

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 -

- NATIVITY FITTING - 2:00 TO 4:00PM



MONDAY, DECEMBER 4 -

- CUB SCOUTS (APR) - 6:30PM
- BOY SCOUTS (APR) - 7:00PM
- SONBEAMS - 7:00PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 -

- SENIOR CHOIR - 7:00PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 -

- GIRL SCOUTS (APR) - 6:30PM
- SPIRIT OF PRAISE - 7:00PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 -

- LIVE NATIVITY - 6:30 TO 8:30PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 -

- SONBEAMS - 10:00AM
- LIVE NATIVITY - 5:30 TO 8:30PM



NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 -

- CHILDRENS PROGRAM
- LIVE NATIVITY - 5:30 TO 8:30

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 -

- UMW CHRISTMAS PARTY - LION'S PRIDE - 6:00PM
- CUB SCOUTS (APR) - 6:30PM
- BOY SCOUTS (APR) - 7:00PM
- SONBEAMS - 7:00PM



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 -

- SENIOR CHOIR - 7:00PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 -

- GF TRAINING (APR) - 6:00PM
- GIRL SCOUTS - 6:30PM
- SPIRIT OF PRAISE - 7:00PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 -

- GF CHRISTMAS PLAY - 6:30PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 -

- SENIOR CHOIR - 9:00AM
- SENIOR YOUTH CHRISTMAS CAROLING - 12:30PM
- SENIOR YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY (APR) - 4:00PM



Christmas Party

OUR STAFF

PASTOR

Mitch Galloway

DAY CARE DIRECTOR

Abby Streett

SECRETARY

Lorrie Cabbage

TREASURER

Amy Smith

SENIOR CHOIR DIRECTOR

Sandra Gingrich

ORGANIST

Nancy Forry

PRAISE TEAM LEADER

Rick Marks

SONBEAMS CHOIR

Sandra Gingrich

YOUNG LIFE CHOIR

Sandra Gingrich

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OFFICE HOURS

Tue to Fri
10:00AM to 2:00PM

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Wednesday 10:00AM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The 15th of each month

CHURCH OFFICE

244-1984

CHURCH FAX

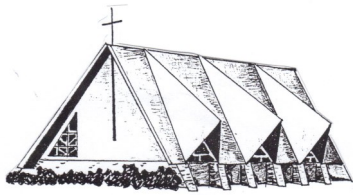
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PASTOR HOME

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DAY CARE OFFICE

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*“Reaching, Loving, and
Serving to Create Disciples
for Jesus Christ”.*

1st Day of Advent

December 3, 2017

(The * denotes when the Congregation stands.)



On this first Sunday in Advent, Lord, help us to prepare ourselves for celebrating Christmas with enthusiasm and sincerity.

PRELUDE by Gaither
“He Started The Whole World Singing”

ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Carrie Anderson

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

L: O God, we light the first candle of Advent.

C: We kindle it with hope. We long for you to come to our world, to break through and reign with compassion, justice, and peace.

L: The prophet Isaiah also cried to God to tear open heaven and come down. He called God's people to do right. Isaiah called them to be refashioned like clay by God, the potter. This Advent, we call out to God.

All: Mighty God, creator of the world, break through all that keeps us from you. We ask for your mercy and reform us in your image. This Advent, visit us with your justice, love, and peace. Amen.

* HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” #211

GROWING TO KNOW GOD

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In unison, using sins)

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. AMEN.

* HYMN “Spirit Song” #347

SPECIAL MUSIC Gabe Hildebrand

SHARING OF GOD'S BLESSINGS
THE OFFERTORY by Gaither

“Redeeming Love”

* THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Luke 21:25-33
MESSAGE Mitch Galloway

“Are You Ready?”

HOLY COMMUNION See Insert

GOING TO SERVE GOD

* HYMN “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” #717

* EXIT OF THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

This is our Christmas Blessing. May love and peace light your way. May you know all its warmth and wonder not just at Christmas, not just at Christmas, but each and every day of the year. Amen.

THE POSTLUDE by Smith
“Emmanuel”

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When you come in glory, Jesus, to gather your elect (Mark 13:26-27), by your grace and love may I be counted among them. Amen.

