

Today

FIRST WEEKEND OF ADVENT

Welcome to this weekend's gathering focusing on preparing our lives and hearts to greet the newborn baby Jesus.

Traditionally, **Advent** includes the weekly themes of hope, joy, peace and love. The theme this weekend is hope. Pastor David will be speaking on the "**Living Hope**" of the disciple of Jesus Christ. He will be using the scripture texts of **Romans 15:13** and **1 Peter 1:3-9** for this weekend's messages.

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 1 - 7

SUNDAY

6:30 p.m. Discovery Bible Study

TUESDAY

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

THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice

FRIDAY

5:00 p.m. Parents Night Out

SATURDAY

2:00 p.m. Jim Brunstetter's Birthday Open House

7:00 p.m. Saturday Night Alive

This Week's Bible Reading Plan

Week 49

- Esther 7-10; Revelation 3
- Ezra 7-10; Psalm 97; Revelation 4
- Nehemiah 1-3; Revelation 5
- Nehemiah 4-6; Psalm 98; Revelation 6
- Nehemiah 7-9; Psalm 140; Revelation 7

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.

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

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

The next **Fellowship Meal** will be held next Sunday, December 8. The optional theme for this month is Holiday Favorites. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert to share.

There is a **Sunday School teacher needed for 4th/5th grade** for the winter quarter which begins on December 8. Please contact Tara Willard if you would like to serve in this way.

Parents Night Out!! This Friday, December 6, from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. parents can drop off kids of all ages at church and enjoy a night out together! There will be pizza, popcorn, milkshakes, and cookies. Kids should wear their PJs and bring blankets, pillow, sleeping bags etc. to be comfortable while watching a movie. There will be games, crafts and other activities to keep them busy all night. Please sign up by Wednesday December 4.

The **Congregation** is invited to attend **Jim Brunstetter's 70th Birthday Open House** held at SCMC this coming Saturday, December 7, from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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.

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

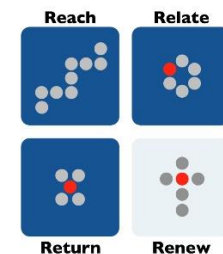
Fasting to Feast 2020. Plan now for SCMC's 21-day spiritual fast. The call for us is to fast from food (or social media, television, etc.) to feast on the presence of God. The dates are January 4 through January 24.

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:

Micah Mohler – November 30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Carl & Danielle Mangione – December 3

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON NOVEMBER 23: \$500.00

OFFERING ON NOVEMBER 24: \$6,883.50

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$5,385.00

YTD OFFERING: \$252,402.11

YTD BUDGET: \$253,095.00

ATTENDANCE ON NOVEMBER 23: 25

ATTENDANCE ON NOVEMBER 24: 120

Serving Others

	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY:(Dec 8)</u>
Nursery	Sue Reed Kylie Schmidt	Rose Szabo Rachael Litke
Worship Ldr.	Robert Bergey	Dan Reed



Sermon Notes - "Living Hope"

Information

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Sunday School Information

PRE-K

Led by Aleta DeToma
Room B6

KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 1

Led by Becky Thatcher
Helper, Lucy Litke
Room LL1

GRADES 2 & 3

Led by Nancy Walters
Room LL 2

GRADES 4 & 5

Led by Anita McSloy
Room LL 4

JUNIOR HIGH (GRADES 6-8)

Led by Randy Willard
Room LL 3

SENIOR HIGH (GRADES 9-12)

Led by Tara Willard
Youth Room

ADULT CLASS

Led by Joel Mohler
Chapel

ADULT CLASS – David Ramsey

Financial Peace University
Led by Robert & Beth Bergey
Sanctuary



"Living Hope"

Romans 15:13 and 1 Peter 1:3-9
Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



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November 30 / December 1, 2019

Everyone. Everyday. Everywhere.