

Today

Happy New Year! Can you believe we are beginning a new year already? It seems as if we just did this not that long ago.

Today, Pastor David issues a challenge to intentionally grow in four aspects of our life throughout 2017.

This Week

January 2-7

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. Good News Club, Ignite & Connect

THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice

8:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

This Week's Let's Read the Bible Together Plan

January 1	Luke 1-2, Daniel 1
January 2	Luke 3-4, Daniel 2
January 3	Luke 5-6, Daniel 3
January 4	Luke 7-8, Psalm 19
January 5	Luke 9-10, Daniel 4
January 6	Luke 11-12, Daniel 5
January 7	Luke 13-14, Daniel 6

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.

Good News Club, Ignite and Connect will all meet on Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m.

The next **Men's Bible Study** will be on Thursday at 8:30 p.m.

The next **Fellowship Meal** will be next **Sunday, January 8**. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert to share.

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

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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.

Dave Kempf will be having the Children's Message on Sunday, January 15, 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!

Ministry Opportunities & Events

UPDATE Call to Prayer and Fasting - 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. The preferred method of fasting will be the "Daniel Fast", which is primarily fruits and vegetables. However, if you can not restrict your diet due to medicines, pregnancies or other issues, consider fasting from something other than food. This could be television, social media, or something else you identify that hinders your prayer life. ALWAYS CONSULT YOUR PHYSICIAN BEFORE FASTING. As you prayerfully consider fasting, ask God what the focus of your individual fast might be and how long God wants you to fast.

The **Youth Group will be having a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, January 21**, for their Missions Trip to the Appalachia area of Tennessee this summer. Starting next Sunday, January 8, tickets will be on sale in the foyer. There are three time slots available for your meal, 4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 for adults; \$5 for children 6-12; and children ages 5 and under are free.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Jenny Forero – January 6

Dave Rockstroh – January 7

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Lee & Danette Walters – January 3

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON DECEMBER 25: \$6720.30

ATTENDANCE ON DECEMBER 25: 140

Serving Others

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK: (Jan. 8)</u>
Nursery	Yen Truong Sue Reed (Alt.) Elizabeth McSloy	Lydia Mohler Naphtali Walters (Alt.) Rachael Litke
Greeters	Ron & Becky Bergey	Anita McSloy
Worship Ldr.	Dan Reed	Robert Bergey
Ushers	Lee Walters John Cressman Randy Willard	Neal Kempf Harold Lehman Tim Walters
Children's Message	None	None

SERMON NOTES:

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man." Luke 2:52 (ESV)

Challenge #1 - The Challenge to Grow _____.

Challenge #2 - The Challenge to Grow _____.

Challenge #3 - The Challenge to Grow _____.

Challenge #4 - The Challenge to Grow _____.

My greatest area of growth will be:

Information

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Sunday School Information

2-3 YEAR OLDS

Led by Janet Heft
Helper, Naphtali Walters
Upstairs Nursery

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
Aid, Danielle Mangione
Room B6

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



“Look at How You Have Grown”

Luke 2:52
Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



January 1, 2017