

### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 -

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



#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 -

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

### NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 -

- CHRISTMAS CANTATA - 10:30AM



#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 -

- SCOUTS CHRISTMAS PARTY (APR) - 6:30PM
- SONBEAMS - 7:00PM



#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 -

- GF CHRISTMAS PARTY (APR) - 8:30AM TO 4:30PM



- SENIOR CHOIR - 7:00PM

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21 -

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



#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 -

- APR USE - 2:00 TO 9:00PM

### 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**

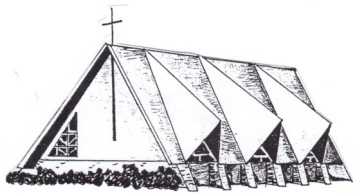
Tue to Fri  
10:00AM to 2:00PM

#### **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Wednesday 10:00AM

#### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

The 15<sup>th</sup> of each month



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

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

(The \* denotes when the Congregation stands.)



*Today, Lord, help us to become spiritually  
ready for the coming of Christ.*

PRELUDE

“Bell Carol”

by Ukrainian Carol

ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vince Anderson

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

**GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD**

\* **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

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

**C: We seek your comfort. Both mighty and tender, you come.  
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you.**

L: Isaiah announced God's coming to a people exiled in a broken and parched wilderness. He declared that God's redemption would make a highway in the desert and change the rough places into plain. God would come as a shepherd - feeding, leading, and cradling the weary flock. This Advent, we seek such a God.

**All: Saving God, look upon your world and heal your land and your people. Prepare us to be changed. This Advent, teach us to be tender and just, as you are. Amen.**

\* **HYMN** “Come, Thou Long - Expected Jesus” #196

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy” Young Life

**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** “There's a Song in the Air” #249

SHARING OF GOD'S BLESSINGS

THE OFFERTORY

“Bethlehem ... Galilee ... Gethsemane”

by Gaither

\* **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.**

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

“A Red Letter Christmas”

SonBeams

See Insert

**GOING TO SERVE GOD**

\* **HYMN** “Come on, Ring those Bells” See Insert

\* 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

“Sing Noel, Noel!”

arr by Ray

\*\*Words to the songs are printed by permission – CCLI#27099\*\*



"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord!" (Isaiah 40:3, NRSV). May we also prepare our hearts for the Messiah's coming.

**SERVING YOU THIS WEEK**  
9:00AM SERVICE

**SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK**  
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:** No Sunday School Today

**Greeters:** Darlene Myers

**Nursery:** Dawson Gilbert

**Sound Tech:** Nick Coby & Dan Champagne

**Media Shout:** Kristi Baublitz

**Welcome Committee:** Glen & Barb Huson

**Children's Sunday School Teacher:** Eunice Criswell

**Greeters:** Chuck & Sue Peterman

**Nursery:** Bill Lowe

**Sound Tech:** Nick Coby & Dan Champagne

**Media Shout:** Deanna Kipp

**Welcome Committee:** Glen & Barb Huson

**SERVING YOU THIS WEEK**  
10:30AM SERVICE

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**Organist:** Nancy Forry

**Choir Director:** Sandra Gingrich

**Liturgist:** Vince Anderson

**Greeters:** Thomas Shelley & Alex Shelley

**Acolyte:** Iris Smith

**Nursery:** Patti Gingrich

**Counters:** Corey Grove & Deb Shultz

**Sound Tech:** Blaine Markel

**Media Shout:** Angie Markel

**Ushers:** Dawson Gilbert, Isaiah Gingrich, Eric Anderson, Hunter Gilbert

**Organist:** Nancy Forry

**Choir Director:** Sandra Gingrich

**Liturgist:**

**Greeters:** Scott & Patty Gingrich

**Acolyte:** Dawson Gilbert

**Nursery:** Lauren Bankard & Bonnie Myers

**Counters:** Jay Beaver & Dick Daugherty

**Sound Tech:**

**Media Shout:**

**Ushers:** Brian Hildebrand, Vince Anderson, Steve Lutz

**9:00 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Hymn "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" #131

**This week's Scripture Lesson**

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

**Next week's Scripture Lesson**

"Faith to Persevere"  
Acts 14:8-11, 19-23  
TBA

**TITHES & OFFERINGS FOR DECEMBER 3, 2017**

**To the Church From:**

Offering Envelopes	\$3,507.00
Sunday School	37.00
Loose Offering	215.00
Sub -Total	<b>\$3,759.00</b>

**Offerings Designated to go toward:**

Building Fund	70.00
Missions	110.00
Fair Shares	95.00
Flowers	37.00
Septic	986.00
In Memory of Janet Wilhelm	1,100.00

