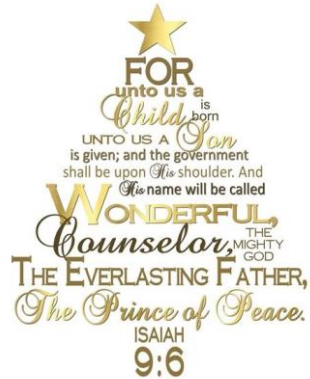


Welcome to  
Elizabethtown  
Mennonite Church

DECEMBER 2, 2018

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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship in Song

**First Sunday of Advent Reading**

Wonderful Counselor (Toby Good)

**Offering** (*Eastern Mennonite Missions*)

**The Word** (Scott G.)

*"This Changes Everything"*

**Sharing / Announcements**

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## SERVING OUR CHURCH TODAY

**Prayer Team B** – Steve K., Darlene L., Jolyn Z., Luke G.

Worship Leader – Erin V.

Trustee for December – Paul S.

No Projection Today

Sound – Austin B. and Paul S.

Infant-Age 2 Nursery – Jeff and Tara M.

Ushers – Stan G., Vernon W., Scott C., Steve R., Brycen R.

**Church Board** – John B., Stan G., Scott G., Susan H., Steve K., Ethan M., Marilyn M., Scotty M., Esther W., Jordan R., *Stewardship Representative*, Conrad Kanagy, *Lead Minister*

**Ministry Team** – Conrad Kanagy, *Lead Minister*; Fred Zeiset, *Minister of Youth*; Kate Ebersole, *Co-Minister of Worship*; Nikki Rineer, *Co-Minister of Worship*; Heidi Kanagy, *Minister of Care*; Bethany Miller, *Minister of Children*; *Minister of Discipleship* (to be discerned); *Minister of Outreach* (to be discerned)

## NEXT SUNDAY – December 9, 2018

Sermon – Conrad Kanagy; Communion; Offering (*Congregational Fund*)

Infant-Age 2 Nursery – John M. and Susan H.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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

### Monday, December 3, 2018

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

### Tuesday, December 4, 2018

NO SEWING CIRCLE THIS MONTH

### Wednesday, December 5, 2018

6:00 p.m. Family Night Meal – *activities to follow from 6:45-8:15 p.m.*

7:00 p.m. Book Study with Heidi Kanagy

### Saturday, December 8, 2018

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

**LAST WEEK** (11/25/18)      ATTENDANCE: SS-92; Worship Service-142

## *Congregational Life*

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

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| Dec. | 9   | Communion  |
|      | 9   | Middle School Youth Ice Skating – <i>Meet at church 1:45 p.m.</i>  |
|      | 9   | Simkins Christmas Drop In – <i>3:00-8:00 p.m. at Simkins' home</i> |
|      | 30  | Fred and Jolyn Zeiset Appreciation Sunday <i>with luncheon</i>     |
| Jan. | 4-6 | Middle School Retreat at Camp Hebron                               |

- 11 WOW Freezer Meals Workshop – 5:30-8 p.m. (*RSVP required*)
  - 11-13 High School Retreat at Camp Hebron
  - 12 Pizza Bake-Off – 6:00 p.m.
  - 15 WOW “Passionate About Purity” 6:30 p.m. (*Mary Prokopchak*)
  - 20 Larry and Laverne Kreider presenting on spiritual mothering and fathering (*combined adult Sunday school, worship service, potluck lunch, and afternoon session*)
  - 27 Building Dedication
- Feb.           Marriage and Family Month

Conrad’s office hours this week: Wednesday, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Heidi’s office hours this week: Wednesday, 12:30-4:00 p.m. Conrad and Heidi are out of town this weekend visiting family. In case of pastoral care needs during their absence, please contact Paul and Linda S..

