

FAWN TALES

December 2021

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Merry
Christmas



And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2:13-14

Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath began as a German and Scandinavian home devotional practice used to mark the four weeks of Advent. Families would light a candle for each past week and the current week at their dinner or evening time of prayer. The configuration of candles, whether in a line or a circle, did not matter. Neither did the color of the candles (all colors are used in homes in Europe). What mattered was the marking of time and the increase of light each week in the face of increasing darkness as the winter solstice approached. As Advent wreaths began to be used by congregations on Sundays in some places in Europe and America beginning in the late 19th century, several adaptations were made to make them work better in public worship spaces. Candles needed to be larger and more uniform than the "daily candles" handmade or purchased for home use. They also needed to be more uniform in color to fit with other décor in the sanctuary. That is why candles used in the Advent wreath are usually purple or blue, to coordinate with color of the paraments used during this season.

This shift in context from home to public use also made it important in the eyes of some for the candles to be given a meaning more than simply marking time and increasing light. This led to special ceremonies being developed for lighting these special candles each week.

As this practice began to catch on by the mid-twentieth century, several church supply houses who sold Advent wreaths and candles for public worship also developed resources, banners, and bulletin covers assigning a theme to each week, and thus each candle, based on scriptures from the one-year lectionaries used at that time. Those themes were Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace, in that order.

Today, almost no one uses those one-year lectionaries, so those themes may not always fit the scriptures we hear in worship. The one exception is the Third Sunday of Advent, where the current lectionaries have continued to support the centuries old observance of "Gaudete" or "Joy Sunday." That is why church supply houses often offer rose or pink colored candles for the wreath for use on this day.

So how may we talk about the meaning of the Advent wreath today?

We can reclaim the original home use of marking time with the hope of increasing light as we await the return of Christ, that day when "The city no longer has need of the sun or the moon to shine upon it, because the glory of God illumines it, and its lamp is the lamb." And we can develop meanings or themes for each week based on the focus of the scriptures themselves. After all, the candles and the wreath are an accessory, not an end in themselves. Their meaningfulness comes from how we use them to point toward Christ, the world's true light, who was, and is, and is to come.



Contemporary Service

9:30am (Sanctuary)

Traditional Service

11:00am (Sanctuary)

Christmas Eve Service

7:00pm Friday, December 24th

Adult Growth Groups

8:30AM (Parlor)

9:15AM (Social Hall)

10:30AM (Parlor)



Hello Church!

The birth of Jesus is referred to in theological terms as the "Incarnation." God taking on flesh and bone and walking among us. (John 1:14 "The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us") We see in the birth of Jesus God's committed love towards us. It's a love that draws close and is fully invested. Jesus didn't draw close to us to become like us, but to make us like Him. And we experience the full reality of that when the Holy Spirit comes and dwells within us as followers of Jesus. The incarnation of Jesus at His birth was not the end, but the incarnation into our hearts was and still is His destination.

As the Church we continue this incarnation work and love as we go into our communities with Jesus' love and Gospel. Drawing near to real people, intentionally and sacrificially investing in people around us because in doing so we are bringing the Spirit of God in us to them.

This Christmas let us consider how we may be able to show that incarnational love to those in our community. It's always easier to stay where it is comfortable, but incarnational love like Jesus showed compels us to take steps towards others turning strangers into friends and friends into lifelong followers of Jesus. People are in more need of someone showing them who Jesus is rather than just telling them. Let us celebrate the incarnational love of Jesus seen at His birth and live that same love as we continue as partners in God's righteous rescue mission for the people of this world!

God bless, Pastor Dave

PRAYER MINISTRIES OF FAWN CHURCH



Anointing and Pastoral Care: Our church family wishes to pray for anyone before surgery or at a time of illness. Anointing with oil and laying on of hands is offered and especially encouraged during Worship

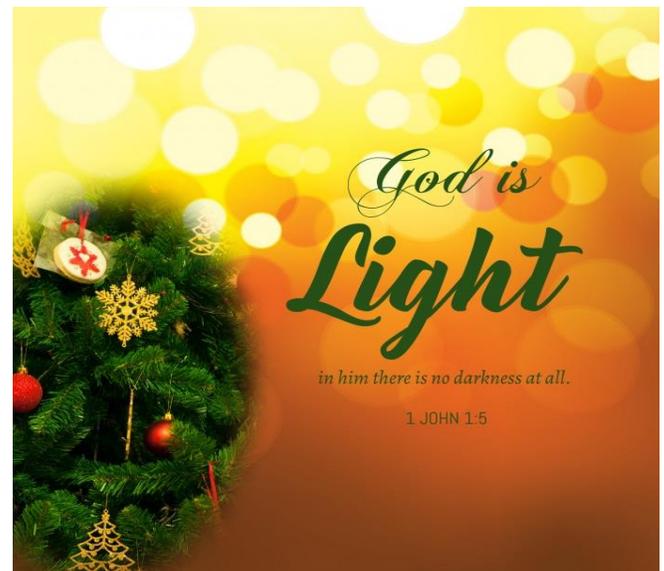
Prayer Book: Please see our prayer book on the stand in the lobby for names of those to Pray for and where you can request prayer.

