



South Harborcreek United Methodist Church

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In-Person & Online Service @10AM | Children's Sunday School @10:30AM | Nursery Available For Parents & Children

Thursday December 19, 2024

Pastor - J. Tim Hoover
Youth Director - Sue Fuller
Music/Media Director - Linda Morey
Administrative Assistant - Katie Sadler
Building Facilitator - Mary Montgomery

Council Chair - Jim Loeffler
Secretary - Stephanie Kraft
Finance - Chuck Myers
Trustees - Dane Charlton
Staff Parish - Diane Senger

Council on Ministries - LeAnne Morton
Youth - Lia Hackenberg
Treasurer - Linda Stewart
Young Adults -
Lay Leader -



In three days, we celebrate one of the most joyful times of the year—Christmas. There is so much anticipation and expectation. There will be time spent with friends and family and of course the presents.

But imagine the joy of knowing you stand in the presence of greatness. No one warns Elizabeth of Mary's coming according to the Bible. Mary only recently came to know she would deliver the Christ Child. Upon Mary's arrival, Elizabeth calls her "blessed!" (Luke 1:42). Neither woman can begin to know the full extent of the sacrifice that each of their children will make over the next 33 years. But for the moment they exhibit the greatest joy.

We come to this time of year with great joy and hope, not unlike Elizabeth's no Mary, but for many of us this joy will be short lived. The New Year offers hope, but life happens and we quickly fall into old habits.

It is my prayer that we all experience the joy Mary and Elizabeth felt so long ago each and every day of our lives. Remember, Jesus came and accomplished the salvation of our souls, and all we have to do is believe and receive it.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OFFERING RECIPIENTS

LIFE AND HOPE SCHOOL
FOR THE DEAF

HATO MAYOR, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN
IMPACTING THE WORLD
THROUGH YOUR GIVING.

Every year we take up an offering on Christmas Eve. This collection is one that is above and beyond our typical Sunday morning giving. We use this as an opportunity to bless those around us, either by donating the money received to an organization of choice or by saving it to bless people throughout the year. This year we are designating our Christmas Eve tithe as a gift to the Life and Hope School for the Deaf in Hato Mayor, Dominican Republic. As you join us for Christmas Eve we would just like to thank you for joining us in making an impact in the world through the gift you are about to give. Toda la gloria a dios! All Glory to God!



Christmas is right around the corner! Please join us this year at our Christmas Eve service which is being held next Tuesday, December 24th at 5pm. We will only be having one service this year so you won't want to miss it!



"IN A LOUD VOICE SHE EXCLAIMED: 'BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN, AND BLESSED IS THE CHILD YOU WILL BEAR!'"
LUKE 1:42



The SHUMY Christmas Party is this Sunday, December 22, from 6-8PM. Please bring a \$10 gift for our game as well as a snack to share with the group! All of our 5-12th grade friends are welcome to join us. We can't wait to celebrate the holidays with you!



Our Parsonage Renovation team is in need of some help right now! Things are moving along beautifully next door, but they are going to be doing insulation work and could use some extra hands. If you are capable of helping, please contact Ron and Linda Miller to find a time. Remember, many hands make light work (Nehemiah 3).



Giving envelopes for 2025 will be found in your mail boxes this Sunday, December 22. Please check your mail boxes to retrieve them and any other mail that may be in there.

END-OF-YEAR DONATIONS

DUE DEC. 30
THREE WAYS YOU CAN DONATE:

- OUR APP
- CASH OR CHECKS VIA MAIL/OFFERING
- OUR WEBSITE

As the end of the year draws near, please keep in mind that in order for your donations to be credited for 2024 they will need to be received by December 30th. If you are feeling the desire to support our ministry financially there are three ways you can do this: via our app, via our website and via checks/cash in the mail/offering.



Elna's Tuesday morning Bible Study meets every week at 9:30-10am for prayer followed by their Bible study at 10-11:30am. Due to the next two Tuesdays being Christmas Eve and New Years Eve, Elna's group will not be meeting again until January 7th. Please have safe and happy Christmas and New Years in the meantime!



If you have a student who is participating in a winter sport, please send their schedule to Pastor Tim or our church office. We will add their event schedule to our calendar so we can support them as a church.



Beginning Tuesday, January 7, Christa Craven will be leading a Book Study. Every Tuesday this group will meet at 6:00PM in the multipurpose room where they will be studying the book "The Message of Jesus" by Adam Hamilton. If you are interested in participating in this study please sign up in the Narthex. Any and all questions can be directed to Christa Craven.

