Today

Christmas Sunday

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11 (KJ)

We gather on this special Christmas morning to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. May the songs of the season and the message of Christmas thrill your soul.

Pastor David will be preaching from Luke 2:1-20 in his sermon, "The Shepherd's Announcement".

This Wee	k December 26-31
TUESDAY 8:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY	Koffee & Konversation, Hellertown Diner
12:00 p.m. THURSDAY	Lunch Bunch
7:30 p.m.	Worship Team Practice

This Week's Discipleship Journal Reading Plan

December 25	Catch up day		
December 26	John 20:19-23, Revelation 19, Job 40, Zechariah		
	1-5		
December 27	John 20:24-31, Revelation 20, Job 41:1-11,		
	Zechariah 6-9		
December 28	John 21:1-14, Revelation 21, Job 41:12-34,		
	Zechariah 10-14		
December 29	John 21:15-25, Revelation 22, Job 42, Malachi 1-		
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December 30	Catch up day		
December 31	Catch up day		

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.

All Nominees Presented for various congregational leadership positions were affirmed this past Sunday. May God bless each one as they willingly serve the congregation.

Planning Ahead - The New Year's Day Worship next Sunday will be held at 10:00 a.m. (No Sunday School).

Our **December Lunch Bunch** will be held on Wednesday, December 28, at the Golden Corral, 900 Lehigh Valley Mall, in Whitehall. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you would like to attend.

We will be taking pictures for a new Lifetouch Pictorial Church Directory on January 26, 27 & 28. As always, for participating, you get a free 8x10 portrait of your choice. If you decide to order additional portraits you will receive 20% off your order. If you would like to schedule your appointment online, go to https://www.securedata-

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and follow the simple step-by-step instructions. We also have a sign-up sheet in the foyer, if you do not have access to a computer. (The online website will be disabled on Sundays to prevent double booking of a time slot.) We would like as many of the congregation in the directory as possible. This is so helpful for people when they first begin attending SCMC to learn to know us.

Our **Bible Reading Program for 2017** will be called, Let's Read the Bible Together. January is part 1 of a 12-part series; this plan leads communities through the whole Bible together in 365 days. Each section includes Old and New Testament chapters, with Psalms scattered throughout. Part 1 features the books of Luke, Acts, Daniel, and Genesis. The plan can be followed either by reading the text listed in the worship folder or by using the Bible app, "You Version". Go to "Plans" and then, "Whole Bible" and find "Let's Read the Bible Together (January). The "You Version" app is available for all tablets, smartphones and computers. **Call to Prayer and Fasting** - This time of the Holiday season, fasting is probably the farthest thing from your mind (or maybe not). Pastor David is calling upon the congregation to enter a 21 day season of prayer and fasting. We will begin fasting on January 9, 2017 and conclude with eating breakfast on January 30, 2017. The focus of our prayer and fasting will be spiritual revival and spiritual harvest. More details to follow, but begin praying as to what God would have you to do.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Harold Lehman – December 26 Kirsten Rockstroh – December 27 Dan Reed – December 28 Ron Faust – December 29 Naphtali Walters – December 31

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON DECEMBER 18: \$6084.04

ATTENDANCE ON DECEMBER 18: 149

Serving Others

	<u>TODAY</u>	NEXT WEEK: (Jan. 1)	
Nursery	Lisa Walters Becky Bergey (Alt.) Autumn Willard	Yen Truong Sue Reed (Alt.) Elizabeth McSloy	
Greeters	Robert & Beth Bergey	Ron & Becky Bergey	
Worship Ldr.	Sandy Faust	Robert Bergey	
Ushers Childron's Mor	Greg Feenstra Bobby Kempf Scott Richards	Lee Walters John Cressman Randy Willard None	
Children's Message None None			

Information

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Sunday School Information

2-3 YEAR OLDS Led by Janet Heft Helper, Naphtali Walters Upstairs Nursery

Aid, Danielle Mangione Room B6

KIND. & GRADE 1

Led by Lydia Lesser Helper, Doris Meehan Room LL1

GRADES 4 & 5 Led by Katrina Schmidt Room LL3

GRADES 9-12

Led by Dan Reed Youth Room

PRE-K Led by Becky Lesser Helper, Mary Lou Shimko

GRADES 2 & 3 Led by Anita McSloy Helper, Lucy Litke Room LL2

GRADES 6-8 Led by Sandy Faust Room LL4

ADULT CLASS Led by Pastor David Chapel



"The Shepherd's Announcement"

Luke 2:1-20 Pastor David K. Kochsmeier

