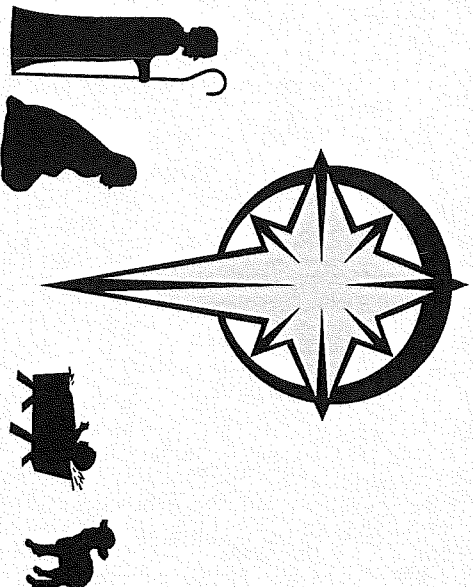


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www.friedenscentervalley.com

"O come, let us adore Him ... Christ the Lord!"



Enjoy the blessings of the season as we gather together
for worship on Christmas Eve at 6pm.

CALLING ALL SINGERS



Our Director of Music, Janet Heckman, is cordially inviting anyone who would like to sing for Christmas Eve and/or the Advent season to join her for choir rehearsals which will begin on Thursday, December 9th, at 6:30pm (on the lower level - choir room).

This is not a long term commitment ... just one for the holiday season. If you have any questions, please speak with Janet directly at 610/217-1902.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!



~ THANK YOU ~

Many thanks to the members who graciously provided gifts for the residents of the Good Shepherd Home as well as for our Mission District's Christmas Ingathering, adding joy to many individuals holiday. ♥

... to Kevin Filler & Dave Kurtz for painting the front red doors and door frames

... to Maureen & Ward Wagner, Nancy Filler, & Kay Sheerer for hosting the coffee hours after worship each week

... to the Friends in Faith Committee for sponsoring the recent shoofly pie sale which benefitted the property projects

... to Scout Troop 191 for taking care of the cost of replacing the boiler door and fire door on the basement level

... to our Sunday School teachers who generously dedicate their time and love to our children and youth each week



The Pastor, Church Council, and staff all join in wishing you and your loved ones the blessings and peace of the season.

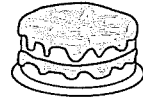
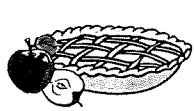
Merry Christmas!



(EARLY) SOUPER BOWL



SOUP & BAKE SALE



Mark your calendars and come, warm up on a cold winter's day with Friedens' Soup & Bake Sale which will be held on Saturday, January 15th, 2022!

Members are asked to prepare any kind of soup (what's your specialty?) and/or a baked good (may be in an 8" or 9" square pan) and to bring the goodies to the church kitchen on Friday, January 14th from 9-11am or 5-7pm.

The sale will then take place on Saturday, January 15th, from 9am-1pm. Please bring your own containers for the soup. Plastic quart containers may be easily purchased at the Dollar Tree, sold in packs of two.

The cost will be \$3.35/per pint and \$7.50/per quart. All proceeds will benefit Friedens property expenses.

If you have any questions, please see or speak with Jean Wetzel, Bev Sacks, or Nancy Filler from the Social Ministry Committee. Thank you ☺



Have you ever been the recipient
of unexpected good news?

For some reason, I was recently thinking of something that happened to me when I was about 13 years old. It was spring time and I had entered a contest at my parents' bank to win a big stuffed bunny that stood about 3 feet tall. I wrote my name and my contact information on the entry slip, put it in the contest box wishing for the best, and soon forgot about it. That is, until I got a telephone call two weeks later informing me that I was the winner! Woo hoo! The big question now was "how am I going to get this home?" (Remember, this was in the days when kids played outside, walked to parks, went swimming, and rode their bikes around neighboring streets without the watchful eyes of parents.) So off I went on my 10 speed bike to go to the bank and claim my treasured prize. (What a sight I must have been riding home with that huge fuzzy rabbit tucked under my one arm while navigating the handlebars with my free hand.) I was so excited because that telephone call was so unexpected, and the news made me very happy.

