

# *The Logan Pres*



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December 2025

## **WORTH REMEMBERING**

In the hallway of the basement is a closet where we keep the few historical artifacts that we have from our congregation, an odd assortment of scrapbooks, photographs, and papers collected over the past 129 years.

The cabinet, at one time, was not particularly well organized. Photographs from the 1890s lay next to a newspaper clipping from the 1950s and a worship bulletin from the early '90s. True historians would not be happy at the way the papers were stored, and the casual way we rifled through them looking for information about our past.

Now that the archives are a bit more organized it's easier to find long-forgotten details worth revisiting for the upcoming centenary of Logan's sanctuary. For instance, the 1000 people who attend Logan's ground breaking ceremony, or the order of service dedicating the sanctuary, and of course the donations and mortgage needed to start the building project.

There are only a few pictures of the FLC that served as the original church building from the 1890s and the people who attended; but still, it was enough to help imagine people dressed in their Sunday best stepping up the front steps and into that sanctuary for worship.

I looked through old scrapbooks and commemorative programs from past anniversaries. I read newsletter articles and old bulletins. I even skimmed through those Session meeting minutes from the early years. They were not as interesting as I

had hoped—I guess I was looking for a little church drama, but whoever that secretary was in 1925 didn't spill the beans.

Gathering in the Logan sanctuary is something special. Every time we enter it, we remember that this is where our children were baptized or married, where our spouses were given back to God at funerals, and where we come Sunday after Sunday in search of a word from God. When I needed a quiet place to pray during the week, I would sit in the empty sanctuary, wanting to be in the place where so many had prayed before me.

I know we sometimes take our relationship with our church buildings for granted. We love having our particular place to worship and engage in all of the activities of being a family of faith, and we cherish the sacred memories created there. But we also feel like passing out when we see how much it costs for the upkeep.

God certainly doesn't need a cherished old building to be close to us. As the psalmists repeatedly remind us, "all the earth belongs to the Lord." We can feel him just as much on a long walk in the wilderness, or even a crowded, smelly platform of a subway station. But to make sense of those encounters we gather with others in Logan Memorial "to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple," which the psalmist David calls his greatest desire in Psalm 27:4.

December 13th, 1925, the date of our sanctuary's dedication, is worth remembering. As we approach Christmas, we can take an opportunity to pause and give thanks for 100 years of community, memories, and worship in Logan's beautiful sanctuary. But, most importantly, this is a time to give thanks for the love, hope and joy found in Jesus – our Saviour and friend. As we exchange gifts with loved ones, it is out of remembrance of the gift God gave us in Jesus. The gift that we are loved, are never alone and can have hope for the future.

David McCormick

## **December Worship**

**December 7-** Communion

**December 14-** Congregational Meeting and  
Potluck Christmas Luncheon after  
Worship  
Logan 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration

**December 21-** Blue Christmas service at  
Audubon Methodist, 2pm

**December 24-** Christmas Eve Candlelighting  
Service 6pm

**December 28-** Hymn Requests

### **Blue Christmas Service**

This year our community service to remember those not with us this Christmas will be at Audubon Methodist Church at 2pm on Sunday December 21. This is a good time to feel the comfort of Christ in the company of others as you prepare for a different Christmas this year.

### **Leaders**

**Session-** Meets the second Wednesday evening, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom.

### **Christmas Cards**

Christmas cards may be brought to share with Logan family members. Please place the cards in alphabetical order by last name to make it easier for the card sorters. Please place them in the collection box by Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> so that the elves can sort them. Thank you!

## **Notice of Congregational Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, December 14, 2025 immediately following Sunday Services. Items on the agenda include:

1. Report from the nominations committee and election of Deacon and Session Members.
2. Annual election of Treasurer and Clerk of Session.
3. Discussion on possible sale of Haddon Township Manse.
4. Any other business to come before the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alfred Murray, Clerk of Session

### **Blessing Boxes**

It's that time again!

During December the Women's Association will be collecting Blessing Box coins and donations for scholarships for our high school graduates and special projects at Logan.

