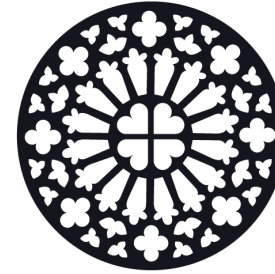


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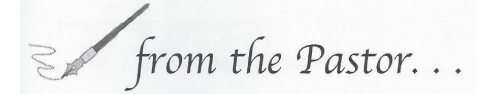
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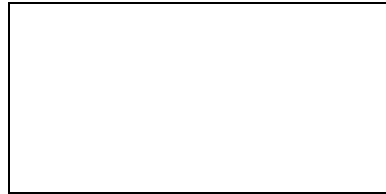
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**Worship Services**  
Sundays: 9:00 & 11:00 am  
10:00 am  
Spiritual development time for  
children and adults  
Church Office Hours  
Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



## POINSETTIAS TO ADORN THE SANCTUARY

It's time to order gorgeous Red Poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas! Only \$10 each! Orders due to Church Office by **December 15th**; make checks payable to "The Church of the Covenant" with "Poinsettia" in the memo line.

In Memory / Honor of - Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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I will pick mine up after Christmas  I would like mine delivered to a shut-in

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14

Dear People of Advent,

Preaching on Isaiah 7:14 over a century ago, the great preacher Charles Spurgeon closed his sermon with this flourish:

"God with us." It is hell's terror. Satan trembles at the sound of it; the black-winged dragon of the pit quails before it. Let him come to you suddenly, and do you but whisper that word, "God with us," back he falls, confounded and confused. "God with us" is the laborer's strength; how could he preach the gospel, how could he bend his knees in prayer, how could the missionary go into foreign lands, how could the martyr stand at the stake, how could the confessor own his Master, how could men labor, if that one word were taken away? "God with us" is the sufferer's comfort, the balm of his woe, the alleviation of his misery, the sleep which God gives to his beloved, their rest after exertion and toil. "God with us" is eternity's sonnet, heaven's hallelujah, the shout of the glorified, the song of the redeemed, the chorus of angels, the everlasting oratorio of the great orchestra of the sky."

Thanks, Spurgeon, for reminding us all of our deepest resource for life today and the true joy of Christmas: "God with us." And so, Church of the Covenant, if you see me either moping around or stressed out this Advent, will you please remind me? "God with us." And would you join me in experiencing the reality of "God with us" this Advent season in corporate worship? We have a whole month of services planned for you, all leading up to our Christmas Eve services. Once again I invite you and encourage you to come to either the 9 a.m. Contemporary Candlelight or the 7 p.m. Traditional Candlelight service. Again, what an opportunity to celebrate and to invite family and friends to worship the Savior whose name is Immanuel, "God with us."

May God grant you a truly joyous and blessed Christmas season!

Billy

### CHRISTMAS EVE SUNDAY— December 24

9:00 AM— Covenant Alive! Candlelight Service in the Covenant Center  
7:00 PM— Traditional Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary

### NEW YEAR'S EVE SUNDAY— December 31

10:00 AM— Covenant Alive! Service in the Covenant Center

**NEWS FROM THE FAMILY OF FAITH**



*United With the Church Triumphant*

In Memory Of

**Cloteel Friesner**

Cloteel Friesner, sister of Karen Simonini, joined the Church Triumphant on November 4, 2023. Cloteel had moved from Washington to be near family. There were no local services.

Memorial Perry and Paula Lane

**Harry Johnston**

Memorial Dave, Carol and Andrew McClellan

**Jane Wagner**

Memorial (for her birthday) Bob Wagner



*Merry Christmas*

*The Church of the Covenant staff  
would like to wish everyone a blessed Christmas  
with Peace, Love and Joy in the coming New Year.*


*Pastor Billy, Debi N., Darla, Yvonne, Cathy, Ralph, Camille,  
Pat, Linda, Stephanie and Tyrone  
Debbie M., Tom T., Tom P., and Don*

**THE CARNAHAN LIBRARY**

Dedicated on 11/1/09 to the memory of Thomas Dorrington Carnahan II, Thomas Dorrington Carnahan III, George Kirk Carnahan and to the glory of God.

