we are there.



On Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, we will begin a special program that will continue for the Sundays leading up to Christmas Eve. Come and celebrate the wonderful Season of Advent.

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## Blue Christmas Service



On **Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 5 p.m.**, we will host our annual **Blue Christmas Service** for people who are struggling through the Christmas season. This service of worship is designed to connect people with the hope and promise that God has not abandoned them in their losses or struggles in life. The service includes lighting candles, symbolizing God's light in the darkness of loss and pain in people's lives.

Please invite people you know who may have lost a loved one, or are suffering from illness, or are feeling alone this Christmas season. Better yet, offer to come with them as a show of support for them.

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## Christmas Eve Family Service

On **Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**, our **Christmas Eve Family Service** will be held at **8:00 p.m.** We hope you will join us for this beautiful service of candles and carols as we await the birth of Christ.




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## Heritage Sunday



This year's **Heritage Sunday** service on November 24<sup>th</sup> included the "Kirkin' of the Tartan," also known as the Blessing of the Tartan. Our piper, David Paladino, played "*O Flower of Scotland*" for the processional; "*Stirling on the Hill*," the tune Richard Streeton composed for our church; "*Amazing Grace*" and "*Flowers of the Forest*" during the Kirkin'; and, "*Scotland the Brave*" as the recessional.

In addition to our bagpiper, the Travnicek Memorial Ringers played "*Jesus Shall Reign*." The service was a wonderful celebration of our Church's Scottish heritage.

Following the service, the Worship Committee hosted a special Fellowship Hour with Scottish delicacies. Thank you to everyone who donated goodies and helped in any way to make this such a special day.



**Deacons' Corner****- Janet Parziale****Mission of the Month - December - Community Soup Kitchen of Morristown**

During the month of December, we will be collecting a special offering for the Community Soup Kitchen of Morristown. In 2018, they served more than 77,000 breakfasts and lunches and also provided more than 650,000 pounds of food for their guests to take home. As noted on their website, the money collected will go to provide *"nutritious meals in a warm, safe, and caring environment, free of charge, no questions asked, to anyone who comes seeking nourishment."*



If you would like to help support the soup kitchen's efforts, please use the special Mission of the Month offering envelopes that can be found in the pew racks. Be sure to put your name or envelope # on it so you can receive credit for your donation.

**Church Decorating**

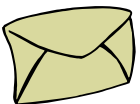
Mark your calendar! The annual decorating of the church will be held on **Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am**. This is a wonderful time of fellowship as we get together to put up the tree, hang the lights and ornaments, and decorate the pews and windows. Please consider coming out to help with this event and have some fun. You won't be disappointed!

**Christmas Carol Sing**

Due to the great response last year, we will gather around the Christmas Tree in the sanctuary for a Carol Sing **following morning worship on December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Feel free to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to worship with us and then join us in singing some of our favorite Christmas carols. Afterwards, you can enjoy a cup of Christmas wassail or hot chocolate and delicious cookies in Pollard Hall. The Deacons would appreciate donations of cookies.

**Need A Ride to Church?**

If you ever find that you need a ride to church, either to Stirling or Meyersville, please feel free to call Janet Parziale (908-647-2212), another deacon, or the church office (908-647-1033). We would be happy to make arrangements to pick you up! We never want the lack of transportation to keep you from joining us for worship or any church event.

**Deacons' Fund**

Please use the green Deacons' Fund envelopes for donations to help the Deacons with their Mission work. They are available in the pew racks or in the church office and may be placed in the offering plate. **Remember to put your name on the envelope so you can receive credit for your donation.**

## Fellowship Hour

Fellowship Hour is a very special time following each weekly worship service. It is an opportunity to share stories and catch up with each other after our busy weeks. Please consider helping with this important part of our church life by signing up to host one yourself or with a partner or simply donating money to be used to provide some delicious goodies for the morning. If you wish to donate money, please give it to a Deacon or place it in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Fellowship Hour."



The coffee, tea, plates, napkins, and cups are all available in the kitchen. You just need to provide milk (usually a quart), juice (or simply water), and some goodies (cookies, fruit, pretzels, popcorn, etc.). If you need help setting up the coffee and tea, please feel free to ask any Deacon or other member of the congregation. Your Fellowship Hour can be as simple or as elaborate as you want. They are fun to do and thoroughly appreciated by everyone.

