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"With God, nothing shall be impossible."



**December 24, 2017**

**Advent Week Four-**

**God Responds to  
Humanity's Call for  
Leadership...**

***I believe we all desire  
throughout "Advent"***

***and our journey through life to experience peace in the  
land, safety for our offspring, community, and  
vocations...***

***Read more from Rev. Ivan Marable (Rochester Genesee  
Region). Thanks to Ivan, Jacki, Dick and Malcolm for this  
Advent series.***

***Upcoming: Christmas/Christmastide... Rev. Kate Harvey  
Jacobs, former Executive Director of the Ministers Council.***

## MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE MINISTERS COUNCIL!

*"Were Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem born and not in you, you would remain forlorn. So open wide your heart and let God in, you should be God's kingdom and God your King..." --Angelus Silesius (1624-1677)*

*Wherever you serve, know that your colleagues care about you, your journey, your needs and your gifts. Let us not forsake the nurture of our own discipleship as we bear witness to Christ's Gospel of Peace this year... We need one another to help remember this, now more than ever!*

### TRANSITION UPDATES



Our offices are moving this week to our new home at the Baptist Church of West Chester in West Chester, PA. We're grateful to Rev. Dave Braneky for his hospitality, and to the relocation team: Rev. Dr. Randy Harris, Rev. Doug Harris and Rev. Dee Dee Turlington.

**Our new postal address is:**

**The Ministers Council of the American Baptist Churches USA  
221 South High Street  
West Chester, PA 19380**

*Our office will be closed December 16-January 6 for holiday break and transition. We can be reached after the new year at that address, and at*

*(610) 314-7837*

[ministerscouncil@abc-usa.org](mailto:ministerscouncil@abc-usa.org)

#### STAFF

Going forward in January 2018, our office will be staffed by a new part-time position entitled Member Services Coordinator. Please share this [job description](#) widely with colleagues in the Philadelphia area.

#### WEBSITE

**We're chipping away at significant website improvements. Have a resource you'd like to see shared there? Contact [jacki@livingwellministries.net](mailto:jacki@livingwellministries.net). If you can't wait till it's finished, you're welcome to peek at [www.ministerscouncil.com](http://www.ministerscouncil.com).**

**It's a work in progress, to be finished by January 1.**

### **MAILING LISTS**

**We're working hard this winter to improve and expand our contact lists and prepare for a season of maximum contact (and with relevant, meaningful tools) with minimum staff resources. Please forward this newsletter widely, encouraging your fellow chapter members to enroll at the website if they do not currently receive it.**



***Learn more [here](#). Registration deadline 1/19/18.***

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