



Shippensburg First Church of God

FYI

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Attendance: Sunday Morning Worship
Sunday, December 17, 2023

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| 8:30 a.m. | 137 | Sunday School | 172 |
| 11 a.m. | 120 | | |
| Worship Total | 257 | | |

Attendance: Community Night
Wednesday, December 20, 2023

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| Awana | 52 | Ladies in Step | — |
| Crossing Youth | 28 | Fresh Start | 9 |
| Kinetics | 11 | Total | 100 |



Today
(December 24, 2023)



10 a.m.—Blended Morning Worship

We are wrapping up our series called "O Little Town". We have been looking at Bethlehem and some of the stories that are connected to it. Today, we will look at the idea of home and Christmastime. We will consider how Jesus viewed home and how the idea of home takes on a different meaning because of Jesus.

As we celebrate Christmas, we will reflect on how Jesus lived homeless so that we could call Heaven our home. We will also be challenged to live like Jesus did and to not look at this world as our home, but rather to look forward to the home He is preparing for us (John 14:1-4) and to help others find their way home too!

6 p.m.—Contemporary Christmas Service

11 p.m.—Choir Cantata:

"A Celebration of Carols"

Both evening services will include candle lighting.



Poinsettias

The poinsettias in the sanctuary are presented by individuals and families in our church in loving memory of or in honor of others, or to the Glory of God. For a list, please see our special poinsettia handout.

If you purchased a poinsettia for the sanctuary, please feel free to take it home with you after the completion of the 10 a.m. worship service today.

This Week in Our Church

Monday

Christmas Day

Today we celebrate the birth of the Savior!

Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

Luke 2:11 (NIV)

Wednesday

No prayer group

No Community Night or Choir

Thursday

9-10:15 a.m. —Men's Bible Study

This study is held offsite.

Evening—Worship Team Practice

The worship team practices in the sanctuary.

Saturday

7-8 a.m.—Men's Alliance

This group meets at the American Legion.

Next Sunday **New Year's Eve** (December 31, 2023)

8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.—**Morning Worship**

9:45 a.m.—**Sunday School**

11 a.m.—**No Children's Church for 1st-5th grade.**

Since it is a 5th Sunday, children in grades 1-5 will worship with their parents in the sanctuary on New Year's Eve. There will be a class for children 2 years—kindergarten. Nursery will be provided.

Mission & Ministry **Opportunities**

Hound Packs

Our church is collecting individual packets of oatmeal and individual serving sized containers of cereal for Hound Packs. If you would like to donate some of these items, please bring them to church, and place them in the vestibule located closest to Crossroads Station.



Upcoming Events

The Crossing Youth All Night Event

The youth will have an all night event on December 27th-28th. They will be leaving in the evening and will be going to several locations throughout the night to participate in some fun & exciting activities. Youth should have already signed up for this event with their leaders.

Financial Peace University

Our church will host a Financial Peace University class in the beginning of the new year. The first class will be held on Friday, January 19th and will be held on most Friday evening through March 29th. The class will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will last approximately two hours. The location for the class will be determined soon.

If you are interested in this class, go to <https://www.fpu.com/3442B7> to get more information on the specifics of this class and to sign up for it. You may also use the QR code below to sign up. (There is a cost, and you must be pre-registered with FPU to participate.) To learn more about Financial Peace University, go to www.ramseysolutions.com and choose Financial Peace University.



Weekend to Remember

It is time to start thinking about "Weekend to Remember". The event at Hershey will be held February 9th-11th this year. To get the best discount, register early and as part of our church group. If you register 30 days or more before the event, the discount is \$100/couple.



You can get more information and register at weekendtoremember.com. The church group discount code is posted on the bulletin board in The Gathering Place.

Registration does not include lodging. Hotels in the Hershey area often fill early this weekend due to Valentine's Day, so you will want to book your room as early as possible.

Miscellaneous

Thank You Note

There is a thank you card on the bulletin board just off The Gathering Place and just outside the church nursery from Pastor Gary. Please take a moment to stop by and read it. There are also thank you cards there to the church family from others. Since thank you notes to the church family are often of a more personal nature, we are posting them on the bulletin board for you to personally read.

Offering Envelopes

Here are a few important instructions about offering envelopes for 2024:

- For those who use Sunday school offering envelopes, they are here and have been put in your church mailbox.
- Church offering envelopes will not be here until mid to late January. We apologize for the inconvenience. Until they arrive, please use the white envelopes located on the backs of the pews for your giving. Also, please include your name and the envelope number you had for 2023. It is important that you include this information so we have a record of your giving.
- If you have used offering envelopes in the past but do not wish to receive them for 2024, or if you have not used offering envelopes in the past but would like to receive them for 2024, please contact the church.

Important Dates to Remember

December 27th—No Community Night
January 3—No Community Night
January 21st—Membership Class
February 25th—Baptism