



Garden City Community Church Connections December 2024

Building a community where all are enriched
through Christian Love, Service, and Spiritual Renewal.

Pastor's Message

*Some of us walk into Advent tethered to our unresolved yesterdays
the pain still stabbing, the hurt still throbbing.*

*It's not that we don't know any better,
it's just that we can't stand up anymore by ourselves.
On the way to Bethlehem, will you give us a hand?*

*Ann Weems from *Kneeling in Bethlehem**

Advent! The word **advent** comes from the Latin word ADVENTUS which means **"Coming"** What's coming? Christmas, of course, the celebration of the birth of Jesus. With the celebration of Christmas there comes many long-standing traditions. Children are eagerly waiting for the coming of Santa Claus. Now, some things are a bit different today than they were when I was a young boy. At this time in early December, most of us probably wrote a letter to Santa. I did! Today many children send emails to Santa!

Just the other day I saw a cartoon: a young boy is sitting on Santa's lap. Santa is saying: "And what would you like for Christmas?"

The boy is staring at him saying, "Didn't you get my email?"

As we are moving forward toward Christmas, and as we are giving some thought to our own Christmas list, I can't imagine we could do any better than the words of David Foster's song "My Grown-up Christmas List". The words of the refrain are so powerful and meaningful for this time:

*No more lives torn apart
That wars would never start
And time would heal all hearts
And everyone would have a friend
And right would always win
And love would never end, no
This is my grown-up Christmas list.*

The journey of Advent is one that finds many of us rushing around from one thing to another. It finds others with calendars that feel too empty and still others with tear-filled memories. So, I always try to encourage people to put more emphasis on the spiritual aspects of Christmas.

In a book titled, *Unplug the Christmas Machine: A [Complete](#) Guide to Putting REAL Love and Joy Back into the Season*, the focus is on helping people prepare for the Christmas they want to have, that meets their needs and values, and how to make that a loving and joy-filled experience.

I encourage you to focus more on the spiritual aspects of this season. Try your best, during this busy time, to come to church for worship as Reverend Bonnie Olson and I share encouraging Advent/Christmas Messages and each week the Advent Candles, representing Hope and Peace and Joy and Love, will be lit by church families. Experience a renewed sense of the coming of God as you take some time to remember others especially those in need, the lonely, those who have recently experienced the death of a loved one. Make the time to be with family friends that are dear to you. I encourage you to be open and watchful for God's coming to us in new and meaningful ways this Advent season. And finally, I encourage you to follow the Christmas Pledge, which is found in the book, *Unplug the Christmas Machine*.

The Christmas Pledge

Believing in the true spirit of Christmas, I commit myself to:
Remember those people who truly need my gifts
Express my love in more direct ways than gifts
Examine my holiday activities in the light of my deepest values
Be a peacemaker within my circle of family and friends
Rededicate myself to my spiritual growth.

Shared with love,

Pastor John

Pastor's Message

There are all kinds of thresholds in life. Sometimes they are defining moments that stop us in our tracks. All of them help shape who we are and how we understand our place in the world and with each other. They are big moments like getting married, or getting your first job, earning that degree you worked so hard for. Such things are big events. But there are much smaller thresholds we cross that perhaps define who we are even more clearly than the bigger moments in our lives. They are the moments between those big events that slip by us unnoticed. For some of us, it is usually big events or thresholds in our lives that are more likely to draw our attention to God whether in thanks or petition: "Thank you, God for the blessing! Make haste to help me O God!" But our life in Christ is far more than the thank you for the blessing or the pleading for God's help when there is nowhere else to turn. Living out our faith begins with our desire to become more mindful of God with us: to open our eyes both to the Christ at work within us and to seek to see Christ in each other.