Please place your coins in a small plastic bag and give it to Mary Lou or Gladys, or leave it on Lesley's desk.

Thank you so much.

### **Men's Breakfast**

The men will be meeting for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 13th at the Legacy Diner. All men of the church are welcome. Please let Dave Hancock know if you will be attending.

## Thrift Store

In December, the Thrift Store and Christmas Store are open on Saturdays, the 6th and 20th from 9am until noon. Some customers have shown up on Saturdays when we are not open. There will be a sign on the door that we are only open on these Saturdays and to please return on our scheduled openings.

We are now accepting all clothing. Please place all donations on the Hoffman House porch which is open 24/7.

Thanks to the new volunteers who have been volunteering to work on Saturday mornings when we are open. We have been very busy and the extra hands are helpful.

The Christmas Store will be open also on December 6 and 20.

Very sad news. Nan McHale, one of our loyal volunteers, passed away on November 15. Nan was a wonderful person with a cheerful spirit who was a very important part of the Thrift Store. She did not attend church here at Logan but was a customer who wanted to help out. She will be missed. Her daughter, Nancy, is now helping in the store.

Merry Christmas to all & Happy Thrifting in the New Year!

In His Name,  
Sandy Bowen

## Church Directory

Lesley is beginning to work on updating the church directory for 2026 and would like to have all members and friends represented this year. If you are not in our 2025 directory (copies in the rack in the FLC) or if we don't have an updated picture of you, please contact Lesley to be included. Also, please make sure the information we have for you is accurate.

## Pet Pals

Petpals has contacted the church and are in need of 3 baskets this year. A sign-up sheet for specific items will be going up in the Family Life Center after Thanksgiving. We are trying to confirm the collection deadline and will announce that date as soon as it is available. We would appreciate pet food/treats made in the US only. As always, thank you for your support as we support elderly, chronically or terminally ill individuals and their pets during the Holiday season!

Any questions? See Mike Smith

## Flowers for the Chancel



2026 is just ahead! Check your calendars because each year the Sundays fall in a slightly different order. Call Lesley in the office (856-547-5571) with the date and dedication you desire. Feel free to leave a message on the phone machine after hours. Cost is now \$20 for each flower arrangement this year.

## Zoom Links and Meeting IDs

The **passcode** for Zoom will always be **Logan** with a capital "L"

**Worship:** Each Sunday Morning 11:00

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87158064621?pwd=eGNHU0ZncmhFb1V0ZzhIbUkvc1VMdz09>

**Livestream on YouTube:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2G\\_il-p0wIw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2G_il-p0wIw)

## Music and Worship

We had about 50 receive communion on 11/02/25. This was followed by Stewardship Sunday and Pledge Sunday. 11/23 we will host Rev. Dan Pure who has preached for us before. 11/30 is the Hanging of the Greens service for which all participants have been signed up. The first three weeks of December we have Rev. Dr. Ken Larter returning, and Greg Faulkner on 12/28. 12/14 will be our anniversary celebration, which David McCormick is spearheading. I believe we can conduct Christmas Eve ourselves as it is a pretty formulaic service-we will just need someone to preach a brief sermon. On that note, we will hold the service on 12/24 at 6:00 pm, as opposed to the usual 7:00 pm. Thanksgiving service will be at First Presbyterian Church, Haddon Heights on November 25 at 7:00 pm. One week is filled at the end of January, and I have three weeks covered in February, but it is difficult getting preachers lately. Our choir and Bill Braun continue to do an outstanding job of bringing joyful music to our services. We have not yet brought back any of our guitarists.



## December Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 1  | James Evans   |
| 3  | Cassandra Nary  |
| 4  | Amanda Evans  |
| 5  | Scott Simpson<br>Ken & Jennifer Cashman  |
| 10 | Rich Latini   |
| 12 | Carleton Dickensheets   |
| 16 | Anne Murray   |
| 21 | Annamarie Hendricks   |
| 22 | Shirley Phillips  |
| 23 | Frank & Linda Goulburn                 |
| 24 | Megan Gamble Auger  |
| 25 | JESUS   |
| 26 | Dorothy Andrews<br>Katie Evans  |
| 27 | Luanne Cross  |
| 28 | Kim O'Hara<br>Joe & Kathy Giambri      |
| 29 | Colin O'Hara  |
| 31 | Kenneth Cashman<br>Tracy Heylman  |

## Mission Moments

The birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is certainly an occasion worth celebrating! Every day in December can be filled with so many choices of how best to celebrate Christmas that it can be difficult to remember that what we are really celebrating is God's ultimate choice to bring Jesus into our world so that we can receive salvation today and every day.

