

# Announcements for December 17 – December 24

## Scripture Readings for Sunday, December 21

Isaiah 41:5-10; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Matthew 1:18-25

## Scripture Readings for Sunday, December 28

Jeremiah 31:7-8, 12-14; Isaiah 63:7-9; Hebrews 2:10-18;  
Matthew 2:1-23; Psalm 148

Daily and Sunday Lectionary Readings can be found at <https://pcusa.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary>.

Join us every Thursday for **Lectionary Lunch** in the Conference Room of the Education Building from 12:00-1:00 to read the scripture for the upcoming worship service. Bring a lunch along and join us for an informal conversation.

## UPCOMING Events

**December 17**—Church Office closes at noon for staff luncheon

**December 21**—Vespers Service, 5:00pm, Sanctuary

**December 24**—Candlelight Celebration, 4:30pm, Fellowship Hall  
Communion and Candlelight Service, 7:30pm, Sanctuary

**December 24-26, January 1**—Church Office Closed

As we prepare for the holiday, the deadline for the December 31st Announcements is December 17th. Please send announcements to Deanna, [office@fredericksburgpc.org](mailto:office@fredericksburgpc.org), by the end of the day on December 17.



**Morning Prayer** —Begin Sunday mornings with centering prayer and reflection as we explore the visual art that accompanies our advent series and create space for hope to brighten our lives.

**Advent Devotionals Link:** Our friends at A Sanctified Art have provided a special e-reader version of this year's Advent devotional, which you can access on your computer and mobile devices:

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/361593675/>. In order to protect their work, please refrain from sharing this link or posting it on social media.

To learn more about all of our Advent plans, click [HERE](#).



# LIFT (Living In Faith Together)

**Let's start the new year together!** On January 4 during LIFT (9 am) we'll celebrate Epiphany and learn about our upcoming class offerings, which start January 11. We'll share a continental breakfast, provided by the CE Committee, in the Fellowship Hall.

## Outreach



### **Volunteers needed for Micah Grab and Go Lunches**

We need groups or individuals once a month to shop for and make the next month's 140 bag lunches. Groups may either make the sandwiches in the Church House or bring them to the Church House Kitchen by the end of the month. Shopping lists and instructions are available.

We also need volunteers every Friday from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm to distribute lunches from the back porch of the row homes.

See Judy Lowman or Jim Toler for more information, or sign-up in Realm under "Serving Opportunities."

**Cookies are needed for the December 20th Community Dinner.** They will be used for dessert and bagged up for our dinner guests to take with them. Cookies can be dropped off Friday morning or starting at 2 on Saturday. Contact Karen Johnson to donate cookies and/or to volunteer at the dinner. [ksjohnson422@msn.com](mailto:ksjohnson422@msn.com), (540) 621-5685



### **Our Clothesline Ministry is Back!**

Want to help our neighbors during the cold winter months? Our CLOTHESLINE MINISTRY will be back starting the second week of December. Help keep our neighbors warm by donating hats, scarves, gloves, socks, and hand warmers. Both adult and children's sizes are needed. Please put all items in a plastic Ziploc style bag before hanging them on the clothesline. **We are especially in need of men's gloves.**

A tub will also be available in the Fellowship Hall for donations.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Benn [lkbrab@verizon.net](mailto:lkbrab@verizon.net) or 540 370-1646.

### **The Food Pantry Needs You!**

Many in our congregation will remember when our church hosted a food pantry in the basement of the Parlor Building. During the pandemic, the pantry closed and our church combined resources with Fredericksburg United Methodist Church. Today, the FUMC pantry is still a vital part of our community's outreach to those who are hungry. It serves not only boxes of shelf-stable food, but also meat, milk and sometimes cheese and even produce. Several Presbyterians continue to support the FUMC Pantry through their financial donations and volunteerism. The need for volunteers and financial support is greater today than ever before! The Pantry's primary food source is the Fredericksburg Food Bank and those supplies are limited. At the same time, the Pantry is serving more families than ever. In October alone, 414 guests, representing 1,090 household members, visited the pantry. The pantry is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2-4 and Saturdays, 10-12. Typically, three volunteers are needed for each shift (56 people a month). There are also numerous other volunteers needed at other times to prepare the food boxes. Some tasks are perfect for families. The FUMC pantry welcomes new volunteers and will train them. A description of each position is found in Sign-Up Genius. This is also where volunteers sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E054BA4AF22A1FE3-fumc#/> The FUMC food pantry is funded solely by donations and staffed by volunteers. Anyone interested in helping is urged to call or email Jan Erkert (540-273-7474 or [janerkert@spanglererkert.com](mailto:janerkert@spanglererkert.com)).

**Need volunteers For Property Lock-up for 2026** —Our Property Lock-up Guild is looking for new members. The task involves serving as the last person after Sunday worship to inspect the Row Houses, Sanctuary, and Education building to make sure all doors are locked and secured. This is not an intense commitment. If interested, contact Jerry Zekert, [jzekert@comcast.net](mailto:jzekert@comcast.net), 540-847-5246 or Debe Garrison at [garrisondebe@gmail.com](mailto:garrisondebe@gmail.com), 540-842-4050.