

### **St. Peter's Church, West Penn**

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# Cliff's

## Notes

*"For to us a child is born; to us a son is given"*

*Isaiah 9: 6*

It is December. Time to prepare for celebrating the birth of Jesus the Christ.

Amidst all of the things we do to get ready for the holiday, do we neglect preparing ourselves for the birth of a baby? Infants and children are completely dependent upon their parents for everything... food, clothing, shelter, guidance, love, support, and family to name a few. It could be said that this is true about our faith as well.

Faith is precious. On the one hand it gives us strength, courage and determination as we face life's struggles. On the other hand, it must be nurtured through regular worship, prayer, and Scripture study. Otherwise if we take it for granted, it can easily wither. Sadly Christmas becomes so busy that we often forget the spiritual nature of it until we collapse in exhaustion in church on Christmas Eve. It is only then that we remember the reason for the season.

I encourage you to worship regularly during this Advent season. Through hymns and Scripture we are reminded of the precious gift that we have been given. Faith that must be fed and nurtured so that it may be a source of strength and resilience for us in the future.

I hope to see you not just on Christmas Eve (at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM), but also on the Sundays leading up to the celebration of the birth of Jesus. For as we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Son, may the knowledge and trust in Him grow in our hearts and lives.

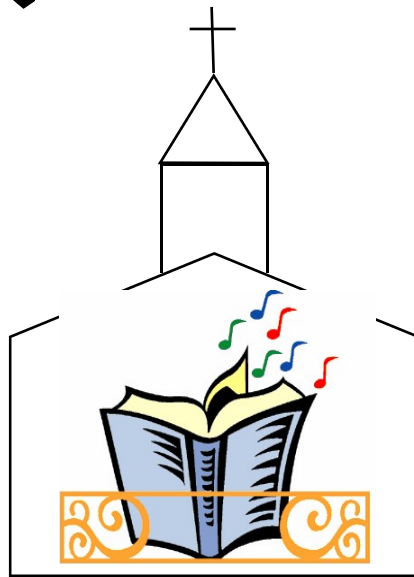
*Pastor Cliff*

### **HOME COMMUNIONS TO BE DISTRIBUTED DURING DECEMBER**

Pastor Cliff will be visiting sick and shut-in members to share the Sacrament of Holy Communion with them. If you are aware of anyone who desires the Sacrament, please contact the Pastor early in December.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Annual Covenant letters and forms will be mailed to Active Members & Inactive Members and Friends of St. Peter's Church during the first week in December. Forms are **due December 31st**. If you did not receive a letter, and wish to have one, please contact the church office. These forms help us keep our church membership records up-to-date.

# St. Peter's Church West Penn



where worship and service don't stop with the final hymn.

## **St. Peter's Church Mission Statement**

*"St. Peter's Church is committed to providing a family atmosphere for people of all ages. We are a people who sincerely care about each other and the community. We strive to be one people, bonded by Christ's love. We look to the future for the continued vitality that we share today. Through worship, preaching, fellowship, and servanthood, may we reach out to all people as a witness to the living God."*

## BEN SALEM HANDBELL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Handbell Choir of Ben Salem church will be presenting a free Christmas Concert on ***Sunday, December 8th at 2 PM***. The theme of the concert is, "Celebrating the Child". Immediately following the concert refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to enjoy this free afternoon concert of Christmas music, followed by refreshments and fellowship.

## BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

A Blue Christmas service is a time to remember that for some the holiday is not always a time of joy. During this time of year, we remember those who have died and are no longer with us. We still see that empty chair or remember their presence in a special way, which only seems amplified by the celebration of Christmas.

A Blue Christmas service will be held on ***Sunday afternoon, December 22nd at 2:00 PM*** in the sanctuary of St. Peter's. It will be a time for remembrance, for lighting a candle, for grieving our loved ones, and for remembering the Promise of Christmas. This service is open to everyone.

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

You are invited to join us for worship on Christmas Eve, ***Tuesday, December 24th at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM***. Let us gather together to sing those familiar carols, hear the story of Jesus' birth, and celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Start your Christmas celebration off right through worship. We ask you to arrive at least 20 minutes early as there will be special music presented to help prepare our hearts and spirits for worship.

