

Today

The giving of gifts is associated with the celebration of Christmas. Everybody loves getting a special gift; one that was selected with thoughtfulness. What was the most meaningful gift you ever either gave or received?

God gave each individual the absolute best gift ever given! God gave to each of us the gift of abundant and eternal life when His son, Jesus, came into our world. It was a gift of great love!

Today, Pastor David will remind us of this great gift in the message, "Our Love", from John 3:16-18. Also, we will remember love's sacrifice as we will share the elements of Communion.

This week

December 21-26

TUESDAY

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

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

This Week's ESV Study Bible Reading Plan

December 20 Psalm 140, Job 29, Isaiah 51:1-52:12, Rev. 11
December 21 Psalm 141, Job 30, Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Rev. 12
December 22 Psalm 142, Job 31, Isaiah 54, Revelation 13
December 23 Psalm 143, Job 32, Isaiah 55, Revelation 14
December 24 Psalm 144, Job 33, Isaiah 56-57, Revelation 15
December 25 Psalm 145, Job 34-35, Isaiah 58, Revelation 16
December 26 Psalm 146, Job 36:1-21, Isaiah 59, 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** 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.

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.

"**The Light of Christmas**", our **Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 p.m.** will feature carols of the season along with sharing the Light of Christmas. A special guest, "Papa K", will share the stories of Christmas. 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.

Practice for **Back to the Cross** for grades 1-7 will meet during Sunday School beginning on **Sunday, January 3**.

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.

Call to Fasting - It may seem odd to think about Fasting when many are busy with Holiday parties and meal plans, but you are invited to use the start of a new year to go deeper in your spiritual journey. Carve out 21 consecutive days in January to fast and pray. More details to come.

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

Ministry Opportunities & Events

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:

Eric Gustofson – December 20

Mya Neal – December 20

Joren Lesser – December 21

Shirley Liedig – December 24

Harold Lehman – December 26

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Pat & Alberta Heft – December 22

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON DECEMBER 13: \$6569.27

ATTENDANCE ON DECEMBER 13: 162

Serving Others

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK: (Dec. 27)</u>
Nursery	Kim Matthews Rose Szabo Alyssa Richards	Becky Brooks Darlene Hein Elizabeth McSloy
Greeters	John & Toni Cressman	Gladys Clemens
Worship Ldr.	Robert Bergey	Kelly Schoch
Ushers	Tim Walters Chip Shimko Bob Kemmerer	Rob Ibach Greg Feenstra Bobby Kempf
Children's Message	Rachel Feenstra	None

Information

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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 Love”

John 3:16-18
Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



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