Advent is at hand. We are about to start once again the season of anticipation. The theme this year is THE PERCEPTION OF ADVENT. In light of God's revelation in Jesus, how do we now see the world? Is it only what the headlines say? Are we fooling ourselves by proclaiming a so-called gospel? Worse yet, are we lying to ourselves? Are we really going from bad to worse? What is the truth about this world and our presence and participation in it.

These are difficult questions. There will be no easy answers given. In fact, no answers at all may be forthcoming. We will be invited to look at life through different lens. That really does get to the idea of perception. How do we see? What is our focus? The perception of Advent is vital if we are to live with Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy.

As we approach the beginning of Advent, I encourage you to start your preparation by participating in the Thanksgiving Eve Inter-faith service at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 25.

WORDS OF GRACE

"HOPE AS TRUTH"

THE GOSPEL LESSON JOHN 10:10

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS Church cleaning before Sunday Barnard

SECOND HOUR HELPERS

This Sunday -

Nancy Davis and Arnold Watt; Keith Stroupe and Zoe McMillan

CALENDAR

Wednesday: 6pm -Thanksgiving Eve Service; 7pm - Choir rehearsal Friday: 8pm - NA Sunday: 10am - Sunday School; 11am - Worship

Two Save the Dates! Christmas Potluck with the Resident Staff of 5th Street -Sunday, December 13 Annual Church Retreat -Friday and Saturday, January 8 and 9.

IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE IN TOWN ON THANKSGIVING - PLEASE CONSIDER SPENDING ABOUT AN HOUR OF YOUR DAY DELIVERING MEALS TO OUR SENIORS! MEALS CAN BE PICKED UP AT 10:30 AT FIFTH STREET ON THANKSGIVING MORNING (Nov. 26). It takes less than AN HOUR AND THE FOLKS LOVE THE VISITS AND FOOD. PLEASE LET NANCY KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP OUT.

CHECK OUT THE LATEST VIDEO OF OUR KIDS. CLICK HERE HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/ WATCH?V=LYNQ-IVV2HI

Budget Needed year to date: \$91,978.06 Received year to date: \$88,900.42 Under budget: \$3,077.64 Weekly needs: \$1956.98

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Birthdays: November 22 - Peyton Mahaffey 24 - Casey Adams

Anniversaries: November 22 - Alex and Natalie Fraser; November 25 - Bob and Lisa Barber

Andora spoke of conversation with the youth about welcoming the stranger, and challenges us all to do so in our daily lives.

The Grose's are very grateful for David's new worker - Ebony.

Hold Ernie tight. He's just not doing well. Gary ran into Marian Carney at the hospital. She was visiting Marjorie, Mary Ruth's sister. Marjorie is not doing well.

Cindy Harris, who works in the Barnard's office, lost her mother last week.

Luke Cashdollar will not have to have radiation for another year unless problems arise.

Gina's mother started chemo on Monday. Mike Nigrelli is hospitalized at Iredell with pneumonia.

Michael Johnson, Bridgett Spiller, Family of Elijah Aschbrenner, Nancy Troutman, Dan King, Dayna Morgan, Donnie Bradley, Gene Barker, Louise Grose's father, Family of Redallia Freeman, Family of JJ Golden. Perry Carter, Caleb Erwin, Don Horton, Family of Ray Berryhill, Karen Irwin, Mark Sampsel, Family of Teresa Rimmer, Kristin Stiles, Judy Tittle, Sam Pace/Bobi Arnold, Chase - son of a friend of Chris Shuford, Shirley Henkel, Ben Watts, Family of Amber Davis, Ernestine Lanford, Wes Williams and family, Clay Bodenheimer; Mike Nigrelli, Helen - a friend of Louise, Savannah Garrett, Kristen Stokes, Joanna Jester, Peggy Ree Cook, Susie Wiberg, Luke Cashdollar, Donald Joines, Davis Overcash, Ronda Stewart-Wilcox, Helen Current, Amy Hrabar, Logan Elkins, Kat Martin, Miguel Angel Morrillo, Tony Bellamy, Marian Grant, Fred Wilson, Jean Wilson, Sharon and Dennis Keller, Daniel Renegar, Mary Alice Woods, Jeff and Karen Coggins, Tressie and Allen Starrette, Ernie Hendrix,

Mary Ruth Godfrey, Anita Tuit and family,

Barbara Robinson, Mary Jean Grose, Dr. Hanna

Kutteh, Beecher and Mary Lee Grose, Don Cooke, Scott Cranford, Leisa Parks, Dalton **Edwards**

Those facing tough times: The Parlier family, Ed and Nancy Clark, Faith Aiken, Dima Hanania and family, Robbie Harkey and family, Michael Teasley and family, Goodman family, those who are mentally ill, those who are affected by violence, those who are incarcerated, those dealing with addictions in our community and in our world: Children who are a part of the Guardian ad Litem program, local law enforcement officers and fire fighters

Those in the military: Molly Murphy, Greg West, Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam, Mark Staley, Adam Ivey, Austin Frutig, Zach Spoor, Mary Jane Johnson, Travis Clower, Logan Frutig, Caleb Sisk, Felix Martin

REMEMBER! HAVE YOUR ITEMS FOR THE COLLEGE STUDENT BOXES HKERE BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29!! WE'RE TOGETHER 10-12 BOXES - SO BE CREATIVE!! BE FUN!!



Night of Caroling—Sunday, December 6. Meet at the church at The Deacons are



hosting an evening of caroling on Sunday, Dec. 6. Meet at the church at 5pm and we'll have a great time! If you can volunteer to drive, just tell a Deacon!

Community Outreach

ICM - Canned foods, toilet paper, baby food, toiletries

FIFTH STREET - New items that can be used for Christmas gifts for adults - hoodies, pajama pants, gift cards, cologne, bike locks, etc.