

**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 25, 2011**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Merry Christmas!**

**Gathering Together**

Welcome and Announcements

Clarence and Darlene Stouffer

Prelude

*Joy to the World*

Bringing of the Light

\*Call to Worship

Clarence and Darlene Stouffer

We have heard the songs of the angels. We have traveled to the stable to witness the miraculous birth. Yet, we know that the glory of God’s coming has only begun. Let us come to sing of God’s glorious deeds, and to lift our voices in celebration with the angels. In the words of our lips, and in the deeds of our hearts, may we celebrate Christ’s birth in every day.

\*Hymn

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

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**Bringing our Gifts to God**

Offertory Statement (Unison)

**With shepherds and wise men we come to witness a new beginning of life in this world. We bow down before the humblest of thrones, and give our gifts to participate in God’s reign of love and salvation. Our offerings this morning are lifted with the prayer that God will use them as seeds of Christ’s salvation, being spread ever further throughout the earth.**

Offertory

*Birthday of a King*

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

**Offering ourselves in song**

\*Hymn

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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\*Hymn

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 98

Hymn

*The First Noel*

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Prayer of the New Day

**Seeking the Word**

Scripture

Luke 2:1-20

Meditation

*“A Song from God: Joy to the World”*

Pastor Daniel

**Responding to the Word**

\*Hymn

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

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\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*Angels From the Realms of Glory*

Taking the light into the world

**\*All who are able may stand.**

**Audio enhancement** for the hearing impaired is available. Please check with the head usher.

**Greeters**

Vivian Fisher

Donald Fogelsanger

**Ushers**

Ben Heckman, Kenneth Mackey

Greg Wengert and Judy Witter

**Thank you to all who serve us in worship today:**

Worship Leadership

Clarence and Darlene Stouffer

Music Leadership

Jacqueline Picking

Organist

Carol Burkholder

**Schedule of Events and Activities**

**Today, December 25**

**Childcare is available** for infants thru age 3 in the Crib Room during the 10:00 a.m. service.

**Monday, December 26**

Church Office Closed – Merry Christmas!

**Wednesday, December 28**

8:30 a.m. – Quilting

1:00 p.m. – Tables Games – MFH

**Friday, December 30**

Church Office Closed – Happy New Year!

**Please take Note**

**The Church Board Reorganization Meeting** will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2012 beginning at 8:00 a.m. in The Brethren Haus.

**Terry Koons has volunteered** to assist with managing public relations activities for the church starting January 1, 2012.

**Offering Envelopes** – Offering envelopes are available today. If you do not presently have offering envelopes and would like offering envelopes, contact the church office and you will be issued envelopes for 2012.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Needed: A chest of drawers** for a local family. If you can help, please contact Don Fogelsanger at 263-1025.

**The Properties Committee** will meet on Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

**The Nursery School Committee** will meet on Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

**Our Christmas Greeting to the Congregation at Chambersburg COB:**

One moment in time, when Christ was born, held unmatched joy, perfect love, unending significance, and the assurance of hope. May these blessings of God's awesome love fill your home this Christmas and bless your moments throughout the New Year!!! We look forward to working with all of you!!! God's Blessings with our love and prayers as we serve Him together.  
--**John & Sandy Shelly**

**Camp Eder Volunteer Banquet** will be held on Sunday, January 8, 2012 in Geigley Lodge. Gathering will begin at 4:00 p.m. with dinner at 5:00 p.m. If you have volunteered at any time this year at Camp Eder, You are Invited!

**Chambersburg Cold Weather Drop-In Shelter** is in need of volunteers between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 12:00 p.m. Instructions for volunteers can be obtained by calling 262-2143 or on the website at [chambersburgcoldweatherdropinshelter.org](http://chambersburgcoldweatherdropinshelter.org).

**An Indoor Yard Sale** will be held in the Brethren Life Center on Friday & Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. Hours will be on Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. A free lunch will be available and is open to the community. If you have any items to donate for the yard sale, please contact a member of the Searchers Sunday School Class or bring your items in on Thursday of that week. Proceeds from the yard sale will benefit The Good Samaritan Fund.

**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.

**In case of inclement weather** on Sundays, please listen to WCRH 90.5 FM radio; check the church's website [www.chambcob.org](http://www.chambcob.org) or call a Deacon. No phone calls will be made by Deacons.

**PORK & SAUERKRAUT DINNER** - If you're a senior citizen age 55 and over, you're invited to join Joy El Ministries for our annual Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner this December 31st. The meal is open to the public, and dinner begins at noon. While the event is free of charge, seating is limited and reservations are required. The only request we make is that you bring a dessert to share. Following the meal, a brief presentation of Joy El's programs and then entertainment will be provided by the King's Ambassadors, a local gospel quartet. A freewill offering will be taken after the meal. To make your reservation, call Jeanette at Camp Joy El at 717-369-4539, or email to [jeanette@joyel.org](mailto:jeanette@joyel.org) with your name and the number in your party. For directions or more information about Joy El, visit our website at [www.joyel.org](http://www.joyel.org).

**Video tapes of Sunday worship services** are available in the library. This would be a wonderful way to minister to shut-ins, neighbors, friends, or to anyone who has missed a Sunday. Please feel free to borrow and return as you would a book.

**Do you want public school students to learn about God** during the school day? The Released Time Bible Program has a marvelous opportunity to teach God's Word to our public school students. We hope to start the program for students from CAMS North. We have a need for a teacher, secretary and a few people willing to spend time listening to students each week. Students are dismissed from school (with parent permission) for Bible education one hour each week. You can make a difference for a child right in our community. Joy El Ministries will train and support you each step of the way. If you are able to help, can recommend others, or have any questions, please contact Lisa Doyle at 717-764-1071.

**Needed: Non-perishable food items and empty egg cartons** for the Food Pantry. Please place items in the barrels located in the narthex or BLC Lobby.

**Church Closing Schedule:** January – Mike Oldham