

Our Mission

-A family of God growing in Christ, empowered to serve -

Worship
December 2, 2018
8:30 a.m.

The 1st Sunday in Advent

*You who bring good news to Zion,
go up on a high mountain.
You who bring good news to Jerusalem,
lift up your voice with a shout,
lift it up, do not be afraid;
say to the towns of Judah,
“Here is your God!”* Isaiah 40:9 NIV

All I Want For Christmas

Gathering Pamela Wert
Informal Moments for Sharing
Prayer
Prelude *I Wonder as I Wander* arr. M. Kim
Video *And What Do You Want for Christmas?*

What Do You Want This Year? Please take the file card that is in your bulletin this morning, write the one thing you want most of all this Christmas. Then please put them in the offering plates when they are passed.

Reading Isaiah 40:9-11, 5 John & Carol Van Horn
*Praise *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #199
Go, Tell It on the Mountain #182

You may please be seated for prayer

Prayer (everyone together)

Lord, forgive me for the times I feel insignificant and wonder if you know or care that I exist. Forgive my doubts that you hear my prayers and answer them. You revealed yourself to Bethlehem shepherds; I pray that you will reveal yourself to me this Christmas. No matter how isolated I may feel in this world of many contradictions and much disbelief, allow your Word to speak to me and strengthen my faith. I believe I have value and something to contribute in a meaningful partnership with you. Trusting in your love, going forward in your grace, I come to you this Advent with my hands and my heart fully available. Fill and use them as you desire. In your name, I ask. Amen.

Lighting the Candle of Connection Debbie Fitz & Cinda Frey

Carol *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* #175

Invitation

Offering

(Please print your name on the attendance register. If you are a guest, please include your address and/or telephone number.)

Offertory *Variations on “God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”*
arr. R. Lau

*Dedication *What Can I Give Him?* #207
(to the tune of In the Bleak Mid-Winter by Gustav Holst)

Anthem *O Tiny Babe of Bethlehem* by Jay Althouse Chancel Choir

The Word Luke 1:39-45, 56 NRSV

Advent Meditation *Making the Trip Home*

Special Music *To Be Together* by Amy Grant and Chris Eaton
Cody & Ali Toms, Joel Nogle

*Blessing

*Postlude *Carol* arr. W. I. Nevins

Greeters John and Margie Diller
Sidney & Hope Parson Family

Ushers Ray Burkholder, Bo Frazer, Luke Preso & Carl Allison

PERK Worship

10:45am

Praise God through song and dance for he is worthy of our praise!

Psalm 150:1-2, 6
Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens...Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Engage in worship through different styles of prayer, skits, videos, and offering.

Matthew 7:7-8
Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you.

Reflect on the living Word and how it speaks to your life.

Psalm 119:105
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Koinonia: Spend time in community with fellow believers.

Romans 12:4-5
For as in one body we have many members and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Thank you to all who serve us in worship today:

Music Leaders Praise Team
Greeters/Ushers Dallas and Betty Stouffer

Schedule of Events and Activities

Today, December 2

Childcare is available for infants thru age 3 in the Crib Room during the 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship services.

9:30 a.m. - Advent Small Group/Bible Study - In keeping with our 2018 theme, *All I Want For Christmas*, Pastor Joel will lead a small group/Bible study today in the Sanctuary. If you are not currently in a class, this would be a great, short-term commitment for you. Come, bring your bible and a friend along!

Monday, December 3

6:30 p.m. - Pickleball - BLC

Tuesday, December 4

6:30 p.m. – Worship & Music Commission Meeting – CR
6:30 p.m. – Christian Education Commission Meeting - Library

Wednesday, December 5

8:30 a.m. – Pickleball – BLC
5:30 p.m. – Mid-Week Connection – BLC
6:00 p.m. – Revolution
6:00 p.m. – Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 6

1:00 p.m. – Table Games – BH

Saturday, December 8

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Drive-Thru Live Nativity – Parking Lot

Please take Note

2018 Advent Devotionals published by Brethren Press entitled **“Wait And Hope”** are available in the Narthex and BLC Lobby. There are a limited number of large print available also. Enjoy!

Worship & Music Commission will meet on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Christian Education Commission will meet on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

Mid-Week Connection, Wednesday, December 5, 2018 – Selections from Chambersburg Church of the Brethren Chancel Choir and a Christmas Carol sing. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Menu is Roast Beef, macaroni & cheese, dessert!

Mark your calendars: Saturday, December 8th, is our Drive-Thru Live Nativity for the church and for the public. Mary and Joseph and the whole Christmas cast will be in the stable in our parking lot! Cars will enter via 4th and Elm Streets, drive through our lot and exit via Elm to 6th. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO PORTRAY THE CAST -- ANY AGE. Sign-up sheets are in the lobby. No one has to stand in the cold for a prolonged period, but you can take a double shift if you wish. Let's make this a church family Christmas project to bless others with the good news of Immanuel (God with us)!

Church Board will meet on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Missions & Service Commission will meet on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

The Helping Hand Circle Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Margie Diller. Bring a finger food to share and a gift.

KidNecton: For Children in Pre-K (age 4) thru 5th grade. Come and join us on **Thursday, December 13th** and will continue every 2nd Thursday of the month. We will be meeting in the BLC for Worship, Bible Story, Games and a Craft!!

Loving Hearts....join us for our Christmas Celebration on Thursday, December 13th at 12 noon in the Brethren Life Center. Lunch is being catered by Hickory Ridge Restaurant. We will be singing Christmas Carols, reading the Christmas Story from the Bible and a gift exchange. Please bring a Christmas item around \$10 for your gift. Please RSVP to Vivian Fisher at 717-809-0521 or Vonnie Black at 717-263-3975 by December 10th.

Back by popular demand....Missions and Service Commission is sponsoring an opportunity to serve and share with the Salvation Army. Our congregation will again ring the bell for the Red Kettle Project at the Chambersburg Sunnyway on Friday and Saturday, December 14th and December 15th from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex and sign-up for an hour.

Serving Our Neighbor (S.O.N.) - Thank you for your continued support of S.O.N. Our neighbors are being served by your donations. For Christmas, we would like to give our neighbors \$10 gift cards from Target, Wal-Mart, K-mart or Giant. We will collect them in marked boxes in the Narthex and BLC Lobby. Money or checks can be placed in the boxes and we can purchase the gift cards for you. **Serving Our Neighbors** at Christmas can be a special joy!

Church Board Minutes from the meeting held November 12, 2018 are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex and BLC Lobby for anyone to view.

Church Weather Related Closings - If you would like to be notified by phone of Sunday morning weather cancellations, you are invited to sign up for this service. Calls should arrive between 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Sign up forms are available in the BLC Lobby area and Narthex. You can still check the church's website at www.chambcob.org or call and check for a message on the church's answering machine. If you need to update contact information, please use this form to do so. If you have previously signed up, you do not need to resubmit. If you wish to be taken off the call list, please notify the office.

Church Closing Schedule – December – Judy Witter;
January – Terry Gibbons

November 25, 2018
U.B. = Unified Budget)
Worship – 162 Sunday School – 72

Senior Pastor: Joel Nogle
Minister of Music and Congregational Life: Elizabeth Thorpe
Director of Christian Ed and Youth: Jamie Rhodes
Administrative Assistant: Carol Wingert
*Sunday Worship – 8:30 AM *PERK – 10:45 AM*
Sunday School – 9:35 AM

Office Hours 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM - Monday – Friday – Lunch 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.
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