The season of Advent calls us to a season of spiritual watchfulness, a call to reflect on just how Christ is born in us and our relationships with each other. We light the Advent candles of peace, hope, love and joy. Advent asks us how are we agents of peace in our own families: that recent argument that needs mending; that relative you hurt or who hurt you Where do we see a need for a word of God's hope and promise? It could be your smile that reminds another they actually matter to someone, for loneliness is an epidemic. Where do we try to bring Joy? Before we can bring joy to others, we first need to find it within ourselves. Joy springs from a sense of gratitude for the gifts we have been given: the gift of life and love in Christ.

Can we dare take Jesus at his word that the very kingdom of God Jesus ushered in at his birth is within us? (Luke 17:20-21) May it be so.

Hope, peace, love and joy to you!

Pastor Bonnie



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Worship Schedule

Sundays

10:30 AM
Livestream & In-person

Tuesdays

Intercessory
Prayer Service
9:30 AM In-person

Council of Trustees News (COT)

Dear Church-

I am sure many of you, like me, have fond memories of being in church during the Christmas season and singing Christmas Bells..."I heard the bells on Christmas Day, their old, familiar carols play, and wild and sweet the words repeat of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Did you know that those words are from a Henry Wadsworth Longfellow poem? Take a moment and find the full poem, it is quite moving, and some hymnals don't include all the verses.

The second to last stanza feels so on point for this country and this world today:

And in despair I bowed my head;

"There is no peace on earth," I said;

"For hate is strong,

And mocks the song

Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Having survived the worldwide pandemic, I thought and hoped for better times, but 2024 has been tough and hate has been strong around the world. This Christmas I will bring the last stanza of Wadsworth's poem into my heart and on to my lips...

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:

"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;

The Wrong shall fail,

The Right prevail,

With peace on earth, good-will to men."

Peace, love and joy to you all.

Faithfully submitted,

Kirsten Bahlke – Council of Trustees (COT) Chair



Imagine Together



Our Stewardship Sunday celebration was held on November 24, 2024. An enjoyable time was had by all at our luncheon. Thanks goes out to all that helped cook, bake, setup, clean up and all that attended. A special thanks goes out to Karin Melkonian for all her hard work making this event such a success. Although our campaign ended on the 24th, you can still pledge or make a donation. As of Stewardship Sunday over \$163,000 was pledged. We need to raise \$300,000 in pledges or gifts to sustain our operations and growth in 2025.

