

Our Mission

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

**Worship
December 1, 2024
9:30 a.m.**

The 1st Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Informal Moments

Prelude *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* arr. A. Fedak

Lighting the Advent Candle: *Risking Hope*

*Praise *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

*Prayer

Anthem *Call the Baby Jesus* (by Michael Barrett) Chancel Choir

Offering Prayer

Offertory *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. E. L. Diemer

*Presentation of Gifts *I Have Seen the Light* (#211)

Pastoral Prayer

Teaching Scripture *Isaiah 9:2-7*

Sermon *Risking Hope* Ali Toms

*Sending *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* (#176)

*Benediction

*Postlude *Advent Hymn* R. Prichard

(*All who are able, please stand.)

Today, December 1st

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.

Church Board Minutes from the meeting held November 12, 2024, are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex and Brethren Life Center Lobby for anyone to view.

Mid-Week to Go.....plan to join us on Wednesday, December 4th between 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. for a meal delivered to your car! First come-first served basis.

The next 4th Street Kids programming (grades 1-5) will be held December 4th. Families of our Youth and Kids will be invited to share in the light supper at 5:30 in the Brethren Life Center. We also plan to provide childcare for nursery and kindergarten children.

Saturday, December 7 – Movie Night & Potluck. Fellowship and Recreation Commission is asking you to bring a dish of your choosing to share with everyone. If you can't bring a dish, please come anyway, there will be plenty to eat. Place settings and drink will be provided. Arrive at 4:30 p.m. with plans to eat at 5:00 p.m. Movie begins at 6:00 p.m. Movie to be shown is *Ordinary Angels*.

Cookies Needed for the Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry – If you can help provide 1, 2 or 3 dozen cookies to be given to the Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry Cookie Collection, please bring to the church kitchen before worship on Sunday, December 8, 2024. The cookies are given to truckers and travelers in south central PA during the holiday season.

Our next Contemporary Worship Service will be Sunday, December 8th at 11:30 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center. This will be in addition to our current worship and Sunday school schedule, which will remain unchanged. This informal service, accompanied by a light brunch buffet, is being called Second Sunday “Connection Café,” offering “nourishment for your body, mind, heart, and soul.”

The Church Board will meet on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Mini-Fellowship Hall. All church members are welcome to attend. If you have an agenda item for the Board, please contact Marsha Smith one week prior to the meeting.

The Mid-Week Connection Planning Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Contributions for 2024 Giving – Special gift contributions need to be in the Church Office by Monday, December 30th. Any giving received after December 30th will be credited to 2025 giving.

Table Games are held each week on Wednesdays from 1 to 4PM in the Brethren Haus. YOU are invited to join us. Games played vary but are chosen once we meet. We are always willing to learn a new one if you bring it. Snacks are welcome, but not necessary.

Christian Life Assembly Church in Camp Hill invites you to join them as they present “*The Brightest Star*” December 6-15, 2024. Cost of tickets are \$15 Adult and \$10 for Students. They will have nine performances of this Broadway-style dramatic musical for the whole family! Tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.itickets.com/events/479860> or by calling 717-737-1887. You can also contact Carol in the church office for more information.

Volunteers are needed to provide snacks and a light meal each week for our Youth Group meetings. If you are interested in helping, please sign up in the Brethren Life Center lobby!

Camp Eder Christmas Tree Festival - Celebrate the birth of Jesus at Camp Eder's Christmas Tree Festival on December 13 & 14 from 5-9 pm. See the woods transformed by lights and luminaries, take a hayride, make s'mores at an outside fire pit and warm up inside with a hot meal, cozy fire, bake sale and enjoy all the decorated Christmas Trees.

The Chambersburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present a recital of Advent and Christmas music on Sunday, December 15, 2024, at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary of St. Paul United Methodist Church, 750 Norland Avenue, Chambersburg, PA. There will be no admission charge, but free will donations to the Organ Guild will be gladly accepted. The church is handicapped accessible. We invite members of your church family to come and enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music on St. Paul's spectacular pipe organ.

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 – December – Bob Shank;
January – Don Lehman

To give online, please scan



November 24, 2024

Worship – 119

Sunday School - 42

Unified Budget Needed to Date	\$467,683.90
Actual Income through 10/31/24	\$367,137.97
Actual Expenses through 10/31/24	\$376,519.05
Net as of 10/31/24	\$ -9,381.08

Senior Pastor: Mark Baliles

Pastor of Music and Worship: Elizabeth Thorpe

Administrative Assistant: Carol Wingert

Director of Youth Ministry: Jessica Madden

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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