

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN MEMBERS

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### SCRIPTURE READINGS for December 25<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Day, Year C)

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm 98

Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)

John 1:1-14

### SPIRITUAL FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Adult Bible Study	Sun. 9:15am
Choir Rehearsal	Sun. 9:30AM & after worship
Sunday School	Sun. 9:30am
Youth Explosion Teen Meeting	Sun. after worship
Bible Study	Tue. 10:30am
Senior Computer Classes	Tue. 6:30pm
United Methodist Men	January 3, 2017 @ 7:00pm
Wednesday's Word	Wed. 3:00pm
Evening Bible Study	Wed. 6:30pm & 7:45pm
United Methodist Women	*TBA- December, 2016
Prayer Ministry	Sat. 9:00 am

### ONGOING EVENTS

Daughters of Esther

Sparkle Project

Youth Explosion - Friday Fun Night!  
(\*1<sup>st</sup> & Last Friday of the Month)

\*UMH- United Methodist Hymnal

\*W&S- Worship & Song

†Please stand if able (latecomers  
may be seated).

We WELCOME our guests and pray that this service is a blessing to you. If our Pastor can be of service to you, call (914) 632-2166 or e-mail: [umcnewrochelle@gmail.com](mailto:umcnewrochelle@gmail.com).



Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 18, 2016 - 10:30AM

Reverend Michelle E. Lewis  
Pastor

*New Rochelle United Methodist Church is a Diverse Community  
uplifting each other with love, prayer, faith, and service  
to transform lives through Jesus Christ.*

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## United People Living In Faith to Transform

You are invited to prepare for worship by praying at the altar or in your seat  
- Please silence cell phones -

### ENTER TO WORSHIP

GATHERING	Drumming	
†PROCESSIONAL HYMN	"Mary Did You Know"	
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES		
WELCOME/GREETINGS		
PRAISE AND WORSHIP		
(See Insert)	"Welcome"	W&S 3152
	"It is Well with My Soul"	UMH 377

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: My soul magnifies the Lord.  
**ALL: My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**  
 ONE: The mighty one has done great things.  
**ALL: Holy is God's name!**

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

READER 1: We light this candle as a symbol of the joy to be found in your kingdom on earth.  
 READER 2: For the Lord elevates the lowly, releases the captive, and brings sight to the blind. We rejoice in his justice and mercy, faithful to all generations.  
**ALL: Come Lord Jesus, come!**

### PRAYER (Centering Silence)

**To the God who we know as our rock, our sustainer, and our redeemer. We come before you and ask your forgiveness. We hear your call, but resist following you.**

### *An Invitation to a Blue Christmas Service*

Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas without a loved family member who has recently died; it may be a time that has always been difficult.

Many are experiencing the anguish of broken relationships, unemployment, ill health, isolation - all these can make someone feel very alone in the midst of the celebrating.

For these reasons, New Rochelle United Methodist Church will offer a special "Blue Christmas Service" on **Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 7:00pm.** Come out, and join with us in sharing and hearing prayers and scripture that acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle – and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness. Everyone is welcome.

### WATCHNIGHT SERVICE:

Please note that the **Joint Watchnight Ecumenical Service on Saturday, December 31, 2016** will take place at Bethesda Baptist Church. Service will begin promptly at **10:00pm.** (71 Lincoln Avenue | New Rochelle, NY 10801).

### 2017 ENVELOPES: Available NOW!



All envelopes are available outside the sanctuary for pick up. If there are any questions whatsoever about the spelling of your name, if you would like to update your contact info; if you have for some reason not seen your envelopes; or perhaps would simply like to request your own set of giving envelopes, please let us know. **Request cards** are available outside the sanctuary, and may be placed in the offering plates or simply returned to the church office.

### APPORTIONMENTS:

Please be prayerful about giving at least \$50 each month above your tithes. This will help us to meet our monthly apportionment and insurance obligations while meeting all other expenses of the church. Thank you.

*-Finance Team*

### BIBLE STUDY: Streaming Every Wednesday Evening!

There are two options for Bible Study. Both take place on Wednesday night. One is at 6:30 and the other begins at 7:45. **The 7:45 study will also be live streamed.** Live streaming is via the app/web platform *Periscope*. We are NRUMC Bible Study.

**There is no Bible Study on 12/21 or 12/28.**

### FRIDAY FUN NIGHT: First & Last Friday! 7pm - 9pm

Join the Youth Explosion Youth Group for a night of Christian Fun, including: food, games, bible study and more! For info call (917) 202-2763

### DISASTER RELIEF: NRUMC IS A Drop-Off Location

We are a drop-off location for cleaning supplies for those affected by natural disasters. Please see posted donation lists to see how you can help.