Pledge



GIVE

Log into existing account



Create an Account



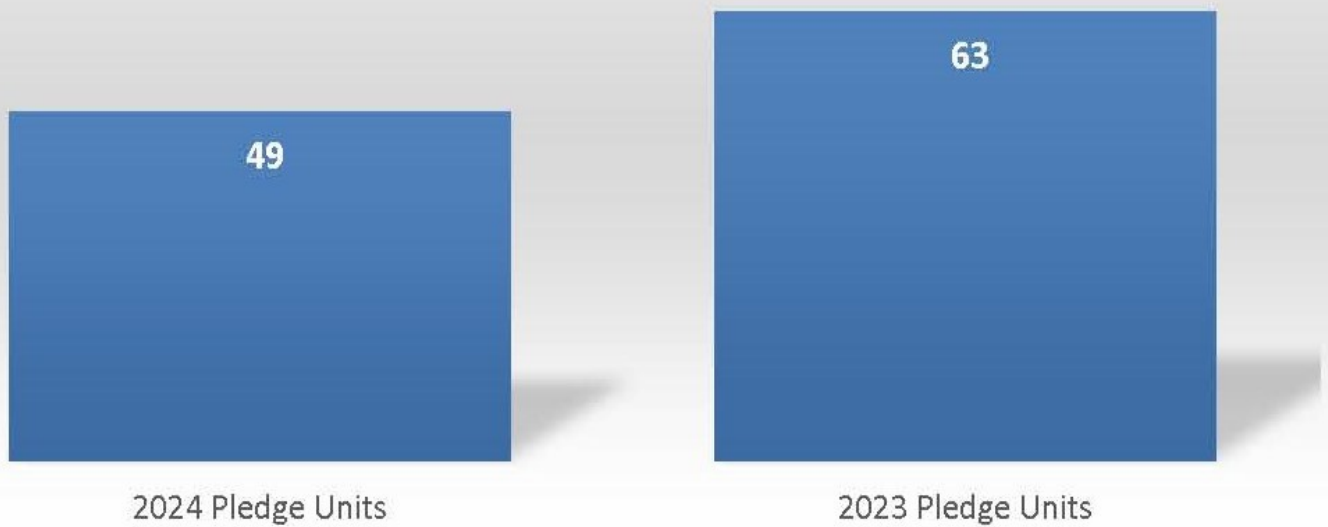
Quick Give



Garden City Community Church
Pledge Campaign Update
November 25, 2024
2024 vs. 2023



Garden City Community Church
Pledge Campaign Update
2024 vs. 2023





ATTENTION ALL CHURCH MEMBERS!

The Garden City Community Church is scheduling volunteers to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas 2024!

Please let us know if a family/friend team is interested in decorating on Wednesday, December 4th starting at 4 PM.

We will have a small potluck fellowship dinner immediately after the decorating is done.

Suggestions: Soup, Salad, Bread, Pizza, Cookies and whatever else is delicious!

To be added to the Decorating Schedule, please reach out to Cindy Campbell - Email: cindala86@gmail.com or cell 516-524-1617

We look forward to hearing from you!



Garden City Community Church

Mission Trip Fundraiser

Christmas Tree, Wreath, and Garland Sale

Saturday, December 7th, 8am—12:00 pm



The Garden City Community Church (corner of Whitehall and Stewart) will be holding a **Christmas Tree Sale Saturday 12/7 from 8:00am to 12:00pm**. There will be trees from 6-9 feet, garland and beautifully adorned wreaths for sale, as well as a bake sale! The proceeds for the sale go toward offsetting the cost of this summer's youth mission trip. Each year the youth spend a week working construction, and other projects, to improve the lives of those less fortunate. Please come support this worthy cause while getting beautiful items to fill your home with the holiday spirit!

Please plan to come support our Mission Trip! We really appreciate your support!

Garden City Community Church

245 Stewart Avenue

Garden City, NY 11530

516-746-1700



Christmas is Coming!

*Start the holidays with music,
fellowship and dinner!*

Candlelight Christmas Concert

Adult, children, and bell choirs

Save the Date:

December 8, 2024

4:30 pm

*For additional information, please contact the church office at
(516) 746-1700 or churchoffice@theGCC.org*

CHRISTMAS MUSIC 2024

If you would like to donate to enhance the Music Program of our Church, you are invited to contribute to the Music Fund in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office no later than **Monday, December 9th**

In memory of: _____

OR

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____



CHRISTMAS PLANTS 2024

We invite you to have Christmas plants placed in the Sanctuary in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office no later than **Monday, December 9th**

I would like to have a Christmas plant in the church this year...

In memory of: _____

OR

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____



MISSION EVENTS

LICC Emergency Food Pantry

Bi-weekly Food Collections



Our next scheduled donation date is December 11th. Please drop off your non-perishable food items on this dates before noon on the Whitehall Blvd. porch. If you want to sign up to be a driver (to deliver our donations), please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084BACAD2EAA8-46044897-2024>

Candy for Soldier's Angels

The church collected 200lbs of candy to donate to Soldier's Angels, an organization that supports our current servicemen and servicewomen as well as our veterans. This was a collaboration of support from the church, Nursery School and local Girl Scout troops. Congratulations to everyone who participated. A special thanks goes to Kristine Newell for spearheading this very successful mission project. We are still in need of monetary donations to help defray the cost of shipping. If you would like to help, please go to: <https://www.thegccc.org/give> and select the "Treats for Troops" fund.

Thanksgiving Fixin' Bags

Thanks to everyone that donated a Thanksgiving Fixin' Bag this year. We collected a total of 40 bags. 34 bags were taken to the INN by Amy McCoy and 6 bags were taken to the LICC Emergency Food Pantry by Lance Fredericks.

