



Shippensburg First Church of God

FYI

Sunday, December 31, 2023

Attendance: Christmas Eve Services
Sunday, December 24, 2023

10 a.m.	209
6 p.m.	96
11 p.m.	156

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

8:30 and 11 a.m.—Morning Worship

We start a new sermon series today called, "Begin With the End In Mind". Our main scripture passage will be Ecclesiastes, but we will be looking at other scriptures as we study this topic. We will consider the passage of time from a biblical perspective. We will reflect on what has passed and look forward to what is to come. Also this Sunday, as we say goodbye to 2023, we will celebrate by watching a slide show of some of the highlights of what God has done in our church this past year.

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. There will be a class for children two years—kindergarten. Nursery will be provided.



This Week in Our Church

Monday

New Year's Day

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 (January 7, 2023)

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

PMI Offering Sunday—If you would like to give toward our commitment to help PMI with their rent, please use one of the white envelopes located in the back of the pews. Please fill out the correct information on it, and write PMI next to one of the blanks labeled "Others (Enter Fund)".

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

Missions Sunday Offering—On the first Sunday of the month, half of the Sunday school offering goes to missions.

11 a.m.—Children's Church

Children's Church is for children ages two through grade 5 and is held on the lower level.

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

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 (30 days before the event) and as part of our church group. 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

Bulletin Board

There are thank you cards on the church bulletin board from our church family to our church family. 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. If you haven't already read the notes, please take a moment to stop by and read them. They will be updated as needed.

There is also a new altar flower chart located on one of the bulletin boards in The Gathering Place. If you are interested in presenting altar flowers this year, please check the chart for available dates, and take a form located with the chart. The form has instructions on it for ordering your flowers.

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

January 3—No Community Night
January 21st—Membership Class (There is a sign-up sheet in The Gathering Place.)
February 25th—Baptism (There is a sign-up sheet in The Gathering Place.)