

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday | 9:00 AM to 1 PM | Office (219) 926 - 1586
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Pastor Liz Lahaie hours by appointment

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, 15	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	10:15 AM	Children's Program
	11:15 AM	Faithful Advent Study
Tuesday, 17	9:00 AM	Food Pantry distribution
Wednesday, 18	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
Saturday, 21	3:00 PM	Models Club

Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, 22	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	10:15 AM	Worship Service
	11:15 AM	Faithful Advent Study
Monday, 23 - Friday, 27		OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, 24	3:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service
	11:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday, 25	8:00 PM	AA Meeting



3 P.M. FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE

11 P.M. TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

*We hope you can join us in celebrating the birth of our Savior,
Jesus Christ!*

Announcements

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are still openings for reserving your special day(s) for altar flowers. Please check out the chart in the Narthex.

WESTCHESTER NEIGHBORS FOOD PANTRY

Difficult to believe it, but we're in the last month of 2019! Throughout the month of December, we will collect canned chicken noodle soup. **The next food distribution date will be this Tuesday, December 17th.** As always, thanks for your generosity!

QUARTERLY MISSION: FRONTLINE BIBLES

We're in the home stretch of our last quarterly church-wide mission collection for *Life Recovery* Bibles for Frontline Foundation. Help bring hope to those dealing with addiction.

ADVENT ADULT BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

We will be continuing our Advent study from the book *Faithful: Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph* during coffee hour after the service today. For his part in the nativity story, Joseph faced a situation much like our own - encountering life circumstances he didn't choose or understand. Through his example, we will learn how to exchange doubt for courage as we accept and glorify God's will.

"THE GATHERING" IS COMING IN 2020!

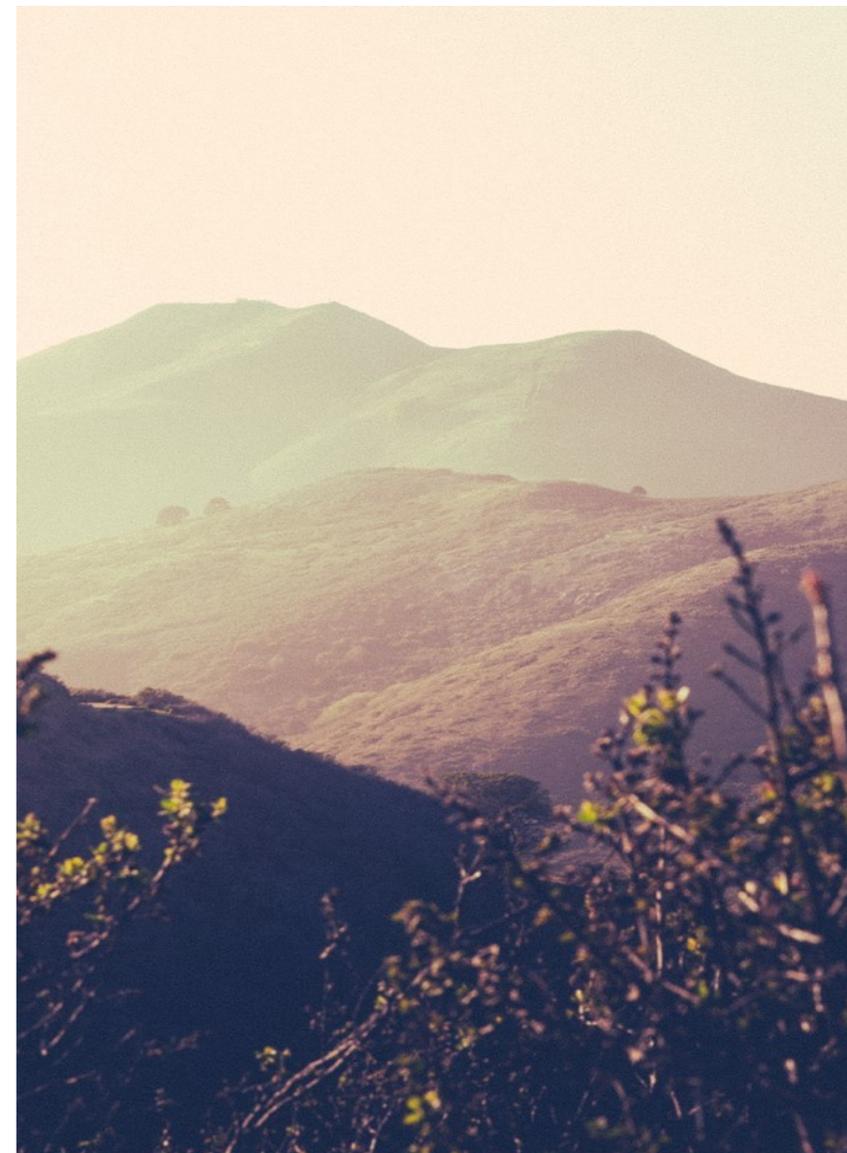
Coming in January 2020 is a monthly fellowship time called "The Gathering". The Gathering will be open to anyone and will take place on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

All are welcome!! All ages are welcome!!

