

Today

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Welcome to our Advent Worship. The Advent candles of **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love** now all burn brightly signifying the birth of Jesus is near. With a heart full of anticipation, we engage completely in this exciting time of worship.

Today, the sermon series, “**I’m Not Who You Say I Am**”, concludes with yet another woman recorded in the lineage of Jesus Christ. In Matthew, chapter 1, she is mentioned as “the wife of Uriah”. We know her by her given name, **Bathsheba**. The complete story of **David and Bathsheba** is found in **2 Samuel 11**.

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.

This Week

December 24 - 29

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

TUESDAY Merry Christmas!

THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice

FRIDAY

10:00 a.m. Lunch Bunch, Shady Maple

This Week's Bible Reading Plan

December 23 Matthew 1
December 24 Matthew 2
December 25 Matthew 3
December 26 Matthew 4
December 27 Matthew 5
December 28 Matthew 6
December 29 Matthew 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.

Why would I want to worship on **Christmas Eve? Worshipping together on Christmas Eve** serves as a “pause” in the hectic pace to remind us of the reason for Christmas. In worshipping together, we acknowledge that **Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior**. As we worship together, we will celebrate Christ's birth through the singing of familiar carols, Communion and candlelight invading the darkness. See you **tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m.** and bring friends and family.

There will be an **information meeting** on Thursday evening, **December 27, at 7:00 p.m.**, for those planning on or having an interest in **cruising with the SCMC group, May 25, 2019**.

December's Lunch Bunch is going to **Shady Maple Smorgasbord** in Lancaster County this **Friday, December 28, leaving SCMC at 10:00 a.m.** Shady Maple's Lunch buffet includes 46 salad bar items, 3 soups, 8 homemade breads and rolls, 4 cheeses, 8 meats, 14 vegetables, 10 cold desserts, 3 hot desserts, 8 pies, 6 cakes, sundae bar and beverages. The cost is \$14.49 plus tax. Please sign up in the foyer or through the SCMC app.

Sunday School **will not** be meeting next **Sunday, December 30**.

2019 Leadership Nominees: The following individuals have been asked to serve SCMC through various leadership and commission positions. Prayerfully consider affirming these nominees presented. The affirmation process will take place on **Sunday, January 6**.

Board of Elders – Joel Mohler, Randy Willard; **Church Council** – Bobby Kempf, Danette Walters; **Fellowship Commission** – Jim Brunstetter, Shirley Ferreri, Doris Meehan, Rose Szabo; **Finance Commission** – Robert Bergey, Naphtali Walters (Treasurer); **Outreach Commission** – Wayne Matthews, Lydia Mohler, Kelly Schoch; **Technology Commission** – Marc Newcomer; **Trustee Commission** – Tom Reppert; **Worship Commission** – Becky Thatcher. We are grateful to each one who has consented to serve the congregation in these ways.

Good News Club/Youth Group dinner will be served on January 2 at 5:45 p.m. Pizza and chips seem to be a great hit, so that's what will be on the menu. Please sign up in the foyer if you will be attending the dinner.

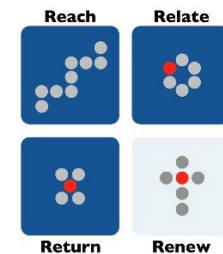
Dave Kempf will be having the Children's Message on Sunday, January 6, and will be giving the children and adults the opportunity to **Present their Coins for Penny Power** through Mennonite Central Committee. Remember to bring your coins!

The **Fellowship Commission** will be having a **Baby Shower** for **Becca Loar** on Sunday, January 6, following Sunday School. A light lunch will be served followed by the shower. Please bless Becca with diapers or books (she already has Dr. Seuss), and she is registered at Amazon. All ladies are invited to attend.

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.

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:

Keira DeToma – December 23
Shirley Ferreri – December 24
Harold Lehman – December 26
Dan Reed – December 28
Ron Faust – December 29

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON DECEMBER 16: \$4,258.50

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$5,794.00

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$100.00

YTD OFFERING: \$259,777.27

YTD BUDGET: \$289,700.00

ATTENDANCE ON DECEMBER 16: 148

Serving Others

TODAY

Nursery Sue Reed
Jaylen Lesser
Worship Ldr. Dan Reed
Children's Message Aleta DeToma

NEXT WEEK: (Dec 30)

Lydia Mohler
Elizabeth McSloy
Robert Bergey
None



Information

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Sunday School Information

2 - 4 YEAR OLDS

Led by Aleta DeToma
Helper, Denise Ibach
Room B6

KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 1

Led by Katrina Schmidt
Helper, 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”

2 Samuel 11
Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



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December 23, 2018

Everyone. Everyday. Everywhere.