

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 7, 2025

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| Sunday | Second Sunday of Advent |
| 9:30am | Worship – Lord's Supper |
| 9:40am | Sunday School |
| 10:30am | <i>Coffee and Fellowship</i> in Fellowship Hall |
| 10:30am | Bazaar – Fellowship Hall |
| 11:00am | Worship – Lord's Supper |
| 11:00am | Mom's Group – Room 22 |
| 11:00 – 11:45am | Youth Choir Rehearsals |
| 12:00 – 1:30pm | Youth Group – Youth Space |
| 12:00 – 2:00pm | Clean up from Bazaar – Fellowship Hall |
| 1:30 – 2:30pm | Confirmation Class – Ministry Center Conference Rm. |
| Monday | |
| 2:00pm | Morning Bells ring at Seabrook |
| 4:30 – 5:15pm | Echo Ringers Christmas Party – Upper Room |
| 5:00 – 8:00pm | Piecemaker's Quilting Group – Fellowship Hall |
| 5:15 – 6:30pm | Celebration Ringers rehearsal |
| Tuesday | |
| 10:00am | Holy Yoga: Mat Yoga – Ministry Center Upper Room |
| 12:00 – 3:00pm | Women's Book Discussion group |
| 7:00 – 8:30pm | Alleluia Jazz – sanctuary |
| Wednesday | |
| 11:30am | Morning Bells ring for Tinton Falls Seniors |
| 6:15 – 7:15pm | Exultation Ringers rehearsal |
| 7:30 – 9:00pm | Sanctuary Choir rehearsal |
| Thursday | |
| 9:00am | Prayer Time via Zoom |
| 9:30 – 11:00am | Women's Coffee Break Bible Study – Ministry Center Conference Room |
| Friday | |
| 10:00 – 11:00am | Senior Bible Study – Conference Room |
| 7:00pm | Adult Christmas Party – home of the Axtells |
| Saturday | |
| 10:45 – 11:45am | Sounds of Christmas Concert Rehearsal |
| 11:45am – 12:30 | Lunch for Concert Participants – Fellowship Hall |
| 2:00pm | Sounds of Christmas Concert |
| Sunday | Third Sunday of Advent |
| 8:30am | Mission Commission Meeting – Conference Room |
| 9:30am | Worship – Baptism |
| 9:40am | Sunday School |
| 10:30am | <i>Coffee and Fellowship</i> in Fellowship Hall |
| 11:00 – 11:45am | Youth Choir Rehearsals |
| 12:00 – 1:30pm | Youth Group – Youth Space |
| 1:30 – 2:30pm | Confirmation Class – Ministry Center Conference Rm. |
| 6:00 – 8:00pm | High School Group – Rev. Gene Ryan's parsonage |

Welcome to the Colts Neck Reformed Church. We are happy to have you worshipping with us this morning. As we prepare for worship, please silence your cell phone.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND BIBLES – ASK ANY USHER

PERSONAL HEARING ASSIST EQUIPMENT AND PEW CUSHIONS are available from any usher.

A FAMILY ROOM is available downstairs for parents of infants and young children; the service is video-streamed live to this room. Ushers can provide assistance.

MUSIC THIS MORNING is offered by *Echo Ringers and Emma Purcell, clarinet.*

FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL TABLE AT 9:30AM are given by *the Flock and Weh families* in loving memory of their parents, *Marge and Bill Flock.*

FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL TABLE AT 11:00AM are given by *Frank Van Note* in loving memory of *Laura and Grandin Van Note, William G. Van Note, Jr., Leah Van Note, and Joe Campion.*

CHILDCARE FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS up to age three is provided in the **Nursery** (downstairs in the church) during the 9:30am worship service. Thank you to *Terri O'Neil* for being our nursery caregiver today. For more information, please contact Stacey Savage at earlylearningcenter@cnrc.church.

OUR BULLETIN COVERS for the season of Advent come from artist Scott Erickson. He has a fifteen-piece series on the themes of advent. This week the piece found on our bulletin cover is "Light". You can view and purchase Scott Erickson's art at scottericksonart.com.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS:

9:30am – *Angela, Megan, Brenden, and Brianna Valeski*

11:00am – *Erica and Rick Moos*

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP will be held in Fellowship Hall after the 9:30am worship service. Thank you to *the third and fourth grade Sunday School classes* for hosting today. Please consider hosting this important ministry of the church. Sign up via our website under "Sign Ups".

BAZAAR SECOND CHANCE TRADITION: Come shop for crafts and other fun stuff today during *Coffee and Fellowship*. Find something special for your home or for a gift while giving to church benevolence. All on a donation basis! Cash or check. Find us in Fellowship Hall.

MOM'S GROUP COFFEE CONNECTION will be held this morning, from 11:00 – 11:45am in Room 22, upstairs in the Ministry Center. We'll do a devotional together and enjoy fellowship over coffee and snacks! This group meets regularly on the first Sunday of the month.

WOMEN'S COFFEE BREAK BIBLE STUDY: Please join us for our new Bible study "Angels", by *Melissa Spoelstra*, beginning Thursday, December 11 at 9:30am in the conference room. We will look at how God uses Angels throughout the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Contact Barb Tucker at Barbaratucker@aol.com for more information. All women are welcome.

