



Make Room

Besides the Christmas specials that we are talking about on Sunday mornings, I also love Christmas music, both secular and religious, both traditional and contemporary. One of the Christian artists that I really like is Casting Crowns. They wrote a song titled "Make Room." In the song, we are reminded that when Mary and Joseph arrived at Bethlehem there were no vacant rooms in which for them to stay. Every room was filled and perhaps already overfilled because of all the people who had descended on that little town because of the census. No room for the Messiah, the Savior of the world to be born. No room for him to lay his head. Nevertheless, he came and was born and has brought salvation.

The question the song asks each of us is do we have room for the Savior in our hearts. Can we set aside the busyness of the season, so that Christ can come into our hearts and work a mighty miracle in our hearts and lives? Here are some of the lyrics of that song as well as a YouTube link if you are so inclined to listen to it.

**You can come as you are
But it may set you apart
When you make room in your heart
And trade your dreams for His glory
Make room in your heart
Make room in your heart**

**Mother holds the promise tight
Every wrong will be made right
The road is straight, the burden's light
For in His hands, He holds tomorrow**

**Is there room in your heart?
Is there room in your heart?
Is there room in your heart
For God to write His story?**

[Casting Crowns - Make Room \(Audio\) ft. Matt Maher - YouTube](#)

Let us come as we are and make room in our hearts for the Christ. Let us allow him to write his story in our hearts and on our life. May our lives be filled with his glory and not our desires.

In Christ Alone



Prayer & Praises

- Dave & Mary Titzell requested prayer for their neighbor Annie Flanigan who has had 2 major strokes in the past week, possibly some mini strokes. She is in the hospital under observation. Also keep her husband Richard in your prayers.
- Please pray for Vicki Miller (Brett Miller's Stepmother) for a quick recovery from her back surgery on Tuesday.
- Keep Gianna Harvey in your prayers. She is starting chemo for 25 weeks and started with 2 weeks of radiation on Monday.
- Pray for the Austin Family (neighbors of Gary & Linda's son Chris) whose 6-year-old son choked on something and passed away last week.
- Pray for Victor Riddle who was at the emergency room on Monday for trouble he was having with his hip and leg.
- Please pray for Mary Stover. She is having a CT scan and sees the heart surgeon on 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 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.



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) | *Tom Kimmel |
| *Sandy Harlacker | *Ellie Basko | *Mark Yonker | *Bob |
| *Jean Beck | *Donald Moore | *Butch Warren | *Keith Kauffman (Kerry) |

CBC and CBC Region 3 Prayer Requests

Pray for those struggling with mental health issues and especially thoughts of suicide. Pray for our CBC Churches and members to be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit to minister, love, and encourage those who may be depressed and hopeless. Pray for all to know the hope and joy of Jesus.

Please pray for the following congregations and pastors:

- Sunnybrook Congregation in Bristol, TN, and Pastor Michael Reece
- Three Springs Congregation in Blain, PA seeking pastoral leadership



Important Dates and INFORMATION

This week

Wednesday 12/6

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

Sunday 12/10

- *9 am Come Worship!
- *Widow/Widower Luncheon 12 pm
- *Youth Night 6 pm

Next Week

Tuesday 12/12

- *6 pm Commissions Meeting
- *7 pm Board Meeting

Wednesday 12/13

- *Sisters Bible Study 9 am
- *Life Group 6:30 pm

Saturday 12/16

- *Men's Bible Study Breakfast 7 am

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.

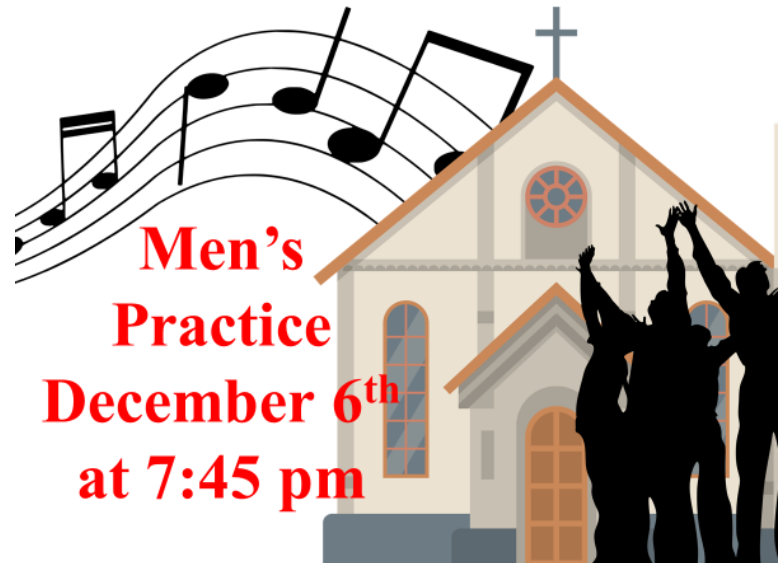
This group of workers will be returning to Honduras in March. We would love for more people men and women to come and join us! We do need to know however if you will be joining us. We will carpool from the church at 4:30. A signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. **RSVP by January 21.** Thank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

Annual Christmas Celebration

Jessica & Friends Community and Church of the Open Door Disability Ministries invites you and your family to attend an annual "Christmas Celebration". The inspirational program features music, drama, and creative movement.

This festive evening will take place on **Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 6:00 PM** at Church of the Open Door, 8 Carlisle Court, York.

A freewill offering will be taken to support both ministries. Following the program, light refreshments will be served.



**Men's
Practice
December 6th
at 7:45 pm**

**Wednesdays
December 13th**
All the ladies are invited at
9 am in Shepherd's Hall

Sisters
A Bible Study for Women

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2023

REGULAR 9 AM CELEBRATION WORSHIP SERVICE
5:30 PM - BERMUDIAN CHURCH, EAST BERLIN
7:00 PM - ALT LAND HOUSE (THOMASVILLE)
10:00 PM - ALT LAND HOUSE (THOMASVILLE)

Christmas Eve
CANDELIGHT SERVICE



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.

Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry asks that you please wear gloves while making cookies.

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.

Prayer Shawl

Ministry

Next Meeting

There will be no prayer shawl in December

See you in January
(weather permitting)

Memorial donations can still be made to the Deacon Emergency Fund until December 17th.

Wednesdays
December 6th, 13th & 20th
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
with Pastor Gary

Life Group

Studying:
The Book of Revelation

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST

NEXT MEETING

3rd Saturday each month
December 16th, 7 am
Dover Valley Restaurant

Julie will be out of the office on Wednesday, December 6th & December 13th. I will work remotely. You can email me and I will take care of it on the next day if it needs to be printed or done in office. You can also text 717-578-3408.

Holiday Dinner Saturday January 13th, 2024

Forms for sign-up will be in your bulletin in the coming weeks!

Catering by Hughes

Turkey/Ham – Stuffing/Gravy – Mashed Potatoes – Corn – Green Beans – Cranberry Relish – Desserts

Whispering Creek Bluegrass Band

Join us
Sunday morning,
December 10th
for worship and a
Christmas Skit
by
Bermudian's
Children