

Today

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Welcome to this Advent worship service. The season of Advent builds an anticipation of receiving the Christ-child once again into our lives and homes. We are delighted that we can make this Advent journey together.

In the Bible, one's lineage becomes an important point of record. Time and time again, we read a listing of genealogy. When we get to those sections of scripture, it is tempting to skim quickly over the names. However, those lists of ancestors is not in the Bible by accident. Each name recorded reveals a person with a story and their role in God's story.

It was important to the author of Matthew's gospel to provide his readers the genealogy of Jesus. When we read Matthew chapter 1, we notice the names or identities of four women: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and Uriah's wife (Bathsheba). Each of these women have a story. A story of ill-repute, brokenness, abandonment and heartache. These stories become the focus of our Advent series, **"I'm Not Who You Say I Am."** Today, Pastor David relates the story of Tamar. Her story is recorded in Genesis 38.

Guests, please let us know of your presence 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.

11:00 a.m. Worship Commission Meeting
12:30 p.m. Christmas Program Practice

This Week

December 3 - 8

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

5:45 p.m. Good News Club & Youth Group Pizza Dinner

6:30 p.m. Good News Club & Youth Group

THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice

This Week's Bible Reading Plan

December 2 John 1
December 3 John 2
December 4 John 3
December 5 John 4
December 6 John 5
December 7 John 6
December 8 John 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.

The **Worship Commission** will be meeting today during the Sunday School hour.

Practice for the **Christmas Program** will be held today from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

There will be a **Pizza Dinner for Good News Club and Youth Group families** on Wednesday, December 5, at 5:45 p.m. GNC and Youth Group will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you will be attending the dinner.

This **Wednesday** at 6:30 p.m., the **Youth Group** will be having a **Christmas Party**. Please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$5-10. If it is not unisex then label it for a girl/boy.

The next **Fellowship Meal** will be held next Sunday, December 9. The theme will be favorite holiday foods and Christmas themed desserts. Please bring a main dish and side dish or dessert.

Dress Rehearsal for those participating in the **Christmas Program** will be held on Saturday, December 15, at 6:00 p.m.

Join us on Sunday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. for a Christmas Musical, **"Chris-myth Busters"** where you will discover the truth about Christmas. This will be a wonderful Christmas experience for all ages!! Invite your friends and family to join us for this special event. (Snow date will be Friday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m.)

The **Fellowship Commission** will be meeting Sunday, December 16, during the Sunday School hour.

Christmas Carolers needed Wednesday, December 19, at 6:30 p.m.! 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! The **Good News Club children and families** will be participating in this event instead of the normal meeting on December 19.

Christmas Eve Communion Service - Reserve December 24 at 7:00 pm on your calendars. You will not want to miss this special worship service.

It's time to be thinking about another **SCMC Cruise**. Our next **SCMC Cruise will be May 25, 2019** (Saturday) leaving from Cape Liberty, NJ heading to New England and Canada. It is a six-night Royal Caribbean cruise on Adventure of the Seas. Ports of call include Bar Harbor, Maine, Saint John, New Brunswick and Halifax, Nova Scotia. We return to Cape Liberty on Friday, May 31, 2019. Passports are required. This would be a great cruise to consider if you aren't sure cruising is for you! More information along with an "Interested" sign-up sheet is located in the foyer. Please speak to either Bev or Pastor David if you have questions.

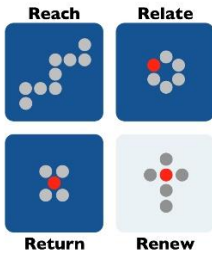
Ministry Opportunities & Events

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 do holiday shopping, we are looking for toys, books, games, puzzles, craft kits, etc. for ages 4-11. Donations will be accepted until the end of March.

Every winter our **Youth Group** enjoys the opportunity to go up to **Spruce Lake** for their **Winter Blast Retreat**. The cost has gone up in recent years and several youth need help raising the funds to go. Therefore, the youth will be having work days to help defray the cost of the retreat. Sign up in the foyer for a job you need done and how many youth you can use to do it. It could be raking leaves, cleaning, babysitting, shoveling snow, etc. We will assign a youth to that job and the two of you will coordinate it between yourselves as to when it will occur. You would then complete a form with a donation to that youth and return to Tara Willard. This will be running from October through the end of January.

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:

Jim Brunstetter – December 7
Scott Richards – December 8

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Carl & Danielle Mangione – December 3
Nick & Holly Mace-Carver – December 3

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON NOVEMBER 25: \$5,692.00

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$5,794.00

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$100.00

YTD OFFERING: \$246,677.52

YTD BUDGET: \$272,318.00

ATTENDANCE ON NOVEMBER 25: 132

Serving Others

	TODAY	NEXT WEEK: (Dec 9)
Nursery	Rose Szabo Rachael Litke	Val Newcomer Lindsey Richards
Worship Ldr.	Robert Bergey	Victor Sabatino
Children's Message	Kelly Schoch	Danette Walters



Information

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Sunday School Information

2 - 4 YEAR OLDS

Led by Aleta DeToma
Room B6

KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 1

Led by Katrina Schmidt
& Nancy Walters
Room LL1

GRADES 2 & 3

Led by Becky Lesser
Room LL 2

GRADES 4 & 5

Led by Marc Newcomer
Room LL 4

JUNIOR HIGH (GRADES 6-8)

Led by Randy Willard
Room LL 3

SENIOR HIGH (GRADES 9-12)

Led by Becky Brooks
Youth Room

ADULT CLASS

Led by Joel Mohler
Chapel



"I'm Not Who You Say I Am"

Genesis 38
Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



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December 2, 2018

Everyone. Everyday. Everywhere.