



Everything changed on that unexpected first Christmas more than two thousand years ago. The trajectory of history, the future, even eternity, was transformed when God became man. Jesus the Son of God became the Son of Man, fully divine yet fully human. As the prophet Isaiah foretold long before, Jesus came to earth as Immanuel, God with us (Isaiah 7:14).

This was God *with* us.

Not God out of reach, out there somewhere, above us and unattainable. Not God cold and aloof, beyond us and distant, unengaged and disinterested. Not God angry and condemning, overbearing and vengeful, eagerly awaiting our fall.

But God *with* us.

God come near, where we are, in the here and now, where we breathe and live, laugh and cry, love and hate, hope and despair, hurt and heal, create and destroy.

God made flesh. God one of us. God. *With*. Us. Forever.

As we move toward the Christmas celebration of Jesus's momentous arrival, you are invited to join in an Advent journey of discovery – of hope, love, joy, and peace – as we draw near to Jesus Christ, the light of the world, God with us.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Dec. 4

5:15 p.m. – Movin' Up, pizza

Thursday, Dec. 5

6:30 p.m. – Christian Ed. Meeting

Sunday, Dec. 8

9:00 a.m. – Bible Study

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

11:15 a.m. – Pizza & Caroling

Teacher Schedule

Dec. 8, 2019

Nursery

Davis Family

Kids' Time

Angie Bynum / Jessica Bynum

LOL

Traci Heller

Stewardship Report

Dec. 1, 2019

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	2856.00
Missions	115.00
Building/Maint Fund	20.00
Poinsettias	108.00
Thanksgiving	25.00
Total	\$3,124.00



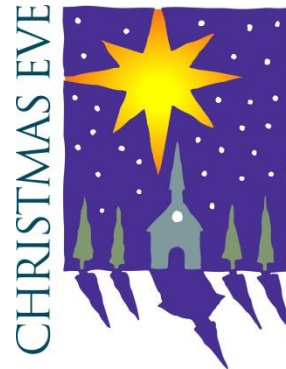
Come join in the fun this Sunday. Right after the worship service, we will eat pizza in the Fellowship Hall and then go Christmas caroling. If you missed the sign up, please call the church office and let them know you want to come. We want to order enough pizza!



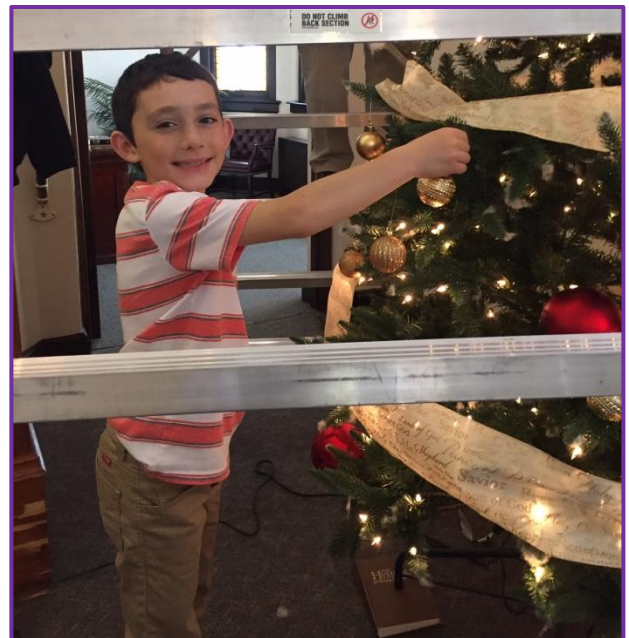
We are collecting hats, mittens, scarves, and gloves to donate to our local schools for children that need them. There is a tree in The Gathering Place by the office door. Please put your donations on or under the tree.



Come and invite someone to join you for a Christmas Concert featuring Brad Byerly, Ryan Herschy, Randy Kistler, and Julie Crandall. This concert will be in our sanctuary on Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 p.m. There are extra flyers on the table in the foyer.

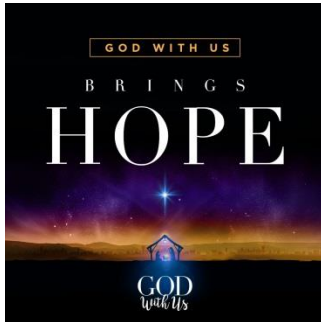


Join us on Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 7:00 p.m. for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. This time of worship is a rich and powerful Christmas tradition. We will conclude the evening by singing with lit candles. Feel free to dress casual or dress up, however you prefer.





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Homebound Members

Christian Care

Mildred Huss – Room 219B
Barb Smekens – Room 217B
Clyde Shady – Room 228B
Phyllis Shady – Room 254

River Terrace

Eulis West – Room 114

Home

Ed Goetz
Rose McCormick

K Casper Life Center

Judy Bierie – Room 268

Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Larry Gilly – Room 210

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