Americana Fair

Thanks to everyone that helped make this year's Americana Fair such a success! The volunteers, the bakers, those that donated items, the custodians the office staff and the customers. A special thanks to the chair of the event Cindy Campbell. It was a job well done.

Mission Trip

Mission Trip Christmas Tree Sale – On Saturday, Dec. 7th from 8:00 am – noon we will be having our Annual Christmas Tree sale to help support our 2025 Mission Trip. There will be 6-9 foot trees, garland, wreaths as well as baked goods to purchase – something for everyone. Each year the proceeds of the sale go toward offsetting the cost of the summer's youth program. Come out to support this cause.

Youth Support needed for Tree Sale - Come out and support the Mission Trip! Dec. 7th will be our Christmas Tree Sale! The youth will be getting together on Dec. 6th at 7:00 pm to unload trees, decorate wreaths, make signs and set up for the morning. **To make sure this sale is successful we will need lots of adult help too.** We need volunteers to donate pizza for Friday night, snacks, bagels, water and coffee for Saturday morning. We are also asking for any parent volunteers to work as cashiers and help with the trees (please bring a chainsaw.)

You can sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054EA8AE29A3FF2-53269940-christmas>

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

News from our Sunday School & Youth Groups



Dec. 7th we will be spreading some Christmas joy and all are welcome to join in the fun. We will be going caroling around the neighborhood. Starting at the church at 3:00pm. We will be getting hot chocolate after! If you can make it please email Amanda, adias@thegccc.org.



The Christmas Pageant is fast approaching! Join us on Dec. 22nd as the youth of our church present the story of Jesus' birth in a new and fun way! If you would like your child to participate, please be sure to register them for Sunday School or Middle School Youth Group (if they want to participate or help out.) If you would like to help with props, rehearsal, etc... please contact Amanda, adias@thegccc.org.

Sunday school students register here: <https://gcc.breezechms.com/form/61c92f14812713>

Middle School Youth Group register here: <https://gcc.breezechms.com/form/MSYG24>



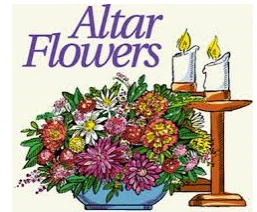
The Sunday School will be making ornaments throughout Advent to decorate the church Christmas trees. Join us as we journey to the story of Jesus' birthday!



On Dec. 15th at 6:00 pm there will be a High School and Middle School Youth Group Christmas Party! Join us as we celebrate Jesus' Birthday! Lots of fun games and snacks! We hope to see you there!

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Worship Altar Flower Donations



A \$50.00 dollar donation provides a gift of love! Use this link: <https://www.gardencitycommunitychurch.org/give> and go to the online giving 'quick give' and choose the dropdown line: 'Give to 2024 Flowers' - or - hand deliver or mail to The Garden City Community Church.

Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084BACAD2EAA8-46046622-2024> Include the wording you wish us to include in the Order of Worship.

2024 Fellowship Hour Sign Up



Hosting Refreshment and Friendship after worship conversation

Perhaps hospitality and hosting are your passion. Schedule two ways: notebook in the Parlor or:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084BACAD2EAA8-46048741-2024>

Questions? Reach out to *Ministry Committee* or email churchoffice@thegccc.org

Fund a Refreshment and Friendship conversation time:

<https://www.gardencitycommunitychurch.org/give> and go to the online giving 'quick give' and choose the dropdown line: 'Give to 2024 Fellowship'.

The Chosen—Series Viewing and Discussion

Wednesday, December 4th and 11th at 7:00 pm will be the last two sessions our our series viewing and discussion of the series, 'The Chosen'. We hope to see you there!



MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Men's Breakfast

All men of the church and their visitors are welcome; it is an opportunity to enjoy relaxed fellowship and conversation over a shared meal. **Next meetings are on December 7th and January 4th at 8:00 am at the Carle Place Diner—151 Old Country Road in Carle Place. Reservations are not needed.**



Tuesday Prayer Service

The Prayer Service welcomes anyone who wishes to join us. We are meeting in the Chapel Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am. Please email the office, or George Bashian if you have a prayer request. **All requests are kept confidential.**



Worship Ushers or Liturgists Opportunity

Perhaps you love to greet and welcome and lead, and work best as part of a team? Reach out to the *Ministry Committee* or email churchoffice@thegccc.org.



Christmas Giving Opportunities

Gifts for the Children of Nueva Vida Presbyterian Church—Deadline is December 8th

If you want to sign up to purchase a Christmas gift for a child this year here is the link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084BACAD2EAA8-52835490-2024>

Once you sign up we will supply you with the name of the child to put on the gift tag

Gifts for the mothers at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility—Deadline is December 8th

We are again collecting unwrapped gifts for the mothers at Bedford Hills. See the flyer in this newsletter for the gift ideas.

Hat, Scarf & Mitten Tree—Deadline is December 8th

Our 'tree' is set up in the church building hallway if you want to donate a hat, scarf, or mittens for a person in need

Food Donations for the LICC Emergency Food Pantry

Non-perishable food items are needed as the Pantry recently re-opened

**WE ARE COLLECTING GIFTS FOR CHILDREN OF
MOTHERS AT THE BEDFORD HILLS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

We will continue the tradition of collecting NEW, UNWRAPPED gifts for the children of mothers incarcerated at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. Please use the enclosed "Wish List" to choose your donations. Bring gifts to church by Dec. 8, 2024.

Checks may be sent to the Church Office no later than Dec. 8th
(please make checks out to: **THE HOUR CHILDREN PARENTING CENTER**).

All donations are tax deductible

This year, they anticipate over 200 mothers will select gifts for over 500 children, as well as providing gifts to correctional facilities across New York State so that many more incarcerated parents can give gifts to their children during the holidays.

The Parenting Center at Bedford Hills Holiday Program Wish List **(NEW and UNWRAPPED Items Only, Please)**

Ages 0-2: V-Tech (6-36 months – we need 26 of the same type);

Clothing: for Newborns to 2T (No Blue, Black, Orange, Gray); Baby Blankets (Toddler Size - No Solid Colors of Blue, Black, Orange, Gray); Rattles; Teething Rings (NUBY Brand); Muslin Swaddles; Winter Hats (Newborn – 1 year); Stacking Cups/Rings; Baby Einstein or Fisher Price Toys; Shape Sorters, Hooded Fleece Bunting in various sizes up to 18 months.

Ages 3-5: Large Trucks; Baby Alive Dolls; Disney Frozen Character Items; Crafts Sets; Baby Dolls; Disney Princess Dolls

Ages 6-10: Legos; K'Nex/Playmobile; Barbie/Bratz/Monster High Dolls; Trucks; Transformers; Actions Figures - Captain America, Stars Wars, Superman, etc.; Matchbook Tracks and Car Sets; Plastic Knitting and Crocheting Kits; Cranium, Brain Quest; Painting and Art Sets; 3D Glasses and Books; Train Sets; Card Games such as: Skip Bo, Uno and Monopoly, Lip Smacker lip gloss, hats, and scarves.

Ages 11-17: Craft Kits; Sports Balls - Basketball, Soccer, Football; Baseballs, Mitts (No Bats); Chess and Checker Games; Friendship Bracelet Kits; How to Knit/Crochet Books; Make-Up Kits Only (No Mirror or Glass); Burt's Bees Lip Gloss; Burt's Bees Shower Gel And Body Wash (No Alcohol in Ingredient List); Wallets (boys and girls), Burt's Bees Face Wash; Sunglasses (No Bling); Headphones/Ear Buds; Watches (Analog only and No Bling); Board Games for Ages 10 and Up such as: Apples to Apples, Life, Trivial Pursuit (Adult and Children Versions) etc.; Leather Bracelets; Musical Instruments (No Recorders), Hats & Scarves, Jewelry, New Kids Books, Nail Polish, Lip Smackers, Bath Bombs, Shower Sponges

ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED FOR HOUR NURSERY MOMS (New or Gently Used) Strollers; Pack 'N Plays; Baby Swings; Bouncing Chairs; Medela Breast Pumps and Accessories; "Boppy" Pillows and New Car Seats

NONE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE ALLOWED: Glass, scissors, sharp objects, pencil sharpeners, mirrors, clay, Play-Doh, items that promote violence, teen/adult clothing, electronics, DVDs, no rhinestones on watches or toys, metal or items in tins; wooden toys, soft dolls or stuffed animals.

Please bring items to the Church Office **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 8, 2024.**



Memorial Bench and Plantings

A memorial bench and plantings have been generously donated and installed by the Harder family in loving memory of Kristine & Frank Harder. Please come to see and enjoy the bench and plantings that are near the Whitehall Blvd. entrance.



Christmas is coming, please Join us...

Worship

Sun. Dec 22 10:30am Christmas Pageant & Service

Christmas Eve 4:30pm Family Service

Christmas Eve 10:00pm Candlelight Communion Service



Special Events

Sat. Dec. 7 8:00am Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale

Sun. Dec. 8 4:30pm Candlelight Christmas Concert

Sat. Dec. 14 3:00pm Christmas Caroling

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE



HAVE YOU CHANGED ANY OF YOUR CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION LATELY?

Moving or preparing to move?

Do you have a new address, a new phone number or a new e-mail address?

Do you want to receive our weekly e-blasts about all the activities going on in the church?

Are you getting the mailings from the church?

Please let the church office know if any of your information has changed so that we can stay in touch with you! We are updating our files and want to make sure we have the correct information.

News About the Building

Kristian and Joe have been EXTREMELY busy. The list of everything they have done in one month is too big to mention. The main projects were the setup and break-down and clean-up of all the rooms for the Americana Fair. That in itself is a two week project. They have also repaired and painted numerous walls, offices, window sills and ceilings. They speed buffed the 1st floor, nursery school and World Church Room. They balanced the heat throughout the church (an ongoing project.) Whew—just reading their list was tiring, imagine doing it. Thanks guys!!



GC Community Church Tech Team

We are looking for youth (and the otherwise young-at-heart) to contribute to bringing our weekly services, special services, and other content to our homebound and our away-from-home members. This is also our chance to reach out to those seeking a new church home. But we cannot do this alone, we need your help, or your children's help in making this happen. Absolutely no experience required, and while we will guide newcomers, we will also gladly take advice from the old sages.

Contact Steve Short, Tim Martens, or William Stone

Or Just join us some Sunday, in the balcony



Musical Ensembles September through June

Adult Choir – Open to H.S. students through adults. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm.



Youth Choir – Open to grades 3-5. Rehearsal are Sundays from noon to 12:30pm. Performs 1 Sunday a month at the 10:30 am service before Sunday School dismissal.



Handbell Choir – Open to H.S. students through adults. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 6:45 pm – 7:45 pm in modules. Performs 4 times a year.



Youth Band – Open to H.S. students through adults. Rehearsals are 1-2 Saturday mornings per month. Performs 1 Sunday or Special Occasion per month.



For more information contact Frank Crosio, Minister of Music at music@thegccc.org

Reflections for this Advent Season

By Betty Geiling, LCC Executive Director and Counselor

For many years, I was the Director of the Christmas Pageant and the Cherub Choir at my church. As the Fall approached, I would take a deep breath as I anticipated the enormity of the task in front of me. How do we reverently dramatize the birth of Jesus, learn a bunch of songs and readings in just a few short weeks? Frankly, no one really has time for a Christmas Pageant during Advent! It is a busy time of year! Please *don't forget this undertaking involves children – most of whom are under the age of six!*

In the world of Christmas Pageants, there is a predictable pattern. The pageant rehearsals begin with eager adults, full of ideas and plans, so hopeful that we can make this amazing. By mid-November, those same adults are exhausted and losing steam. Soon enough, things start to come together. The children know the songs, the narration is perfected and the costumes are in place. The adults have bonded, enjoyed the giggles and wiggles of children and start to recognize that we have shared a uniquely beautiful experience.