*The Carnahan Library is in Room 308, the first room on the right as you enter the third-floor hallway from the elevator. The card catalog will help you to locate a book by author, title, or subject. The Library Committee thanks the donors of the gently used books described below. \*Indicates a new book.*

*To celebrate Christmas, we have listed some of the books in the Carnahan Library that have Christmas themes. If you would like to read a Christmas book, you can browse the shelves for books with a*

*Christmas tree  on their spines or check the card catalog's SUBJECT FILE by looking up "Christmas."*

*God is in the Small Stuff at Christmas by Bruce Bickel and Stan Jantz. Want to really experience Christmas this year? Join popular authors Bruce Bickel and Stan Jantz for an inspiring look at the marvelous season of Jesus' birth. Featuring 41 chapters on the characters and places, symbols and celebrations, and thoughts and feelings of the Christmas season, this book combines the best features of a devotional with the traditional appeal of an Advent book. God is in the Small Stuff at Christmas will inspire you to celebrate the true wonder of Jesus' birth.*

*Clear Cove Christmas by Debbie Macomber. Mother-to-be Mary Jo Wyse arrives in Cedar Cove on Christmas Eve, searching for her baby's father. David Rhodes had said he would be in town — but he isn't. This leaves Mary Jo stranded, pregnant and alone. There's no room at the local inn, so Grace Harding brings Mary Jo home to her nearby ranch. She and her husband, Cliff, have a houseful of guests, but they offer her a room over their stable (currently sheltering the animals including a donkey and a camel for Cedar Cove's Nativity pageant!). When Mary Jo goes into labor that night, a young man named Mack McAfee, a paramedic, comes to her rescue just as her brothers, the three Wyse men, show up in town. The people of Cedar Cove join them in celebrating the birth of baby Noel, but no one has more to celebrate than Mack. Because this Christmas brings him faith, hope and love.*

*The Christmas Quilt by Kelly Ann Riley. The main character of the series is Sarah, a widow in her sixties who, when she is not working at her quilt restoration business, solves mysteries in her small, New England town. In this particular mystery, someone is shoplifting from the local shops at Christmas time and after her twin granddaughters are falsely accused, Sarah sets out to find the actual culprit. At the same time, she is trying to make a Christmas quilt for her best friend Martha from a daily email instruction pattern, but something on the instructions each day just doesn't make sense. Can Sarah figure out the answers to both of the mysteries?*

*Where Angels Go by Debbie Macomber. This book is a charming interlude where you will become involved with three wonderful people who need help and three mischievous young Ambassador Angels whom Archangel Gabriel sends to help them. These enchanting angels are Shirley, Goodness, and Mercy. Gabriel knows their hearts are in the right places, even though they are tempted to help the people too much. He gives them a chance to prove they have matured since their last assignments on earth. Is he mistaken? Angel Shirley is assigned to help a nine-year-old boy, Carter Jackson, get a dog for Christmas. Does Shirley really help, or does she complicate matters when a stray follows the boy home? Does Mercy always obey Gabriel's rules while helping a dying man, Harry Alderwood, fulfill his wish for his wife Rosalie to be settled in a comfortable residential care facility before his time is up? And then there is Goodness who is assigned to help a young divorcee, Beth Fischer, find love and happiness. But is Angel Goodness obedient when she finds humans too "slow" in solving their own problems?*

*The Purpose of Christmas by Richard Warren who expounds on the profound origins of Christmas and shows how we can welcome the season of peace into our lives. Pastor Rick Warren sounds the clarion call to "remember the reason for the season," taking us on a journey back in time to the most wonderful story of all — the birth of the baby Jesus. Regardless of your background, Christmas is the best news you can ever receive. Through stirring imagery and compelling personal insights, The Purpose of Christmas honors the significance and promise of this cherished holiday. Pastor Warren encourages you to identify and confront what drains peace from your life. He explains that the way to respond to these "peace-robbers" is to learn how to surrender to God's will and not feel defeated or discouraged when life does not go as planned. True peace of mind is found by having unshakeable faith — knowing that God will guide you through life's challenges. The Purpose of Christmas will exhilarate you to honor the true significance of Christmas and to nurture God's gifts of love and peace in this world.*

*O Holy Night by Julie Hogan combines poetry, essays, scenic photographs, and paintings to depict the Holy Land at the time of Christ's birth. Here is a book that traces the coming of Jesus, from prophecy to fulfillment, while also presenting the Judean culture — its customs, people, and landscape — into which Jesus was born. Includes beautiful photographs of historical paintings and drawings.*

