



Approach with Expectation

With this Sunday we enter the Advent season. It is designed to be a time in which we focus our thoughts on the coming of Jesus. We think about the coming of Jesus, born in Bethlehem. There is also the thought about his second coming at the end of the age. But there is also the coming into our lives at that moment of salvation and the daily "coming" into our lives as we sense his presence with us. During this season, we need to make sure that we keep a proper focus on him when we gather to worship and not allow the distractions of the season to get in the way. Therefore, here is a poem that may help us keep that focus as we approach the throne of God in our worship during Advent.

Approach with Expectation By Charles Waugaman

Strip away the branches of pine
Bind them into ropes with twine and wire
Loop the ribboned garlands
 'Round the choir
 And down the nave.
Along the gothic aisles let it weave
 Over the doorways,
 On the dusty sills.
Press the needles carefully away
 From candle fire,
 And when the organ spills
 Its lusty music down that glorious Day,
Notice how everything becomes transformed,
Touched by the Miracle of joy and peace
 Which promises that all mankind
 May know release.

Then when the glad reverberations fade
Resolve to never dim that Holy Name,
By going home as empty
 As you came.

May we gather with great expectation as we worship the babe of Bethlehem. But may this expectation of worship carry into the new year also.

In Christ Alone

Prayer & Praises

- Please pray Gianna Harvey. She is having her port installed today.
- Please pray for Mary Stover. She is having a CT scan and sees the heart surgeon Thursday (tomorrow) to set a date for surgery.
- Please pray for Carissa Good. The tip of her finger got cut off. Pray for healing.
- Please keep the Rehr family in your prayers as Pat's sister Joan passed away.
- Please keep Butch Warren in your prayers going through his cancer treatment.
- Please keep Sandy Harlacker in your prayers also with her cancer battle.
- Joanne Miller had a praise for the amount she raised with her bake sale. Thank you to everyone.
- Please pray for Pam Smith whose cancer has spread throughout her stomach.
- Please pray for Victor Riddle for his pain.
- Please pray Brittany Gruss (Merv & Tina Good's granddaughter) baby miscarried. Praise God for Life!
- Emily Lipsitz had a praise that on Tuesday it was 17 years of her being adopted!
- Please pray for the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes and Harvest Home donations and their families.



Ongoing Health Concern Prayers

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| *Kathy McWilliams | *Sarah Sabold (Smeltzer) | *Ken Warren | *Mary Fisher |
| *Alyssa Leakway | *Gloria Gerber | *Missy Braden | *Bryce Baublitz |
| *Julie Waggoner | *Bill Barley | *Brandon Little | *Derek Meck |
| *Josh (Bonnie Tyson's Grandson) | *Ruth Cook | *Victor Riddle | *Mark Lipsitz |

Cancer Special Prayers

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| *Julia McCartney | *Greg & Sandy George | *Butch Warren's brother | *Chris Betts (Smeltzer friend) |
| *Ted Erb (Traci Kauffman family) | *Kathy McWilliams brother-in-law Phillip (Ron Engle, friend) | *Sandy Harlacker | *Ellie Basko |
| *Mark Yonker | *Butch Warren | *Jean Beck | *Donald Moore |
| *Tom Kimmel | *Bob | *Keith Kauffman | (Kerry) |

CBC and CBC Region 3 Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following congregations and pastors:

- Shippensburg Congregation in Shippensburg, PA and Pastor Wayne Hall
- St Luke Congregation in Woodstock, VA and Pastor Shawn Graber



Important Dates and INFORMATION

This week

Wednesday 11/29

- *Sisters Bible Study 9 am
- *Life Group 6:30 pm
- *Womens Choir 7:45 pm

Friday 12/1

- *Newsletter Deadline 10:30 am

Saturday 12/2

- *Movie Night 5:30 pm

Sunday 12/3

- *Worship 9 am

Monday 12/4

- *Newsletter Prep

Tuesday 12/5

- *Newsletter Assembly

Next Week

Tuesday December 5

- *Women's Fellowship Christmas Party

Wednesday 12/6

- *Life Group 6:30 pm
- *Womens Choir 7:45 pm
- *Men's Vocal Practice 7:45 pm

You are Invited!

Women's Fellowship will be visiting with the Fruitbelt Farmworkers on

Tuesday, January 30th at 5:30.

We will be taking them a small gift to take home to their wives and or moms or children. We will have a time of sharing, perhaps Bible study or having a message as well as some singing hopefully. We will be sharing dinner and dessert with them.

This group of workers will be returning to Honduras in March. We would love for more people men and women to come and join us! We do need to know however if you will be joining us. We will carpool from the church at 4:30. A signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. **RSVP by January 21.** Thank you for your consideration!

Prayer Shawl

Ministry

Next Meeting

**There will be no prayer shawl
In November & December
See you in January
(weather permitting)**

Movie: The Miracle Maker
A Christmas Tale



movie

NIGHT

Saturday, December 2nd, 2023

At The Gathering Place

Meal 5:30 pm

Movie 6:15 pm

**Wednesdays
December 13th**

**All the ladies are invited at
9 am in Shepherd's Hall**

Sisters
A Bible Study for Women

**LADIES FELLOWSHIP
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

A Christmas party is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Perkins Restaurant, Hanover, PA. ALL ladies of the church are invited to attend. We will have a small gift exchange. If you want to participate, please bring a \$5.00 gift. Please RSVP to Sandy Billet (717-292-4631) by November 26, 2023 if you plan to attend.

CARLISLE TRUCK STOP COOKIE MINISTRY

DUE BY: Sunday, December 10, 2023, on TGP kitchen island. We already have the gift bags prepared with small gift items. All we ask is that you place 5 to 6 of your fresh baked cookies in zip-lock style bags and place them in The Gathering Place, on the kitchen island. Start to plan your Holiday cookie creations!

Joanne Miller is having a candy sale on December 17th to raise money for her 2024 IMO medical mission trip. All items will be on sale before and after church and are available by donation only. Please see Joanne with any special requests.

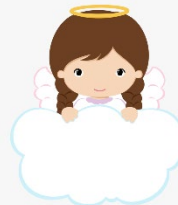
The Sunday school department will present a Children's play during the worship service on Sunday, December 10.

Children need to be at church at 8:30 that morning.

There will be a rehearsal on December 3.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Women's Fellowship will be attending the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at the East Berlin Community Center. Congregation is asked to donate baked goods and crafts items. A sign-up sheet will be in the church bulletin for donations. All donated items should be at the church by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 1, 2023. (Proceeds from the Bazaar are distributed by Ladies Fellowship throughout the year to ministry needs.)



Be sure to bring your angels back this Sunday, December 3rd.

Youth Night and Bible Study

All Youth 6th grade and above are invited...

YOUTH

4th Sunday of each month
December 10th, 2023

6-7:30 pm in The Gathering Place

Widow and Widowers Luncheon

Sunday
December 12th

At Noon

At

Brenda Eisenhours

Please See Nancy
Smith to RSVP