E-mail Prayer Chain:

Call or email Church Office (717)382-4573
fawnumchurch@gmail.com)



Wendell & Elizabeth Hostler, Helen North,
Raymond & Ella Mae Thomas, Jill Lyman,
Amanda Strumsky, Taylor Howell,
Jennifer Marino, Jean Bryan, Kimberly Glass,
Patricia Adams Family, Bryce Wooten, Arlene
Zimmerman, Jackie Delgado, Steve Henning

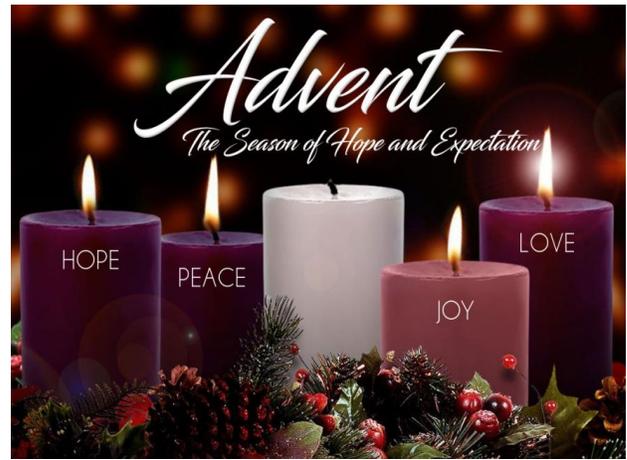


For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16



Week 1	Hope	11/28/21
Week 2	Love	12/5/21
Week 3	Joy	12/12/21
Week 4	Peace	12/19/21
Christmas Eve Service		12/24/21



Our Choir party will be on Dec 23rd and revealing the secret pals with the gift exchange.



Away in a Manger

Away in a manger,
no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid
down His sweet head,
The stars in the bright sky
looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus
asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing,
the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus,
no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus,
look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle
till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus,
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever,
and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children
in Thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to
live with Thee there.



Adopt a Family FOR CHRISTMAS

The adopt-a-family Christmas tree is in the lobby with different ideas for the family. There are pictures hanging by the tree of the two little boys that grandma wanted to share; Maverick is 2 and Asher is 2 months. We will be collecting through December 19th and the delivery will be made the week of Christmas. Please wrap the gifts and attach the bulb to the present. The Hub has already given a gift certificate that will be passed on to grandma in the next week so they can get their Christmas dinner items earlier.

December 4th will be our Christmas tree lighting at the Square and gingerbread night will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Normally the tree lighting is around 5 or 5:15 and we will have gingerbread making following around 5:45. We look forward to seeing you!



The Youth Christmas party is on December 19th in the Social Hall and the kids will have a Christmas party the 19th in the morning.



Christmas Program and Fellowship

On December 5th we will have practice for our Christmas program. If you would like to join us for our Christmas program on December 12th please join us on the 5th to practice and prepare. Everyone is

welcome to join. December 12th will be our program-there will be one service on the morning of December 12th at 10am. All kids will need to be at church to get dressed and prepared to go upstairs. Please be at church no later than 9:15am on Sunday, December 12th if you are joining us in the program. Following church there will be a Christmas Cafe in the social hall-please join us for a hot chocolate bar, fresh popcorn, and other goodies to Fellowship together and celebrate the birth of our Savior.



Book Nook Corner

One World, Many Stories



"Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven," by David Jeremiah. This book is available to anyone in our congregation and we would be happy to share with others if they would be interested in reading it. We recently went through this book in our small group.

Dear Member and Friends of Fawn Church,

Fawn United Methodist Church is truly blessed with a caring, generous, and loving congregation. I personally thank all of you for your faithful service especially through the continuing challenges life seems to bring each of us and our families and friends. I am particularly thankful for our pastor, secretary, children and youth directors, facilities manager, organist, and praise bands as they continued to maintain virtual church services for shut-ins and others, kept our facilities thoroughly cleaned for us to safely attend in person services, reinvigorated the children and youth ministries, and continued to safely conduct other necessary church business.