YOUR PRAYERS AND CONCERNS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Carole H., Wendy J.'s mother, hospitalized with blocked arteries
Karen K., niece of Victa M., masses in her lungs
Grace L.N., hospitalized with an infection
Ray W., difficult medical decisions

All of our church family members in long-term care facilities

SINGING WITH THE SENIORS: Come and join us as we sing Christmas carols and holiday songs with the residents of the Reformed Church Home and Brandywine!

- **Wednesday, December 17th** at the Reformed Church Home, 1990 State Route 18, Old Bridge. Meet in the church parking lot at 10:00 am to carpool or meet there at 10:25am.
- **Friday, December 19th** at Brandywine in Colts Neck, 3 Meridian Circle. Meet in the church parking lot at 11:05am (after Senior Bible Study) to carpool or meet there at 11:15am.

Questions? Contact Maggie Tripold at music@cnrc.church.



FEELING BLUE this Christmas season, whether from loss, worry, or a heavy heart, you are not alone. On the table in the narthex, you'll find a small tree lit with blue lights. You are invited to hang a prayer tag on it, sharing your thoughts, hopes, or feelings. Tags and pens are provided, and you may write anonymously if you wish. This is simply a gentle way to lift your prayers and burdens to God during this season.

BELLS AND BREW: On Sunday, December 28, Celebration Ringers Alumni will meet at 9:30am to rehearse, break for coffee and donuts, and then ring in worship at the 11:00am worship service. All former Celebration Ringers are invited to join us! RSVP to Kay Brown at scottandkaybrown@gmail.com by December 21.

USHER TRAINING will be held on Sunday January 11, at 11:00am in the sanctuary. We encourage all current ushers and others that may be considering being an usher to attend. Sign up on our website under "Sign Ups". Contact Lucy Lennox at llennox3@gmail.com for questions.

SELF DEFENSE WORKSHOP will be held on Saturday, January 10 from 11:00am to 1:00pm in Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$17.50 per person with a class of 20 people. Sign up on our website under "Sign Ups". Contact Ellen Karl for more information: ellenkarl14@gmail.com.

CPR/AED TRAINING will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2026 from 9:00am – 12:00pm in Fellowship Hall. If you are a current usher or plan to sign up as an usher prior to January 17, the cost is \$40. The cost for non-ushers is \$70. You can sign up on the church website in the signup section under CPR class. Contact Lucy Lennox at llennox3@gmail.com for additional information.

OUR ANNUAL SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be held on **Saturday, December 13, at 2:00pm** in the sanctuary. You will hear a variety of music, both sacred and secular, that is sure to put you in the Christmas spirit!

GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING EVENT will be held on Sunday, December 21st at 11:30am in Fellowship Hall. Open to all ages, it's a wonderful way to celebrate the season together! A \$5.00 donation per house is requested to help off-set supply costs. Please RSVP on our website under "Sign Ups."

"COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP" CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE! On Sunday, December 21 we will be doing a cookie swap coffee hour! Please bring two small plates of cookies – one to share with the congregation after worship and one to swap with others. Bring your own container and exchange your cookies for others! Come with one kind of cookie, leave with many! A win-win for all! We are in need of a couple of people to help set up the coffee and tables, and clean up afterward. Please sign up on our website under Coffee Hour Sign-Ups or email Lucy Lennox at llennox3@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING PROGRAM: We're closing in on December 14th which is the gift presentation and delivery date.

- The gift presentation will take place during the 9:30am worship service on Dec 14th. Please bring your gifts (unwrapped in plastic bags, with tags attached) then. Note: if you will not be at that service, please drop off gifts in the church office prior to Dec. 14.
- We need a few volunteers to help sort gifts and bring them to Freehold. (After coffee hour on the 14th). Contact Pete Engelman if you can help.

We will continue to accept donations, allowing us to provide gifts for Open Door families and/or clients at Trinity Church in Asbury Park. (items such as gift cards, winter clothing etc.) Donations can be made two ways:

- Donate through the church website under "Giving" (please select "Special mission events - Christmas program")
- Visit us during *Coffee and Fellowship*

ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY! Sign up on the church website under "Sign Ups"!

- **When:** Friday, December 12 at 7:00pm
- **Where:** home of the Axtells
- **Please Bring:** an appetizer or dessert to share along with a \$5.00 per person donation to cover costs
- **White Elephant Gift Exchange** (for those who wish to participate). This is a good time to find a home for that one-of-a-kind item buried deep in your closet – bring it wrapped and anonymous (one gift per person or per couple). Re-gifting from previous *"White Elephant"* events is encouraged!

WOMEN'S RETREAT will be held on Friday, February 6, at 7:00pm to Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 4:30pm. The Reverend Kathleen Edwards Chase is the leader of this year's retreat which will be held in Grove Hall, in Ocean Grove. Copies of the Women's Retreat packet are available in the church office. It is also available on our website under "Current Happenings". **Sign Ups will begin January 2.**