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, 1	**9:00 AM**	**Sunday School**
	10:15 AM	**Worship Service**
	11:15 AM	**Hanging of the Greens**
Wednesday, 4	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
Thursday, 5	10:00 AM	Packing tins
Saturday, 7	3:00 PM	Models Club

Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, 8	**9:00 AM**	**Sunday School**
	10:15 AM	**Worship Service**
	11:15 AM	***Faithful* Advent Study**
Wednesday, 11	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
Saturday, 14	10:00 AM	Dress Rehearsal for Children's Program

Children's Christmas Program

We will have our annual Christmas play about the birth of Jesus on **Sunday, December 15th** during the 10:15 a.m. worship service. Please make sure your children and their friends are here in December so they will know what to do on that day.

We will have a dress rehearsal of the program in the sanctuary on **Saturday, December 14th at 10:00 a.m.** Following the rehearsal, we will have pizza and pop for the kids to enjoy before going home about 12:30 p.m. All the children need to be in church on Sunday at 9 a.m. for Sunday School.

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 Tuesday, December 10th***. 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.

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.

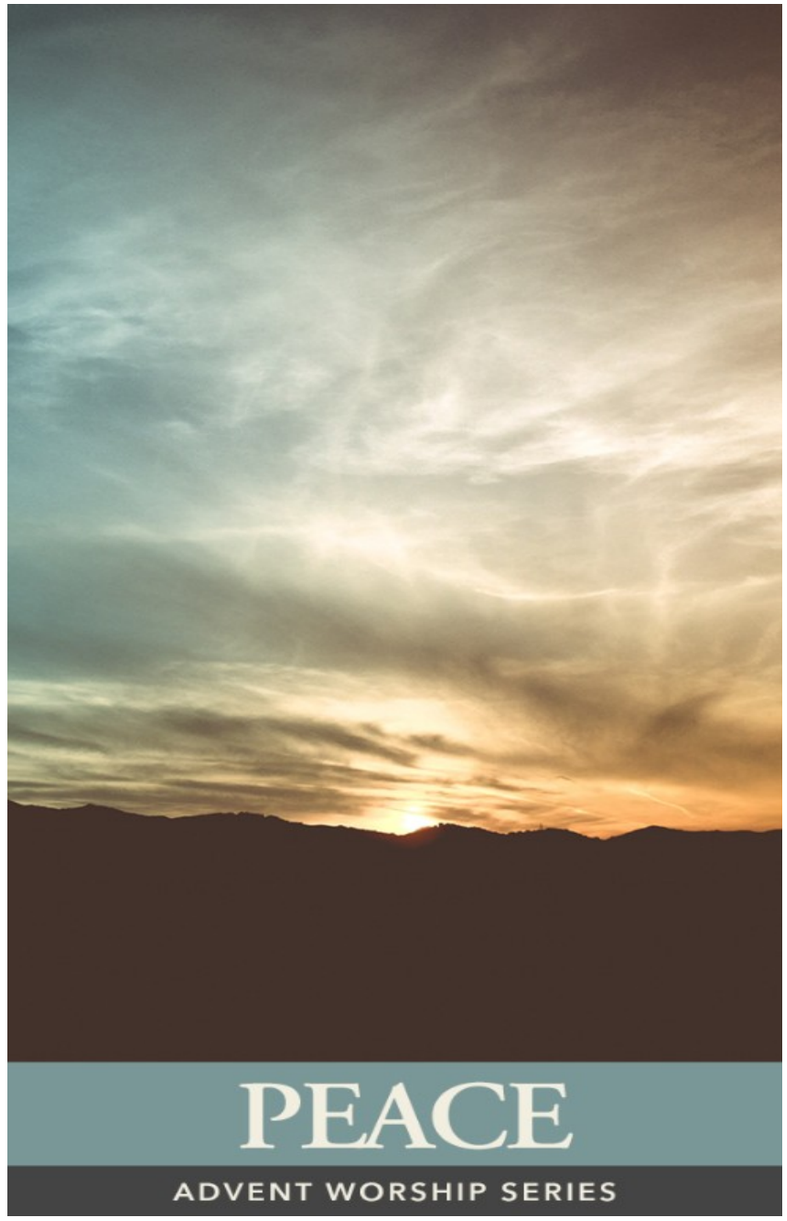
HOMEMADE GOODIES NEEDED FOR TINS!

Just a reminder, we will be packing tins with homemade goodies to send to those in the military, nursing homes, shut-ins, and first responders **this Thursday, December 5th at 10 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. ***Please make sure to have all individually wrapped candy and your homemade cookies & brownies into the church office by that date!*** If you haven't given us the names & addresses of your loved ones, please make sure to get those to us before leaving TODAY. We hope you can join us! Questions? Please contact Marcia Wood at 926-4498.

ADVENT ADULT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS DECEMBER 8TH

Starting Sunday, December 8th, we will begin our Advent study from the book *Faithful: Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph*. 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.

