

# THE SPIRE

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## PASTOR'S WORD

Pastor Jarv went into well deserved retirement immediately after the Christmas eve carol ceremony, We will miss his wit, wisdom, spiritual guidance, and especially his outstanding musicianship. He encouraged us to look outside of our traditional New England habits to look at and try some things we hadn't done before.

He summarized his last sermon well in a posting on Facebook.

**"The conclusion of my final sermon given this morning...I am now retired from parish ministry...**

**"You see, we need God – I truly believe that! God needs us too – I have a hard time getting a handle on that one, but still I believe with all my heart that it is true as well – God' needs us somehow. I mean why else would God invest so much in our relationship... isn't that what Christmas is all about? Christmas is not an investment in commerce, but an affirmation of humanity..."**

## THANK YOU TO PASTOR JARV

At Coffee Hour after Pastor Jar's final Sunday service on December 23 a thank-you reception occurred along with the traditional cake and assorted goodies. His two years with us was universally praised, especially the introduction of new ideas. We will miss the innovative "Hymn Sandwich", unique to a pastor who is also a master of musical improvisation.



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## CAROLING!

On Sunday afternoon, December 16 the *Sunday Afternoons with HCC* group went Christmas Caroling door to door - followed by refreshments. One of our favorite activities of the year.



## THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

This year's Christmas Pageant involved a wide range of actors in a wide range of rolls. Sabrina Janco as Mary and Randy Bell as Joseph led the HCC Performing Arts Ensemble in a memorable event.



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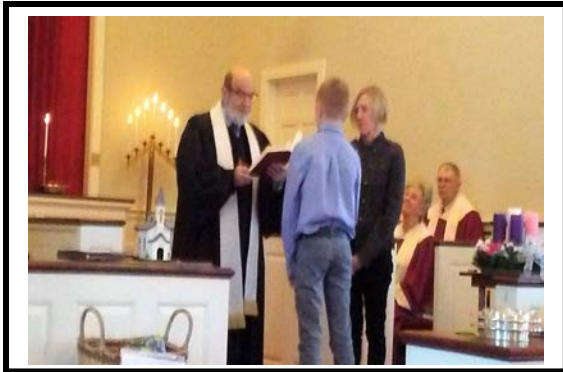
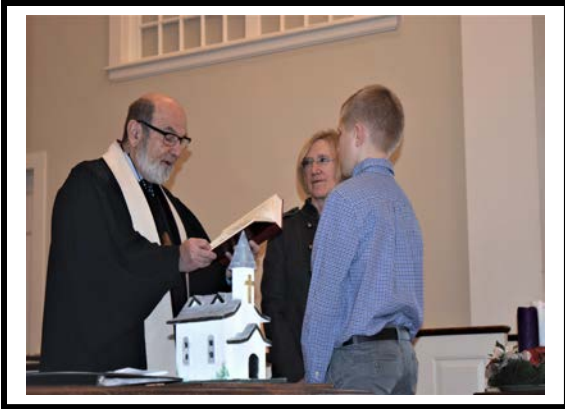
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**NOTICE:** A Church member is looking for a "Cat's Meow" of the Parsonage. We have none left. If you have one and would like to make it available, please call Joan Gangloff, 860-485-0370



