

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our turn to ring the bell for the Salvation Army is Saturday, December 20th from 9am-3pm at Giant Eagle. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary. Any and all help is appreciated!

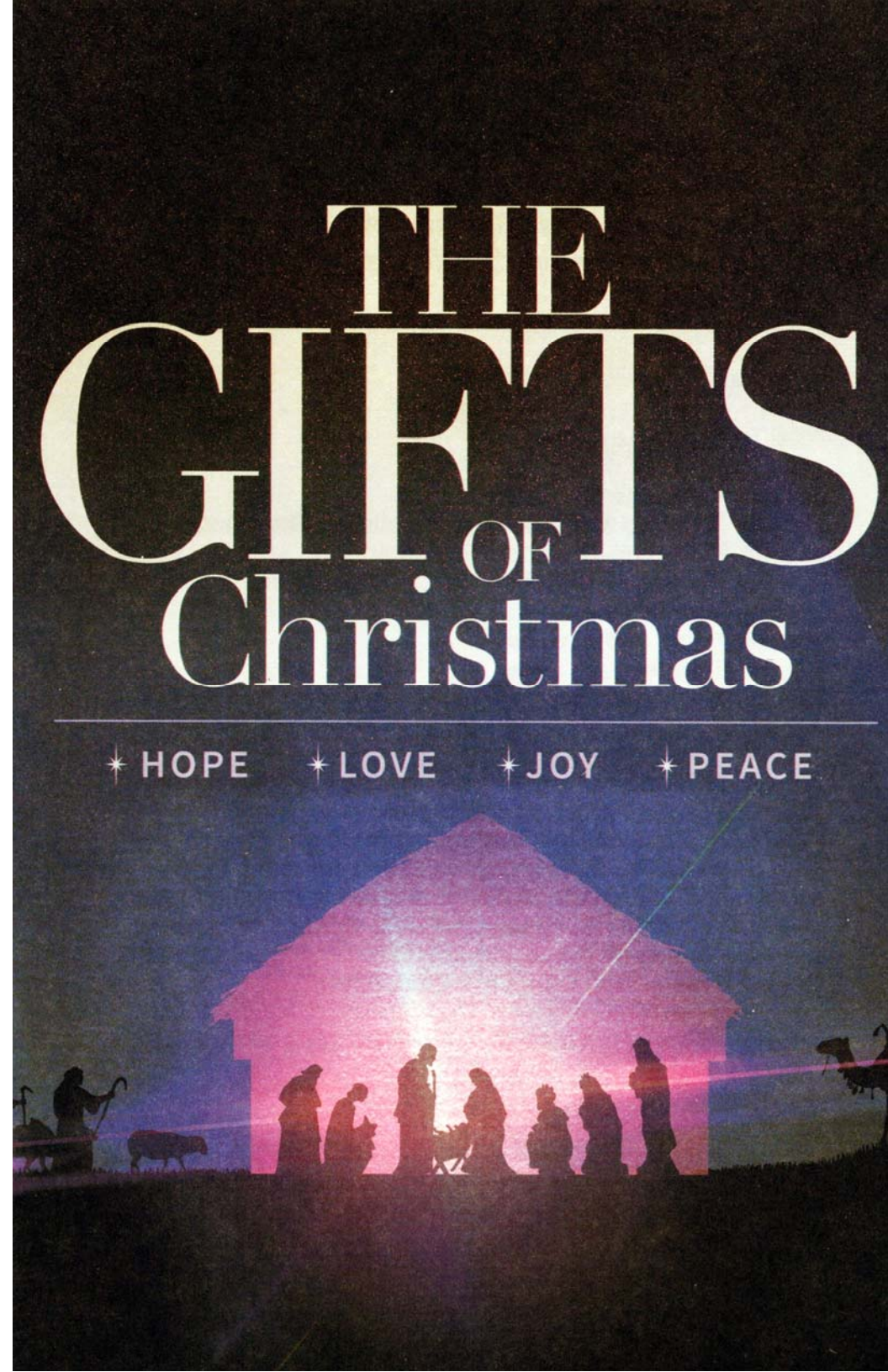
The West Newton Community Band will host its first Christmas concert today, December 14th, at 3pm in the West Newton Gym on South 5th Street. Admission is free. Please try to attend and support this new group!

Our Christmas Eve service will be held Wednesday, December 24th, at 5pm. Please plan to attend and encourage others to come, also. This is truly a beautiful and meaningful service.

Our website is;

www.wnmethodist.org

Jesse Verner, Pastor
Lauren Cross, Organist/Secretary
Nick Yanan, Custodian



West Newton Methodist Church

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements Louise Hritz

*Call To Worship *Based on the Magnificat
The Song of Mary* Louise Hritz

L: Our worship is a song of praise:

P: Our souls magnify the Holy One!

L: Our worship is a song of joy:

P: Our spirits rejoice in God our savior!

L: Our worship is a song of thanksgiving:

P: The Mighty One has done great things for us.

L: Our worship is a song of the ages:

P: God's mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation.

L: Our worship is a song of justice:

P: God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly.

L: Our worship is a song of hope:

P; God has filled the hungry with good things.

ALL: Let our worship and our lives be a holy song to God.

*Opening Prayer (in unison)

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Opening Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" #206

Lighting of the Advent Candles Logan & Samantha Lowanse

*The Nicene Creed #880

*The Gloria Patri #70

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 35: 1-10 Louise Hritz

Joys and Concerns Pastor Jesse

The Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

The Holy Gospel Matthew 11:2-11 Louise Hritz

Praise Song Praise Team

Sermon "Joy" Pastor Jesse

Worshipping God through our Giving

*Offering

*Advent Doxology *On Screen

*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Lord Jesus, we offer our gifts to you today, trusting in your promise that you are indeed the One who heals, who proclaims good news to the poor, and who brings hope to those in despair. As we give, we are reminded of your humble presence in the world and your invitation to follow you with hearts full of trust and faith. May our offerings reflect the joy we find in the assurance that, all things are made new through your love for us. We pray in your holy name. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "Joy to the World" #246

*Benediction

*Postlude

Offering for December 7 – \$1,065

Church Calendar

Today – The Third Sunday of Advent

December 20 – Salvation Army Bell ringing, Giant Eagle, 9-3

December 21 – 4th Sunday of Advent - Trustees Offering

December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service; 5pm