Today we begin the Advent Season. The advent wreath symbolizes: Evergreens (*everlasting life*), The Circle (*God’s unending love*), Holly and Berries (*Jesus sacrifice and death*), The Pinecones (*new life through Jesus’ resurrection*). Our theme verse this year is Isaiah 9:6 “*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders, and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*”

Family Night is this Wednesday, beginning with a meal at 6:00 p.m. Due to the transition to downstairs remodeling this upcoming week, we are only planning for a simple meal of sandwiches, chips and cold salads. **WE ARE CANCELLING THE COOKIE EXCHANGE** due to the lack of space and cleanliness (*construction dust and debris*). The children’s activities (childcare, clubs and youth group - *watch for signs*) will still happen after the meal and the adults will have the opportunity to help with the work project. See Paul S. or Lester L., who are heading up the downstairs clean out. Thanks for your flexibility as we work through this last remodeling phase and look forward to the building completion in the near future!

Marilyn M. is looking for someone to do snack for the workers on the following Wednesday mornings – Dec. 5 & Dec. 19. Please contact Marilyn if you would be willing to supply either of those. It is usually 6-8 workers and it should be set out from 9:15-9:45.

The Middle School youth are invited to an afternoon of ice skating at Lancaster Ice Rink next Sunday, Dec. 9. We will meet at 1:45 here at church and return to the church around 5:00 p.m. Bring friends! Admission is \$7, skate rental is free. Contact Ethan and Ketura M..

Paul S. has been discerned to serve in the position of Minister of Outreach. There was an affirmation ballot in your mailbox last Sunday. After prayerful consideration, please fill out your response and re-turn it to the ballot box in the foyer by next Sunday, Dec. 9. Thank you!

You're invited to a pizza bake off to raise money for gym equipment on Saturday, Jan. 12. Join us for good pizza, music and a live auction. Want to be a contestant? Talk to Conrad or Colin. Want to eat good pizza? Space is limited and tickets to reserve your spot will be available soon!

If you are between the ages of 7th grade and 20, you are eligible to quiz this year. We are quizzing on the book of Matthew and practices will begin sometime over Christmas break and then on Thursdays beginning Jan. 10 with quiz matches on Sundays through the Ohio tournament March 15-17, 2019. Quizzing is a great way to get the Word of God into your heart. Sign up by the library door or text Robin G. to sign up. If you have coached in the past, or want to coach this year, text Robin and let her know of your interest.

The Simkins family invites you to their Annual Christmas Drop In next Sunday, Dec. 9, from 3-8 p.m., This is a drop in so there is no need to RSVP.

Paul S. is heading up a mission trip to Gator Wilderness Camp and School in Florida coming up February 2019. Last year a group from the Homebuilder's Sunday school class spent a week helping with hurricane cleanup. This year there will be various other projects to work on. Some members of the class are going again, but Paul is opening it up to anyone else who might have interest in going along, as he would like a group of around 10 people. The dates are February 16-23, 2019. Please contact Paul for further information and details.

A note from a passerby in response to the church sign last week: "I am thankful for all of the blessings bestowed upon me, especially the ones I seem to take for granted."



We want to congratulate our friends in the Junior Department who completed the fall quarter of Bible memory – Luke Gish, Rebekah Gish, Adena Martin, Isaac Martin, Jeriah Martin, and Danny Nissley. **Way to go!**

**Safe Adult Training:** We will be offering the training video during the Sunday school hour for those who need that to become a

safe adult. Laura R. will show the video on Jan. 6 and John M. will show the video on Jan. 20. We will let you know what room we will use closer to the time. Speak to either Laura, John, or Bethany Miller if you have any questions.

### ***Beyond the Congregation***

The Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster is organizing a spontaneous singing of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus on **Saturday, Dec. 8 at 11:00 a.m.** in the food court at **Park City Shopping Center**. Anyone is invited to participate. There will be an optional rehearsal on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. at Neffsville Mennonite Church. Please send your name and voice part to [mccl@lancastermennonite.org](mailto:mccl@lancastermennonite.org). or call 717-455-7025.

Join us for our Christmas service entitled "*The Little Drummer Boy*," on Sunday evening, Dec. 9, 7:00 p.m. at Rissers Mennonite Church (8360 Elizabethtown Rd., Elizabethtown). Musical selections, congregational singing, and readings about gift-giving will be included throughout the evening. We invite everyone to join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world!

You are invited to a drop-in Celebration of Ministry for Fred and Linda Garber at Bossler Mennonite Church (2021 Bossler Rd., Elizabethtown) on Dec. 9 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Fred is retiring after serving for 33 years as pastor at Bossler and to the greater Elizabethtown community. For more information call 717-367-8950.