

2009-10

FAMILY ADVENT – CHRISTMAS – EPIPHANY CALENDAR
ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29 First Sunday of Advent</p> <p><i>Light one candle on your Advent Wreath</i> "God of Hope, fill our season with your message of Good News. Help us to see YOU in all our days. AMEN"</p>	30	1	2	3	4	5
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set out your Nativity Creche and put the Wise Men far away from the manger. As the weeks progress, move the Wise Men closer and closer to the stable. They should "arrive" on January 6th, Epiphany. Choose a special family activity that you can do each of the 4 weeks of Advent. Favorite Christmas Movie Night? Caroling? Visit someone? 					
<p>6 Second Sunday of Advent <i>Craft Sunday in Church School</i></p> <p><i>Light two candles on your Advent Wreath</i> "Prince of Peace, rule in our hearts. Make us ambassadors of your good will. AMEN"</p>	7	8	9	10	11	12
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This week prepare your home to celebrate Christmas. Make decorations or ornaments that remind you of the Christmas story. Share the Christmas story with someone with a card or letter or tell/read the story for a younger child. 					<p>Children's Nativity Pageant Rehearsal, 10-11:30am</p>
<p>13 Third Sunday of Advent <i>The Children's Nativity Pageant</i></p> <p><i>Light three candles on your Advent Wreath</i> "King of Joy, we rejoice in your coming. Help us to be ready and willing servants. AMEN"</p>	14	15	16	17	18	19
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This week prepare your heart to celebrate Christmas. Pray every day to focus more on giving than receiving. Expect Jesus to make a difference in your life. Be thankful for everything and everyone. Ask your parents to take you to the Outdoor Living Nativity next week. Listen and imagine that first Christmas! 					
<p>20 Fourth Sunday of Advent</p> <p><i>Light four candles on your Advent Wreath</i> "Lord of Love, you gave us everything. Show us how we can be messengers of love today. AMEN"</p>	21 Outdoor Living Nativity	22 Outdoor Living Nativity	23 Outdoor Living Nativity	24 Christmas Eve <i>Light all Advent Wreath candles</i>	25 Christmas Day	26
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do something special IN SECRET for each family member. This could be as easy as a secret note of appreciation, or a chore done for them without being asked. 			<p><i>"O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord"</i></p>	<p><i>"Joy to the world, the Lord is come!"</i></p>	
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day 2010	2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the days after Christmas, make sure you say "thank you" to those who helped you celebrate either with gifts, time together, or special meals. Think of things that you can do to help you remember that it was <u>Jesus'</u> birthday that you celebrated. What kinds of gifts do you think Jesus would want you to give to him? 					
3	4	5	6 Epiphany			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BE A STAR! The star of Bethlehem guided the magi to Jesus. How can you show others the good news of Jesus' love? 		<p><i>"Star of wonder, star of night, guide us to thy perfect light"</i></p>			

Plan to celebrate with your church family with these special activities: December 13th 9:30am Children's Nativity Pageant in worship; December 21st, 22nd or 23rd 7:30pm Outdoor Living Nativity; December 24th 7:30pm Christmas Eve Worship – and always, every Sunday worship at 9:30am.