SERVING YOU THIS WEEK
9:00AM SERVICE

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9:00AM SERVICE

Worship Team

Rick Marks, Tina Mann, Buddy McGinnis, Jay Beaver, Pat Beck, Beth Coby, Steve Coby, Jessica Kipp, Kristi Love, Dan Kipp, April Billett, Dee Nunn

Children's Sunday School Teacher: Shawnee Thomas

Greeters: Barry Beck & Sherry Schmuck

Nursery: Lauren Bankard & Tabitha Gilbert

Sound Tech: Nick Coby & Dan Champagne

Media Shout: Ann McGinnis

Welcome Committee: Glen & Barb Huson

Children's Sunday School Teacher: Patty Gingrich

Greeters: Darlene Myers

Nursery: Dawson Gilbert

Sound Tech: Nick Coby & Dan Champagne

Media Shout: Kristi Baublitz

Welcome Committee: Glen & Barb Huson

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10:30AM SERVICE

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Organist: Nancy Fory

Choir Director: Sandra Gingrich

Liturgist: Carrie Anderson

Greeters: Richard Jackson & Robert Hake

Acolyte: Dana Kipp

Nursery: Kristi Baublitz & Betty Saylor

Counters: Brian Hildebrand & Richard Jackson

Sound Tech:

Media Shout: Brian Hildebrand

Ushers: Brian Hildebrand, Vince Anderson, Steve Lutz

Organist: Nancy Fory

Choir Director: Sandra Gingrich

Liturgist: Vince Anderson

Greeters: Children's Day

Acolyte: Iris Smith

Nursery: Patti Gingrich

Counters: Corey Grove & Deb Shultz

Sound Tech: Blaine Markel

Media Shout: Angie Markel

Ushers: Brian Hildebrand, Vince Anderson, Steve Lutz

9:00 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Hymn "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" #128

This week's Scripture Lesson

"Faith in Jesus"
Acts 3:11-21
Ella Jane Hess

Next week's Scripture Lesson

"Faith in Discern"
Acts 13:1-12
Vince Anderson

TITHES & OFFERINGS FOR NOVEMBER 26, 2017

To the Church From:

Offering Envelopes	\$3,617.00
Sunday School	44.00
Loose Offering	140.00
Sub-Total	\$3,801.00

Offerings Designated to go toward:

Building Fund	25.00
Missions	100.00
Fair Shares	1,010.00
Flowers	72.00
Maintenance	30.00
Septic	826.00
In Memory of Mildred Mitzel	105.00

Total:

\$ 5,969.00




PRAYER CONCERNS

Church Family - Terry Mee, Pastor Mitch, Bruce Grove, Dan Kipp, Ruth Ann Groff, Jake Geesey, Maude Walker, Becky Jones, Ray Anderson, Eva Miller, Donna Grove, Brenda Shaw, Mary Fuhman, Bev Keesey, Pat Beck, Donald Overmiller, Ann McGinnis, Carissa Kolar and baby, Lloyd Wilhelm and Family

Church Family Extended (Names will be removed after four weeks) Pastor Jimmy, Ted Taylor, Landon, Rosemary, Jake, Brandy, Makayla, Gene Green, Peyton Getner, Erika & Amanda, Chuck Miller, Pat Hoyt, Sue Heff


News & Notes

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The Churches for the "Circle of Prayer" for the week of December 3 - 9, 2017


Bethany UMC, Berwick - Valley Salem UMC, Milroy - Lykens UMC, Lykens - Abrahamsville UMC, Damascus - Aldersgate UMC, Mifflintown - Bowman's Chapel UMC, Mapleton - Trout Run UMC, Trout Run - Adamsville UMC, Red Lion - Powell UMC, Powell - Lake Street UMC, Woodland



Children's Christmas program will be December 10. They will present "A Red Letter Christmas"




Senior Choir will present their Christmas Cantata "O Little Town of Bethlehem" on December 17.




Thank you Praise Team for the cards and remarks to Bruce! He smiled as he read each one.


~ Love to All, Bruce & Donalene Grove




Don't forget to order your Christmas Poinsettias. Please place all orders by today, Sunday December 3. Thanks, ~ Gwen




Carol and I would like to thank you for the wonderful surprise gift you shared with us. The gift card from Lowes will allow me to build the workshop I have been planning for since moving into our new condo. It has been our joy to share with you in ministry over the past two and a half years. Your love and support has been a blessing that we will never forget. God bless you.



Today we will be accepting pennies. There is a container on the table right outside the Sanctuary door. This money goes to the United Methodist Home for Children in Mechanicsburg. Thank you for your contributions.




Growing Friends Fundraiser News: \$5.00 Keep Christ in Christmas magnets are on sale now in the church and daycare office. Thank you again for participating in our fundraisers!




Nativity Costume Fittings will be:
Sunday, December 3 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Costume Fittings

The Leadership Team is looking for any members interested in serving on the team as a member at large. There are 2 positions available. Please contact pastor, a Leadership Team member or the office if you are interested by today, December 3.




United Methodist women will be having their Christmas Party at Lion's Pride Restaurant Monday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Jess Shelley (717-659-6033) if you plan to attend.



Sunday 10:30AM

The Vertical Church
What every Heart Longs For, What Every Church Can Be
By James McDonald

"Unafraid Witness"
"Unceasing Prayer"



There is still extra candy for sale. Please see Sandy if you are interested.



PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: Hear the good news. While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. This proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Our Lord your sins are forgiven.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
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