

**OUR CHURCH MINISTRY - December 24, 2017**

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**Thank you** very much for your commitment to support the ministry of this congregation in 2018. If you haven't submitted your commitment sheet yet, the forms are in your pews. We'd appreciate it if you could fill in the form and leave it in the offering plate.



- Ministry Opportunities:** If you are interested in taking part in any of the following ministries, please contact the person listed.
- **Hospitality:** Coffee Fellowship: June Beuttenmuller (631) 286-2045. Currently there is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area as well.
  - Thrift Shop:** Anna McClure (631) 286-1172. Volunteering once a month or more at the Thrift Shop.
  - Prayer Shawl:** Barbara Downs (631) 475-0141 and Lillian Muttitt (631) 307-9061 Knitting or crocheting for the healing of others.
  - Outreach:** Carolyn Holtz (631) 286-4236 Helping to help others.
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- W – Wesley House
- G – Gathering Area
- Sm – Smith Room
- 1 – First Floor
- Sa – Sanctuary
- 2 – Second Floor
- FH – Fellowship Hall
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- E – Education Wing

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