*The Miraculous Journey: Anticipating God in the Christmas Season by Marty Bullis. During the hustle and bustle of the weeks leading up to Christmas, we sometimes forget what it is all about. These 29 daily Advent devotionals from a fresh new voice will help readers attend to the gospel story of Jesus in deeper, more meaningful ways. After reading the selected Scripture verse for the day, Bullis' short devotional reading will help you unpack deeper meanings of the text. Then, through guided reflection, prayer, and journaling, you will engage in this time of holy waiting. Even those whose Christian faith traditions do not include celebrating Advent will find these devotions a way to combat the frantic consumer mentality of the Christmas season.*

*Wish for Christmas: A Cape Light Novel by Thomas Kinkade and Katherine Spencer. After serving in Iraq, David has returned home to find that his widowed father has remarried. Jobless and dealing with physical injuries that may never heal, David doesn't have much Christmas cheer, especially when Christine, his ex-girlfriend, comes to work at his father's tree farm. Trying not to seem bitter or discouraged is even harder than the physical therapy he must undergo, and David realizes that he not only needs to heal his body but his heart as well. Meanwhile, Lillian Warwick's daughters are concerned about their elderly, yet fiercely independent, mother living on her own. Even her old friend, Dr. Ezra Elliot, can't get through to her. When the tables are turned and Ezra needs her help, they are both surprised to find they value each other beyond just friendship. And Lillian begins to wonder if it is still possible to let love into her life.*

*If you are looking for a gift for the person who has everything, please consider a **donation** to the Carnahan Library in honor of that person. It is a lasting gift that will be enjoyed by many. Contact Helen Haines for more information.*

