

Welcome to

Elizabethtown Mennonite Church

THE Wonder OF
CHRISTMAS



DECEMBER 10, 2017

A community on a mission: To know God, nurture relationships, and experience God's transforming power in Elizabethtown - and beyond.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADVENT THEME: THE UNEXPECTED AND THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS

9:00 a.m. **Sunday School**

10:00 a.m. **Worship in Song**

Candle Lighting and Advent Reading (The Shepherds)

Offering (Congregational Fund)

The Word (Pastor Conrad)

"Always seeking a king – but too often the wrong one!"

During the singing, our Prayer Team will be in the Prayer Room (Room 3) upstairs where they will be happy to pray with you. After the service, they will be available to pray with you in the Sanctuary.

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SERVING OUR CHURCH TODAY

Prayer Team C – Nancy G., Heidi Kanagy, Gabe C.

Worship Leader – Barb K.

Trustee for December – Dan K.

Projection – Hannah K.

Sound – Stephen C.

Infant-Age 2 Nursery – Tara M. and Sonja M.

Ushers – Vernon W., Scott C., Lee M., Steve R., Gabe C.

NEXT SUNDAY – December 17, 2017

Sermon – Micah Z.;

Offering (*Congregational Fund*)

Infant-Age 2 Nursery – Jen G. and Nancy G

THE WEEK AHEAD

(All activities held at Elizabethtown Mennonite Church unless noted otherwise)

Today

3:00 p.m. John S. Family Christmas Drop In – 3:00-9:00 p.m.

Monday, December 11, 2017

7:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal – *Sanctuary*

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

7:00 p.m. Youth Group Christmas Caroling

Thursday, December 14, 2017

7:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting

Saturday, December 16, 2017

6:00 a.m. Spirit Wind Prayer – *at Cornerstone*

Congregational Life

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Dec.	22	Care N Connect Meal – <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
Jan.	5-7	Middle School Youth Retreat – <i>at Camp Hebron</i>
	12	WOW Pizza Workshop with Valerie Baer – 6:00-8:00 p.m.
	12-14	High School Youth Retreat – <i>at Camp Hebron</i>
Feb.	4	Hosting ACC Quiz Match – 2:00 p.m.

Pastor Conrad's office hours this week: *Wednesday, 2:00-3:30 p.m.*

Everyone is invited to the *John S. Family Christmas Drop In* today from 3:00-9:00 p.m. If you need directions, call John.

Next Sunday, Dec. 17, Micah Z. will be preaching. Micah is a student in the STEP leadership program of Lancaster Conference and his sermon is a completion of a STEP assignment. Please be in prayer for Micah this week as he prepares and Sunday as he preaches. It is encouraging to witness Micah's growth as an emerging leader in our congregation!



Results from Wednesday's Cookie Exchange! The winners are: Best All Around ~ *Marilyn M.*; Most Original ~ *Bethany M.*; Most Festive ~ *Megan M.*; Most Creative ~ *Janelle G.*; Best Tasting ~ *Patrice G.*. See me Sunday for your gifts! Thank you so much to everyone who participated in this year's cookie exchange. We had an amazing variety and lots of yummy goodness! May your families, friends and neighbors be blessed this holiday season as you share your cookies and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. From our house to yours, Merry Christmas! - *Shannon C.*

Virgie K. has moved to the Mennonite Home. At age 93, she enjoys visitors and continues to be well, although walking is difficult. Her new phone number is 717-490-8682 and her address is 1520 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601. Mail sent for her does not need to include a room number.

On Tuesday, Dec. 19 from 4:30-6:00 p.m., the congregation will host a training for individuals interested in learning to be a projectionist for our worship services. If you have interest in this training, please see Steve K., Hannah K., or Pastor Conrad.

All women are invited to be part of the 13-week Bible Study entitled "Live a Praying Life," by Jennifer Kennedy Dean beginning Wednesday, January 10th. Sign up for either mornings (9:15-11:00 a.m.) or evenings (7:00-9:00 p.m.). Workbooks cost \$15. Please sign up at the WOW table.

Josh and Janelle G. will be facilitating a discussion group through the book "*Grace Based Parenting*" by Tim Kimmel. We will meet twice a month starting in January – on Family Night and also the third Monday evening. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table. Please sign up by December 24 so we can order books.

To anyone involved in leading our worship services (worship leaders, worship team members, audio, sound and tech people): If you have any questions during this time of transition, please refer them to either Pastor Conrad or Steve K.. We are working hard on filling the role of Minister of Worship and hope to have an interim person in place soon.

Interested in helping to make coffee on Sunday mornings? Contact Patrice G. in the church office for more info or to volunteer! *Thanks!*

If you are in 7th grade up to age 20, you are welcome to be a quizzer this upcoming year. We will be quizzing on Genesis 1-30 (ESV). Today is the last day to sign up to be on a quiz team. If you have any questions, please talk to Robin G., Micah Z., or Katie H..

Beyond the Congregation

Lancaster Mennonite High School will hold two separate Christmas music programs this year at the Lancaster Campus: an instrumental concert featuring the band and orchestra on December 12 at 7:00 p.m., and a choral music concert on December 16 at 4:00 p.m. The public is invited to both these free concerts.

A Blue Christmas Service: Join us at Sunnyside Mennonite Church, 337 Circle Ave., Lancaster, for a Blue Christmas Service on Sunday, December 17, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. This service acknowledges that many of us carry pain, loss, and grief, and creates space to express these in the midst of a holiday season marked by celebration. Come to this candle-lit service to worship the God who walks with us in our pain and offers us hope. Be renewed in this sacred space made available for people living through difficult times. All are welcome.

Scripture of the Month – DECEMBER 2017

“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel (which means ‘God with us’)” – Matthew 1:21,22

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

CHURCH WORKERS OF THE WEEK:

Jr. Boys Club Leaders:
Scott G. and Jeff M.