

MONTCLAIR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Dear Member/Friend of the Family,

November 30th, 2015

The 2016 Yule Feast is Coming Soon!

A night of revelry, ceremony & celebration! A night for NEW SURPRISES mixed with RENEWED TRADITIONS! A special highlight of our life, the 2016 YULE FEAST will take place **Saturday night, January 9, 2016 beginning at 5pm**. This is a popular event, so we recommend making reservations as soon as possible.

For more information about this wonderful event, please refer to the back of this page or visit the MPC website.

Pricing

Adults: \$15 (price rises to \$17 after December 20th)

Children and Youth (6-18 years old): \$10 (price rises to \$12 after December 20th)

Toddlers (5 years and under): \$6 (includes nursery childcare; early reservation only)

“Kin of Four” Discount Pass: \$45.00 (2 adults and 2 children/youth; reserve by December 20th)

Table Reservations – New & Different!

Reservations can be made as a group, a family, a couple, or an individual. **Every individual or family needs to complete an Household Info Form** (included here and on the MPC website). You can also gather friends, neighbors, or anyone at MPC you’d like to know better by completing a **Table Reservation Form** (included here and on the MPC website). Gather checks for payment, and either mail them to the MPC office or bring them to the Yule Feast table on a Sunday during Family Hour beginning December 6th. Reservations cannot be made without payment and will not be accepted after Sunday, January 3, 2016. Reservations are non-transferable. If you find that you cannot attend, contact us for a refund.

Seating

Seating priority will be given to groups that complete a Table Reservation form, to encourage the early organizing of tables, in the order of receipt of paid reservations. Others will be assigned to available spaces. Your table location will be posted on a seating chart the night of Yule Feast.

Special Accommodations for Children

Children will be seated with their parents in the sanctuary, except for teenagers who will be seated at one table together, unless otherwise requested. Parents bringing children should note that since dinner begins after 6p.m., children may want to eat a snack before leaving home.

FOR BEST SEATING, TURN IN YOUR RESERVATION FORM AND CHECKS EARLY.

If you have any questions, please call the church office (339-1131) or contact Cindy Gullikson.

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What is Yule Feast all about?

In keeping with tradition, our celebrating begins in the Family Room with fanfare toasts, The Pig Play and the traditional Yule Log presentation. Spicy Wassail is served to the accompaniment of the Wassail Carol, traditional Christmas Carols and medieval music. Courtyard entertainment with daring fire spinners, lofty stilt walkers and traditional medieval children's games will delight and amaze you.

Festive Christmas Greens, colorful banners, candles, ribbons and the holiday spirit transforms the sanctuary magically into a medieval banquet hall. Madrigals and musicians entertain us during the sumptuous meal served in the traditional family-style by hosts and hostesses. Following dinner we continue the revelry with music, merriment and interactive entertainment.

In celebration of Epiphany, Yule Feast commemorates the coming of the Magi as the first manifestations of Christ to the Gentiles. History has identified such festivities as Little Christmas or Second Christmas. Modern celebrations of Yule Feast were celebrated in Oxford, England as far back as the mid~1300's, reenacted during the Christmas season in England and later in Colonial America.

MPC Yule Feast, with its colorful rituals and symbols, forges ties between past and present in joyous celebration. The sharing of food, music, drama and ceremony helps bring us together. And the presentation of the Yule Log and Child is symbolic of the warmth of the family fireside, which from earliest time has marked the rekindling of love as the old year passes and the new one is born.

*This will be our thirty~third Yule Feast celebration!
Make sure you are there!*

Join us for the 2016 Yule Feast!

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