I wonder what it was like on that first Christmas when the angel of the Lord visited those unsuspecting shepherds in that darkened field illuminated only by the twinkling stars and boldly announced to them that what their hearts had longed for was now made manifest in a Savior who had been born in the city of David. Our Gospel writer, Luke, states that they were "terrified" for this certainly was not something they were expecting to see or hear on that lonely night. We are told that any fear which might have initially filled their hearts was quickly replaced with a sense of urgency and hope for they hurried off in search of the new mother and the child who

(continued ...)

was lying in a manger.

I hope that we still can capture that same sense of excitement and fulfillment as those shepherds. In a world where we deal with sickness, an ongoing pandemic, war, separation, anxiety, and more, may we allow ourselves to be filled with the joy that our Savior has come to us, too. Glory to God in the highest!

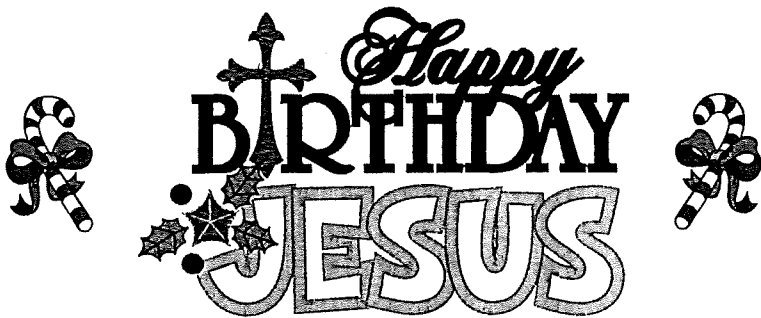
A peaceful and joyful holiday to you all. ~ Pastor Lisa



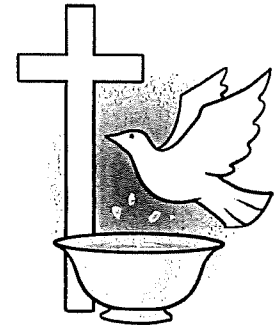
Come join the fun on Sunday, December 19th

The Sunday school youth will be performing a Christmas play on Sunday, December 19th, during the 8:30am worship service. A birthday party for Jesus will then be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following.

All are most welcome to attend!



On Sunday, November 14th, in an intimate ceremony for her family, **Emersynn Isla Kaintz**, daughter of Nicholas and Jennifer (nee Edwards), was welcomed into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. God bless you, Emmy. †



CAN YOU HELP?



In mid September, Jen and Nick Kaintz welcomed their sweet baby girl, Emersynn, who joined her older siblings, Madelynn and Harrison, at home. Emersynn has since been diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder which requires frequent doctor's visits as well as hospital visits.

Please consider helping the family by sending them a gift card to one of the following: Chick-Fil-A, Panera, Copperhead Grille, Carlo's Pizza, Giant, or Target.



The Kaintz Family
5025 Remington Drive
Coopersburg, PA 18036



Dec./Jan. Lector Schedule



December 12th ~ Maureen Wagner

December 19th ~ Kevin Filler

*December 24th ~ Kay Sheerer

(Christmas Eve 6pm)

December 26th ~ Lisa Kurtz

January 2nd ~ Alex Stauffer

January 9th ~ Alicia Baird

January 16th ~ Maureen Wagner

January 23rd ~ Carolyn Wallace

January 30th ~ Kay Sheerer

 Your service to the church is appreciated. 



Poinsettia Order Form

Beautiful poinsettia plants will adorn our sanctuary on Christmas Eve. Please use this form to order yours today. The cost is \$6.50/per plant. Please complete this form and return it to the offering plate or to the church office, along with payment, no later than Saturday, December 18th.

Name(s) _____

Phone # _____

Number of plants _____ Total cost \$ _____

Dedication _____

  Thank You!  