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"TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN"

**Dec. 14, 2025**

### Advent Candle 3: Joy

In many Advent wreath traditions, the third candle is pink, a symbol for "Joy". While Advent is a season of longing, repentance, and waiting, the pink candle breaks into the darkness as a burst of joy. It reminds us that even in seasons of anticipation, joy is not postponed. It arrives early because Christ is coming.

#### J: Jesus at the Center

**Luke 2:11:** *"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ, the Lord."*

Joy starts when Jesus is the center, not an accessory. The angels did not announce a new rule, a new philosophy, or new self-help tips. They announced a Person. Just as the manger was the center of the stable, Christ must be the center of our hearts.

#### O: Open Hearts to God's Good News

**Luke 2:15-16:** *The shepherds said, "Let's go to Bethlehem!" ... and they found Mary, Joseph, and the baby.*

The shepherds opened their hearts and responded to God's invitation. They simply said, "Let's go." Joy comes when we open ourselves to what God is doing. His interruptions. His invitations. His unexpected directions. Joy grows when you are open to His leading, even when it interrupts your plans.

#### Y: Yield to God's Work in You and Through You

**Luke 2:17-18:** *"When they had seen Him, they spread the word."*

Joy multiplies when we yield to God's purpose. The shepherds did not keep the joy for themselves. They shared it. Mary treasured and pondered what God was doing. She yielded to grace shaping her story. Joy is not static; it moves. It grows when we yield our plans to God, yield our fears to His promises, and yield our lives to His mission.



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information about*  
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The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Christmas Concert of the

# Carey Ecumenical Choir

**Tonight at 4:00pm**

**Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation**  
315 Clay St., Carey, OH 43316

*A free-will offering will be taken up during the concert*

**Be part of our church family story!**

 We are taking photos for our updated church directory and would love for you to be included.

**Dec. 17-20** Sign Up Online Now → The Church Code is: OH2928  
Passcode is: photos




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 Starting January 12th

## Book of Romans Study

**Mondays @ 6:30pm**

Facilitated by: Jim & Ina Barney

**Sign up at the Featured Ministry Table**

John Stewart Methodist


# Christmas Spectacular

**Saturday, Dec. 20th** *An evening of music*

**7:00pm** Tickets \$10

For more information or to purchase tickets in advance contact  
Sabrina Swavel  
sswavel@yahoo.com

**Available at the door**  
*Proceeds benefit Open Door*

 **Proverbs**

**Sunday Morning Bible Study**

**Starting Jan. 11th**

**10:00am**

Led by Jim & Ina Barney

# ALTAR FLOWERS

are given today  
for the celebration of Jesus' birth  
and in memory of loved ones by  
Jim and Donna Morris and family

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Through Dec. 7, 2025

Main Budget for 2025	\$1,307,101.00
Year To Date Need	\$1,231,691.33
Year To Date Offerings	\$1,192,256.01*

\*97% of YTD budget need

<b>Dec. 7 attendance:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>11:15</b>
In person	145	363	162
Peak Live Views	18	35	-
Total Views	226	207	-



# Christmas Eve Services

**4:00pm \* 7:00pm \* 9:00pm**

**Offering will benefit STEPS Christian Preschool**



## Need Prayer?

Place your prayer request in the box as you leave service today, and we will pray for you this coming week!

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