### Congregational Meeting



### CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

A Congregational Meeting will be held on ***Sunday, January 5th*** after worship for the purpose of nominating and electing 2025 Church Board members and confirming the 2025 benevolence amount. Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on ***Sunday, March 2nd*** following worship services for the purpose of accepting the 2024 Annual Report and adopting the 2025 budget. All committee and organizational reports are due in the office ***by Sunday, February 9th***. Please plan on attending these important meetings.





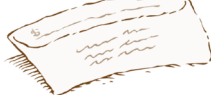
**Congratulations to**  
**Thomas Nelson and Hannah Miller**  
**on the birth of their son,**  
**Landon Earl Nelson**  
**born October 22, 2024**  
**Landon is the brother of Liam Nelson**  
**Grandparents are Russell and Christine Miller**

### **2025 FLOWER/BULLETIN CHART**

Please note that the 2025 chart will be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex in December. Make sure you have the Sundays you want by filling in the date(s) now. Altar flower Sponsors: \$30.00 per altar arrangement, Piano Bowl: \$30.00 and \$30.00 for an extra arrangement placed on the organ. Contact Laverne Hunsicker or the Church Office to reserve your Sunday date. Bulletins can also be sponsored for \$15.00.



#### **Offering Envelopes**



**2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES** will be available in the church parlor in December. And, if you can, while you're getting yours maybe you could deliver envelopes to those who might not be able to pick them up themselves ~ this helps us to keep down mailing costs. Thank you!

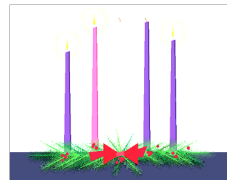
#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

The church's financial books will be closed as of December 31, 2024. Any cash or checks received after that date will be included in the 2025 financial records.

**The deadline for the February issue of the "Cornerstone" is Tuesday, January 14th.**

## Observing Advent

Advent — the first season of the liturgical year — includes the four Sundays and weeks prior to December 25th. Advent dates from the fourth century, when it lasted 40 days and included fasting and solemnity, much like Lent.



Advent is from *Adventus*, Latin for “coming,” referring to Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem and also his second coming. The traditional colors of Advent are purple for penitence or blue for hope.

Observing Advent is a meaningful, adventurous way to prepare for Christmas. Buy or make an Advent wreath and use candles of your choice: four blue, four purple, or three blue or purple and one pink. If you have a fifth spot, add one white Christ candle. During meals or devotions, light only one candle the first week. Add another for each new week (the pink candle traditionally marks the third week), concluding with the white candle (if you have one) on Christmas. The increasing light reminds us we’re getting closer to celebrating

### I Asked God About These Gifts for Christmas:

*I asked God to take away my pride, and God said no. God said it was not for him to take away, but for me to give up.*

*I asked God to make my handicapped child whole, and God said, "No, her spirit is already whole. Her body is only temporary."*

*I asked God to grant me patience, and God said no. God said that patience is the byproduct of tribulation. It isn't granted; it's earned.*

*I asked God to give me happiness; God said no. God said he gives blessings; happiness is up to me.*

*I asked God to spare me pain, and God said no. God said I must grow on my own, but he will prune me in order to make me fruitful.*

*I asked God if he loved me, and God said yes. God gave me Jesus who died for me, and I will be in heaven some day because I believe.*

*I asked God to help me love others as much as he loves me, and God said, "Ahhh, finally! Now you have the idea."*

*(From a Christmas card cited by Vic Pentz)*



# ***Advent and Christmas Service Schedule***

*Everyone is welcome ~ bring a friend or two!*

## ***Advent Services***

*We begin the season of Advent and the beginning of the new liturgical year on Sunday, December 1st and continue through the next three Sundays in December (8th, 15th and 22nd) as we prepare for the coming of Christ into our hearts and into our world.*

### ***Blue Christmas Service***

***Sunday, December 22nd***

***2:00 p.m. Service***

*It will be a time for remembrance, for lighting a candle, for grieving our loved ones, and for remembering the Promise of Christmas. This service is open to everyone.*