ASL INTERPRETATION AVAILABLE AT

SOUTH HARBORCREEK UMC BY REQUEST.

South Harborcreek UMC is a space that welcomes and strives to include everyone and we are happy to announce that this even includes our Hard-of-Hearing and Deaf brothers and sisters. Sign language interpretation during our Sunday service is available upon request. Please make your request known by the Thursday prior to the service you or your loved one will be attending and we will have arrangements made.

IN SEARCH OF A NEW TRUSTEE

Interested?

Contact Pastor Tim or Dane Charlton!



Do you have Thrivent Life Insurance? If so, you could be using Thrivent Action Teams to support our church's ministries. Please see Judy Faulhaber about how it works.

Sacraments &
SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

MARCH 21-23

All are welcome to participate in an upcoming retreat at Jumonville from March 21-23. The Sacraments and Spiritual Practices Retreat counts as an advanced course for Lay Servant Ministries. Rates vary based on occupancy of your room. You can register at <https://wpa-reg.brtapp.com/2025retreat>.

Our Trustees are looking to add 1, possibly 2, new trustees. This is a 3 year long commitment. Please prayerfully consider joining the team. If you think you may be interested please contact Dane Charlton, Pastor Tim Hoover or our church office. Thank you.

DATE	EVENT	STUDENT	SCHOOL	TIME
12/23/24	Varsity Swimming	Maddie & Joel White	Iroquois HS	10:00 AM
12/27/24	Varsity Basketball	Hayden Dylewski & Sam LaFuria	Harborcreek HS	7:30 PM
1/06/25	Varsity Wrestling	Lyle Carnes	Harborcreek Jr. High Gym	7:30 PM
1/07/25	Varsity Basketball	Hayden Dylewski & Sam LaFuria	Harborcreek HS	7:30 PM
1/08/25	Varsity Wrestling	Lyle Carnes	Harborcreek HS	7:30 PM
1/09/25	Varsity Swimming	Maddie & Joel White	Erie HS	6:00 PM
1/09/25	Varsity Wrestling	Lyle Carnes	Harborcreek Jr. High Gym	7:30 PM
1/11/25	PMEA Orchestra	Johnny Shaffstall	Collegiate HS	1:00 PM
1/16/25	Dance Showcase	Jess Shaffstall	Collegiate HS	6:30 PM
1/17/25	Varsity Basketball	Hayden Dylewski & Sam LaFuria	Harborcreek HS	7:15 PM
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2/13/25	Varsity Swimming	Maddie & Joel White	Penn State Behrend	6:00 PM



DECEMBER 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Advent	2	3 9:30AM Elna's Sm Grp 5:30PM Wesleyan Sm Grp 6PM Christa Craven Sm Grp 6:30PM Band of Bros	4 6:30 AM Men's Study 6:30PM Advent Bible Study	5 6:30PM Sweet & Salty Bible Study Praise Rehearsal	6	7 1-3 PM SHAWL MIN SHUMY/His Shining Lights @2pm at Elmwood
8 Multi-Purpose Room Occupied Advent	9	10 9:30AM Elna's Sm Grp 5:30PM Wesleyan Sm Grp 6PM Christa Craven Sm Grp 6:30PM Band of Bros	11 6:30 AM Men's Study 6:30PM Advent Bible Study	12 6:30PM Sweet & Salty Bible Study Praise Rehearsal	13	14 W.o.W Advent Dessert & Program SHUMY/His Shining Lights @2pm
15 Christmas Pageant 1:30-4:30PM SHUMY Christmas Caroling Advent	16 6:30PM Administrative Board Mtg	17 9:30AM Elna's Sm Grp 5:30PM Wesleyan Sm Grp 6PM Christa Craven Sm Grp 6:30PM Band of Bros	18 6:30 AM Men's Study 6:30PM Advent Bible Study	19 6:30PM Sweet & Salty Bible Study Praise Rehearsal	20	21
22 Communion Advent	23	24 5PM Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas	26 6:30PM Sweet & Salty Bible Study Praise Rehearsal	27	28 Fellowship Hall Occupied
29	30	31				



JANUARY 2025



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Winter Blast

**AN ERIE-MEADVILLE DISTRICT YOUTH
RETREAT AT WESLEY WOODS CHRISTIAN
CAMP GRAND VALLEY, PA**

February 21-23, 2025

Cost \$110/per person

*This year our winter
Retreat will be at Wesley
Woods. We are combining
with other Churches in
the district! More
information to follow but
please mark your
calendars now!*

