

Today

Welcome to our last worship gathering for 2018! Isn't it wonderful that we can close out this year surrounded by brothers and sisters of faith and in the presence of God?

We can glance over our shoulder in time and see where God has been faithful. We now look forward with wide-eyed anticipation longing to witness how God will show His great love for us. Today, using the text of Philippians 3:13-14, Pastor David will share how we are "Welcoming the New Year".

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 31 – January 5

TUESDAY Happy New Year!

WEDNESDAY

5:45 pm. Good News Club & Youth Group Pizza Dinner

6:30 p.m. Good News Club & Youth Group

THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice

This Week's Bible Reading Plan

December 30 Matthew 8

December 31 Matthew 9

New Bible Reading Guide - For 2019, we are going to use the "5 Day Bible Reading Program" to read through the Bible together. This year's plan will have you read passages of scripture for 5 days each week. This way, you have two days to catch up if needed or go back and look deeper at a passage which spoke to you. The weekly schedule will be included in the weekly bulletin as well as the Wednesday Mid-Week Connection.

Week 1

- Genesis 1-2; Psalm 19; Mark 1
- Genesis 3-5; Mark 2
- Genesis 6-8; Psalm 104; Mark 3
- Genesis 9-11; Mark 4
- Genesis 12-15; Psalm 148; Mark 5

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.

Sunday School **will not** be meeting today.

Good News Club/Youth Group dinner will be served this Wednesday, 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. **Good News Club and Youth Group** will be meeting at 6:30 p.m., following the dinner.

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 next **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.

The **Fellowship Commission** will be having a **Baby Shower** for **Becca Loar** next 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.

SOAP Bible Study will be meeting next Sunday evening, January 6, at 6:30 p.m.

Dave Kempf will be having the Children's Message on Sunday, January 13, 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!

SCMC January Prayer Guide: On the table in the foyer are copies of the SCMC January Prayer Guide. Please pick one up and use it in your daily prayer time.

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

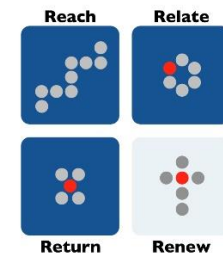
It is that time of year where weather related cancelations or delays may be necessary to communicate. Any cancelations or delays will be announced no later than 1 hour prior to the event. For example, any changes to our Sunday morning service will be announced not later than 7:30 a.m. since the worship team meets at 8:30 a.m. **Cancelations and delays will be shared via email, the SCMC app and on WFMZ TV69.**

Ministry Opportunities & Events

Answering the call to Prayer and Fasting 2019: Each January, we set aside 21 days for prayer and fasting. The dates for the 2019 are January 11-31. You are encouraged to prayerfully consider how you will participate in this year's call to prayer and fasting. Many will do a "Daniel Fast". A "Daniel Fast" is eating only fruits and vegetables. Others will "fast" from desserts, social media or video games. King David stated that he refused to bring an offering to God that cost him nothing. As we fast, we sacrifice something (cost) to press into the presence of God. We fast to show God that we have a greater desire for Him and His will than for whatever we give up.

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:

Naphtali Walters – December 31

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Lee & Danette Walters – January 3

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON DECEMBER 23: \$9,593.65

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$5,794.00

DESIGNATED GIVING: 0.00

YTD OFFERING: \$269,370.92

YTD BUDGET: \$295,494.00

ATTENDANCE ON DECEMBER 23: 170

Serving Others

TODAY

Nursery Lydia Mohler
Elizabeth McSloy
Worship Ldr. Robert Bergey
Children's Message None

NEXT WEEK: (Jan 6)

Becky Brooks
Autumn Willard
Sandy Faust
Tara Willard



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



“Welcoming the New Year”

Philippians 3:13-14
Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



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December 30, 2018

Everyone. Everyday. Everywhere.