### ***Christmas Eve Services***

***Tuesday, December 24th***

***2:00 p.m. Service***

*Share in the delight as we capture the wonder of Christmas as we join in the candle lighting ceremony and celebrate Holy Communion in the pews.*



***7:00 p.m. Service***

*Share in the delight of music joyfully made by our Choirs. Capture the wonder of Christmas as we join in the candle lighting ceremony and celebrate Holy Communion in the pews.*

***There will NOT be a 10:30 p.m. service.***



# Joyous Noise Offering

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE TO MAKE CHRIST'S LOVE KNOWN

*The Joyous Noise recipient for the month of November totaled \$230.66 and was designated for Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is a ministry project run by Samaritan's Purse. Since 1993, God has used Samaritan's Purse to deliver over 200 million Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts to children in need and disciple 50 million of these boys and girls.*

*The Joyous Noise recipient for the month of December has been designated for The Salvation Army. of Tamaqua. Services provided by the Salvation Army include but are not limited to emergency financial assistance for rent, utilities, food, clothing and more; seasonal programs such as Angel Tree Christmas gifts, Christmas Adopt-A-Family, and monthly food pantry boxes. All donations will be sent to the Salvation Army to help support their mission throughout Schuylkill County. Any checks can be made payable to St. Peter's Sunday School.*

*Checks should be made payable to St. Peter's Sunday School and may be mailed to the church office. If you know of an organization or individual that could benefit from St. Peter's Joyous Noise Offering, please contact Samantha Kistler or Nicole Hunsicker. Thank you for your support!*

*Dear St. Peters Church,*

*There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt gratitude for the sympathy, love and support you have extended during our time of loss.*

*The family of Peter K. Conforti*

*Thank  
you*

*Dear St. Peter's Church Family,*

*Thank you Pastor Cliff for your visit and especially your prayers.*

*I feel so blessed to have such loving and caring family and friends.*

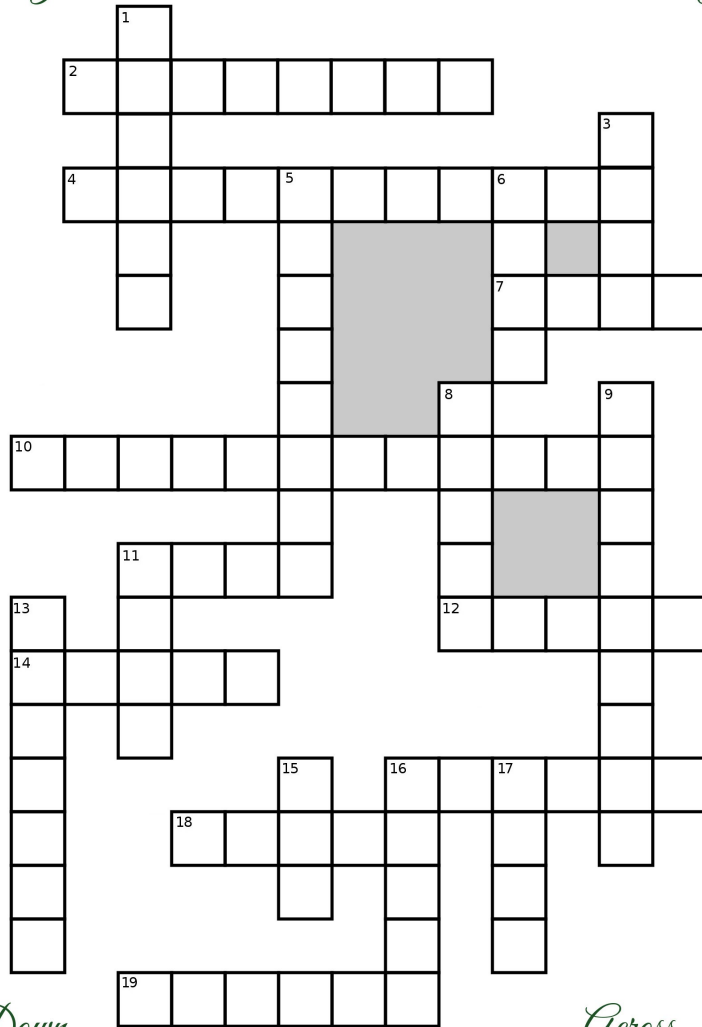
*And, especially those who stepped up to help with our fundraisers.*

