

The Herald



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A word from Pastor Fox

About this time of year I start to get butterflies in my stomach. It's as predictable as the lights that begin to twinkle on the city streets and the Christmas music that breaks out all over town. These butterflies come with the season and spring from the feeling that Christmas is suddenly upon us and there's all too much to do.

It may seem that in the church the work load is increased along with all the other frantic preparations. And to some extent that's true. But the church also offers important respite...a time we call **Advent**, a time to slow down and consider with intention what the season is all about.

I was once pulled over by a police officer after I ran through a yellow light. "Officer," I said, "I was only trying to get through the intersection before the light turned red." "Yellow," he said, in an authoritative voice, "means slow down, not speed up."

The officer's words have been repeated many times when my husband and I are out on the road. I won't say who's doing the driving and who's doing the talking but it's always the same admonition, "Yellow means to slow down, not speed up."

Advent is like a yellow light among all the red and green of the season. As we speed toward the "Big Day" our Advent services offer a strong message: "SLOW DOWN!" We even offer a place to do that once a week. A place to simply open our ears and our voices to the wonders of Christ's coming.

Slowing down during the holiday season isn't easy. Traffic moves faster, cash registers ring incessantly: FedEx and UPS trucks clog our neighborhood streets: our gift lists keep getting longer: sleep comes harder. And oh, those butterflies.

That's why I welcome the pace of our Advent hymns and the slow cadence of prophecy which settle my mind for a bit as well as calm down those butterfly jitters.

On Advent Sundays I'm reminded that it will all get done. In fact, it has been done. All the preparations were completed long ago. Christmas was born in a manger.

No gift we can give can come close to the gift of God among us. No place we travel can compare to the place called Bethlehem. No music can move us like the heavenly choirs of angels. No expense can match what it cost God to give up his son to the world.

Shift into low gear and give yourself time to enjoy a truly "Old Fashion Christmas," the oldest Christmas in the world.

In Christ,

Pastor Fox



Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, December 8
will be held at the conclusion of
9 a.m. Worship Service



WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

Submitted by Renee Lenning, Chairperson

Worship Attendance



10/27	36
11/3	51
11/10	56
11/17	47
11/24	39

Worship Services for December, 2019 :

- December 1 First Sunday of Advent, Communion Service
- December 8 Second Sunday of Advent, annual business meeting held immediately following worship service.
- December 15 Third Sunday of Advent, communion service, confirmation class.
- December 22 Forth Sunday of Advent
- December 24 Christmas Eve services:
8:00 PM--Traditional candlelight service with communion
- December 29 First Sunday after Christmas

Other Notes :

- * Sanctuary will be decorated for the Christmas season on December 7 at 9:00 AM.
- * Next meeting date is Sunday December 15 following worship service.



NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS:

- * Pauline Bond, who is at Maiden creek Place.
- * Shirley Weist, at Columbia Cottage
- * Cynthia Leutze, at her daughter's home
- * Jerry Leutze at the Masonic Home in Elizabethtown.
- * Lollie Seaman, at Rittenhouse
- * Scott Biehl, at Sacred Heart Villa
- * Carole & Richard Imgrund at the Masonic Home in Elizabethtown.
- * All of our servicemen and servicewomen, especially those who must spend the holidays away from family and friends



THANKS TO:



- * Phyllis Weaver & Donna Kessler for their shut-in communion visits
- * Phyllis Heffner and the altar guild members for their faithful work in support of our worship
- * Our Women of the ELCA for their care and outreach to the veterans of our nation's military

CONDOLENCES TO:

- * Family of Scott Care

December 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
1 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> 9:00 AM Worship: Holy Communion	2 1:00 PM WELCA 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	3	4	5 7:30 PM NA Mtg	6	7 9:00 AM Decorating of the Church for Christmas
8 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> 9:00 AM Worship Annual congregational meeting following worship	9 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	10 9:00 -3:00 PM Preschool Christmas Shop	11 9:00 - 3:00 PM Preschool Christmas Shop	12 9:00-3:00PM Preschool Christmas Shop 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Mtg	13 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 4:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 1266 meeting	14 6:30 PM LCHT Movie Night
15 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> 9:00 AM Worship: Holy Communion. 10:20 confirmation class 10:30 Worship & Music meeting after worship 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00 PM Kitchen re- served - Troop 160 cookie baking	16 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	17	18	19 9:00 - 3:00 PM Preschool Christmas 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Mtg	20 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	21 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution
22 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> 9:00 AM Worship	23 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 8:00 PM Candlelight Worship: Holy Communion	25 <i>Christmas Day</i>  	26 7:30 PM NA Mtg	27 4:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 1266 meeting	28
29 <i>1st Sunday after Christmas</i> 9:00 AM Worship	30	31 <i>New Years Eve</i>				

