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**Sunday, December 24, 2017**

**Remember in Prayer**

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for Pastor Mary Hovland  
Sunday, December 31  
9:30 am Worship**

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10:30 pm Candlelight Worship  
(Holy Communion at all services)

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January 12**

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- 10:30 am Pastors Text Study—Room 102

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 NO MEAL

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- 7:00 pm GA Group

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