*St. Peter's people are truly amazing.*

*Thank you, Karen Diehl*



# Religious Christmas Crossword Puzzle



*Down*

*Across*

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. The coming of _____                      | 2. Those tending their flock in the field |
| 3. The Wise Men followed a _____            | 4. _____, Holy Night (2 words)            |
| 5. The birth scene of Jesus                 | 7. Jesus, _____ and Savior                |
| 6. One of the Three Wise Men's gifts        | 10. One of the Three Wise Men's gifts     |
| 8. Mary's baby                              | 11. The mother of Jesus                   |
| 9. The town where Jesus was born            | 12. Jesus came to save our _____          |
| 13. The Angel who visited Mary              | 14. A heavenly messenger                  |
| 15. Jesus is the son of _____               | 16. Baby Jesus slept in a _____           |
| 17. Christmas refrain                       | 18. "For the _____ of God"                |
| www.FreePrintable.net--100% Easy. 100% Fun. | 19. Mary's husband                        |

## **ST. PETER'S—FUNDRAISING FOR BUILDING EXPENSES**

### **CURRENT BALANCE \$52,500.00**

*The Belgian Waffle Sundae fundraiser held in October was a success. Approximately 75 waffles were served. Special thanks to 1) all who attended and purchased a waffle sundae, 2) those who donated all the items required for this event (eggs, Bisquick, milk, whipped topping, ice cream, and strawberries), 3) the women who loaned waffle irons and the workers in the Kitchen.*

*Energetic is the word to describe the Kitchen Krew team. Fundraising during the Autumn season included more than 2000 apple dumplings in October, 2100 apple dumplings slated for November, filling for Thanksgiving, and a chicken platter fundraiser all to raise money for the building fund.*

*A special thank you goes to those individuals who volunteered extra time to help with the tasks that Karen Deihl performs month after month. Karen: The numerous items you handle to coordinate fundraising are greatly appreciated and we wish you continued healing and good health.*

*The Kitchen Krew will be on a much needed break in December. We will let you all know when we are back in business. And thank you not only for the wonderful hard working volunteers, but also to all that helped support us by buying our food. And a big shout out to our new volunteers. But especially Charlene Miller for taking charge of the apple dumplings. We are truly blessed!*

*And as always, thank you for your support!*

### **"Heating season" has arrived!**

Because St. Peter's is home for many activities, groups, clubs, and events, we hope you would consider making a contribution, in addition to your regular offering, to help us defray the cost of heating fuel and electricity.

Elevator maintenance envelopes are available on the table in the church parlor. We hope you can also give this some consideration. Please use the enclosed envelope to help defray the cost of our energy bill, or BETTER yet, bring the envelope with you when you worship with us on Sunday.

Thank you for your contribution and we hope to see you in church!

**St Peter's Church Board**



**Sunday School, 10:15—11:15 a.m., Every Sunday**

(unless otherwise noted)

**Upcoming Sunday School Events:**

***Saturday, December 7th***- Beginning at 3:30 p.m.  
Cookie Baking and Sunday School Sleepover

***Sunday, December 8th*** : Following Worship  
Cookies and Cocoa Fellowship open to entire congregation

***Sunday, January 5th***

Sunday School Christmas Program during worship  
Practices will occur for all participants on December 15th & December 22nd during the Sunday School Hour

We have great teachers and are grateful for their volunteer time. Please bring your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, etc. and join the fun on Sundays from 10:15 to 11:15 am.