NRUMC's Mission Committee is collecting the essential health kit materials to provide aid to the many tragically impacted by natural disasters and other critical events. **Kits are \$12ea.**

### HOSPITALITY:

Volunteers are needed to make the food and fellowship after worship a successful event. To help with after church refreshments please see Eunice Gooding or Janine Dodd; we are asking for your support. Sign-up sheets are posted in the parlor and near the entrance to the church office. Please sign up to bring healthy food in support of this time of sharing.

### SUBMISSIONS:

Please remember to submit all announcements to the church office in writing by Tuesday at 11am to be approved for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.

### YOUTH OUTREACH:



Every second Sunday, the Youth Explosion youth group will be making soup and sandwiches to be served to the less fortunate. See Carla Moseley Director for donation suggestions or ways to participate.

We pass by those who are lowly and claim there is no room at the inn, and no home within our borders, and that there is not food enough to share. Help us to bring your peace to the world by working for justice for all people. Let your word stir in us a desire for deeper relationship with you. We thank you for awakening in us your will, that we might be your light into the world. We pray all these things in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### THE PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

(In response to the words "Lord in your mercy..." all should respond, "Hear our prayer.")

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### PRAYER REPOSE

*"My Tribute"*

UMH 99

### FOR THE YOUNG & YOUNG AT HEART

### †PASSING THE PEACE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

**before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!**

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**

You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.

**You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.**

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.**

Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-16 [NRSV p.636]

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 1:1-7 [NRSV p.152]

CHOIR SELECTION

†GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 1:18-25 [NRSV p.1]

SERMON

"A Refugee Brings Peace"

Rev. Michelle E. Lewis

HYMN

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

UMH 431

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

†DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,**

**praise God all creatures here below**

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

**Praise God the source of all our gifts**

**Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts**

**Praise the spirit, holy spirit,**

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

OFFERATORY PRAYER

**God of faithfulness and encouragement, we are grateful for the hope you freely give. By Christ's birth in a lowly stable, you prepared the way for his ministry, crucifixion, and resurrection from the dead. Fill us with your Spirit to tell others the good news. As we present our offerings, we ask you to bless the youth and adults whose lives will be uplifted through the mission of this congregation. We pray through Jesus our risen Lord. Amen. (Romans 1)**

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL BENEDICTION

"The Threefold Amen"

POSTLUDE

**DEPART TO SERVE**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES!**

Please enjoy the beauty of the Sanctuary and the decorative candle stanchions in the aisles, which were handmade, and donated by our very own Tony LaGuidice. Remember to observe gentle caution while moving about these decorations, as we worship this holiday season.

### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:**

Christmas Eve Service will be **Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30pm.

### **TRAINING SESSIONS HAVE BEGUN: Attention Liturgists & Lay Speakers**

Pastor's Training for liturgists and lay speakers will be held on the following dates: 12/8; 12/13; 1/31, and 2/21/17. Sessions will begin promptly at 7:00pm.

**\*Beginning January 2017, only those who have participated will be liturgists in worship.**

### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:**



If you would like to have poinsettias placed at the altar for the Christmas Service, please place the request slip (rear bulletin or located at the entrance to the Sanctuary) in the offering baskets. You may see Alma Jordan with any additional questions.

### **HOLIDAY BLESSINGS:**

The United Methodist Women are still accepting donations of canned/non-perishable goods on behalf of our local families this season of giving. Please search your hearts and cabinets as you are able, and help the UMW bless the sick and shut-in, as well as others in need this holiday season. See Alma Jordan or Andrea Harewood for information; donations will be received in the Narthex just outside the doors to the Sanctuary.

**SENIOR COMPUTER CLASS:** The next session is scheduled for **December 20, 2016.**



1. Let's walk to- geth - er for a while and
2. Let's talk to- geth - er of a time when
3. Let's dream to- geth - er of the day when



ask where we be - gin — to build a world where  
we will share a feast, — where pride and pow - er  
earth and heaven are one, — a ci - ty built of



love can grow and hope can en - ter in, — — to  
kneel to serve the lone - ly and the least, — — and  
love and light, the new Je - ru - sa - lem, — where our



be the hands of heal - ing and to  
joy will set the ta - ble as we  
mourn - ing turns to danc - ing, ev - ery

*Refrain*

plant the seed of peace, — sing - ing wel - come,  
join our hands to pray, — sing - ing wel - come,  
crea - ture lifts its voice, — cry - ing wel - come,



wel - come to this place. You're in - vit - ed to



come and know God's grace. All are wel - come the



love of God to share — 'cause all of us are wel - come here, —



— all are wel - come in this place. —