➡ For up to date calendar information, visit our website, www.lcht.org and click on the on [Calendar](#) tab ⬅

DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Altar Flowers

01--Chuck & Rosemary Mowery
 08--Ron Davidheiser
 15--Irvin & Nettie Kauffman
 22--Vicki Fetterman
 24--no flowers--Poinsettias
 29--available



Bulletins

01--Irvin & Nettie Kauffman
 08--Ron Davidheiser
 15--Chuck & Rosemary Mowery
 22--Vicki Fetterman
 24--Sue Reiber
 29--Irvin and Nettie Kauffman

Nursery

no attendant but room will be open

Greeter:

Gordon Kistler

Ushers

01-Mike Lowery, Diana Biehl
 08-Mike Lowery, Dennis Biehl, Ron Corl
 15-Corl, Diana Biehl
 22-Lowery, Diana Biehl
 24-P. Heffner, Corl, Dennis Biehl
 24-Dennis Biehl, Corl, Mike Lowery
 29-Dennis Biehl, Ron Corl

The Veterans Making a Difference project through WELCA and Pastoral Care continues.

Thank you to everyone who donated throughout the year.

In addition to personal care items they are also in need of laundry detergent, large sizes of winter coats, boxer shorts, white socks, large sizes of flannel night pants, Crest toothpaste and Old Spice deodorant.



What better way to get in the Christmas spirit than to join us on Saturday, December 7th @ 9 am to help decorate the church for the holidays!



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Submitted by Karen Bausch

The Scouts are looking forward to bringing a little holiday cheer to the shut-ins of LCHT so we will be making cookies mid-December and delivering them to the shut-ins. We hope everyone has a happy, healthy Holiday season!



Thank you for supporting our Troop!

It is never too early or too late to join the Troop and have a ton of fun! Every month the Scouts go on camping trips, perform community service, attend community events, earn merit badges, and work on leadership and outdoor skills. For more information, call Scoutmaster Karen Bausch at 610-334-9739 for Boy Scouts (6th-12th grade).

LCHT MINISTRIES INFORMATION

FOOD PANTRY:

Our church is the distribution site for the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry. It is a monthly distribution done on the third Saturday of each month, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. There is an income guideline and a registration form to fill out, giving us your name and address as well as the number of family members in your household.



Also, there are brochures and information available on heating assistance, ways to conserve energy and general concerns of limited income families. Please contact the church for further information.

We are currently very low on canned food items such as fruits and vegetables. Please see Judy Corl with any questions.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

Meets the third Sunday of the month, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. You do not have to come to the monthly get-togethers, you can work on projects anywhere. We will be making shawls for Tower Health with the yarn they provide. Chemo and premie hats will also be made for patients at Tower Health.



Please contact **Darlene Savage** at 610-926-2461 or anyone on the Social Ministry Committee for more information.



ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

Submitted by Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Leshner

In November we had lots of fun! The students in the AM group finished their number books, color and shape books. The students in the PM group finished their shape and color books. We were also busy making fun crafts as we learned about hibernation, cooking and of course Thanksgiving. This year we again held our Thanksgiving Feast where we invited our loved ones to come enjoy a feast of chicken nuggets, smiley face fries, apple, grapes and carrots and don't forget about our hand-made turkey cupcakes and pumpkin pie!! The students and their families had fun playing Thanksgiving themed games and doing a family craft together.

This year we again were able to help children who may not have otherwise had a happy holiday. Our students helped 8 other children by participating in the Angel Tree program that the church coordinates every year.

With Thanksgiving in the past we now turn our attention to the Christmas holiday. This is such a fun and exciting month for our students. We take time to talk about the true meaning of Christmas and we get a chance to "shop" and wrap presents for our family. The students always enjoy taking part in this!



We want to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and as always thank you for kind donations, support and prayers, they do not go unnoticed.



