

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

Worship

December 6, 2020
8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

The 2nd Sunday in Advent
The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the
shadow of death
a light had dawned
Isaiah 9:2 NIV

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Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas

Gathering		Pamela Wert
The Glad Tidings		Joel Nogle
Prelude	<i>God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen</i>	arr. M. Kim
A Word Cloud	What do you long for?	Ali Toms
God's Word	Matthew 11:28-30 NLT	Kathie Nogle
Lighting the Candle of <i>Freedom</i>		Phil and Tenni Pyles

Testimony	<i>All is Well</i> Words and music by MW Smith/W Kirkpatrick	Ensemble
Echo Reading	GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD A poem by Ann Barr Weems ©1980	
God's Word	Luke 4:16-21 CEB	
Advent Meditation	What if <i>Everything</i> on Your Shopping List were <i>Free</i> ? 1. Jesus affirms the truth in our lives 2. Jesus invites us to look carefully 3. Jesus works in and through us	
Testimony	<i>Give Me Jesus</i> Traditional African-American	Cody Toms, soloist
Our Prayers		
*Caroling	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i> <i>O Holy Night!</i>	screen screen
*Blessing	Philippians 4:13 Good News Translation	
*Postlude	<i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i>	arr. C. Hamlin

(*All who are able, please stand.)

The Helping Hand Circle Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 (please note date change) at 6:00 p.m. at the church in the Brethren Life Center so that we can social distance. Bring a food item to share and a gift.

Opportunity to serve. On Saturday, Dec 12 at 3:00pm our church will be partnering with Maranatha Ministries for a dairy and food distribution. This will be conducted as a drive-up give-away in our BLC parking lot. Starting at 2:00pm between 15 to 20 volunteers are needed to help with putting the boxes into vehicles. Please see the sign-up sheets in the Narthex and the BLC Lobby.

"A Milk Truck For Christmas" - In the spring, our congregation was asked to help raise funds to support local organizations that were doing the good work of helping those in need during the early days of the Covid-19 pandemic. And how did this church contribute? When all was said and done, over \$8,000 was collected and distributed to nearly 10 local organizations. But the pandemic and need remains...As a continuation of this effort, Missions and Service Commission is conducting a special offering during December to raise funds for Maranatha Ministries. One of their most important outreaches is helping those with food insecurities. They have done this through several avenues including the food pantry. This year they have helped out by conducting several food and milk give-a-ways in the Chambersburg area (much like their upcoming partnership with our church). During December contribute to purchase "A Milk Truck For Christmas" for Maranatha by using special offering envelopes or taking it directly to the church office.

In order to ensure our safety and effectively maintain social distancing, we will host two (2) services on Christmas Eve. You will have a choice of attending our new 5:00 p.m. family-friendly service, featuring carols, holy communion and candle lighting OR you may attend our traditional 7:30 p.m. service which will include the choir, hand bells and will also celebrate Christ with communion and candle lighting. The 7:30 p.m. service will be livestreamed with limitation. Come, worship Jesus, the newborn King!!

The Grand Sweep: 365 Days From Genesis through Revelation - This year-long comprehensive Bible Study guides adults and youth to read through the Bible in one year. It will be held every Thursday evening from 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginning Thursday, January 14th. This will begin as a ZOOM Bible Study with a link being sent to your email each Wednesday. Pastor Joel will serve as the facilitator. You must register for the Bible Study by Sunday, December 20th this year. You will need to purchase a Grand Sweep study guide for \$20.