Catch the excitement and join a Sunday School Class today. We have classes for all ages. Teachers and helpers are also always welcome. Anyone willing to be part of this great educational experience should see Samantha Kistler or Josh Hunsicker. Just remember, you can't ask "*What would Jesus do?*" until you know "*What Jesus did and said!*"

The children of St. Peter's Sunday School will present their Christmas Program. *On Sunday, January 5th during our worship service* Please plan to attend and support the youth of our Church.

Looking forward to seeing you!



***In case of inclement weather, please listen to WMGH/WLSH Radio Station, watch TV Channel 13 or Channel 69 for any change in the time or cancellation of St. Peter's Church worship schedule.***



### **THANK YOU!**

A big THANK YOU to all who helped to have a successful pork & sauerkraut dinner and bake sale this year. Without all the donations for the meal and bake sale and volunteers donating their time to help before, during and after the dinner, we would not be able to do this every year.

This year we served 280 people and the profit total was \$4707.50 between the dinner and bake sale!

Mark your calendars for next year, November 8, 2025 for the next Pork & Sauerkraut dinner! THANK YOU!

### **BE A KEY PLAYER**

Organ Keys and Stops are available for purchase as a means of supporting donations for the new organ. Donations can be made by placing your requests in the collection plate, contacting a board member or mailing to the church office.

The following costs are listed below:

Organ Stops: \$175.00

Pedal Organ Keys: Regular Pedals \$150.00; Sharp Pedals \$125.00

Great Organ Keys: Regular Keys \$100.00; Sharp Keys \$75.00

(These keys are located on the 2 main key consoles)

Swell Organ Keys: Regular Keys \$50.00; Sharp Keys \$25.00

(These keys are on the top console and are the softer keys)

**Psalm 95:1-2** *Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.*

# W. A. S. P. News



They will be taking orders for Christmas Poinsettias. A form can be found in this edition of the newsletter and can also be picked up on the table in the church parlor. The deadline for ordering is **December 1st** and the cost is \$10.00 each. Forms can be given to Lori Hoppes or mailed to the church.

The next event sponsored by WASP is the Family Christmas Party scheduled on **Sunday, December 1st** at 12 Noon in the fellowship hall. The WASP women will have their 'Secret Santa' gift exchange and a visit from Santa. Bring a covered dish to share and place settings for your family. Meat and beverages will be provided. A sign-up sheet is in the church parlor.

WASP usually meets in the fellowship hall the third Tuesday of every month unless a special event is planned. All women are invited to join them.

## SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANINGS

- 1) Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is *FAITH*.
- 2) When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is *TRUST*.
- 3) Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but we still set the alarms to wake up. That is *HOPE*.
- 4) We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is *CONFIDENCE*.
- 5) We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is *LOVE*.
- 6) On an old man's shirt was written: "I am not 80 years old, I am Sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is *ATTITUDE*.

Have happy days and live your life like these six stories, and remember to:  
'Sing like no one is listening, Love like you've never been hurt.  
Dance like nobody's watching, and live like it's heaven on earth.'

**Adventures with Sue  
Trips offered in 2025  
For More Information ~ call Sue at 570-778-5367**

- March 2** Riverdance \$125/pp (SOLD OUT, but taking names for the waiting list)
- March 27-28** Mystery Trip \$425/D, \$400/T, \$385/Q, \$525/S (SOLD OUT)
- April 10-12** Jamestown & Buffalo \$925/D, \$849/T, \$809/Q, \$1,225/S
- May 10** Noah \$152/pp (SOLD OUT, but taking names for the waiting list)
- May 15-17** Pittsburgh \$750/D, \$700/T, \$650/Q, \$1,050/S
- June 12** Mystery Day Trip \$125/pp, Age 4-12 \$95, Age 13-17 \$105
- August 6** Train Ride ~ call for information
- Sept 10-12** 1,000 Islands \$799/D, \$739/T, \$699/Q, \$999/S
- October 5-12** New England/Nova Scotia Cruise ~ call for information

**Gift Certificates Available**

*A Winter's portrait, so bountiful,  
Nature's gift indeed...  
Though lurking are the lifeless flowers  
Returned to earth as seed.  
All sacred gifts sent unto us  
Are made by God's own hands -  
And always, they are precious ones*

*To love just as He plans!  
While lilies in the valley rest,  
And clad are crystal trees...  
A lifeless day revives the soul  
Through snowflakes on a breeze.  
These heavenly troves to come our way,*

*So beautiful, big or small...  
Will touch our lives through each new day -  
God's gifts... they're best of all!*

*Dianne Cogar*



## Winter Wishes

By: Barbara Nametko

Winter is quickly approaching, and preschool is very excited!