When it comes to choice, December can also be the time of year where we feel most generous to our neighbors in need; whether that be through our money, volunteering our time to help the needy, or taking advantage of the many donation opportunities that are available this month.

Logan's December mission choice is to continue our wonderful partnership with our Audubon Schools to help provide **NEW** mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, and socks for the Center for Family Services (CFS). This nonprofit organization has a proven track record of accomplishments working with neighborhood residents, schools, government leaders, corporate partners, and social service providers across the community. CFS is a force for positive change!! To read more about the work that CFS provides, go to <https://www.centerffs.org/>

**PLEASE USE THE CHRISTMAS TREE LOCATED IN THE MISSION AREA FOR YOUR DONATIONS OF **NEW** WINTER APPAREL. THANK YOU.**

## MISSION UPDATES

**October—CROP Hunger Walk:** What a beautiful day for the walk!! Special thanks to Ruth Gamble for providing individual bags of bottles of water, an apple, and a granola bar for the walkers to enjoy. Logan raised \$560.00 and \$1,535.00 was donated online for our group, the Haddon Heights (Interboro Ministerium). Thank you to **ALL** who participated, donated, and most importantly prayed to help Church World Service end hunger one step at a time.

**As we approach 2026, your devotion to Logan's missions has not only blessed a multitude of God's people here on earth, but it has also blessed me on a personal level to be more conscious of my choices while here on earth. Your choice to support Logan's missions is an inspiration!**

**Thank you, Lori Corker; Mission Chairman**

**Blessings for 2026!!**

LOGAN MEMORIAL

*1925-2025*

REDEDICATION SERVICE

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME AND WORSHIP  
AS WE REDEDICATE THIS BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025, AT 11AM



# A CHRISTMAS FOLK SONG

*Lizette Woodworth Reese*

The little Jesus came to town;  
The wind blew up, the wind blew down;  
Out in the street the wind was bold;  
Now who would house Him from the cold?

Then opened wide a stable door,  
Fair were the rushes on the floor;  
The Ox put forth a horned head:  
"Come, little Lord, here make Thy bed."

Up rose the Sheep were folded near:  
"Thou Lamb of God, come, enter here."  
He entered there to rush and reed,  
Who was the Lamb of God indeed.

The little Jesus came to town;  
With ox and sheep He laid Him down;  
Peace to the byre, peace to the fold,  
For that they housed Him from the cold!





# DECEMBER 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Thrift Store Workers 9-noon	3 Thrift Store Workers 9-noon	4 Choir 6:30 p.m.	5	6 Thrift Store 9:00-noon
7 Choir 10:30 Communion <b>Worship 11:00</b> <i>Congregational Meeting 12:00 p.m.</i>	8	9 Thrift Store Workers 9:00 - noon	10 Thrift Store Workers 9-noon Session 7:00 pm	11 Choir 3:00 p.m.	12 Cards 1:00 p.m.	13
14 Choir 10:30 <b>Worship 11:00</b> <i>Christmas Luncheon Longest Night Service 3:00 pm</i>	15 Deadline for January newsletter articles	16 Thrift Store Workers 9:00 – noon	17 Thrift Store Workers 9:00 - noon	18 Choir 3:00 p.m.	19	20 Thrift Store 9:00-noon
21 Choir 10:30 <b>Worship 11:00am</b>	22	23 Thrift Store Workers 9:00 – noon	24 <i>Christmas Eve Service 7:00pm</i>	25 	26 Cards 1:00 p.m.	27
28 Choir 10:30 <b>Worship 11:00</b>	29	30 Thrift Store Workers 9:00 – noon	31			