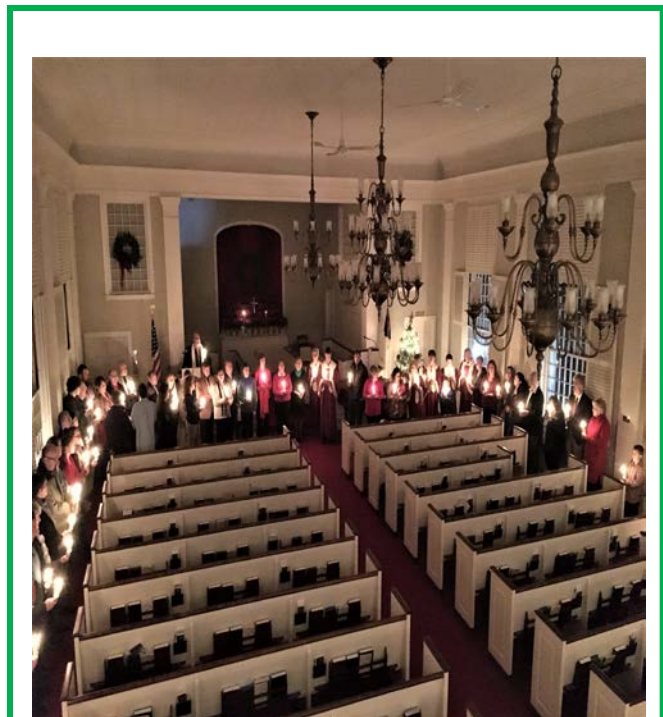
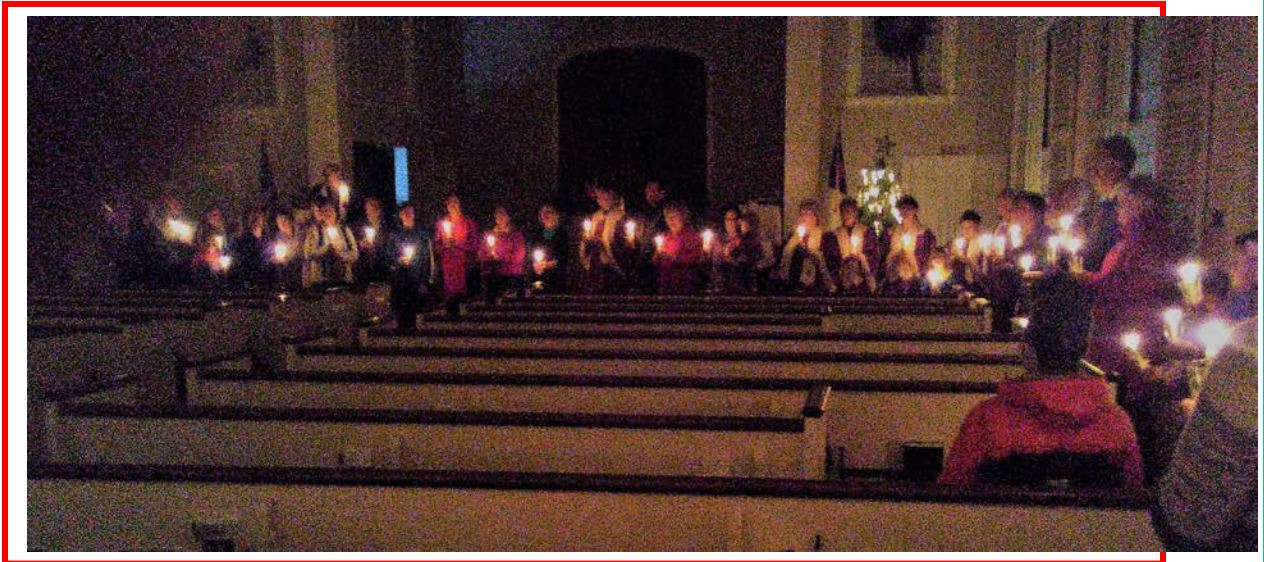
## ANDREW WRIGHT CONFIRMED DECEMBER 2

During the Sunday services on December 2 Andrew Wright was confirmed and welcomed to our congregation. He also subsequently read the scriptures during the Sunday services on December 16. Congratulations Andrew!



## CHRISTMAS EVE

**This year the Christmas Eve service was moved to 5 PM. This was more convenient for families who had other events and celebrations to attend and didn't conflict with family dinners, etc. The Church was almost full, and a Christmas Caroling service was enjoyed by all. The finale was highlighted by a circle of candle light around the sanctuary.**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day	2	3 7 pm BSA #55	4	5
6 10 am Worship Service & Sunday School Deacons Mtg 11:15	7 7 pm AA	8 7 pm BSA #55 Council Mtg	9 7pm HCC Council Meeting	10 7 pm BSA #55	11	12
13 10 am Worship Service & Sunday School	14 7 pm AA	15	16	17 7 pm BSA #55	18	19
20 10 am Worship Service & Sunday School	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 7 pm AA	22	23	24 7 pm BSA #55	25	26
27 10 am Worship Service & Sunday School Annual Meeting after Service	28 7 pm AA	29	30	31 7 pm BSA #55		