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## Church Flowers

Please sign up on the Flower Chart in Pollard Hall if you would like to place flowers on the chancel for Sunday morning worship in honor or memory of someone. Allow enough lead time to have them ordered for the date you would like. The cost is \$30, and cash or checks (made payable to: Flowers on the Ridge) should be given to Israel Sierra. When you sign up on the flower chart, please be specific, i.e. *in memory/honor, given by*, and print clearly.



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## Visiting Nurse



Joyce Koenig is our congregation's Visiting Nurse. She makes visitations on her own and with Rev. Peters and is always available to answer your health-related questions. Thank you, Joyce!

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## Water Available During Worship

There is always a pitcher of water and cups available in the Church narthex in case you need a drink during worship. Please feel free to help yourself or signal an Usher to bring it to you.



## Christmas Poinsettias Order Form

The Deacons are coordinating the ordering of poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season. Please use the order form below or the forms available in the Sunday bulletin to place your order and specify if you are ordering in memory or honor of someone special in your life.



**The deadline to order is Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

Price: \$17.50 each

Colors: Red, White, or Pink

<u>What Color</u>	<u>How Many</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
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<b>TOTALS</b>	_____	_____

**Purchased in MEMORY / HONOR of:**  
(Please circle one)

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**Given By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Please print clearly

**Please check one:** To be picked up following Christmas Eve worship: \_\_\_\_\_ To be donated: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit your order and payment to Israel Sierra, to the church office, or place in the offering plate.

Make checks payable to: Flowers on the Ridge and note: Christmas Poinsettia on your check.

**Deadline to order:** Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>



## **Facilities & Property Management**

**- Tom Parziale**

### **Bathroom Upgrades**

As noted in the September Stirling Stuff, upgrades to the restrooms at the church complex were approved. Six new toilets have been installed, including the Ladies' Room, Men's Room, and the LHMS bathrooms downstairs. The installation of the first floor manse toilet will occur shortly.

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### **Memorial Garden Renovation**

Some of you may have noticed that our Memorial Garden, which was built approximately 17 years ago, has fallen into a state of disrepair. Numerous trees have died, and there has been a problem with the gates to the arbors, which cannot be opened and closed properly. Additionally, some of the bluestone slabs are sinking.



At its November meeting, the Session voted to make repairs to the Memorial Garden and restore it to a place of beauty and tranquility for remembrance and meditation. A proposal by Fitz's Fish Ponds has been approved. Do not be confused by the name of the contractor; we are NOT installing a fish pond! However, they were selected because they have proposed an imaginative and innovative plan for the garden, including a trellised southern magnolia, a weeping redbud, a Japanese maple, Japanese Acubas and hydrangeas, among other new plants. They are also going to rebuild the arbors, replace the gate posts, and the sinking bluestone slabs, all at a very reasonable price.

This work is being paid for with money given to the Memorial Garden over the years and from fees paid when a person's ashes are interred. The current fee to be interred in the garden is \$400. The ashes of those interred must be in a biodegradable container, or the ashes must be taken out of the container and placed in the ground. We only allow members and family of members to be buried in the garden.

If you would like to contribute to this project and the continued upkeep of the Memorial Garden, please note "Memorial Garden" on your donation. Watch for information regarding a "re-opening" celebration which will be held once the work is complete.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Memorial Garden Committee, please contact a member of Session or Lynn Blakeslee, who has been spearheading this project. If you have questions about the Memorial Garden, please speak with Lynn or Rev. Peters.

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## **Mission Programs**

### **Bridges Outreach Lunch Program**

**- Jean Hoffman**



Our next commitment date for preparing 40 lunches is: **Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.**, in Pollard Hall. We are always in need of small bottles of water and cartons of juice; snacks of cookies, nuts, Goldfish, pretzels, etc.; and plastic spoons. Cash donations are also appreciated to help with the purchase of bread and lunch meat. You can drop items off in Pollard Hall on Sunday mornings, or give cash donations to Jean Hoffman or Yvonne Fletcher. If you'd like to help with this program, please speak to Jean or Yvonne.



Upcoming dates in 2020: Jan. 3, Feb. 7, March 6, April 3, May 1

**Family Promise of Morris County**

- Jan Somers

Thank you to everyone who helped with our final 2019 Family Promise hosting date, October 31<sup>st</sup>. You made it a special Halloween for the kids and adults alike!



