

Today

Today, the Christian church begins what is commonly referred to as Advent. Advent is the season of preparation. Not the sense of decorating, meal planning and gift giving, but in preparing our hearts to welcome the Christ-child once again.

Our prayer should be, during this season, that God's Spirit would take the very familiar story of Christ's birth and renew the sense of wonder and awe of it in our lives.

This week

December 1-6

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

6:30 p.m. Basics of Faith

THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice, Sanctuary

SATURDAY

11:00 a.m. Ladies Advent Tea, Lower Level

5:30-8:30 p.m. Holiday Babysitting, Lower Level

7:00 p.m. Carolyn Arends Christmas Concert

Serving Others

TODAY

Nursery

Jenn Matcke

Becky Bergey

Jasmyne Cox

Greeters

Jim Brunstetter

Worship Team

Sandy Faust

Ushers

Nick Mace

Aaron Kochsmeier

Bobby Kempf

Scott Richards

Lee Walters

Children's Message Kelly Schoch

NEXT WEEK: (Dec. 6)

Mary Jane Bergey

Darlene Hein

T'yanna Ruiz

Denis & Meghan Cela

Dan Reed/Carolyn Arends

John Cressman

Randy Willard

Neal Kempf

Harold Lehman

Tim Walters

Danette Walters

Announcements

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 **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.

You are Encouraged to submit prayer requests and praises via the communication card by placing it in the offering basket at the appropriate time. Also, please use the card to update personal information for the church office, as well as requesting further information about congregational life.

This is a partial list of Individuals Being Presented by the Nominating Commission for Congregational Affirmation on Sunday, December 14. Please prayerfully consider affirming these people for the leadership roles within SCMC. Unless otherwise stated, these are three-year terms. The **2015 Nominations for Commissions** are as follows: Kevin Olsen, Board of Elders; Lydia Mohler and Ryan Walters, Church Council; Sue Kempf, Education Commission; Bob Kemmerer for a one-year term, Meghan Cela, Ron Faust and Kelly Schoch, Evangelism Commission; Betty Kemmerer for a one-year term, Becky Bergey and Bertha Lehman, Fellowship Commission; Joel Mohler and Kevin Olsen, Finance Commission; Tom Reppert and Eric Schoch, Trustee Committee; Rachel Feenstra and Dave Kempf, Worship Commission.

We have **Sunday School** for all ages. Please refer to the back of your bulletin to see where each class will be meeting.

There is a **Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Breakfast** next Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. for all who are currently teaching Sunday School. Please RSVP to Tara by Wednesday, December 3.

The **Evangelism Commission** will meet next Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Youth Room.

Attention Ladies! We are having an **Advent Tea** next Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All ladies (and little ladies) are invited! Join us for a celebration of the Christmas Season. There is no charge for this special occasion. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer today.

Announcements

Celebrate Christmas with international recording artist Carolyn Arends next Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Arends will debut her Christmas album titled "Celebrating Christmas". Our sanctuary is well-suited to host this event. Tickets are now available at \$10 per ticket.

Join us on Sunday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. for an **"UnFrozen Christmas Program--Do you want to Meet a Savior?"** Let us transform an old "once upon a time" story into an evening of joyful worship, playful presentation, and a fresh examination into the story of Jesus' birth. A wonderful Christmas experience for all ages!!! Invite your friends and family to join us for this special event.

On Wednesday evening, December 17, the **Youth Group is having their Christmas Party**, from 6:30-8 p.m. Please bring a \$5 wrapped gift.

On Sunday, December 21, from 12:30-2:30 p.m., the **Youth Group will be going to a local Nursing Home as a Service Project**. Youth, please bring a lunch. There will be no Christmas Caroling!!

Our **SCMC Marriage Retreat** held at Spruce Lake Retreat Center will be held on March 6-8, 2015. The speakers will be Clayton and Marlene Glickert from Syracuse, New York. The cost per couple is \$325. Clayton and Marlene will be sharing in our Love and Respect Sunday School class on December 7. This is a great opportunity to get to know them a bit better prior to our retreat.

This Week's Four Streams Bible Reading Plan

November 30 2 Corinthians 10-11, Daniel 11-12, Psalm 125
December 1 2 Corinthians 12-13, Hosea 1-2, Psalm 126
December 2 Galatians 1-3, Hosea 3-4
December 3 Galatians 4-6, Hosea 5-6
December 4 Ephesians 1-3, Hosea 7-8, Psalm 127
December 5 Ephesians 4-6, Hosea 9-10, Psalm 128, Prov. 24
December 6 Philippians 1-4, Hosea 11-12, Psalm 129

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON NOVEMBER 23 \$5,348.75

ATTENDANCE ON NOVEMBER 23 152

Birthdays and Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Abigail Young – November 30

Micah Mohler – November 30

Crystal Neal – December 2

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Tim & Lisa Walters – December 2

Information

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Bob Walters, as Pastor Emeritus, 610-865-3316

Sunday School Information

2-YEAR OLDS

Led by Tara Willard
Helper, Kim Matthews
Upstairs Nursery

3- AND 4-YEAR OLDS

Led by Becky Hutchinson
Helper, Shirley Liedig
Room B6

KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 1

Led by Rachel Feenstra
Helper, Sheryl Richards
Room LL1

GRADES 2-4

Led by Amy Frace
Helper, Mary Lou Shimko
Room LL2

GRADES 5-8

Led by Anita McSloy
Room LL4

SENIOR YOUTH

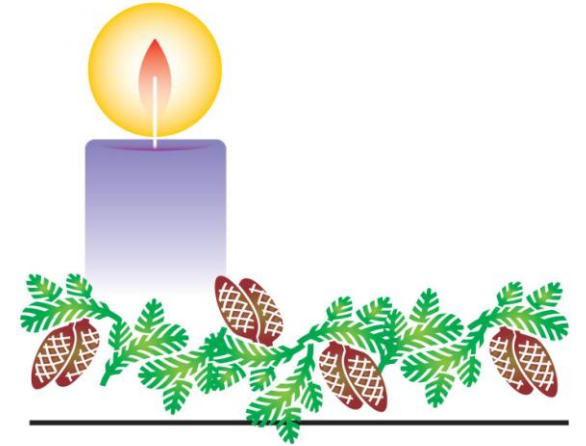
Led by Sandy Faust
and Jen Matcke
Youth Room

ADULT CLASS

David Cook Uniform Lesson
Led by Joel Mohler & Sue Reed
Chapel

ADULT CLASS

"*Love and Respect*" by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs
Led by Marriage Retreat Committee
Sanctuary



“The Promise of Christmas”

Isaiah 7:14
Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



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