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS DECEMBER**

**Friday, December 1**

Isa. 24:14-23  
1 Peter 3:13-4:6  
Matt. 20:17-28

**Saturday, December 2**

Micah 7:11-20  
1 Peter 4:7-19  
Matt. 20:29-34

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**Sunday, December 3**

Amos 1:1-5, 13-2:8  
1 Thess. 5:1-11  
Luke 21:5-19

**Monday, December 4**

Amos 2:6-16  
2 Peter 1:1-11  
Matt. 21:1-11

**Tuesday, December 5**

Amos 3:1-11  
2 Peter 1:12-21  
Matt. 21:12-22

**Wednesday, December 6**

Amos 3:12-4:5  
2 Peter 3:1-10  
Matt. 21:23-32

**Thursday, December 7**

Amos 4:6-13  
2 Peter 3:11-18  
Matt. 21:33-46

**Friday, December 8**

Amos 5:1-17  
Jude 1-16  
Matt. 22:1-14

**Saturday, December 9**

Amos 5:18-27  
Jude 17-25  
Matt. 22:15-22

**Sunday, December 10**

Amos 6:1-14  
2 Thess. 1:5-12  
Luke 1:57-68

**Monday, December 11**

Amos 7:1-9  
Rev. 1:1-8  
Matt. 22:23-33

**Tuesday, December 12**

Amos 7:10-17  
Rev. 1:9-16  
Matt. 22:34-46

**Wednesday, December 13**

Amos 8:1-14  
Rev. 1:17-2:7  
Matt. 23:1-12

**Thursday, December 14**

Amos 9:1-10  
Rev. 2:8-17  
Matt. 23:13-26

**Friday, December 15**

Hag. 1:1-15  
Rev. 2:18-29  
Matt. 23:27-39

**Saturday, December 16**

Hag. 2:1-9  
Rev. 3:1-6  
Matt. 24:1-14

**Sunday, December 17**

Amos 9:11-15  
2 Thess. 2:1-3, 13-17  
John 5:30-47

**Monday, December 18**

Gen. 3:8-15  
Rev. 12:1-10  
John 3:16-21

**Tuesday, December 19**

Zeph. 3:14-20  
Titus 1:1-16  
Luke 1:1-25

**Wednesday, December 20**

1 Sam. 2:1b-10  
Titus 2:1-10  
Luke 1:26-36

**Thursday, December 21**

2 Sam. 7:1-17  
Titus 2:11-3:8a  
Luke 1:39-48a (48b-56)

**Friday, December 22**

2 Sam. 7:18-29  
Gal. 3:1-14  
Luke 1:57-66

**Saturday, December 23**

Jer. 31:10-14  
Gal. 3:15-22  
Luke 1:67-80

or Matt. 1:1-17

**Sunday, December 24**

Isa. 60:1-6  
Gal. 3:23-4:7  
Matt. 1:18-25

**Monday, December 25**

Mic. 4:1-5;  
5:2-4  
1 John 4:7-16  
John 3:31-36

**Tuesday, December 26**

2 Chr. 24:17-22  
Acts 6:1-7  
Acts 7:59-8:8

**Wednesday, December 27**

Prov. 8:22-30  
1 John 5:1-12  
John 13:20-35

**Thursday, December 28**

Isa. 49:13-23  
Isa. 54:1-13  
Matt. 18:1-14

**Friday, December 29**

2 Sam. 23:13-17b  
2 John 1-13  
John 2:1-11

**Saturday, December 30**

1 Kings. 17:17-24  
3 John 1-15  
John 4:46-54

**Sunday, December 31**

1 Sam. 1:1-2, 7b-28  
Col. 1:9-20  
Luke 2:22-40



**Advent Preaching Schedule 2023**



**December 3 ~ Communion and Home Communion (First Sunday, Advent)**

Sermon Title: "Mary's Song" Pastor Billy  
Scripture: Luke 1:39-56

**December 10 (Second Sunday, Advent)**

Sermon Title: "The Great Light" Pastor Billy  
Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-7

**December 17 (Third Sunday, Advent)**

Sermon Title: "Shepherds Everywhere" Pastor Billy  
Scripture: Luke 2:8-20

**December 24 ~ Christmas Eve (Fourth Sunday, Advent)**

9:00am- Covenant Alive! ~ Covenant Center

7:00pm - Traditional Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary

Sermon Title: "Christmas Clothes" Pastor Billy  
Scripture: Luke 14-28

**December 31**

One worship service at 10:00am

Covenant Alive! in the Covenant Center

**DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY MESSENGER IS DECEMBER 15th.**



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Kathy Nassar	12/1	Judy Breedlove	12/8	John Frazier, II	12/25
Del Mounts	12/2	Ronelle Clutter	12/8	Athena Valentine	12/25
Glenna Smith	12/2	Stephen Marriner, Jr.	12/9	Emily Blose	12/26
John Stolfer	12/3	Amanda Burchett	12/10	Tonya Bubonovich	12/27
Tom Day	12/4	Bud Osbourne	12/10	Chris Nassar	12/27
Corey DiGiovanni	12/4	Lucy Salo	12/11	Jessica Ullom	12/27
Mark Moninger	12/4	Lisa Lucas Cole	12/12	Rachel Betzner	12/28
Lynn Sylvis	12/4	Bill Wilson	12/13	Sam Halulko	12/28
Abbi Nicolella	12/5	Lee Lindsay	12/13	Tracie Scott	12/29
Joyce Chambers	12/6	Holly Ann Coen	12/15	Cassie Fraser	12/29
Amanda Scott	12/6	Robert Lemons	12/16	Richard Martorana	12/29
Martha Jane McNutt	12/6	Suzanne Richard	12/16	Kim Carter	12/30
Lauren Selway	12/7	Mark O'Donnell	12/17	Shelly Armstrong	12/31
Kelly Smith	12/7	Alli Sharpnack	12/20	Cindy Garlisi	12/31
Suzanne Taylor	12/7	Gary Hamilton	12/24		
Andrew Valentine	12/7				



**THE DOVES ARE FLYING**

It's that time of year, again! We are asking that you continue to honor your commitment to Jesus Christ by virtue of helping others, through our White Dove Campaign. Our White Dove Tree will be placed in the Commons, so we can help the women of Turning Point, which helps women in recovery. Please purchase a \$25 gift card to Walmart. Remove one Dove and place your gift card in an envelope and place that in the box placed at the foot of the White Dove Tree. The White Dove gifts must be returned by **December 20, 2023**. Thank you so much for your continued support of your Christ Family in need this holiday season.

**BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE**

Let's not forget our neighbors in need. Our annual Hat and Mitten tree will make an appearance in the Commons Area. Please provide NEW gloves, mittens, hats and scarves on the tree. Your donations will be gladly accepted by residents of Avis Arbor, which is the City Mission's shelter for the homeless women and children of Washington. Let us continue to be blessings to others, as we have been so greatly blessed.

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

**Tuesday, December 19, at 6:00 pm**

The Blue Christmas Service, hosted by Hands and Hearts, will be **Tuesday, December 19th at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary**. The service is geared toward those who have suffered loss; all are welcome no matter when the loss occurred.

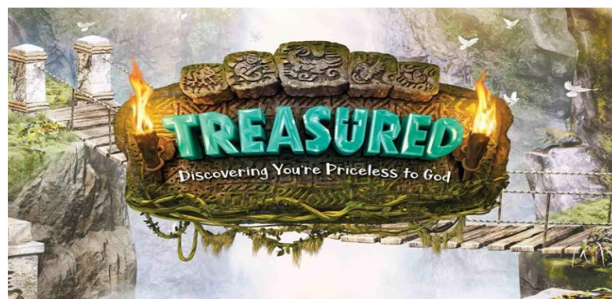
This service will include music, prayer, scripture readings and lighting of candles. God's gift of his Son holds promise for healing and peace this Christmas season.

