

Our Mission

- Enabling our church family to know and live the Christian way of life as revealed in Christ
- Serving the community and the world so that all may experience our love and the love of God

Worship
December 11, 2011
8:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent

Gathering Together

Welcome and Announcements Janet Deardorff

Prelude *In the Bleak Midwinter* Handbells
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Call to Worship Janet Deardorff

One: Brothers and sisters in Christ, Come!
 For now is a time to worship.
 The word of God is active among us
 Speaking to us the promise of a new creation
 Working in our hearts,
 making us vulnerable to God's grace
 Preparing us to be not merely servants
 But children of a holy and loving God.

**All: God of extravagant gifting,
 You have welcomed us not only as guests,
 but as part of your family.
 You shape the mountains and fill the seas
 And promise to make us
 even more worthy of celebration.
 Bring us to life with your Spirit,
 That all we do would be in harmony with your joy,
 That all we are would be according to your word.
 Sing through us, we pray, Amen.**

Scripture Reading Luke 1:20-38

*Hymn *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* #48

Scripture Reading Luke 1:46-48

Advent Candle Lighting Lisa and Megan Murray

Bringing our Gifts to God

Special Music *The Angel Gabriel*
Darla Tharp & Andria Statler

Scripture Reading Luke 1:39-56

Offertory Invitation

Offertory (Please print your name on the attendance register. If you are a guest, please include your address and/or telephone number.)

*Doxology #668

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison) Insert

Anthem *My Soul Proclaims with Wonder* Chancel Choir

Coming Before God in Prayer

Call to Prayer
Time for Silent Prayer

Communal Prayer

Hymn *Silent Night, Holy Night* #206

Seeking the Word

Meditation "Mary's Song" Pastor Daniel

Responding to the Word

*Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #199

*Benediction

*Postlude

***All who are able may stand.**
Audio enhancement for the hearing impaired is available.
 Please check with the head usher.

Greeters Robert and Janet Deardorff
Lewis and Doris Fritz

Ushers Ronald Hughes, Robert C. Rotz
Richard Shreiner and Robert Witter

Thank you to all who serve us in worship today:
 Worship Leadership/Advent Lighting:
 Janet Deardorff, Lisa & Megan Murray
 Music Leadership Jacqueline Picking
 Organist Sandy Sleichter

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Worship
(in Brethren Life Center)
December 11, 2011
10:45 A.M.

Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn *God of Wonders* #51

Offertory *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* #48
(Offering to be received while this song is being sung.)

Prayer of Dedication (Unison) Insert

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***Benediction**

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 Advent Lighting Curtis Murray Family
 Music Leader Darla Tharp
 Greeters/Ushers Nelson and Jean Wengert

Schedule of Events and Activities

Today, December 11

Childcare is available for infants thru age 3 in the Crib Room during the 8:30 a.m. service.

Blood Pressure Screenings will be taken today before and after the 8:30 a.m. service in the Wellness Room.

Preschool Sunday School Class has been moved to Toddler I & II Rooms for the month of December.

3:00 p.m. - Chambersburg Area Senior High School Choristers will present a free concert of Christmas music today at 3:00 p.m. in the church nave of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Chambersburg. A free will offering will be taken. All are invited to a reception following the concert.

Monday, December 12

4:15 p.m. – Worship Team Committee – CR

Tuesday, December 13

1:00 p.m. – Staff Meeting - CR

Wednesday, December 14

8:30 a.m. – Quilting

1:00 p.m. – Tables Games – MFH

6:00 p.m. – Helping Hands Circle Christmas Party – Margie Diller’s Home

7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 15

2:30 p.m. – Loving Hearts Dinner and tour of Christmas Lights in Hershey

6:00 p.m. – Children’s Outreach Committee Meeting - CR

Please take Note

The Rosebuds at the front of the sanctuary are presented to the Glory of God in Loving Memory of Dina Bittinger given by Tina Horst.

The Flower Arrangements at the front of the sanctuary are donated to the Glory of God in Loving Memory of Jenny Golden by her family.

Wishing you a “Merry Christmas” – The church staff would like to invite members of the congregation to drop by the office during regular hours on December 19-22. Allow us to offer our hospitality and wishes for a blessed Christmas as you help yourself to cookies and punch.

The Helping Hands Circle Christmas Party will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at the home of Margie Diller. Bring a finger food to share and a gift.

The Loving Hearts monthly activity will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2011. We plan to have a late afternoon dinner and tour a Christmas light display near the Giant Center in Hershey. We plan to leave Chambersburg by 2:30 p.m. and return home by 7:30 p.m. Please make your reservation with Vivian Fisher today.

Christmas Eve Service – December 24, 2011

6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. –Live Nativity by the Youth – Front Lawn

7:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. –Organ Recital - Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Worship in the Sanctuary

Thank you for the caring thoughts, prayers, and expressions of sympathy following the sudden loss of Jenny Golden on December 2nd. We appreciate the support of the pastors and the congregation during this difficult time for our family. ---**Lee and Darlene Burkholder, Noah and Bertha Burkholder and Dean and Carol Burkholder**

The Children’s Outreach Committee will meet on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Nursery Care for the 8:30 a.m. service has been completed. Your schedule is in your church mailbox today. Many thanks for those who have agreed to help.

2012 Flower Chart – A New Flower Chart is posted in the narthex for altar flowers for 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. worship. Altar arrangements are \$30.00.

Contributions for 2011 Giving – Special gift contributions need to be in the Church Office by noon on Wednesday, December 28th. Any giving received after December 28th, will be credited to 2012 giving.

End-of-Year Puddin’ & Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, December 31, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. in the Brethren Life Center. Breakfast prepared and served by the men of the church. Donations will be accepted.

Your Board has approved the purchase of new drapes for the sanctuary at a cost of \$17,000., and the purchase of a new furnace for the church at a cost of \$33,000. The payment of these items will be paid out of reserves. However, the Board agreed to make the opportunity available for anyone wishing to donate funds toward these items. Please use the special offering envelopes provided in the pews and mark the donation accordingly.

An All-American Christmas Show at the Capitol Theatre in Chambersburg on Sunday, December 18, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for Adults and can be bought online at thecapitoltheatre.org or by calling 263-0202.

The church board is seeking a volunteer to assist with managing public relations activities for the church. Work could include preparing announcements and contacting local media (newspaper, radio, etc.) about activities and opportunities at the church. If you have any interest in helping out in this area, please contact the church office.

Church Closing Schedule: December – Donald Lehman;
January – Mike Oldham