**Total:**

**\$ 6,157.00**



**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Church Family** - Terry Mee, Pastor Mitch, Bruce Grove, Dan Kipp, Ruth Ann Groff, Jake Geesey, Maude Walker, Ray Anderson, Donna Grove, Jack & Brenda Shaw, Bev Keesey, Pat Beck, Donald Overmiller, Ann McGinnis, Lloyd Wilhelm and Family, Ella Jane Hess, Esther

Kreeger

**Church Family Extended** (Names will be removed after four weeks) Ted Taylor, Landon, Rosemary, Jake, Brandy, Makayla, Gene Green, Peyton Getner, Erika & Amanda, Chuck Miller, Pat Hoyt, Sue Heff, Roger Grove, Phyllis Peters, Terry Cozad & Dad

# News & Notes

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Circle of Prayer  
Prayer World

## The Churches for the "Circle of Prayer" for the week of December 10 - 16, 2017

Lookout UMC, Honesdale - Concord UMC, Concord - Saginaw Community UMC, Mount Wolf - Granville UMC, Granville - Bethel UMC, Williamsport - New Bloomfield UMC, New Bloomfield - Jerseytown UMC, Jerseytown - Community Church of Great Bend, Great Bend - Fourth UMC, York - Shiremanstown UMC, Shiremanstown



United Methodist Women  
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

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



## A GIFT FOR BABY JESUS

A special part of our Family Celebration of Christmas on the morning of December 24 will be presenting our gifts to baby Jesus. This year's gifts will be donated to H.O.P.E. - Help for Oncology Problems Emotional Support.

H.O.P.E. is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing hands on and heartfelt support and assistance to cancer patients and their families. Located in New Freedom, H.O.P.E. provides Educational, Referral & Support Services for cancer patients and their families. Their services include meals, transportation, groceries, and support groups. They serve persons of all ages.

Mrs. Barb Titanish, president of H.O.P.E., said they currently are serving children and adults from 18 months to 89 years of age. Appropriate gifts for children would include coloring books, games they can play while receiving treatments, diapers, and small toys. Gift cards are greatly appreciated by adult patients and their families. Cash donations are used to help pay medical expenses, utility bills, and groceries.



If you ordered Rada Cutlery, the orders are in. You can pick them up in the APR after service. Thank you again for all your help.



Pennies collected on Sunday, December 3, 2017 totaled \$41.00. Thank you to all who contributed.



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

Congratulations on Your New Baby!



Shawn & Carissa are happy to announce the arrival of

*Briella Anabelle*

November 17, 2017 at 9:48AM  
7 pounds, 2 ounces • 19.75 inches



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!



Sunday  
10:30AM

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

"Unafraid Witness"  
"Unceasing Prayer"



CHRISTMAS  
EVE

## A FAMILY CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

On December 24 there will be one service beginning at 9:30 AM. There will be no Sunday school on that morning so we can all gather as families to celebrate our Lord's birth. This informal celebration will include singing of favorite carols, a children's message, special music, and bringing our gifts for baby Jesus. We will have candlelight services at 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. that evening. Communion will be served at the 9:00 p.m. service.



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Created & arranged by Luke Gambill  
Presented by the SonBeams  
Dana Kipp, Molly Smith, Connor Ginchich, Bella Wetzel, Connor Jacob

Directed by Sandra Ginchich      Sound Tech Bill Waldrup

Song "Ding Dong! Merrily on High!"

Narration Scene 1

Song "Little Town"

Narration Scene 2

Song "Away In A Manger"

Narration Scene 4

Song "Red-Letter Christmas"

Soloist: Dana & Molly

Narration Scene 5

Song "Ding Dong! Merrily on High!"

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Special thank you to all the SonBeams for all their hard work to present this musical. Thanks also to Bill., the Ushers, Greeters and Young Life. Blessed Christmas to all!

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# Come on, Ring those Bells

Words and Music by  
ANDREW CULVERWELL

*with a country feel*  
*UNISON*

1. Ev-ry-body likes to take a hol-i-day, Ev-ry-body likes to take a rest,  
2. Cel-e-brations come be-cause of something good, cel-e-brations we love to re-call.

spending time to-geth-er with the fam-i-ly, Mar-y had a ba-by boy in Beth-le-hem, the

shar-ing lots of love and hap-pi-ness. Come on, ring those bells,  
great-est cel-e-bra-tion of them all.

light the Christ-mas tree. Jesus is the King born for you and me.

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