If you are not able to attend in person the service will be live-streamed on the church's YouTube channel

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP AT SOUTHMONT**

Grief is an insidious feeling that can steal our joy by attacking us in the best of times. People who are grieving a loss, no matter how long ago it happened, may have a harder time in the holiday season. If you have lost a loved one, please know there is help and support for you.

The Greater Washington Bereavement and Support Group led by Pastor Gary Gibson meets at Hillview Chapel at Presbyterian Senior Care on the following dates: 12/11 2-3:30pm and 12/20 6:30-8pm. For more information, call Pastor Gary at 412-997-1699.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS!**

Treasured VBS: Discovering  
You are Priceless to God  
July 15-19, 2024 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Get ready to embark on an epic quest and  
discover God's greatest treasure!  
(Registration will launch in mid-March)

*Advent events ~ December***3rd First Sunday of Advent**

Light the candle of **HOPE**.

Worship at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

**9th Jingle Jam!!! ~ 10am- ~2pm**

Embark with us for a day of fun on our Jingle Jam Christmas Cruise!

Kids ages 4-11 will experience the Christmas Story, popcorn painting, reindeer games, grinch punch, crafts and more. Dress in your favorite Christmas attire or jammies!

**10th Second Sunday of Advent**

Light the candle of **PEACE**.

Worship at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

**17th Third Sunday of Advent**

Light the candle of **JOY**.

**Worship at 9:00a.m.:** Our children will present *The Tale of the Drowsy Shepherd*, a musical play about Aaron, a poor shepherd, who just can't seem to stay awake while counting and tending his sheep. The many travails of our wayward shepherd finally lead him to the manger where he witnesses the miracle of Christ's birth.

**Worship at 11:00 a.m.:** Our Covenant Choir and Jubilate Ringers, along with the West Virginia Brass Ensemble, will present A Celebration of Carols. This service will include carol singing by the choir and congregation with music by the West Virginia Brass Ensemble.

**18th Preschool Christmas Program**

9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Covenant Center. The four and five year olds are always delightful and will bring a smile to your face this holiday season!

**19th Preschool Christmas Program**

10:00 a.m. - Covenant Center - Come join in the Christmas spirit of our Preschool children. The three year olds will bring us all Christmas cheer!

**19th "Blue Christmas Service"**

Our traditional Blue Christmas Service will be held in the Sanctuary on **Tuesday evening, December 19th, at 6:00 PM**. The service is geared toward those who have suffered loss and all are welcome no matter when their loss occurred. The service will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel.

**24th Christmas Eve ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Light the candle of **LOVE**.

**9:00 a.m.** Covenant Alive! Candlelight Service in the Covenant Center

**7:00 p.m.** Traditional Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary  
If you're not able to attend in person, the services will be live-streamed.

**25th & 26th** Church and office are closed.

**31st New Year's Eve Sunday**

**One worship service at 10:00am** ~ Covenant Alive! in the Covenant Center

# PRESCHOOL NEWS



# LOOK AT THE FUN!

- \* Space Camp
- \* Kindness Day
- \* Veteran's Tribute
- \* I am Awesome
- \* Playtime
- \* Fire Safety
- \* Friendships
- \* I am a child of God
- \* Fall Fun
- \* So much more..

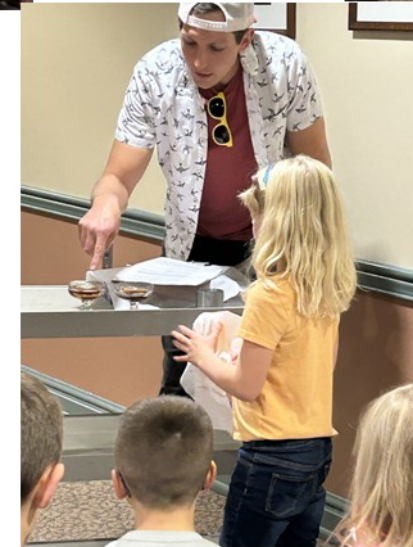


## FX RETURNS!

FX returned in November. The FX kick-off did not disappoint. The food was amazing and our actors were fun and entertaining as always! We learned the importance of "Gratitude!" We would like to thank Zack Conway, Eric Saffell and Jason Dille for sharing their gifts and talents with us.



