

HOPELAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 3, 2023

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:00 AM

WORSHIP - 10:10 AM

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – LOVE FEAST

WELCOME /ANNOUNCEMENTS – *Please sign attendance register*

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lighting the Advent Wreath Candle

Jonathan, Katie, Eliana, and Ian Glngrich

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed

***HYMN #24** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:2-7

CHOIR ANTHEM

OUR OFFERINGS *Doxology

***HYMN #33** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

PRAYER CONCERNS / PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 33:14-16

MESSAGE A Promise of Hope

INVITATION TO THE FEAST

Pastor: We are the people God saved, through the grace of Christ, through whom God showed his love to the world. We are called to live in love with all – our family, our friends, our neighbors and even those who might be called our enemies. We are called to love the last, and in so loving, live Christ. May we be forgiven of all our sin, including our failure to love as Christ has loved us. Come, come, and share in the blessing or this season of Love. Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good. Let us set aside distractions. Let us not be hurried. Instead, let us dwell in deep fellowship with Christ. All are welcome. Let us celebrate his light and love.

People: May it be so. Let Christ's love reign in our hearts, and in this world.

HYMN: *Morning Star – soloist: Eliana Glngrich*

Congregation joins in singing – see insert

(Morning Star is a popular American Moravian Church carol with text originating as a poem by Johannes Scheffler in 1657, to music composed by Francis F. Hagen, Salem in 1836.)

A MORAVIAN TABLE GRACE (in unison)

Come, Lord Jesus, our guest to be,
And bless these gifts bestowed by thee.
Bless our loved ones everywhere,
And keep them in Your loving care.
Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE FEAST

The choir will serve the congregation. Following the service, please bring your cup to the tables just outside the sanctuary doors, During the distribution of the Moravian sugar cake and warm cider, let us sign the first verse of these carols:

- #29 – *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
- #28 – *As with Gladness, Men of Old*
- #34 – *The First Noel*
- #35 – *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*
- #39 – *Away in a Manger*
- #31 – *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*
- #37 – *There's a Song in the Air*
- #27 – *Joy to the World!*

PARTAKING IN THE FEAST (a time of silent reflection)

***HYMN #32** *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

***BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE**

*(*All who are able may stand to praise God)*



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ORGANIST: Jeff Mundorff CHOIR DIRECTOR: Lynne Kline

HEAD USHER: Dan Swigart MUSIC DIRECTOR: Jillian Blackburn

ACOLYTE: Sophia Devonshire LITURGIST: Brandon Pike

NURSERY: Kate LeFevre NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Nursery care for infants/children thru age 3 is available in Rm 114.

CALENDAR

TODAY

5:00 PM - Congregational Christmas Dinner
No Youth Group

WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM – Snappy Snippers
6:30 PM – Children’s Christmas Program Practice
7:30 PM – Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY

7:00 AM – Men’s Fellowship Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT/MISSION SUNDAY

9:00 AM – Sunday School
No Youth Group
7:00 PM – **PERFECT HARMONY Christmas Concert – All are welcome!**

PRAYER FOCUS

Contact is Lynne Kline: 717-738-1842 or l.suzanne.kline@gmail.com

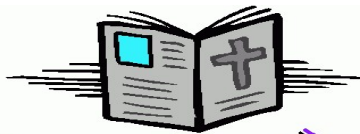
- **Mission** – Ephrata Area Social Services
- **Ministry** – Small Groups
- **Shut-in** – Connie Brown
- Ukraine War and Ukrainian People
- The United Methodist Church
- Israeli Crisis
- Mike Burkholder – heart procedure on 11/27
- Roy and Evanna Estes and family – health concerns
- Lena Leed – MRI on 11/29
- Jeff Mundorff – pre-surgery on 12/1
- Debbie, David Obetz’s sister – surgery on carotid artery
- James Uhler, Debra Ann’s brother – passed away in Texas

SENIOR BIRTHDAY FOR DECEMBER (80+ yrs. old)

16 – Dick Weitzel, 834 Brunnerville Road, Lititz, PA 17543

The 2024 Altar Flower Chart is located in the hall across from the Pastor’s Office. You can place flowers in memory of loved ones, celebration of anniversaries, birthdays, special achievements, etc. Please place the information you want in the bulletin on the calendar. You are responsible for ordering and paying for the flowers through the florist of your choice. More information about florists is located next to the flower chart.



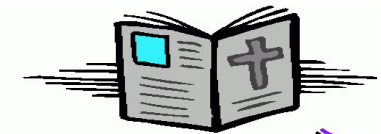


Church News



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2. If you would like to start/stop using church offering envelopes, please notify Derek Horst (717-725-9629) or Ryan Kennedy (717-271-9872) as soon as possible.
3. **PERFECT HARMONY**, a local Christian entertainment group, will be performing, an uplifting and inspiring live Christmas concert, here at Hopeland on Sunday, December 10, 2013, at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome!
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7. **POSITION AVAILABLE:** We are currently looking for someone to fill a custodial position at the church/youth center. If you would like additional information about this position, please contact Chris Anderson at chrisanderson1027@gmail.com or 717-517-9659.
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