

Today

Welcome to our worship service this morning! God has been expecting you!

In the message last week, Pastor David issued the challenge to tear down the “high places” of idolatry in our personal lives. An idol can be anything that you give your strength to or draw your strength from other than the One true, Living God. The “high places” of idolatry in our lives are more seductive when we believe the lie that God cannot provide all we need. Sin seductively whispers that it can meet your needs better than God.

Today, Pastor David calls us to confront a prevalent presence of evil that is “hell bent” on destroying the church. Before we can take charge of this corporate spirit of evil, we have to address the idolatry in our personal lives. The message is titled, “**Confronting the Jezebel Spirit**”. The text is **Revelation 2:20**.

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.

Tonight, we conclude the book study of “**Sing!**”. Please read the Epilogue and all bonus tracks in preparation for tonight’s discussion.

12:30 p.m. Christmas Program Practice
6:30 p.m. Sing! Book Study

This Week

November 5 - 10

MONDAY
7:00 p.m. Elder’s Meeting
TUESDAY
8:00 a.m. Koffee & Konversation, Hellertown Diner
6:30 p.m. Finance Commission Meeting
WEDNESDAY
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. Youth Group, Destination Unknown

This Week’s Bible Reading Plan

November 4 Mark 13
November 5 Mark 14
November 6 Mark 15
November 7 Mark 16
November 8 Luke 1
November 9 Luke 2
November 10 Luke 3

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.

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

There will be an **Elder’s Meeting** tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m.

The **Finance Commission** will be meeting Tuesday evening to prepare our 2019 budget. Please remember to pray for wisdom as they work through this task.

There will be a **Hot Dogs & Chips Dinner** for Good News Club and Youth Group families this Wednesday, November 7, at 5:45 p.m. GNC and Youth Group will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you will be attending the dinner.

There will be an **Outreach Meeting** next Sunday, November 11, at 8:00 a.m.

The next **Fellowship Meal** will be held next Sunday, November 11. The theme will be harvest foods. Please bring a harvest themed main dish and side dish or dessert.

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 do holiday shopping, we are looking for toys, books, games, puzzles, craft kits, etc. for ages 4-11. Donations will be accepted until the end of March.

Ministry Opportunities & Events

Next Sunday morning, November 11, we will be receiving our Harvest Offering 2018. The goal is \$17,000 plus 50 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. This is an offering above the normal tithe. You have the option of giving through Pushpay under the Harvest Offering Fund. The offering will be distributed as follows:

- 1. Operation Christmas Child** – Besides blessing the shoebox recipient, giving shoeboxes allows our children a hands-on experience of giving to bless another person. [50 boxes]
- 2. Melissa Rizzuto** - On July 10, 2017, Melissa was admitted into the hospital for emergency surgery to repair a disc that was about to sever her spinal cord. She had lived with extreme nerve pain and numbness in her legs for about a year. The surgery removed the pressure on the spinal cord but due to complications, has left her paralyzed from the waist down. All four of the children attend the Southern Lehigh School district and Melissa was a very close-knit member of our community. She headed the PTA and assisted with numerous PTA events. Insurance is not covering physical therapy or transportation to/from therapy. [\$6,000]
- 3. Erin Tomino and Troy Hankerson** - The mini strokes she had in January have altered her personality and her physical and mental abilities. Erin is in constant danger of stroke or organ failure. They are applying for disability for Erin, but that procedure takes time. [\$6,000]
- 4. Bethlehem Emergency Shelter** - Churches throughout the Lehigh Valley assist in the operation of the Bethlehem Emergency Shelter. They care for 75-100 homeless individuals during the winter months. We desire to bless these individuals with a “care package” of essentials and goodies this Christmas season. [\$3,000]
- 5. Jeremy and Becky Reinhard family** - Recently the Reinhard family accepted God’s call to serve Him in Kenya with Africa Inland Missions. They are from the Lehigh Valley. They are fully supported but need to purchase a vehicle in Kenya. We will help them with that vehicle purchase. [\$2,000]

Every winter our **Youth Group** enjoys the opportunity to go up to **Spruce Lake** for their **Winter Blast Retreat**. The cost has gone up in recent years and several youth need help raising the funds to go. Therefore, the youth will be having work days to help defray the cost of the retreat. Sign up in the foyer for a job you need done and how many youth you can use to do it. It could be raking leaves, cleaning, babysitting, shoveling snow, etc. We will assign a youth to that job and the two of you will coordinate it between yourselves as to when it will occur. You would then complete a form with a donation to that youth and return to Tara Willard. This will be running from October through the end of January.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Guy Lesser – November 4
 Dave Kempf – November 5
 Jaime Lesser – November 5
 Elizabeth McSloy – November 6
 Nancy Walters – November 6

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON OCTOBER 28: \$5,050.75

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$5,794.00

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$170.00

YTD OFFERING: \$219,861.92

YTD BUDGET: \$249,142.00

ATTENDANCE ON OCTOBER 28: 155

Serving Others

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK: (Nov 11)</u>
Nursery	Wendy Rush-Spinosa Elizabeth McSloy	Lydia Mohler Rachael Litke
Worship Ldr.	Victor Sabatino	Sandy Faust
Children's Message	Danette Walters	Rachel Feenstra



Information

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Sunday School Information

2 - 4 YEAR OLDS

Led by Aleta DeToma
 Helper, Denise Ibach
 Room B6

KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 1

Led by Becky Thatcher
 Helper, Danielle Mangione
 Room LL1

GRADES 2 & 3

Led by Ryan Walters
 Room LL 2

GRADES 4 & 5

Led by Wayne Matthews
 Helper, Scott Richards
 Room LL 4

JUNIOR HIGH (GRADES 6-8)

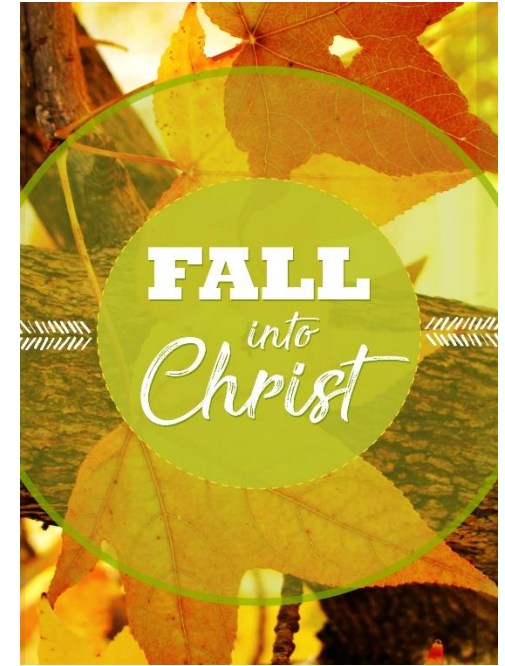
Led by Randy Willard
 Room LL 3

SENIOR HIGH (GRADES 9-12)

Led by Lydia Mohler
 Youth Room

ADULT CLASS

Led by Joel Mohler
 Chapel



“Confronting the Jezebel Spirit”

Revelation 2:20
 Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



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November 4, 2018

Everyone. Everyday. Everywhere.