I will be meeting with our local Family Promise committee early in December to schedule dates and meals for 2020. Please watch for more information in the January newsletter.

**Community Food Bank of NJ**

- Kai Ihringer



Thank you to our team of 9 volunteers who traveled to the Community Food Bank of NJ in Hillside on Saturday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>.



Our task was to sort food donations into certain categories (protein, soups, snacks, etc.). This time they added some new procedures. There are now QC (Quality Control) people to check the boxes and inspectors to weigh the boxes and label them (Tom Peters and Kai). We were told we packaged enough food to feed 246 families!

We enjoyed working together, doing our part for our church's mission to "Feed The Hungry."

Pictured here: Daria Jankura, Rev. Peters, Katherine Ihringer, Susan Brodziak, Nicole Honnagar, Tom Parziale, Dawn & Sandy Mackay, and Kai Ihringer

**Thanksgiving Turkey Donations**

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to deliver 5 turkeys to the Market Street Mission in Morristown and 1 to a local family. Please know that those who will benefit from your donations are very grateful.

**Labels/Box Tops for Education; Pop-Top Can Tabs**

- Jan Somers



Please continue to save Labels for Education, Box Tops for Education, and pop-top can tabs. The labels are used by parent organizations in schools to earn educational and recreational items for students. The can tabs are sold by weight to recycling centers, and the proceeds are donated to assist people on dialysis. There is a collection canister in the church office, or you can just give them to me any Sunday morning. Thank you for your continued support of these programs.



## **Church Website & Facebook Page**

To keep up-to-date with what's happening at our Church, make it a point to check in regularly on the Church website, [www.fpcstirling.org](http://www.fpcstirling.org), and Facebook page, [https://www.facebook.com/fpcStirling/?ref=aymt\\_homepage\\_panel](https://www.facebook.com/fpcStirling/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel). They are good sources for church news, the Church calendar, Stirling Stuff, upcoming events/programs, Pastor's sermons, Scripture readings, Church history, and more.

## **Church Archives**

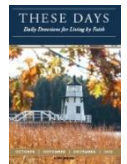
**- Jan Somers**



Please continue to forward news clippings, bulletins, programs, pictures, or other memorabilia regarding any member of our church family so our archives can be kept up-to-date. **Please be sure items are dated and, if possible, the names of church members and/or families are highlighted.** There is a **Church Archives** mailbox outside the church offices for this purpose. Speak to Jan or Rev. Peters if you'd like to help keep the archives up-to-date.

## **These Days**

*"To nurture the daily practice of prayer and the reading of Scripture, there is solid help in the pages of 'These Days.' The devotions wrestle faithfully with the doubts, joys, and challenges of the Christian life."*  
Copies are available in the Church narthex.



## **Meyersville Presbyterian Church News**

### **Annual Meyersville Tree Lighting, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

The **Meyersville Tree Lighting** at the **Meyersville Circle (by the Meyersville Presbyterian Church)** will be held on **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, at 5:00 pm**. This event is sponsored by the Meyersville Tree Lighting Committee. The circle is blocked off and folks enjoy snacks, listen to music through a sound system, and watch the tree lighting ceremony. Central Middle School band students will play some holiday selections, and Santa and his elves will arrive for a visit with the children. There is also a fireworks display sponsored by Garden State Fireworks. Then, the celebration continues inside the Meyersville Presbyterian Church with carol singing and music from the Tri-M Music Honor Society from WHRHS.



## **Free Gentle Yoga Class**

Roseann McGraw, a certified yoga teacher, offers free yoga classes in the parlor at Meyersville Presbyterian Church on Tuesdays, from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. The classes are on-going, so you can join any time.



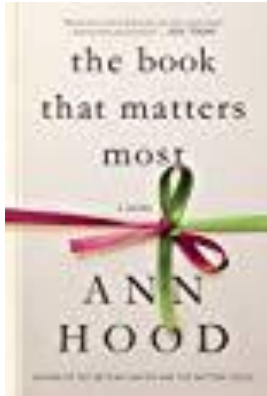
You will not be sitting or lying on the floor, so just bring yourself in comfortable clothes, and invite friends along. The classes are appropriate for all, the flexible as well as the tight. Injuries will be accommodated. Yoga is relaxing as well as good for general health; so, come give it a try. Call or email Roseanne with questions or concerns: 908-508-1435, [rosanne.mcgraw@gmail.com](mailto:rosanne.mcgraw@gmail.com).

