

## Today

### SECOND WEEKEND OF ADVENT

Welcome to SCMC!

Clement Clarke Moore penned a very familiar poem that makes its annual appearance every Christmas season. *"'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there."* Certainly, you know this poem.

The last line of the first verse speaks of an anticipatory preparation. The Advent season is all about preparing and anticipating. However, it is not for the arrival of St. Nicholas, but for the baby Jesus.

The prophet Isaiah foretold of one who would prepare the way for Jesus. The Gospel writers identify that person as John the Baptist. Pastor David will be speaking this weekend on **"Preparing for the Arrival"**. His text is **Isaiah 40:3-5** and **Luke 3:3-6**.

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 8 - 14

### SUNDAY

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. Discovery Bible Study

### TUESDAY

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

5:45 p.m. Good News Club & Youth Group Dinner

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

### THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice

### SATURDAY

7:00 p.m. Saturday Night Alive

## This Week's Bible Reading Plan

### Week 50

- Nehemiah 10-13; Revelation 8
- Malachi; Psalm 2; Revelation 9
- Job 1-3; Psalm 29; Revelation 10
- Job 4-7; Psalm 99; Revelation 11
- Job 8-11; Revelation 12

## 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 will be meeting.

**Weather-related delays and/or cancellations for SCMC** will be communicated through email, the SCMC app and WFMZ channel 69. Any delays or cancellations will be determined at least one hour prior to our scheduled event. For example, the worship team usually practices at 8:30 Sunday mornings. In this case, a determination would be made and passed on to them first by 7:30 a.m., followed by a general email sent to those on our email list. If bad weather is forecast, please check about SCMC delays/cancellations before leaving home.

The **December Prayer Guide** is available in the foyer. Pick one up and use it along with your daily devotions.

We have a **Fellowship Meal** Sunday following Sunday School. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Discovery Bible Study** meets Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Banquet room of the Hellertown Diner.

The **Good News Club and Youth Group Dinner** on Wednesday, December 11 will be white chicken chili. Please RSVP through the SCMC App or sign up on the sheet in the foyer. Good News Club and Youth Group will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. that evening.

**The Hellertown-Lower Saucon Community Chorus** invites you to join them for a Christmas Celebration Concert at SCMC on Sunday, December 15, at 3:00 p.m.

There will be an **Elder's/Spouses Meeting** on Thursday, December 19, at 7:00 p.m.

**Christmas Eve Gathering** - Join in the celebration of Christ's birth at our special candle-light Christmas Eve Gathering 7:00 p.m. on December 24. You won't want to miss this wonderful celebration.

## Ministry Opportunities & Events

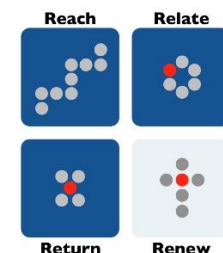
**Fasting to Feast 2020.** Plan now for SCMC's 21-day spiritual fast. The call for us is to fast from food (or social media, television, etc.) to feast on the presence of God. The dates are January 4 through January 24.

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:

Jim Brunstetter – December 7  
Scott Richards – December 8  
Jacob Newcomer – December 10  
Bobby Kempf – December 11  
Carol Ziegler – December 13  
Jessica Tossenou – December 13

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Mike & Janet Heft – December 11

## Serving Others

### SUNDAY

**Nursery** Rose Szabo  
Rachael Litke  
**Worship Ldr.** Dan Reed  
**Children's Message** Aleta DeToma

### NEXT SUNDAY:(Dec 15)

Naphtali Walters  
Autumn Willard  
Sandy Faust



## Sermon Notes - "Preparing for the Arrival"

## Information

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## Sunday School Information

### PRE-K

Led by Aleta DeToma  
Room B6

### KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 1

Led by Joel & Lydia Mohler  
Room LL1

### GRADES 2 & 3

Led by Nancy Walters  
Room LL 2

### GRADES 4 & 5

Led by Jenny Forero  
Room LL 4

### JUNIOR HIGH (GRADES 6-8)

Led by Randy Willard  
Room LL 3

### SENIOR HIGH (GRADES 9-12)

Led by Katrina Schmidt  
Youth Room

### ADULT CLASS

Led by Marc Newcomer  
Chapel

### ADULT CLASS – David Ramsey

Financial Peace University  
Led by Robert & Beth Bergey  
Sanctuary

Peace



## *"Preparing for the Arrival"*

Isaiah 40:3-5 & Luke 3:3-6  
Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



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December 7/8, 2019

Everyone. Everyday. Everywhere.