

## Today

### Third Sunday of Advent

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” Isaiah 7:14 (ESV)

One of the most powerful facets of the Christ-birth event is the fulfillment of “God with us”. Today, Joel Mohler will be sharing the sermon, “God With Us”, from Matthew 1. Lisa Walters will lead us into our time of worship.

**12:15 p.m.** Fellowship Meal

## This Week

December 12-17

### TUESDAY

**8:00 a.m.** Koffee & Konversation, Hellertown Diner

### WEDNESDAY

**6:30 p.m.** Good News Club, Ignite & Connect

### THURSDAY

**7:30 p.m.** Worship Team Practice

## This Week's Discipleship Journal Reading Plan

**December 11** Catch up day  
**December 12** John 17:6-19, Revelation 8, Job 33:1-11, Amos 7-9  
**December 13** John 17:20-26, Revelation 9, Job 33:12-33, Obadiah 1-21  
**December 14** John 18:1-18, Revelation 10, Job 34:1-20, Jonah 1-4  
**December 15** John 18:19-27, Revelation 11, Job 34:21-37, Micah 1-3  
**December 16** John 18:28-40, Revelation 12, Job 35, Micah 4-5  
**December 17** John 19:1-16, Revelation 13, Job 36:1-15, Micah 6-7

## Announcements

We have **Hearing Assist Units** available for those who may have difficulty hearing the service. Please speak to the person in the sound room to receive your unit for the morning.

We have a **Staffed Nursery** to care for your children through age three. In addition, there is a **Cry Room** at the rear of the sanctuary to attend to the needs of infants.

We have **Sunday School** for all ages. Please refer to the back of your bulletin to see where each class will be meeting.

We have a **Fellowship Meal** today following Sunday School. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Good News Club, Ignite and Connect** will all meet on Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. The youth group will be having their Christmas party and gift exchange.

**Planning Ahead for Christmas** – The Candlelight Christmas Eve Service will be December 24 at 8:00 p.m. Christmas Sunday Worship will be held at 10:00 a.m. (No Sunday School). The New Year's Day Worship will also be held at 10:00 a.m. (No Sunday School).

Our **December Lunch Bunch** will be held on Wednesday, December 28, at the Golden Corral, 900 Lehigh Valley Mall, in Whitehall. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you would like to attend.

We will be doing a new **Lifetouch Pictorial Church Directory** with portrait sessions on January 26, 27 & 28, 2017. Beginning next week, there will be sign-up sheets in the foyer and online registration. We would like as many of the congregation in the directory as possible. Please make this a priority. This is so helpful for people when they first begin attending SCMC to learn to know us.

## Ministry Opportunities & Events

**Christmas Carolers needed next Sunday, December 18 at 5:30 pm!** Please meet at the church for an evening of Christmas Caroling. We will be caroling at pre-determined homes in the Steel City Community. This is a great opportunity for our neighbors to be introduced to us. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight! As part of our Christmas Caroling, the Evangelism Commission would like to bless each family with homemade Christmas cookies. We can't do this without you. Please bring in cookies on Sunday morning, December 18. Please sign up in the foyer if you would like to bring cookies.

**This is a complete list of Individuals Being Presented by the Nominating Commission for Congregational Affirmation on Sunday, December 18, during the morning worship service.** Please prayerfully consider affirming these people for the leadership roles within SCMC. Unless otherwise stated, these are three-year terms. The **2017 Nominations for Commissions** are as follows: Ron Faust, Board of Elders; Jon Schmidt, Kelly Schoch and Marc Newcomer, Church Council; Sue Reed and Danette Walters, Education Commission; Lisa Walters and Lydia Lesser (1 year term), Evangelism Commission; Val Newcomer, Rebecca Loar and Bonnie Rohn, Fellowship Commission; Ryan Walters and Britney Kempf, Finance Commission; Greg Feenstra, Technology Commission; Dan Reed, Worship Commission.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Bobby Kempf – December 11  
Jessica Tossenou – December 13  
Bob Walters – December 14  
Tim Walters – December 15  
Mary Lou Shimko – December 16  
Vaughn Miller – December 17

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Mike & Janet Heft – December 11  
Randy & Tara Willard – December 14  
Denis & Meghan Cela – December 17

## Attendance and Giving

**OFFERING ON DECEMBER 4:** \$5480

**ATTENDANCE ON DECEMBER 4:** 154

## Serving Others

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK: (Dec. 18)</u>
<b>Nursery</b>	Sue Reed Val Newcomer (Alt.) Alyssa Richards	Naphtali Walters Becky Bergey (Alt.) Jaylen Lesser
<b>Greeters</b>	Randy & Tara Willard	Bob & Mary Jane Bergey
<b>Worship Ldr.</b>	Dan Reed	Kelly Schoch
<b>Ushers</b>	Neal Kempf Harold Lehman Tim Walters	Chip Shimko Bob Kemmerer Rob Ibach
<b>Children's Message</b>	Kelly Schoch	Tara Willard

## Information

### CONTACT

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### ELDER TEAM

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**Mark Walters**, 610-691-5324

**Bob Walters**, as Pastor Emeritus, 610-865-3316

**Randy Willard**, 610-297-5083

## Sunday School Information

### 2-3 YEAR OLDS

Led by Janet Heft  
Helper, Naphtali Walters  
Upstairs Nursery

### KIND. & GRADE 1

Led by Lydia Lesser  
Helper, Doris Meehan  
Room LL1

### GRADES 4 & 5

Led by Katrina Schmidt  
Room LL3

### GRADES 9-12

Led by Dan Reed  
Youth Room

### PRE-K

Led by Becky Lesser  
Helper, Mary Lou Shimko  
Aid, Danielle Mangione  
Room B6

### GRADES 2 & 3

Led by Anita McSloy  
Helper, Lucy Litke  
Room LL2

### GRADES 6-8

Led by Sandy Faust  
Room LL4

### ADULT CLASS

Led by Pastor David  
Chapel



*Advent*

**“God With Us”**

Matthew 1  
Guest Speaker, Joel Mohler



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**December 11, 2016**