Coming Soon - "The Gathering", a monthly fellowship time that will take place on the 3rd Thursday of each month.



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Sunday, December 1, 2019

PRELUDE *Joyce Craig*
"Rondeau Carol" by Carson Cooman

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: The time is coming when the Lord shall pour His most special blessing on the earth.
C: We want to be ready for that time. What should we do?
L: Be vigilant. Keep your hearts, minds, and spirits open to God's word.
C: Help us, O Lord, to be aware of all of Your blessings.
L: Come, let us celebrate God's love for us.
ALL: Make our hearts ready to receive Your Gift of Love, O Lord.

***OPENING HYMN** *UMH #211*
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH *See Insert*
Chet & Roxanne Micinski

EPISTLE READING *Sandy Allmon*
Romans 13:11 - 14
followed by *"GLORIA PATRI"* *UMH #70*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Pastor Liz Lahaie*

SERMON: Matthew 24:35 - 44 *Pastor Liz Lahaie*

"Peace"

TIME OF PRAYER

*****Congregational Prayer (In Unison) *Sandy Allmon*

God, we are ready now. We want peace now. We long to receive the Prince of Peace in our world today. But don't delay too long, Holy One, for soon we'll be busy with parties, and decorating, and baking, and shopping. Our lives are crammed so full, we find it hard to calendar You in; we find it hard to locate the time to welcome the Light of the World. We need Your help, O God. Teach us to set aside our party wardrobes, and clothe ourselves in Jesus Christ. Guide us into true readiness, even though we do not know the date and time, when true peace will reign. Wake us up; shake off the cobwebs of our complacency; and take us with You on the path up Your holy mountain. Plant Your peace within us, so that each day, each moment, we may be ready for the harvest of your love. AMEN.

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

WORSHIP OF GIVING: *Tithes, Offerings & Gifts All*
*"Light of the World"*** *Screen*
*followed by "The Doxology"** *Screen*

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION Pastor Liz Lahaie
"The Great Thanksgiving" UMH #15
Communion bread baked by Bob Kremke
Communion Stewards: Scott & Karla Allmon
Music: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* by Donna Robertson

***CLOSING HYMN** *UMH #624*
"Bread of the World"

- Closing Words & Benediction -

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING *All*

POSTLUDE *Joyce Craig*

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

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***Joys*:**

Joyce Craig - Thankful for living in this free country and being back from vacation.
Bob Kremke - thanks for the prayers for his heart procedure
Anna Kalbe - thankful that Joyce is back and for the lights on the stairs to the balcony.
Jeanette Burton - thankful for al the prayers for her family

***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 1st Advent Candle: Peace
Chet & Roxanne Micinski

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Isaiah says that in days to come, the nations shall stream to the mountain of the Lord, and there we will beat swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks; there, we will learn war no more. God will teach us peace.

We light this first candle to burn as sign of peace among all people.

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Chet/Roxanne: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord that God may teach us the ways of peace.

Congregation: Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Song: *"The Advent Candle Song"* *(See this insert)*
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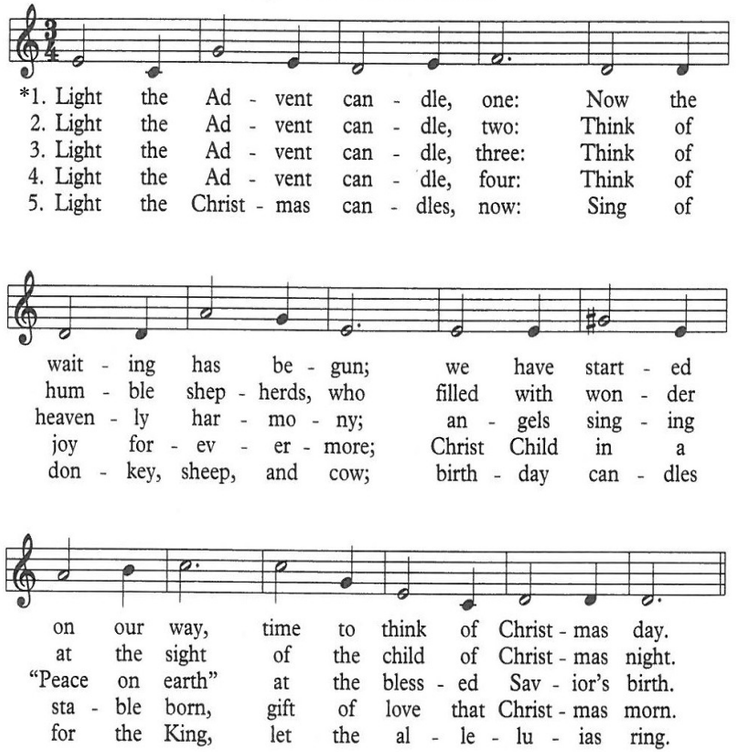

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