As we prepare for the Christmas season, please consider showing your thankfulness and appreciation for this group of people within our church family. It has been a tradition at Fawn Church to give monetary gifts to our pastor, secretary, children and youth directors, facilities manager, organist, and praise bands. The staff will receive their gifts during the Christmas season and our pastor will be presented with his gift on December 24th during the Christmas Eve Service. If you would like to participate in this tradition, please send your contribution in an envelope marked with "Christmas Secret" to Robyn Lee-Stubbs, 40 Salt Lake Circle, Fawn Grove, PA 17321. You may also place your "Christmas Secret" envelope in my church mailbox or the offering plate during any worship service. Please submit your contribution on or before Sunday, December 19th to allow time for preparing the cards and gifts for presentation. If contributing with a check, please make it payable to Robyn Lee-Stubbs. I wish you and your families a very joyous Christmas.

Jesus is the reason for this Christmas season.

May God bless you,

Robyn Lee-Stubbs
Chair, Administrative Council





Thank you Church - What a Glorious Year! It is such a **Joy** to be able to reach out and to help so many in the name of **Jesus Christ** because of your great generosity! His **LOVE** truly **SHINES** because of **You!**

Total 2021 Mission donations to date **\$17,599.33**

Your donations provided a Grocery Store Gift Card along with nonperishable items to a local Family for their Thanksgiving meal. God Bless Everyone!

Fawn Church's *Total for the Harvest Home* World Hunger Offering is **\$148.00**

Total Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes collected came to **103 boxes.**

The

HUB Sewing Ministry will meet on **Saturday, December 4th from 10 am till Noon.**

Please JOIN US!

The HUB is collecting the following items for **Mission Central's immediate needs:**

Baby Sleepers (newborn to 9 months)

Men's Socks (new)

Personal care items (travel size)

Wishing you all a Blessed & Joyous Christmas!

The Fawn Mission Team

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. **John 1:14***

Backpack Program December 2021

Distribution Date

Friday, December 3, 2021

Friday, December 10, 2021

Friday, December 17, 2021

Wed., December 22, 2021

Packers

Jen Scott 443-528-5260

Johnny Ayres 717-487-9283

Joanne Sliger birdiesliger@gmail.com

Shirley Coughenour 717-818-9933

Delivering to School

Margaret McGinty

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**Projection and Sound
Schedule
For December:**

5-Dec	Wernig
12-Dec	Whiteford
19-Dec	Ben Lowe
26-Dec	Hall



Emma Busha - eversoemmab1991@gmail.com

Phone: (443) 987-1976

About: This a group for moms with kids of any age. You may have toddlers or kids in college, and we want to come together to support and encourage moms in whatever season we may be going through.

Held on: MONDAY NIGHTS @ 6:30pm

DATES FOR 2021

December 6th "Christmas Party"

Fawn UMW news:



FUMW will be meeting on Tuesday, Dec 14th and revealing the prayer partners with the gift exchange.



NA Christmas Dinner
December 19th @5:30pm
You are invited, please come celebrate with us in our Fellowship Hall.

Trustee meeting:
December 14th @6pm

trustees
Managing the Property, Equipment, and Investments God Has Entrusted to Our Ministry

Serve the Lord with gladness
-Psalms 100:2



Fawn Grove Boy Scout Troop 83



Troop meetings are held on
Sunday's in the Fellowship Hall
from 4pm-5:30

kareyreed@icloud.com

(Troop Leader is Karey)

Fawn Grove Girl Scouts Troop 20840

We accept girls KDG-12th grade.

Any additional information

please contact:

(717) 654-8297 Troop Leader is Danielle

girlmafia@hotmail.com



Kids for Christ Worship

This is available for children in
preschool thru 5th grade. Please come
and join us as children, each Sunday
morning at 9:30am.



Our Youth meet every Sunday from
6-8pm during the 2021-2022
school years. Please contact our
Youth Director, Jeffrey Billings
if you have any additional questions.

Jeflynbil@aol.com

(443) 693-3256

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Andrew Pague | 18 James McFadden |
| 1 Matthew Pague | 19 Devin Awalt |
| 1 Suzanne Yowell | 22 Lauren Cooper |
| 1 John Sliger | 22 Lance Cooper |
| 1 Levi Ward | 22 Robert McFadden |
| 3 Cathy Jarrett | 27 Timothy Jarrett |
| 6 Joann Sliger | 27 Jason Lowe |
| 15 Larissa Herbert | 27 Emily Tompkins |
| 15 Rowan Ward | 30 Barbara Heston |
| 15 Patricia Herbert | 31 Nathan Jackson |
| 18 Carol Awalt | 31 Isaac Stough |



- 8 David & Anita Lowe
26 Russ & Carol Morris
28 Charles & Barbara Reid
30 Dale & Catherine Herbert