December and January will be very busy with lots of Christmas and winter fun! Our focus letters will be K, L, M, N, O, and P. We will also be talking about the colors, red, green, blue and white. The shapes and numbers we will be talking about are, stars rectangles and the numbers 5 and 6.

You will hear lots of singing coming from the preschool room in the next few weeks, as we get ready for our Christmas program! We love to sing and sometimes we sing so loud that Santa may hear us at the North Pole. Snowmen and some cute crafts will be covering our door and walls. Don't forget to stop by our room and see preschool's master pieces!

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Preschool wishes everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Thank you for your continued support!

K

L

M

N

O



***Say a Prayer for:***

*Loved Ones of  
Gladys Ballet  
Loved Ones of  
Rev. Russell Heintzelman  
Loved Ones of  
Karen Lenhart  
Loved Ones of  
Dave Zanders  
Loved Ones of  
Arthur Schaeffer  
Loved Ones of  
Nadine  
Jeff Fogel  
Neil Rex  
Hannah Miller  
Randy Frey  
Kay Miller  
Bonnie Myers  
Karen Diehl  
Kay Faust  
Mary Lou & Jim Walk  
Jean Balliet Duncan  
Kadie Foster  
Marsha Rodgers  
Michelle Boyer  
David Barron  
Cody Wolfgang  
Brian Abrachinsky  
JoAnn Pangonis  
Kathy Yuricheck  
Pat Conner  
Susie Brickler  
Lo Ann Algard  
Callie Heffelfinger  
Caroline Lantz  
Richard Knadler  
Kent Miller  
Brad Steigerwalt  
Rose Hinkle  
Theresa Derher*

*Hollie Fox  
Ann Mimm  
Robbie Trainer  
Sonia Finnegan  
Donald Moyer  
Bruce Miller  
Sharon Horning  
Paulette Rex  
Mike Canty  
Anne Scott  
Bonnie Miller  
Kenneth Breiner  
Paul David  
Dan Myers  
Rita Yarmell  
Dr. Harry Berger  
Cassie Wolfe  
Evor "Butch" Williams  
Erlin Moyer  
Teresa Fowler  
Gregory Slivka  
Mary Lou McGowan  
Rev. James Seifert  
Mark Wolfe  
Connie Heckman  
Patrick Pulanco  
Bob Goerner  
Chester Jones  
Dan McMullen  
Loretta Beers  
David Schoch  
Erin Coombe  
Billy James  
Laurie Black  
Darryl Moyer  
Betty Breiner  
Sherry Seip  
Nancy Domanski  
Melinda Frey  
Logan Pribila  
Bruce Wolf*

*Lori Fairchild  
Franklin Mackes  
Zayden Mabey  
John Kowlewski  
Aiden Kreimendahl  
Mike & Bernice Delp  
Gino Lorady  
Kim & Dave Carson  
Louise Billman  
Tony Masor  
Sherry Walz  
Darlene Kunkel  
Erla Biasi  
Carolyn Kunkle  
Jillian Datchko  
Donna Roderick  
Justin Klotz  
Gene McCormik  
William Shirar  
Amy Meixsall  
Jackson Delebar  
Austin Klein  
Melissa Drake  
Lorna Hart  
Carson Barron  
Nancy Barkus*

***Those on our  
Visitation List***

*Buddy Arner, Jr.  
Hazel Arner  
Edith Coombe  
Robert Coombe  
Olga Faust  
Lynn Gerber  
Barbara Kershner  
Dorothy Miller  
Larry Miller  
Velma Schaeffer  
Doris Wolfe  
Althea Zehner*

**Our Military Overseas:**

*Deployed to Japan: John McGuire  
Deployed to Africa: Jonathan & Michelle Liggitt  
Deployed to Israel: Tyler Resch*

