

Marple Presbyterian Church

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025 - 10:30 a.m. Worship and Communion,

Deadline to order Poinsettias

The Rev. Jim Reisner, Transitional Pastor – Sermon – The Support Group

There must be always remaining in every person's life some place for the singing of angels – some place for that which is breathlessly beautiful...The commonplace is shot through now with new glory – old burdens become lighter, deep and ancient wounds lose much of their old, old hurting. A crown is placed over our heads that for the rest of our lives we are trying to grow tall enough to wear. Despite all the crassness of life, despite all the hardness of life, despite all the harsh discords of life, life is saved by the singing of angels.

- Howard Thurman, "The Mood of Christmas"

We welcome you to join us in-person or virtually. You can access the live stream on Twitch [HERE](#).

The live stream link and weekly bulletins are also available on our website, www.marplepres.org.

MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN THRIFT SHOP

Saturday, Dec. 6 10 am – 4 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 9 10 am – 3 pm

JOYS AND CONCERNS ON ZOOM

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 3 – 4 pm

zoom.us/j/6103561098 Password MPC

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Thursday - 6:30 pm, MPC Chapel



Angel Tree 2025

Marion Brower is again leading our Angel Tree Campaign. CYS is assisting with the clothing for the children and resources for clothing for the parents.

However, the parents will need household items as they transition to permanent housing.

Household items needed – laundry detergent, light bulbs, dish detergent, towels, small appliances, plates, cups, glasses, silverware, kitchen utensils, etc.

Robes – unisex, one size (15 needed)

Thrift Shop Help Needed!

The Thrift Shop is moving through clothing items quickly as the holiday season kicks into full gear and some additional help is needed to get Fall/Winter items from storage out to the racks. This would mostly involve hanging items currently in bins and putting the hung up items on the racks in the shop. Nonetheless, all levels of ability can be accommodated and many hands make light work! Whether you can spare a few minutes or a few hours, please stop by the Thrift Shop during operating hours (Tues 10-2, Sat 10-4) to pitch in! If you want to help out during non-operating hours, please reach out to Amy Eckels, Kerri Robinson or Kristen Mitchell to arrange to help another time. Your continued support of this ongoing community outreach and mission program is greatly appreciated!

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR 2025-2026

MPC's Youth Group is open to all youth currently in 6th to 12th grade, regardless of membership at Marple Presbyterian Church. We typically meet a few Sundays per month from 4 – 7 pm in the Rowland Room at MPC, 105 N. Sproul Rd, Broomall, Pennsylvania. See below for meeting dates and special events!

Youth Group Meeting Dates:

October 19	February 15
November 2	March 1
December 7	March 15
December 21* – Christmas Party!	April 5
January 11*	April 19
January 25*	May 3
February 1	May 17

**For the Christmas Party, Youth Group will run from 3 pm to 6 pm. Youth are invited and encouraged to stay and attend MPC's Longest Night Service which is from 7-8 pm.*

**For January meetings, we will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at the normal time.*

Special Events:

November 15-16 – Lock-in @ MPC

December 27 – Go Karts Trip

***We would like to plan an away retreat once we have a sense availability for our members in the Spring. We will announce dates and information after the holiday season.*

June 6 – Youth Group BBQ

***We are considering turning the BBQ into a campout at the Mitchells' house if members are interested in trying this. We have access to two campers, some indoor accommodations and may be able to procure tents for anyone really wanting to "rough" it.*

For more information, contact Kristen Mitchell at klizzano@gmail.com or 302-494-1146.



Volunteers needed for Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Please call the church office or speak to Debbie Pettinelli if interested in helping with this festive event. We will also need homemade baked goods and treats. Sign-up sheets available in the narthex.



Please fill out this form and return to the church office with your payment, no later than Sunday, December 7th, if you would like to place a poinsettia in the Church Sanctuary for Christmas. Poinsettias may be taken home at the conclusion of the Candlelight Service on December 24th.

Names will appear in the bulletin exactly as printed below.

Quantity: _____ @ \$8/plant Paid via: ☐ Cash ☐ Check # _____

Given by: _____

In honor/memory of: _____

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Upcoming Events

Breakfast with Santa

12/13, 9 am – 12 pm

Cantata


12/14, 10:30 am

Longest Night Service


12/21, 7 pm

Christmas Eve Service

December 24 at 7:30 pm



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Dec. 13 from 9 am – 12 pm – Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 14 at 10:30 am – Cantata

Dec. 21 at 7:00 pm – Longest Night

Dec. 24 at 7:30 pm – Christmas Eve Service

Coming this Advent!

Come to the Manger is a joyful service of lessons, carols, and anthems containing a mixture of original anthems and traditional carols. This multi-generational presentation will help us recall God's promised Messiah and the birth of the Christ child.



During this time of pastoral transition please be aware that the Deacons will be available for addressing and communicating any pastoral needs. You can email or text/call:

Joyce Holmwood jholmwood433@comcast.net 610-888-7458

OR

Linda Pursley lpursley1981@gmail.com 631 942- 5758

or any Deacon listed in the bulletin.