Undoubtedly, there is Divine intervention and glimpses of God in the mix of all this humanness. *When you are really listening and watching a child will lead the way.*

I recall a little boy who was delighted to assume the role of one of the three kings. He walked down the aisle in his crown and robe bearing the shiny gold gift. He knelt devoutly in front of the manger with his hands folded. There was a nano-second tableau and then he took off back down the center aisle of the church running as fast as he could go. The teacher caught up with him and asked "What are you doing?" He answered in a serious, small voice – "sorry, my camel got away!"

Then, when you are really listening and watching a child will lead the way.

I invite you to reflect on these questions this Advent Season.

- What is it that gets away from us as we try to worship the Christ Child?
- What things *real or imagined* got away from me today as I try to serve and make a meaningful contribution to my family, church and community?

**Then,
when you are really
listening and watching
a child will lead the way.**

Sometimes we run due to the enormity of the roles we are asked to assume. We are not usually asked to assume the role of one of the three kings. Nonetheless, demanding roles as pastor, deacon, counselor, employee, employer, caregiver, parent, spouse, colleague and friend. Perhaps, we run due to the sheer messiness of this world. Grief, loss, broken relationships, work, depression, health crises, and finances are exhausting.

Advent can feel a bit like the weeks before a Christmas Pageant. There is *A LOT* to do. We are rushing, behind schedule and people are disappointing us or on our last nerve. **I invite you to wait and listen for the Child.** In the midst of all this, there is the Christ Child – our very human God. Our God who is wanting us to catch our camel and return to worship at the manger.

Elizabeth Geiling, PhD, LMHC, LPC, is LCC's Executive Director. Her counseling practice includes early childhood, adolescents, early, middle and late adulthood, and couples. Dr. Geiling is available for remote and in-person counseling at LCC's site in Bronxville. For an appointment or for more information, call the Lutheran Counseling Center at 516-741-0994 or 1-800-317-1173 or e-mail us at Center@lccny.org.

December



2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Advent 1 Sunday Service/Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship Hour 11:30 am Handbell Choir 10:00 pm Confirmation II Meeting 7 pm NOT SCHEDULED	2	3 Prayer Service 9:30 am	4 Decorating the church 4:00 pm The Chosen viewing & discussion 7:00pm	5 Adult Choir 8:00 pm	6 Tree Sale Prep 7pm	7 Men's Breakfast Carle Place Diner 8:00 am Handbell Choir 9:00 am Tree Sale 8am – 12:00 pm
Advent 2 Sunday Service/Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship Hour 11:30 am Candlelight Christmas Concert/Dinner 4:30 pm Confirmation II Meeting – 7 pm	9	10 Prayer Service 9:30 am F&A Meeting 6:00 pm	11 Food Donation drop off - noon The Chosen viewing & discussion 7:00 pm	12 Adult Choir 8:00 pm	13	14 Christmas Caroling 3:00 pm
Advent 3 Sunday Service/Sunday School 10:30 am Search & Call Presentation/Fellowship Hour 11:30 am Ministry Meeting – 12:00 pm Middle School & High School Party 6:00 pm Confirmation II Meeting 7 pm	16	17 Prayer Service 9:30 am	18	19 Adult Choir 8:00 pm	20	21
Advent 4 Sunday Service/Christmas Pageant 10:30 am Fellowship Hour 11:30 am Confirmation II Meeting 7 pm NOT SCHEDULED	23	24 Prayer Service 9:30 am	25 Church Office Closed Christmas	26 Church Office Closed Christmas	27	28
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