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

Worship December 7, 2025 9:30 a.m.

The 2nd Sunday of Advent

*Prayer

Time of Remembrance

Offering Prayer

Welcome and Informal Moments

Offertory Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus arr. L. A. Koch

Prelude O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Hand Bell Choir (arr. M. Prins)

*Sung Response to offering All Is Well (#204)

Call to Imagine and Worship
Lighting the Candle of Peace

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7a (NIV)

One: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

All: on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

One: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,

All: and the government will be on his shoulders.

One: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

All: Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.

Sermon

Imagine Peace!

Pastor Mark

*Sending It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (#188) vs. 1,2,4

*Benediction

*Postlude

A Virgin Most Pure

arr. L. A. Koch

(*All who are able, please stand.)

*Hymn I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day (#187) vs.1-4

Thank you to all who serve us in worship today:

Director of Music and Organist

Pamela Wert

Today, December 7th

Childcare is available for infants through Kindergarten during the 9:30 a.m. worship service, as well as during the Sunday School hour. Nursery/Toddlers (age 0-2) are in room #4 on the lower level. Pre-school/Kindergarten (age 3-5) are in room #6 on the lower level.

Contemporary Worship Service TODAY at 10:45am! "Coffee Corner" will be open 15 minutes prior to that time for fellowship and light refreshment. While we see this service as a mission to reach young adults and families, it will relate to all ages. The short sermons speak to real life experiences, and the hands-on interactions help make faith personal and build community. If you do not attend Sunday School, come join us at 10:45 am in the Brethren Life Center.

Women's Bible Study will be taking a Holiday Hiatus until Spring when we will continue our study of Ephesians.

The Church Board will meet on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 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.

Hoodie Exchange and Volleyball on Wednesday, December 10th from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. for students in Grades 1st-12th. Students can pick up their hoodies and play volleyball too. All are welcome to enjoy volleyball. Light refreshments will be provided.

Smart Cookies Preschool Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

4th **Street Youth & Kids Invite All to a Christmas Dinner** on Wednesday, December 17th at 5:30 pm with supper served at 6:00 p.m. in the Brethren Life Center. All are Welcome! Dinner, music, movie, Christmas family photos & Holiday crafts for all ages! Kids area – Birthday Party for Jesus!

The Loving Hearts Group will meet on Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 12 Noon at Stoner's Family Restaurant for our Christmas Get-Together.

The Smart Cookies Preschool Christmas program will be held on Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are invited to attend.

Christmas Giving Tree - Spread Holiday Cheer by picking a tag from our Giving Tree in the Brethren Life Center lobby, purchase gifts on the wishlist, and bring it back wrapped along with the tree tag by December 16th. Place gifts under the tree in the Brethren Life Center Lobby. Gifts will be picked up by families by appointment only on Sunday, December 21st.

Contributions for 2025 Giving – Special gift contributions need to be in the Church Office by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 29th. Any giving received after December 29th will be credited to 2026 giving.

Christmas Eve Service – December 24, 2025 will begin at 6:00 p.m. with pre-service music in our sanctuary, followed by a family-friendly traditional candlelight service at 6:30 p.m.

Our Christmas Eve service will be a family-friendly service, filled with carols and special music, the preaching of God's Word, and, of course, the traditional candle lighting. Plan to bring your friends and family to celebrate the birth of Jesus together.

Smart Cookies Preschool is looking for several people who can be Substitute Teachers and/or Substitute teacher's Assistants in our program. Our staff is rarely ill, but when they are we need a list of willing and able subs. When you substitute, you are paid for your time. To apply please contact Amy Kobie by email at Amy.Kobie@chambcob.org, or call the church office to express your interest. We are also looking for a Santa Claus for our December 18th Christmas Party for the students and their families. Volunteer to either Ms. Kobie or Tim Monn.

Camp Eder Christmas Tree Festival - Celebrate the birth of Jesus at Camp Eder's Christmas Tree Festival on December 12 & 13 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.

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 – Donald Lehman

Bus Trip to see Joshua at Sight and Sound! - A Bus Trip is planned to Sight and Sound in Lancaster to see "Joshua" on Tuesday, April 28, 2026. Depart church at 8:00 a.m. with show time at 11:00 a.m. Enjoy a family style meal at Riehl's Quilts and Craft Shop, an authentic Amish Home beginning at 2:15 p.m. Departure for home at approximately 4:15 p.m. Cost for bus, tickets, and meal is \$170 for Adults and \$109 for Children (ages 3 thru 12 yrs.) Payment is due upon sign-up and payable to Chambersburg Church of the Brethren. If you are unable to attend after signing up, you are responsible for getting a replacement. Sign-up in the Brethren Life Center lobby.

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November 30, 2025

Worship – 98 Sunday School - 27

Unified Budget Needed to Date \$509,994.72 Actual Income through 11/30/25 \$411,781.68 Actual Expenses through 11/30/25 \$448,945.23 Net as of 11/30/25 \$-37,163.55