

Today

THIRD WEEKEND OF ADVENT

Matthew, the author of the Gospel account that bears his name, records the story of the wisemen from the East following the bright, kingly star. They followed the star until it stopped over the house where the Christ-child was staying. Matthew tells us they were “overjoyed beyond measure.”

Joy is the Advent theme for this third weekend of Advent. Joy leads to worship and worship leads to joy!

In Saturday Night Alive, Pastor David will be speaking from **Nehemiah 8:10**. There will be an anointing and prayer time following the message.

On Sunday morning, Ryan Walters will be speaking from **Revelation 5**.

Please check in today by filling out a Communication Card which can be found in the foyer or through our smartphone app. You can also share prayer concerns through these two options.

This Week

December 15 - 21

SUNDAY

3:00 p.m. Hellertown/Lower Saucon Choir Concert

6:30 p.m. Discovery Bible Study

TUESDAY

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

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Elder's/Spouses Meeting

SATURDAY

7:00 p.m. Saturday Night Alive

This Week's Bible Reading Plan

Week 51

- Job 12-14; Psalm 100; Revelation 13
- Job 15-17; Revelation 14
- Job 18-20; Psalm 141; Revelation 15
- Job 21-23; Psalm 101; Revelation 16
- Job 24-27; Revelation 17

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 (Sundays only)** 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 (Sundays only)** for all ages. Please refer to the back of your bulletin to see where each class will be meeting.

Sunday at 3:00 p.m. - Holiday Concert by the **Hellertown/Lower Saucon Choir** led by Dan Reed.

Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. - **Discovery Bible Study** at the Hellertown Diner banquet room.

There will be an **Elder's/Spouses Meeting** on Thursday, December 19, at 7:00 p.m.

Next weekend: **Communion** will be observed in both services. Prayerfully reflect on Christ's sacrifice for your sake.

Christmas Eve Service will be a wonderful time of family, fellowship and focusing on the birth of the Christ-child. You will not want to miss this unique gathering. We will be meeting in the lower level.

Recent life events among individuals connected to SCMC have shown the importance of having a current **Last Will and Testament** which also addresses care/custody of minor children; a Durable Power of Attorney along with a Medical Power of Attorney and an Advanced Health Care Directive. For simple estate planning, [LegalZoom.com](https://www.legalzoom.com) may suffice and is very reasonable. For more complex estate planning, please consult an estate lawyer. Contact the church office for a recommendation if you need a lawyer. PLEASE MAKE THIS A PRIORITY! It is a wonderful gift to your family.

If you have not already done so by e-mail, please check out the **Church Directory** on the table in the foyer and make any changes if necessary, or initial if correct. Thank you!

Ministry Opportunities & Events

The **Caring Fund Offering** will be received on December 29. Please begin to ask God how you should participate.

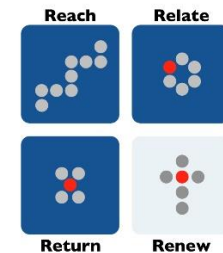
Fasting to Feast 2020. Plan now for SCMC's 21-day spiritual fast. The call for us is to fast from food (or social media, television, etc.) to feast on the presence of God. The dates are January 4 through January 24.

Local churches around the Lehigh Valley maintain the **Bethlehem Emergency Shelter** providing a warm place to sleep and food during the coldest months of the year for needy adults. Our church has agreed to partner with our local bodies of Christ in serving this winter. We have chosen one date a month - December, January, February, and March to serve the shelter from 4:00pm - 7:30am. Please view the link below for sign up details and explanations of assignments. Every volunteer will need to complete a volunteer application and view an online training of procedures. For questions, please contact Tara Willard. Visit the link below to sign-up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094AAEAC22AAF49-bethlehem>

Good News Club is looking for donations to create a supply of prizes that will be used for our end of the year store in which children redeem points for prizes. As you go shopping, we are looking for toys, books, games, puzzles, craft kits, etc. for ages 4-11, up to a \$15 value. Donations will be accepted until the end of March.

REACH those far from God
RELATE to those near to God



RETURN blessing as blessed
RENEW a right spirit within

Birthdays and Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Bob Walters – December 14
Vaughn Miller – December 17
Josh Richards – December 19

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

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

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON NOVEMBER 30: \$245.00

OFFERING ON DECEMBER 7: \$134.00

OFFERING ON DECEMBER 8: \$9,864.50

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$5,385.00

YTD OFFERING: \$262,645.61

YTD BUDGET: \$263,865.00

ATTENDANCE ON NOVEMBER 30: 19

ATTENDANCE ON DECEMBER 7: 31

ATTENDANCE ON DECEMBER 8: 120

Serving Others

	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY:(Dec 22)</u>
Nursery	Lydia Mohler Autumn Willard	Naphtali Walters Elizabeth McSloy
Worship Ldr.	Sandy Faust	Sandy Faust



Information

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Sunday School Information

PRE-K

Led by Aleta DeToma
Room B6

KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 1

Led by Joel & Lydia Mohler
Room LL1

GRADES 2 & 3

Led by Nancy Walters
Room LL 2

GRADES 4 & 5

Led by Jenny Forero
Room LL 4

JUNIOR HIGH (GRADES 6-8)

Led by Randy Willard
Room LL 3

SENIOR HIGH (GRADES 9-12)

Led by Katrina Schmidt
Youth Room

ADULT CLASS

Led by Marc Newcomer
Chapel

ADULT CLASS – David Ramsey

Financial Peace University
Led by Robert & Beth Bergey
Sanctuary



“Joy of the Lord”

Nehemiah 8:10
Pastor David K. Kochsmeier (Saturday)

“Is He Worthy?”

Revelation 5
Guest Speaker, Ryan Walters (Sunday)



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Everyone. Everyday. Everywhere.