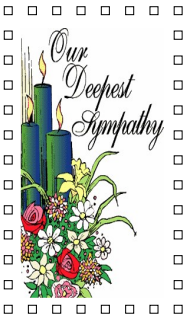
**Our Military Active Not Deployed:**

*Mark Habel  
Dustin Hoppes  
LeRoy E. Kromer II  
Timothy Kromer  
Ezekiel Kuneck  
Sean Kurtz  
Antonio Lorenzo  
Dominic Lorenzo  
Amanda Miller  
Austin Resch*

*Trevor Schilling  
Alexis Scott  
Andy Snyder  
Ryan Snyder  
Alexander Thomas  
Chad Wehr  
Mark West  
Scott West  
Michael Zeigenfuss*

***Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.  
(Jeremiah 29:12)***

**If you know of someone to be added or removed from the Prayer List, please  
contact Pastor Ginny, Chris Miller or the church office.**



Our sympathies go to the families of

**Lorraine L. Fritz**

who passed into eternal life on  
Sunday, October 20, 2024

and

**Gladys A. Balliet**

who passed into eternal life on  
Saturday, November 9, 2024.

Please remember these families in your prayers.

### **Daily Lectionary Readings for December 2024**

**Sunday, December 01, 2024:** Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36  
**Monday, December 02, 2024:** Psalm 90; Numbers 17:1-11; 2 Peter 3:1-18;  
**Tuesday, December 03, 2024:** Psalm 90; 2 Samuel 7:18-29; Revelation 22:12-16;  
**Wednesday, December 04, 2024:** Psalm 90; Isaiah 1:24-31; Luke 11:29-32;  
**Thursday, December 05, 2024:** Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 3:5-12; Philippians 1:12-18a;  
**Friday, December 06, 2024:** Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 3:13-18; Philippians 1:18b-26;  
**Saturday, December 07, 2024:** Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 4:1-6; Luke 9:1-6;  
**Sunday, December 08, 2024:** Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6  
**Monday, December 09, 2024:** Psalm 126; Isaiah 40:1-11; Romans 8:22-25;  
**Tuesday, December 10, 2024:** Psalm 126; Isaiah 19:18-25; 2 Peter 1:2-15;  
**Wednesday, December 11, 2024:** Psalm 126; Isaiah 35:3-7; Luke 7:18-30;  
**Thursday, December 12, 2024:** Isaiah 12:2-6; Amos 6:1-8; 2 Corinthians 8:1-15;  
**Friday, December 13, 2024:** Isaiah 12:2-6; Amos 8:4-12; 2 Corinthians 9:1-15;  
**Saturday, December 14, 2024:** Isaiah 12:2-6; Amos 9:8-15; Luke 1:57-66;  
**Sunday, December 15, 2024:** Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18  
**Monday, December 16, 2024:** Isaiah 11:1-9; Numbers 16:1-19; Hebrews 13:7-17;  
**Tuesday, December 17, 2024:** Isaiah 11:1-9; Numbers 16:20-35; Acts 28:23-31;  
**Wednesday, December 18, 2024:** Isaiah 11:1-9; Micah 4:8-13; Luke 7:31-35;  
**Thursday, December 19, 2024:** Psalm 80:1-7; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 10:10-18;  
**Friday, December 20, 2024:** Psalm 80:1-7; Isaiah 42:10-18; Hebrews 10:32-39;  
**Saturday, December 21, 2024:** Psalm 80:1-7; Isaiah 66:7-11; Luke 13:31-35;  
**Sunday, December 22, 2024:** Psalm 80:1-7; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)  
**Monday, December 23, 2024:** Psalm 113; Genesis 25:19-28; Colossians 1:15-20;  
**Tuesday, December 24, 2024:** Psalm 96; Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)  
**Wednesday, December 25, 2024:** Psalm 97; Isaiah 62:6-12; Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20  
**Thursday, December 26, 2024:** Psalm 148; 2 Chronicles 24:17-24; Acts 6:1-7; 7:51-60;  
**Friday, December 27, 2024:** Psalm 148; Proverbs 8:32-36; John 21:19b-24;  
**Saturday, December 28, 2024:** Psalm 148; Isaiah 54:1-13; Revelation 21:1-7;  
**Sunday, December 29, 2024:** Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52  
**Monday, December 30, 2024:** Psalm 147:12-20; 2 Chronicles 1:7-13; Mark 13:32-37;  
**Tuesday, December 31, 2024:** Psalm 147:12-20; 1 Kings 3:5-14; John 8:12-19;