It will include a carry-in dinner, fellowship, a time of prayer, and other activities. I pray that God will use this time as a blessing for our bodies and souls! Look for more details about The Gathering coming soon and if you are interested in being part of the planning of these special nights, please let Pastor Liz know.

NEED CHRISTMAS EVE ADVENT CANDLE FAMILY

Thanks to all who said they would serve as our candle lighting families throughout the season of Advent! We are only in need of someone to help out during the Christmas Eve service.



JOY

ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES

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Sunday, December 15, 2019

CHIMES WITH BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF LOVE

PRELUDE *Anna Kalbe*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP *Sandy Allmon*
Brief Announcements

PASSING THE PEACE: "Greet those around you" *All*
(The collection supports Frontline Life Recovery Bibles.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Sandy Allmon*

L: In the midst of the barren land,

C: flowers burst into bloom.

L: In the midst of the dry desert,

C: streams of water gush forth.

L: In the midst of sorrow and sighing, joy and gladness
dance together.

ALL: We shall see the glory of God!

*OPENING HYMN

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH *See Insert*
The Allmon Families

EPISTLE READING *Sandy Allmon*
James 5:7 - 10
followed by "GLORIA PATRI" *UMH #70*

GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:46b-55 *Pastor Liz Lahaie*

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM *Marcia Wood*
"The Amazing Story of Christmas"

TIME OF PRAYER

*Congregational Prayer (In Unison) *Sandy Allmon*
Upside-down God, you announce your coming with
exciting news: the hungry will eat their fill,
the oppressed will dance in newfound freedom; you
proclaim your mission with hard news: the well fed will go
hungry, the powerful will lose their status. We find

ourselves squirming as we acknowledge our participation
in structures that oppress and marginalize. Help us accept
and proclaim the coming of your Son as truly good news.
Give us the courage to set aside our privilege,
and help bring about this upside-down world, where
everyone can sing together for joy. In the name of Your
Son, Jesus. AMEN.

Receiving Joys & Concerns *Pastor Liz Lahaie*
Pastoral Prayer *Pastor Liz Lahaie*

WORSHIP OF GIVING: Tithes, Offerings & Gifts *All*
"Christmas Medley" ** *Screen*
followed by "The Doxology" * *Screen*

*CLOSING HYMN

- Closing Words & Benediction -

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING *All*

POSTLUDE *Anna Kalbe*

*Indicates **STANDING** if you are able.

** Video presentation

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POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

The God who can transform the dry lands can also
transform the desert of our lives. Abundant forgiveness is
ours from the God who turns sorrow and sighing into joy
and gladness.



~Please note that the prayer requests are not updated for
this week as Kim is on vacation.~

Joys:

Thankful for the beautiful season of Advent as we await
the celebration of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Recent Prayer Requests:

JoAnn Burton (Judy's mom) - hospitalized
Tony & Judy Reales - travel mercies for them & all travelers
Linda Green - had a great time, but happy to be home
Brenda Brueckheimer - prayers for healing, comfort & love
Pastor Liz - all 3 kids are experiencing health issues: *Josh & Kelly* (tonsils) and *Kara* (vision)
Jason Fike (Charlotte) - in between jobs
Lisa (Jeanette Burton's niece) - bronchitis; her husband,
Clyde, is on dialysis & now spitting up blood
Darlene Crane (Leon & Deanna's daughter) - MS

Continue Prayers for:

Gary Rich (uncle of Mark Lucas), *Tony A.*, *Kitty Chaplin*,
Rachel (Marcia's niece), *Darlene* (Marylou's friend),
Matthew (Judy Hoffman's son-in-law), *Arin Scott*
(Deanna's cousin's daughter), *Sheila Bowen* (friend of Bob
& Mary) - all are battling cancer

Pray for the following who have various health issues:
Evelyn Fike, *William Kuhns*, *Judy Hoffman*,
Tom Hewlett, *Brenda Russell*, *Joyce Miller*, *Bob* (Deanna
Burton's uncle), *Jeanine Thomas*, and *Leslie Roberts*
(Anna's friend)

Lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle: Joy The Allmon Families

Advent Meditation: Sometimes on our journey, our feet get heavy, our shoulders feel burdened, and our hearts seem slow. Sometimes in the preparation, the busyness overwhelms us, and we get lost in the doing and the planning and the running. And what we lose is a sense of why. Why do we do all of this? Why is this journey necessary? And the answer is simple: for the joy of it. We forget the joy when we get caught up in the to-do lists. We forget the joy when we worry more about how things look than connecting with others.

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We light the candles of peace and hope and joy to give us strength for the journey.

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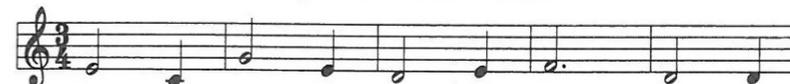
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