

Worship
January 7, 2024
9:30 a.m.

Prelude *March of the Wise Men* arr. J. Dixon

Leader: A new day has dawned, a new year begun

People: O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice

Leader: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future

People: O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path

Leader: We enter this new year with hope and excitement

People: O Lord, remind us that You lead us

All: O Lord, guide us as [we] look to You and worship You.

Amen.

*Prayer

Song *Graves Into Gardens*

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music

Offering Prayer

Offertory *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* arr. L. Leatherman

*Presentation of Gifts	<i>Doxology</i>	#668
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Teaching Scripture Isaiah 40:28-31

Sermon *What Doesn't Challenge Us...* Pastor Ali

*Sending *Open My Eyes, That I May See* (#443)

*Benediction

*Postlude *English Carol* arr. J. Dixon

(*All who are able, please stand.)

Thank you to all who serve us in worship today:

Organist	Pamela Wert
Music Leadership	Elizabeth Thorpe
Worship Leadership	Bryan and Mary Jo Stevenson

Childcare is available for infants thru age 4 in the Crib Room during the 9:30 a.m. worship service and the Sunday School hour following.

The Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God in Celebration of the 52nd Wedding Anniversary of Dave and Jan Matthews.

Please take note that the next newsletter will combine the months of January/February. Deadline for January/February Pastor's Pen is TODAY, January 7th. Please submit all information to the church office.

2023 End-of-Year Contribution Statements are distributed into your church mailbox TODAY. Any issues or corrections need to get to Marsha Smith by Friday, January 19th.

A Women's Bible Study is being held on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in Room 7 (Challengers Sunday School classroom). Pastor Liz leads this study, and it is open to all ladies. Plan to join!

Table Games are held every Wednesday in the Brethren Haus from 1-4. All are welcome for this fellowship. We decide what to play once gathered. If you wish you may bring a game. Snacks are welcome, but not necessary.

Fellowship and Recreation Commission will meet on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

The Church Board will meet on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Mini-Fellowship Hall (open to church members).

Christian Education Commission will meet on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Stewardship Commission will meet on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

News from Christian Ed Commission: Immediate help needed in
Nursery/Toddler, Preschool, 1st-5th Grade & Youth Sunday School
Classrooms. Volunteers needed to Sign up for these areas.
Nursery/Toddler – 1 or 2 hours a month - Times: 9:30-11:30
Preschool – 1 or 2 hours a month OR a month at a time
Times: 9:30-11:30
1st-5th Grade – Preferably Teach a month at a time –
Time: 10:30-11:30
Youth Sunday School Class – Teach month at a time
Time: 10:30-11:30

Please sign up in the Narthex or Brethren Life Center Lobby
The Child Clearances needed can be taken care of by the Church
Office.

2024 Flower Chart – A New Flower Chart is posted in the Narthex for altar flowers for worship. Altar arrangements are \$35.00.

Church Board Minutes from the meeting held December 12, 2023, are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex and Brethren Life Center Lobby for anyone to view.

Needed: Non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry. Place items in the barrel located in the Brethren Life Center Lobby. Please check expiration dates on the items as some have been outdated.

Church Closing Schedule - January – Ray Burkholder;
February – Sam Wingert

To give online, please scan



December 24, 2023

Worship – 118 No Sunday School

December 31, 2023

Worship – 82 No Sunday School

Unified Budget Needed to Date	\$533,698.00
Actual Income through 12/31/23	\$442,556.28
Actual Expenses through 12/31/23	\$428,503.31
Net as of 12/31/23	\$ 14,052.97

Pastor of Administration and Congregational Life: Elizabeth Thorpe
Administrative Assistant: Carol Wingert
Associate Pastor of Christian Education and Youth Ministries: Gretchen Sortzi
Sunday Worship – 9:30 AM - Sunday School – 10:30 AM
Office Hours 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM - Monday – Thursday– Lunch 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.
Friday – 8:00 a.m. until 12 Noon
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