*Blessed are those who read and hear the Word of God  
and keep it.*



### **Daily Lectionary Readings for January 2025**

**Wednesday, January 01, 2025:** Psalm 8; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 2:15-21  
**Thursday, January 02, 2025:** Psalm 147:12-20; Proverbs 1:1-7; James 3:13-18;  
**Friday, January 03, 2025:** Psalm 72; Job 42:10-17; Luke 8:16-21;  
**Saturday, January 04, 2025:** Psalm 72; Isaiah 6:1-5; Acts 7:44-53;  
**Sunday, January 05, 2025:** Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9), 10-18  
**Monday, January 06, 2025:** Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12  
**Tuesday, January 07, 2025:** Psalm 72; Daniel 2:1-19; Ephesians 4:17-5:1;  
**Wednesday, January 08, 2025:** Psalm 72; Daniel 2:24-49; Ephesians 5:15-20;  
**Thursday, January 09, 2025:** Psalm 29; Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31;  
**Friday, January 10, 2025:** Psalm 29; Ecclesiastes 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 2:1-10;  
**Saturday, January 11, 2025:** Psalm 29; Ecclesiastes 3:1-15; 1 Corinthians 2:11-16;  
**Sunday, January 12, 2025:** Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22  
**Monday, January 13, 2025:** Psalm 106:1-12; Judges 4:1-16; Ephesians 6:10-17;  
**Tuesday, January 14, 2025:** Psalm 106:1-12; Judges 5:12-21; 1 John 5:13-21;  
**Wednesday, January 15, 2025:** Psalm 106:1-12; Numbers 27:1-11; Luke 11:33-36;  
**Thursday, January 16, 2025:** Psalm 36:5-10; Jeremiah 3:1-5; Acts 8:18-24;  
**Friday, January 17, 2025:** Psalm 36:5-10; Jeremiah 3:19-25; 1 Corinthians 7:1-7;  
**Saturday, January 18, 2025:** Psalm 36:5-10; Jeremiah 4:1-4; Luke 11:14-23;  
**Sunday, January 19, 2025:** Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11  
**Monday, January 20, 2025:** Psalm 145; Isaiah 54:1-8; Romans 12:9-21;  
**Tuesday, January 21, 2025:** Psalm 145; Song of Solomon 4:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:3-17;  
**Wednesday, January 22, 2025:** Psalm 145; Song of Solomon 4:9-5:1; Luke 5:33-39;  
**Thursday, January 23, 2025:** Psalm 19; Isaiah 61:1-7; Romans 7:1-6;  
**Friday, January 24, 2025:** Psalm 19; Nehemiah 2:1-10; Romans 12:1-8;  
**Saturday, January 25, 2025:** Psalm 19; Nehemiah 5:1-13; Luke 2:39-52;  
**Sunday, January 26, 2025:** Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21  
**Monday, January 27, 2025:** Psalm 119:89-96; Jeremiah 36:1-10; 1 Corinthians 14:1-12;  
**Tuesday, January 28, 2025:** Psalm 119:89-96; Jeremiah 36:11-26; 2 Corinthians 7:2-12;  
**Wednesday, January 29, 2025:** Psalm 119:89-96; Jeremiah 36:27-32; Luke 4:38-44;  
**Thursday, January 30, 2025:** Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 34:1-7; Acts 10:44-48;  
**Friday, January 31, 2025:** Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 35:20-27; Acts 19:1-10;

***Search not for me in the Scriptures, instead, search within yourself.  
When you are lost I will come to you, for I'm the Shepherd who guides the lost.*** ~ adapted from a poem by John Paul K

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