**Meyersville Book Club**

- Jan Somers

The Book Club's current selection is **"A Reliable Wife,"** a novel by Robert Goolrick. The group will meet in the parlor at Meyersville on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. to discuss the book. Rev. Aspinall still has copies of the book available. Everyone is welcome to join the group.

The group's next selection is **"The Book That Matters Most,"** a novel by Ann Hood. Copies will be distributed on December 10<sup>th</sup>.



*"An enthralling novel about love, loss, secrets, friendship, and the healing power of literature."*

*Ava's twenty-five-year marriage has fallen apart, and her two grown children are pursuing their own lives outside of the country. Ava joins a book group, not only for her love of reading but also out of sheer desperation for companionship. The group's goal throughout the year is for each member to present the book that matters most to them. Ava rediscovers a mysterious book from her childhood—one that helped her through the traumas of the untimely deaths of her sister and mother. Alternating with Ava's story is that of her troubled daughter Maggie, who, living in Paris, descends into a destructive relationship with an older man. Ava's mission to find that book and its enigmatic author takes her on a quest that unravels the secrets of her past and offers her and Maggie the chance to remake their lives.*

**Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59**

- Ed Gerecht

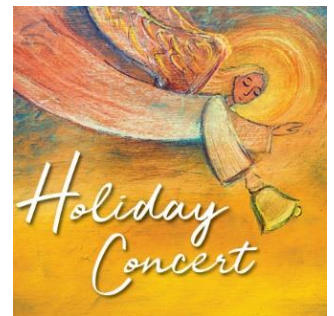
Our Boy Scout Troop is holding its  
**Second Annual Luminary Sale Fundraiser**

Selling: 1 set of 10 Luminaries for \$10  
Set includes: 10 bags, votive candles, and sand  
Dates: Sat-Sunday, December 7-8  
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Location: Valley Mall, Gillette, by Jos A Bank  
(Parking lot at the end)

**Please support Boy Scout Troop 59!**

**Masterwork Camerata Singers**

On **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.**, the Masterwork Camerata Singers will be presenting a concert of holiday music at **Wilson Memorial Church in Watchung**. This group of singers, who are a part of the larger Masterwork Chorus that Rev. Peters sings in, will perform Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*, selections from Handel's *Messiah*, and other holiday selections. The concert is free – a free will offering will be accepted. Come and let this wonderful group of singers share the spirit of Christmas with you!





### Ongoing Mission Programs

#### Road to Bridges

Change (and more) is collected during Fellowship Hour and supports the Road to Bridges program, providing 40 lunches per month to NJ/NY homeless.

#### Township Food Pantry

Non-perishable food items can be left in baskets labeled "Food Pantry Donations" in the Church narthex and outside Pollard Hall.

#### Items collected for various causes may be placed on the pew in Pollard Hall:

- ✓ Full-sized and "courtesy"-sized bars of soap, shampoo, conditioner, shower caps
- ✓ Cell phones, eyeglasses, sunglasses
- ✓ Fabric: about ½ yard minimum, to make small bears for children, totes for wheelchair patients, etc.  
Yarn: to make lap robes for wounded veterans, afghans for battered women, and hats for newborns in hospitals

### Ongoing Fundraisers

#### ShopRite Gift Cards

- ✓ No additional cost to you to use
- ✓ Purchase cards at face value
- ✓ Church earns 5%
- ✓ Denominations available are:

**\$20, \$50, \$100**

Gift Cards are available each week during Fellowship Hour or by contacting Yvonne Fletcher.

#### iGive

- ✓ No cost to you
- ✓ Log on / sign up / find out more at:  
<http://www.igive.com/FirstPresbyterianChurch-StirlingNJ>
- ✓ E-mail this information to your friends
- ✓ Questions? Contact Debra Sprague

**Please e-mail submissions for the January issue of Stirling Stuff to:**

[jsomers17@hotmail.com](mailto:jsomers17@hotmail.com)

**by December 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!**

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### Our Mission

Jesus said, "Feed My Sheep." This welcoming and caring family, empowered by the love of Christ, shares the grace and peace of God's blessings by serving those who are hungry in body or spirit.

**Why not invite a friend to church?**