Wish List:

- White Icing
- Cotton Balls
- Glitter
- Small Paper Plates (cheap white plates, no prints, non glossy)
- Large Paper Plates (cheap white plates, no prints, non glossy)
- Oatmeal
- Sprinkles (for cookie decorating)
- Jello (assorted flavors/colors)



IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Pretzel City Chorus Presents :

Christmas for Kids of All Ages

Featuring The Governors & First Ladies of Governor Mifflin High School.

Sunday, December 8 at 2:00 at the Wilson West Middle School Auditorium. 450 Faust Road, Sinking Spring

Adults \$15
Students \$7

Call Joe Purdin for tickets at 610-678-4901
For more information call Ron Davidheiser at 610-741-4277



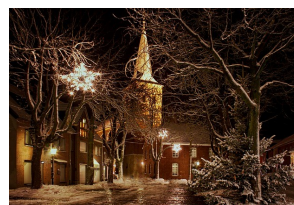
Leesport Lockhouse Redware Workshop:

Bethany E.C. Church, 308 main Street, Leesport. Classes are 10 to noon and 1:00 to 3:00.



2nd Annual Walk Into Christmas - Church Tour Saturday, December 21 10AM to 3PM

To purchase tickets :
Readingberkschurches.org
Or call 610-375-6108
\$15 adults
\$10 under 18



2019 5K Run Results

Top male runner with a time of 21 minutes and 55 seconds is Tommy Corbin

Top female runner with a time of 25 minutes and 13 seconds is Marina Rotille

Males age 11 to 18

1 Cole Christman

Females age 11 to 18

1 Emma Christman

2 Rachel Savage

Males age 19 to 29

1 Hugh Harris

Females age 19 to 29

1 Sara Geib

2 Jessica Zeiner

3 Samantha Heydt

Males age 30 to 39

1 Jason Binder

2 Daniel Savage

Females age 30 to 39

1 Kelley Steinke

2 Ashley Savage

3 Amanda Wargo

Males age 40 to 49

1 Keith Feeder

Females age 40 to 49

1 Brandy Fredericks

2 Adrienne Baisch

3 Fatima Zeiber

Males age 50 to 59

1 Brian Potts

2 Rob Reisenweaver

3 Rich Cory

Females age 50 to 59

1 Stacy Gottshall

2 Jill McKee

3 Wanda Keener

Males age 60 to 69

1 David Koehler

Females age 60 to 69

1 Wilma Schlegel



December Celebrations

Birthdays:

02-Nettie Kauffman

03-Suzanne Reiber

Sandra Buchalter

05-Sharon Mengle

06-Yvonne Graeff

08-Phyllis Weaver

Jim Beissel

13-Tara Lombardo

Jason Stump

17-Dante DeAntonio

20-Larry Mengle

21-Tanner Mengle

22-Jenna Stoudt

Lowell Bittner

25 - Jerry Leutze

27- Scott Trievel

30-Peter Greely

31-June Gilmer



Anniversaries

04-Ronald & Melissa Strause

06-Kevin & Renee Lenning

11-Chuck & Rosemary Mowery

28-Rodney & Judy Geisinger

Year End Contributions

Please make sure that any year-end financial contributions reach the church by Sunday, December 29, 2019.



MOVIE NIGHT IN THE HALL

December 14 @ 6:30 PM



"The Art of Racing in the Rain"

Reading Royals Faith & Family Night

March 8, 2020

Advanced group reservations requested for this fun filled hockey event.

Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend!

Sign -up sheet on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

See Dennis Biehl for any questions.



Order your



Poinsettias

Deadline is:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH
6½" pot in Red or White

<u>Number of Plants</u>		<u>Total Cost</u>
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Red _____ X \$5.00 = _____

White _____ X \$5.00 = _____

Total Number of Plants:

Total Amount Paid: \$ _____

Name:

Fill out **EXACTLY** as you want it listed in the bulletin insert. Please **PRINT** all information. Use additional form if needed.

Plants Given to the Glory of God

By: _____

By: _____

Plants Given in Memory

Of: _

By: _____

Of: _

By: _____

Plants Given in Honor

Of: _

By: _____

Of: _

By: _____

About The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity

Our Mission:

"The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity is a worshipping community of faith in Christ Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit to reach out and serve all people with God's love."

About The Herald:

The *Holy Trinity Herald* is a newsletter distributed by the beginning of each month, except August. Articles can be submitted to the church office or e-mailed (preferred) to the Secretary.

Deadline for article submission is the 15th of each month.

LCHT Sundays' Schedule:

Worship at 9 a.m.

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Return Service Requested