

Today

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

An extra special welcome to you on this second Sunday of Advent. Advent is the season where we prepare our lives and homes to receive the wonderful birth announcement of our **Savior Jesus Christ**.

In the genealogy of Jesus recorded in Matthew's gospel (chapter 1), there are four women mentioned. Each of these four women have a story to tell. Each one of these women lived with the labels put on them by others and/or more damning were the labels they placed on themselves.

Today, Pastor David will draw from the story of **Rahab** in the sermon series, "**I'm Not Who You Say I Am**". The account of Rahab is recorded in Joshua chapters 2 and 6.

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.

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal
12:30 p.m. Christmas Program Practice

This Week

December 10 - 15

TUESDAY
8:00 a.m. Koffee & Konversation, Hellertown Diner
THURSDAY
7:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice
SATURDAY
6:00 p.m. Dress Rehearsal

This Week's Bible Reading Plan

December 9 John 8
December 10 John 9
December 11 John 10
December 12 John 11
December 13 John 12
December 14 John 13
December 15 John 14

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.

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

Practice for the **Christmas Program** will be held today from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

You won't want to miss **The Emmaus Chorale Concert** held today at 3:00 p.m., at Faith Presbyterian Church in Emmaus, and directed by Dan Reed. Victor Sabatino and Aleta DeToma are also participating in this concert.

Dress Rehearsal for those participating in the **Christmas Program** will be held this Saturday, December 15, at 6:00 p.m.

Join us next Sunday, December 16, at 6:00 p.m. for a **Christmas Musical, "Chris-myth Busters"** where you will discover the truth about Christmas. This will be a wonderful Christmas experience for all ages!! Invite your friends and family to join us for this special event. We will be having a time of refreshments after the program. Please let Sheryl Richards know if you can provide a plate of Christmas Cookies. Thank you! (Snow date will be Friday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m.)

The **Fellowship Commission** will be meeting next Sunday, December 16, during the Sunday School hour.

Church Council will be meeting on Monday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Carolers needed Wednesday, December 19, at 6:30 p.m.! Please meet at the church for an evening of Christmas Caroling. We will be caroling at pre-determined homes in the Steel City Community. This is a great opportunity for our neighbors to be introduced to us. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight! The **Good News Club children and families** will be participating in this event instead of the normal meeting on December 19.

Christmas Eve Communion Service - Reserve December 24 at 7:00 pm on your calendars. You will not want to miss this special worship service.

December's Lunch Bunch is going to **Shady Maple Smorgasbord** in Lancaster County on **Friday, December 28**. 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. If you have interest in splitting the cost of a 15-passenger van and riding together, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet as well.

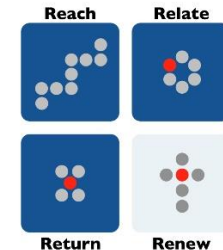
Our next **SCMC Cruise will be May 25, 2019** (Saturday) leaving from Cape Liberty, NJ heading to New England and Canada. More information along with an "Interested" sign-up sheet is located in the foyer. Please speak to either Bev or Pastor David if you have questions.

Ministry Opportunities & Events

Call to Prayer: On November 25, Pastor David shared with the congregation the "fruit" of much intense labor by the SCMC leadership over an 18-month process. You can listen to that message through the SCMC app. The focus for SCMC to fulfill its God-given mission is four-fold: **REACH** people who are far from God; **RELATE** to those who near to God; **RETURN** blessings to bless others and **RENEW** a right spirit within. As we look at accomplishing this four-fold focus, small groups become an integral part of SCMC life. More information will be coming, but until then **please pray** for the following:

1. That God would raise up small group leaders.
2. That we would be committed to participating in a small group community to grow in intimacy with God.

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:

Jacob Newcomer – December 10
Bobby Kempf – December 11
Jessica Tossenou – December 13
Bob Walters – December 14

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Mike & Janet Heft – December 11
Randy & Tara Willard – December 14

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON DECEMBER 2: \$4,870.25

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$5,794.00

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$1,200.00

YTD OFFERING: \$251,547.77

YTD BUDGET: \$278,112.00

ATTENDANCE ON DECEMBER 2: 146

Serving Others

TODAY

Nursery Val Newcomer
Lindsey Richards

Worship Ldr. Victor Sabatino

Children's Message Danette Walters

NEXT WEEK: (Dec 16)

Naphtali Walters
Emily McSloy

Kelly Schoch

Rachel Feenstra



Information

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Sunday School Information

2 - 4 YEAR OLDS

Led by Aleta DeToma
Room B6

KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 1

Led by Katrina Schmidt
& 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"

Joshua 2, 6
Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



STEEL CITY
MENNONITE CHURCH
BETHLEHEM, PA

December 9, 2018

Everyone. Everyday. Everywhere.