

## Today

As adults, one of the greatest blessings of Christmas is seeing firsthand the joy spread across the faces of children. Joy that is a combination of amazement, wonder and gratitude. Can't you just picture this expression on a child's face?

Our Heavenly Father is blessed abundantly when He witnesses the joy of the Christmas message spread across our soul. Joy that is still that combination of amazement, wonder and gratitude.

In our worship service today, we light three Advent candles reminding us of hope, peace and joy. Pastor David will bring the message, "Our Joy" from the Gospel of Luke, chapter 2, verses 8-14.

**12:15 p.m.** Fellowship Meal  
**6:30 p.m.** Round-Table Discussion

## This week

December 14-19

### TUESDAY

**8:00 a.m.** Koffee & Konversation, Hellertown Diner  
**6:00 p.m.** Christmas Caroling, meet at church

### WEDNESDAY

**6:30 p.m.** Good News Club, Lower Level  
**6:30 p.m.** Ignite Christmas Party, Lower Level  
**7:00 p.m.** Connect, Youth Room  
**7:00 p.m.** Gospel of Luke Bible Study

### THURSDAY

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

### FRIDAY

**7:00 p.m.** Connect Christmas Party at Bobby & Britney's

## This Week's ESV Study Bible Reading Plan

**December 13** Psalm 133, Job 20, Isaiah 42, Revelation 3  
**December 14** Psalm 134, Job 21, Isaiah 43:1-44:5, Rev. 4  
**December 15** Psalm 135, Job 22, Isaiah 44:6-28, Rev. 5  
**December 16** Psalm 136, Job 23-24, Isaiah 45, Rev. 6  
**December 17** Psalm 137, Job 25-26, Isaiah 46-47, Rev. 7:1-8:5  
**December 18** Psalm 138, Job 27, Isaiah 48-49, Rev. 8:6-9:21  
**December 19** Psalm 139, Job 28, Isaiah 50, Revelation 10

## 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.

**Tonight**, Pastor David will lead a round-table discussion on "**What Would Jesus say about our Christmas celebrations?**" In preparation for this, think of a Christmastime tradition that you kept in the home of your youth.

This Wednesday, **December 16**, is the **Ignite Christmas Party**. Each student should bring a wrapped gift valued at \$5.00.

Tara is still looking for a **Sunday School** volunteer for the winter quarter, Jan. 3 – March 20. A helper is needed for Pre-K/Kind. Please let Tara know if you can serve in this way.

If you are interested in playing an instrument or singing during the **offertory**, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. You can pick the week that works best for you! A reminder, if you would like to request a song for worship, please put your request in the box in the foyer.

On **Sunday, December 20**, the sacraments of Communion will be shared during our morning worship service. Please begin to prepare your hearts for this special Communion observance.

Our **Christmas Eve Service**, "**The Light of Christmas**", will feature the carols and message of Christmas along with the sharing of the "Christ" light. This is a great opportunity for you to invite friends and loved ones. This will be a "Family Friendly" service.

Our **December Lunch Bunch** will be Wednesday, December 30, at 12 noon. We will be going to **Century Buffet**. The restaurant is located at 3779 Nicholas St. in Easton. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer.

**Ladies!** The next ladies event will be on Thursday, January 7. The ladies will be going to **Ten Thousand Villages and Tilly Mint's Tea Room** in Souderton. Plan to meet at the Hellertown Park and Ride at 9:30 a.m. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you are interested in going.

## Ministry Opportunities & Events

**Christmas Carolers needed this Tuesday, at 6:00 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!

**Church Council is recommending Naphtali Walters to serve as Treasurer beginning January 1, 2016. She will be presented for Congregational Affirmation on Sunday, December 27.**

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Elizabeth Korpics – December 13  
Jessica Vaughn – December 13  
Bob Walters – December 14  
Tim Walters – December 15  
Jen Matcke – December 16  
Mary Lou Shimko – December 16  
Vaughn Miller – December 17  
Josh Richards – December 19

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Randy & Tara Willard – December 14  
Denis & Meghan Cela – December 17

## Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON DECEMBER 6: \$4505.39

ATTENDANCE ON DECEMBER 6: 170

## Serving Others

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK: (Dec. 20)</u>
<b>Nursery</b>	Yen Truong Sue Reed T'yanna Ruiz	Kim Matthews Rose Szabo Alyssa Richards
<b>Greeters</b>	Denis & Meghan Cela	Gladys Clemens
<b>Worship Ldr.</b>	Sandy Faust	Dan Reed
<b>Ushers</b>	Randy Willard Neal Kempf Harold Lehman	Tim Walters Chip Shimko Bob Kemmerer
<b>Children's Message</b>	Kelly Schoch	Rachel Feenstra

## Information

### CONTACT

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## Sunday School Information

### 2-YEAR OLDS

Led by Janet Heft  
Helper, Terry McInerney  
Upstairs Nursery

### PRE-K/KINDERGARTEN

Led by Becky Hutchinson  
Helper, Deanna Olsen  
Room LL1

### GRADES 3 & 4

Led by Amy Frace  
Helper, Larry Korpics  
Room LL3

### GRADES 8-12

Led by Ron & Sandy Faust  
Youth Room

### ADULT CLASS – Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University Elective

Led by Pastor David  
Sanctuary

### 3-YEAR OLDS

Led by Nancy Walters  
Helper, Kim Matthews  
Room B6

### GRADES 1-2

Led by Randy Willard  
Helper, Mary Lou Shimko  
Room LL2

### GRADES 5-7

Led by Becky Lesser  
Room LL4

### COLLEGE & BEYOND

Led by Lydia Lesser  
Lower Level Office

### ADULT CLASS – Kingdom Come CMC Curriculum Elective

Led by Joel Mohler  
Chapel



*“Our Joy”*

Luke 2:8-14  
Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



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**December 13, 2015**