

The Scoop – December 2023

From the Desk of Pastor Sadler



“Hope, Faith, Joy, & Peace”

Hope, Faith, Joy, & Peace come alive in the spirit of mankind each year during the season of Advent. We are reminded of the living words in **John 3:16**, **“¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life,”** (KJV). He gave us his only begotten son, this alone ushers us into a spirit of restoration, revival, and renewal that dwells among us in a new way.

I pray that you are inspired during this season and capture the eternal joy that is ours, just because God loves us so much. Furthermore, **1Corinthians 13:13 reiterates this; “¹³ And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* love,** (NKJV).

Join us as we do as Christ has asked us - to love one another - and a great beginning can take place during our worship experiences.

The schedule for worship and activities will continue to be published via email, the Scoop e-newsletter, posted on the website, and will continue via Zoom.

In –Person Worship Schedule (Social Distancing Observed & Mask Required)

- Sunday, December 3rd, 2023 @ 10:30 AM **Regular Worship**
- Sunday, December 10th, 2023 @ 10:30 AM **Regular Worship**
- Sunday, December 17th, 2023 @ 10 AM **Communion**
- Sunday, December 24th, 2023 @ 9 AM **Christmas Service & Musical Cantata**
- Sunday, December 31st, 2023 @ 10: 30 AM **Party with a Purpose Missionary Drive**

[Take the In-Person Worship Opinion Survey!](#)

Upcoming Activities Highlights



S.A.L.T. - Serving and Learning Together (Growth & Development Series) - First Saturday of every month at 10 am. Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89126764163> / Audio: (301) 715-8592 / Meeting ID: 891 2676 4163. Next meeting is on January 6, 2024.

Central Mission Union Outreach In-person Worship "No One Should Live Hungry And Homeless": Every third Monday at 7 pm, *in person only*, at 65 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Washington, DC, 20001. Next meeting is on December 18, 2023.

Enlightenment, Enhancement, & Enrichment: Every 4th Wednesday @ 7 pm. Next meeting is on January 24, 2024.

The Journey

You are invited to join us on "The Journey" as we continue during our weekly, daily, and monthly virtual experiences on Zoom and the conference call numbers.

Special Prayer of Faith, Intercessory Prayer of Hope & Corporate Prayer of Joy
Monday – Friday at 7 am | Conference Call Number (605) 475-4000 code 1018295#

Midweek Study, Testimonies, Prayer Request & Praise Report – Wednesdays

Use Conference Call Number (605) 475-4000 code 1018295# for the following:

- 12 noon: Prayer, Praise and Bible Study: [Get the current Bible Study Schedule on the Resources page](#)
- 7:00 pm: Prayer, Praise and International Sunday School Lesson Exposition
→Subscribe to a Video Summary of the International Sunday School Lesson on [YouTube](#)

Devotional Reading

[Get the current Devotional Reading Schedule on the Resources page](#)



Focus on the Family: Men, Women, Children, Service

"The News @ Noon"

Hour of Power

Every Wednesday @ Noon

Conference Call Number: (605) 475-4000, code 1018295#

Youth Ministry Rehearsal

Friday before 2nd Sunday at 5:30 pm

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87474748295>

Audio: (301) 715-8592 | Meeting ID: 874 7474 8295

Care Partners Support Group

First and third Wednesday of every month, @ 1 pm.

Conference Call Number: (605) 475-4000, code 1018295#. Meeting on December 6th and 20th

Men and Women's Ministry Joint Fellowship: Last Friday of the month @ 7 pm. **NOTE: Next meeting will be held on January 26, 2024.**

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89126764163>

Audio: (301)-715-8592 / Meeting ID: 891 2676 4163

New Morning Star is a SHARE Food Host Site!



HEALTHIER FAMILIES + STRONGER COMMUNITY

The SHARE Food Network is a non-profit, community-based organization dedicated to offering healthy, nutritious groceries at a roughly 50 percent discount to everyone on a monthly basis. Value packages cost just \$25 every month with optional Special Premium packages that can be additionally purchased."

- Get your monthly menu at church or on the SHARE Food Network website: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/share/>
- Purchase a value package in our Church's Share Food Network envelope or through *Givelify*
- Make your payment by the schedule deadline date (See SHARE Calendar)

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Health & Wellness Corner

By Gwendolyn Sadler, RN

Visit the [Health Corner](#) on our website for more information



Focus on HIV/AIDS: World AIDS Day

Each year on December 1st, we commemorate World AIDS Day. This important awareness day remains a time to reflect on our worldwide response to HIV/AIDS while honoring the lives of those lost to AIDS-related illnesses. On this day, we also renew our commitment to supporting the wellbeing of those with HIV, as well as those at risk for infection.

This year's theme for World AIDS Day is, *"World AIDS Day 35: Remember and Commit."*

The number of people on lifesaving HIV treatment through the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) increased 300 times from just 66,500 individuals in 2004 to over 20 million people in 2022.

CDC Statistics from 2022

- 39 Million People Globally Living Were Living with HIV
- 1.3 Million Became Newly Infected with HIV
- 630,000 Deaths From AIDS-Related Illness
- 32 million people who have died worldwide from AIDS-related illness
- 29.8 Million People Were Accessing Antiretroviral Therapy

For more information visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/worldaidsday/index.html>
https://www.unaids.org/en/World_AIDS_Day
<https://www.hiv.gov/events/awareness-days/world-aids-day/>

National Influenza Vaccination Week - December 4-8, 2023

National Influenza Vaccination Week is an annual observance in December to remind everyone 6 months and older that there's still time to get vaccinated against flu. Vaccination is particularly important for people who are at higher risk of developing serious flu complications, including young children. Millions of children get sick with flu every year, and thousands will be hospitalized as a result.

CDC data shows that flu vaccination coverage was lower last season, especially among certain higher risk groups, such as pregnant people and children. When you get a flu vaccine, you reduce your risk of illness, and flu-related hospitalization if you do get sick. This week is meant to remind people that there is still time to benefit from the first and most important action in preventing flu illness and potentially serious flu complications: get a flu vaccine today.

The flu vaccine is the best way to protect yourself, your family, and your friends from potentially serious complications. Help fight the flu! [Schedule an appointment for a flu vaccine](#) today and [practice healthy habits](#) like covering your cough and washing your hands often.

For more information visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/resource-center/nivw/index.htm>

I am available for questions and assistance!

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