

Today

Today is the last Sunday of Advent. That means only a few days until Christmas. Panic! Dread! More panic!

Unfortunately, the Christmas season is marked by crowded rooms and empty lives. Pastor David will share the antidote for this in his message titled, "Room in My Heart".

"And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn." Luke 2:7

12:15 p.m. Woodlyn Terrace Nursing Home, Youth Group

This week

December 22-27

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

This Week's Four Streams Bible Reading Plan

December 21 John 16-18, Habakkuk 1-3, Psalm 142, Prov. 29
December 22 John 19-21, Zephaniah 1-3, Psalm 143
December 23 1 John 1-3, Haggai 1-2, Psalm 144
December 24 1 John 4-5, Zechariah 1-2
December 25 2 John, 3 John, Jude, Zechariah 3-4, Psalm 145
December 26 Revelation 1-3, Zechariah 5-6, Ps. 146, Prov. 30
December 27 Revelation 4-6, Zechariah 7-8, Psalm 147

Attendance and Giving

You are Encouraged to submit prayer requests and praises via the communication card by placing it in the offering basket at the appropriate time. Also, please use the card to update personal information for the church office, as well as requesting further information about congregational life.

OFFERING ON DECEMBER 14 \$5,581.30

ATTENDANCE ON DECEMBER 14 183

Announcements

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 **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 **Sunday School** for all ages.

We will be having a **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** at 7:00 p.m. which will include the singing of Carols and the sharing of Communion. Let us gather together to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.

Next Sunday, during the Worship Service, you will have the opportunity to share publicly the goodness of God upon your life and/or family throughout 2014. Think about what you would share as a blessing to all of us.

Our **December Lunch Bunch** is on Wednesday, December 31, at Feasta Pizza at 1826 Leithsville Rd in Hellertown. Déjà vu all over again, right?!! Maybe we can make it happen this time!! Please sign up on the sheet provided if you would like to attend.

Attention Ladies! Thursday night, January 15, at 7:00 p.m., is **PJ's, Popcorn and Movie Night!!** We will be watching a video with comedian Anita Renfroe, *"I'm Not High Maintenance, Just Low Tolerance."* "Does your spouse kid you about spending too much time in front of the mirror? Are "manis" and "pedis" the high point of your week? Mixing hilarious standup comedy with her trademark song parodies, Renfroe explains the differences between men and women---and they aren't what you think! Laugh out loud at "The Packing Vector," "Clean," and more." It should be a fun and relaxing evening after our busy holiday season! We hope to see a lot of you ladies there! Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend. (And, don't let the PJ's theme stop you from coming; if that's not your thing, come in other comfy clothes!!)

Our **SCMC Marriage Retreat** held at Spruce Lake Retreat Center will be held on March 6-8, 2015. The speakers will be Clayton and Marlene Glickert from Syracuse, New York. The cost per couple is \$325.

Ministry Opportunities & Events

Thank you to all those who contributed items for the **MCC School Kits!** We were able to assemble and send 60 school kits! Sixty children will be blessed because of your contribution!!

CLEAN OUT YOUR QUILT CLOSETS FOR MCC (Mennonite Central Committee—the international relief organization of all Mennonite/Anabaptist churches). Quilter's Attic at the PA Relief Sale would like quilt-related items—the used/unused/unfinished things no longer needed in your quilt or linen closet. For a detailed list of items, please see the flier posted on the bulletin board in the Chapel. These items can be dropped off at the New Holland Re-Uzit Shop on W. Main in New Holland, PA. Please clearly mark items: Quilter's Attic.

Mennonites World Conference Event Needs Intercessors! This summer six to ten thousand Mennonites from all over the world are expected to gather in Harrisburg, PA for an assembly known as a reunion of the world-wide Anabaptist-Mennonite family. The week will include multicultural worship, teaching, discussions, workshops, and service opportunities, for all ages. The prayer network team is looking for persons to join them in praying for the event. Interested persons can register at <https://www.mwc-cmm.org/article/prayer-network>. Through your prayers you can be a part of bringing God glory at this family reunion.

Serving Others

TODAY

Nursery

Denis Cela
Meghan Cela
Nick Mace

Greeters

Dave & Debbie Faust

Worship Team

Robert Bergey

Ushers

Aaron Kochsmeier
Bobby Kempf
Scott Richards
Lee Walters
John Cressman

NEXT WEEK: (Dec. 28)

Lois Halsel
Denise Ibach
Jasmyne Cox

Ron & Sandy Faust

Dan Reed

Randy Willard
Neal Kempf
Harold Lehman
Tim Walters
Chip Shimko

Children's Message Tim & Lisa Walters

Birthdays and Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Joren Lesser – December 21
Shirley Liedig – December 24
Harold Lehman – December 26

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Pat & Alberta Heft – December 22

Information

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Time of Reflection

An Infant with a Mission

Written by Becca Kochsmeier

In a cradle in a cave a few millennia ago,
As the people of the world continued with their to and fro,
The Son of God, Messiah, comes in flesh and bone,
An infant with a mission to save us as his own.

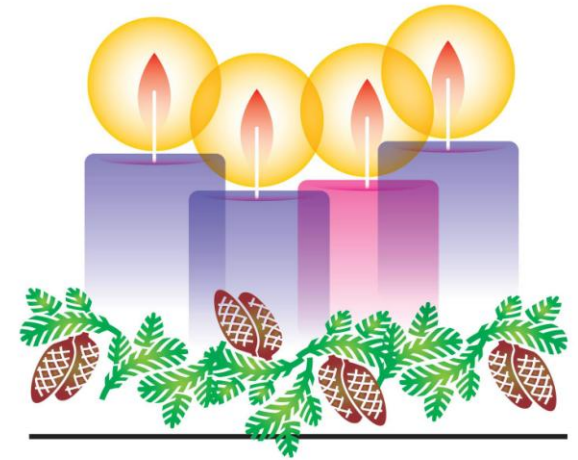
This child's little hands reaching out in simple trust,
Are the same hands that formed Adam from the surface of the dust.
And as the boy grew older, his gentle hands soon would be,
For the sake of every sinner, nailed to a hateful tree.

The Messiah's infant eyes now closed in peaceful sleep,
Are the same that first saw light break through the surface of the deep.
These eyes that have seen heaven and dead men raised to life,
Are the same that look on us with love and understand our strife.

Emmanuel's little feet, not yet ready to explore,
Are the same that walked where angels trod up on heaven's floor.
Such feet so small and weak, no one could foresee,
Would be the same to change the world and walk upon the sea.

This baby's Savior heart, beating softly in his chest,
Is the same that broke for all mankind, so lost and so oppressed.
This little heart, so filled with love, was moved to take a chance
To rescue all the broken souls through a most Divine Romance.

So together we celebrate, as sinners saved by grace,
The day this infant Son of God came to save the human race.
He was born to die, and to all let it be known,
That the birth of a baby homeless boy has given us a place called home.



“Room in My Heart”

Luke 2:7

Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



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