

### First Sunday of Advent, December 1

The youth will lead the service and have a special presentation of the Chrismon ornaments during the service. During the last hymn, the congregation will have the opportunity to hang ornaments on the Chrismon tree.

The youth will light the first Advent candle.



### The UMW is sponsoring a Christmas Card Exchange.

The UMW is sponsoring the Christmas Card Delivery. You may bring your cards to the church beginning Sunday, December 1. Collection runs through Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Cards will be given to families on Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is a great way to share Christmas cheer with your church family. The cost is 10 cents per card. There will be a basket to place your cards and payment. If paying by check, please make payable to Tabernacle UMW.



**The UMW** will meet Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the church at 7pm. We will be making Christmas goody bags for our shut-ins and for additional residents of the nursing homes who may not have family support during the holidays. All ladies of the church are welcome.

**All ladies of the church** are encouraged to attend the contemporary worship service on December 8<sup>th</sup>. The UMW has special recognition for all women of the church.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**



The red stocking offering for HOPE in Lancaster will be collected the first three Sundays in Advent.

Each Sunday during the first hymn you will have the opportunity to place your offering in the Red Stocking hanging at the front of the sanctuary.

# YOUTH

**SOAR & FLIGHT** will meet Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 5pm.

### Christmas Wrapping Supplies

The youth continue to collect Christmas wrapping paper, boxes, and bags for Seth's Giving Tree Angel. Please bring your donations to church by **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**. They will leave immediately after church for the packing party at Unity ARP Church. See any youth member for more information.



On Sunday, December 22, Tabernacle will have a Service of Lessons and Carols. This traditional service includes the singing of Christmas carols, readings, and anthems. We hope you will join us for this time of music and the scriptures.



Please make plans to join us Tuesday, December 24 at 6:30pm for our Christmas Eve Communion Service.

**Worship Assistants**

*Acolyte:*

- December 1- Ava Vincent
- 8- Heath Howie (Contemporary)
- 15- Avery Plyler
- 22- Courtney Plyler
- 29- Claire Plyler

*Lay Reader:*

- December 1- Olivia Vincent (Youth)
- 8- Courtney Plyler (Contemporary)
- 15- Brenda Owens
- 22- Clayton Hammond
- 29- Clara Sexton

*Ushers:* Steve Plyler, Gary Watson

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**HOPE in Lancaster-** Canned Corn, Canned Peas, Canned Tuna, Canned Mixed Vegetables, Canned Beef Stew, Jiffy Mix,

Mixed Pasta- Ziti, Macaroni, Bow Tie, etc.

**Diabetic Clients:** 100% Fruit Juice, Sugar-free Jelly, Oatmeal.



**Altar Flowers**

December 8- T & C Sexton

Available Dates:

December 1, 15, 22, 29

January 5, 12, 19, 26

February 2, 9, 16, 23

**\*\*Poinsettias will be delivered by**

Sunday, December 15. Please contact the church office if you would like to reserve one of the above dates. The 2020 Flower Calendar will be made available soon in the office.



**Tabernacle Delivery**

December 2-6

December 23, 26, 27

(closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day)



**Good Years** will meet Thursday, December 12 at 11:30am for a covered dish in the social hall.



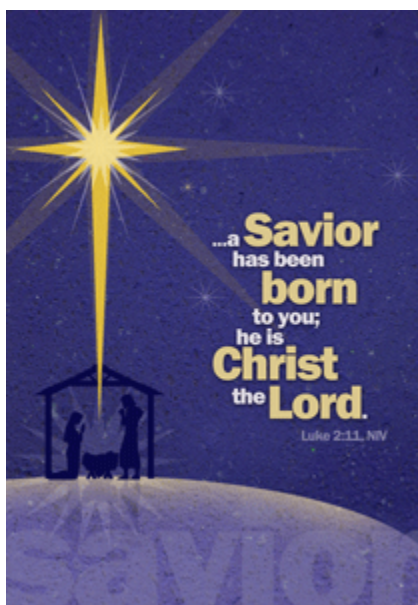
**Lancaster County Council on Aging**  
**Shoeboxes for Seniors**

These gifts will be given to the clients who receive home meals from the Council on Aging. If you would like to help senior community, please fill a shoebox or gift bag, with a few items selected from the list below and designate "Male", "Female", or "Either". Please bring to church by **Wednesday, December 11.**

**Item List**

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|------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Scarf                  | Socks             | Gloves         |
| Hat                    | Blanket           | Towel          |
| Washcloth              | Kleenex           | Efferdent      |
| Toiletry Items         | Hairbrush         | Comb           |
| Fruit Cups             | Cookies           | Stamps         |
| Pudding Cups           | Envelopes         | Note pads      |
| Toilet paper           | Paper towels      | Shoehorn       |
| Clothes detergent      | Dish detergent    | Chapstick      |
| Sugar-free Candy       | Ink Pens/Pencils  |                |
| Back scratcher         | Grabber           | Greeting cards |
| Crossword puzzle books | Word search books |                |
| Calendar               |                   |                |





## A Merry Balance

In Luke 10:38-42, Martha gets a bad rap. After all, we need Marthas to get things done and to show hospitality. (Note that Martha is the one who opens up her home to Jesus in the first place!)

Marthas are needed in December, but holiday preparations shouldn't shift our focus from the reason for the season. When we become "worried and distracted" as Martha did (v. 41, NRSV), we're tempted to trade God's "one thing" (v. 42) for the world's many worthless things. Yet if we're only like Mary, we may forget to let the world know who we're celebrating!

So this Christmas, keep a proper balance between your inner Mary and your inner Martha. Take time to "be Mary," kneeling at the manger, so that all the merry things you do as Martha have meaning and serve the newborn king.

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