

Today

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Love is the theme for this fourth and final weekend of Advent. God's love for everyone is readily seen in the giving of His Son, Jesus Christ. His birth was the beginning of that love which would find its fullness through His death.

This weekend, the sacraments of Communion will be observed. Remembering Christ's death enables us to embrace the magnificence of God's love for us. Pastor David will be speaking on "**The Love of God**" using the text of **John 3:16-18**.

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 22 - 28

SUNDAY

4:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling

MONDAY SCMC at Bethlehem Emergency Shelter

TUESDAY

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

6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

SATURDAY

7:00 p.m. Saturday Night Alive

This Week's Bible Reading Plan

Week 52

- Job 28-30; Revelation 18
- Job 31-33; Psalm 102; Revelation 19
- Job 34-36; Revelation 20
- Job 37-39; Psalm 103; Revelation 21
- Job 40-42; Psalm 150; Revelation 22

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 is meeting.

This year's **Christmas Caroling** will held on Sunday. We will meet at SCMC at 4:00 p.m. and will carpool to Phoebe Ministries at 19th and Turner in Allentown to carol for their residents. Our goal is to get to Phoebe by 4:30 p.m.

The **Discovery Bible Study** will not be meeting on December 22 and 29.

The **Candlelight Christmas Eve Gathering** will begin at 6:30 p.m., December 24, with a time of hot chocolate fellowship. The service (7:00 pm) will feature singing of Christmas hymns, the Christmas story and a meditation of adoration. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

Our **Bible Reading Plan for 2020** (starting the week of December 29) will be the **F-260 Bible Plan**. The F-260 plan is a two hundred-and sixty-day reading plan that highlights the foundational passages of Scripture that every disciple should know. The F-260 plan also includes weekly memorization for those who want to commit God's word to memory. This plan is also available on the YouVersion Bible Reading App. There are also copies in the foyer.

Offering Envelopes for 2020 are in your church mailboxes. If you received a box and do not need it, or would like a box and didn't receive one, please see Sheryl Richards.

Coming Soon!! SCMC will be using **Instant Church Directory** for 2020. This includes an **online version** and an **app** so you will be able to access information from anywhere (Printable copies will be available for those who request them). Look for an e-mail in the coming week requesting your family picture for the directory. If you do not have a current picture and would like one taken at church, please e-mail Sheryl. Once the directory is ready, instructions will be sent out with how to access the app or online version. Please make sure you have updated your personal information as well. Thank you!

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.

Ministry Opportunities & Events

Several weeks ago, Robert Bergey shared our **financial position** on behalf of the Finance Commission. Thanks to your generous and faith-expressing giving, the projected shortfall has been significantly reduced. SCMC is currently running about **\$6,000 expenses over income**. Remember, one of our congregational focuses is to RETURN blessing as we are blessed.

The **Caring Fund Offering** will be received on December 29. This quarter, SCMC has met over \$2,500.00 in congregational needs.

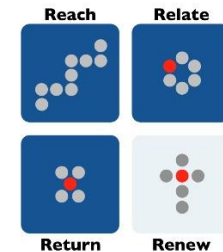
Fasting to Feast 2020. Plan now for SCMC's 21-day spiritual fast. The call for us is to fast from food (or social media, television, etc.) to feast on the presence of God. The dates are January 4 through January 24.

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:

Connor Mangione – December 21
Joren Lesser – December 21
Keira DeToma – December 23
Shirley Ferreri – December 24
Harold Lehman – December 26

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON DECEMBER 14: \$420.00

OFFERING ON DECEMBER 15: \$4,930.50

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$5,385.00

YTD OFFERING: \$267,996.11

YTD BUDGET: \$269,250.00

ATTENDANCE ON DECEMBER 14: 18

ATTENDANCE ON DECEMBER 15: 126

Serving Others

	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY:(Dec 29)</u>
Nursery	Naphtali Walters Elizabeth McSloy	Becky Brooks Emily McSloy
Worship Ldr.	Dan Reed	Dan Reed



Information

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Sunday School Information

PRE-K

Led by Aleta DeToma
Room B6

GRADES 2 & 3

Led by Nancy Walters
Room LL 2

JUNIOR HIGH (GRADES 6-8)

Led by Randy Willard
Room LL 3

ADULT CLASS

Led by Marc Newcomer
Chapel

KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 1

Led by Joel & Lydia Mohler
Room LL1

GRADES 4 & 5

Led by Jenny Forero
Room LL 4

SENIOR HIGH (GRADES 9-12)

Led by Katrina Schmidt
Youth Room

ADULT CLASS – David Ramsey

Financial Peace University
Led by Robert & Beth Bergey
Sanctuary

Love



“The Love of God”

John 3:16-18
Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



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December 21/22, 2019

Everyone. Everyday. Everywhere.