There were forty-eight people at FX. The kids are enthusiastic about the games and lessons about Gratitude. Good times, good lessons, good food!



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. You can pack a shoe box full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items to become a tangible expression of God's immense love for a child. For many, it is their first gift ever! Delivered by our local church partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way. For more instructions: Pick up a flyer on the Welcome Center or

visit <https://www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>  
All donations are due at COTC on November 19. Please contact Yvonne @ [yvonnegayle20@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnegayle20@gmail.com) for more information.

### CELEBRATION SUNDAY

**On Sunday, December 17, 2023**, there will be very special things happening at both the 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. services.

At the 9:00 A.M. service in the Covenant Center, a guest musician will play the prelude and the congregation will sing carols. The Advent candle will be lit, and then the children are excited to present *"The Tale of the Drowsy Shepherd"*. The kids have been working with Miss Darla to learn their parts and songs. Pastor Billy will give a meditation, and the kids will ring a carol on the Kristal Bells. You won't want to miss this!

**At 10:40 A.M.** the West Virginia Brass Ensemble will play Christmas selections as our prelude. Mixed in throughout the service, the Covenant Choir will present anthems and the congregation will be singing carols. The West Virginia Brass Ensemble will play the postlude.

Please plan to attend this very special service, and if you're not able to attend in person, the service will be live-streamed.

Joy to the world!

### ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Advent Devotionals are available on the Welcome Center in the Commons (at the foot of the stairs to the Sanctuary), and on the table outside the Covenant Center. One is an Advent Devotional geared toward children; a short booklet called "A Star is Born!". This devotional includes a page of stickers, (which can be easily removed from the booklet) and is written in rhyme, telling the story of the Wise Men. It would be a good bedtime story if you have kids or grandkids.

The second choice is "Prophets & Promises; Devotions for Advent & Christmas 2022-2023". This is a day-by-day devotional written by five pastors, with a scripture message, a related question to ponder, a short meditation and a prayer.

Please feel free to choose one (or more) that will aid to prepare your heart for the coming of the Lord!

### JINGLE JAM CHRISTMAS CRUISE!!! December 9th, 10AM-2PM



It's our favorite time of year! Time to sign up for JINGLE JAM! Embark with us for a day of fun on our Jingle Jam Christmas Cruise on December 9, from 10 am to 2 pm. Kids ages 4-11 will experience the Christmas Story, popcorn painting, reindeer games, grinch punch, crafts and more. Dress in your favorite Christmas attire or jammies! Be sure to be comfy since we will be movin' and groovin' as we set sail. Please use the link to register your children now.

<https://form.jotform.com/222932670171150>

### JINGLE JAM NEEDS YOUR GALLON MILK JUGS

We are in need of gallon milk, orange juice, etc. jugs for Jingle Jam. Please drop them off near the sign in the Commons.



### FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN

For prayer support or to join this ministry, call the church office. Please contact the Fellowship of Concern to give the names of those who are in need of prayer for health or other reasons. The names will then be called or emailed to the church members who pray daily for others. Prayer request forms are available in each pew. Completed forms may be placed in the offering basket.



### PARISH NURSE CORNER

In the Commons of the church, please take note of the many community resource brochures available on the wall next to the receptionist window. Subjects range from home health options to counseling services. Also on the wall are Care Notes. Please browse the Care Notes for topics of interest such as coping at the holidays, stress management and caring for loved ones. Care Notes are maintained by Hands and Hearts. Please feel free to take one for a friend or family member. And lastly, check out the Parish Nurse bulletin board on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor next to the church office. Information posted changes frequently and often highlights health programs in our community. Stop by Room 302 on Sunday mornings for blood pressure screenings or confidential information.

-Linda Grimm, RN 724-777-9240.

### Join us on a JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

Sun., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 p.m.

Marquee Cinemas  
(Triadelphia, WV - Highlands Shopping Center)

Join your church family for a private showing of the new Christmas film *Journey to Bethlehem* (PG).

Tickets are \$9.00 and may be purchased upon arrival at the theater. All ages are welcome! We hope that you will take some time out of the busy holiday season to experience the Christmas story with us.

RSVP to Amy Dille by Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> to reserve your tickets  
(724-678-4456 or [amy.dille06@gmail.com](mailto:amy.dille06@gmail.com))

*This group outing is coordinated by the Parent Gathering group that meets during Covenant Connections hour.*