

Shippensburg First Church of God



Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18, 2022

<i>Attendance:</i> Sunday, December 11, 2022		
8:30 a.m.	118 Sunday School	162
11:00 a.m.	89	
Total	207	
<i>Service from the Heart</i> Wednesday, December 14, 2022		
		160

Directors & The Gathering Place Hosts & Hostesses
December 2022

Directors
Anita Rickabaugh
The Gathering Place
Elaine Sampson

Directors
Beth Rosenberry
The Gathering Place
Bernie & Cathy Eiswert

TODAY

Fourth Sunday of Advent—Love

8:30 & 11 a.m.—*Morning Worship*

Services. Pastor Rodney's message will be *The Most Wonderful Time of the Year—Watching.* We'll hear about how love has come to the world.

9:45 a.m.—*Sunday School.* There are classes for all ages. One specially for you.

White Gift Sunday. The entire Sunday School offering is our Christmas gift to missions. Give as the Lord leads.

11 a.m.—*Kids' Worship* down in the lower level.

12:15 p.m.—*Celebration of Glenda Covered Dish Luncheon* in the lower level.

5 p.m.—*Cantata Dress Rehearsal* in the sanctuary.



Tuesday

First Day of Winter

6:30 p.m.—*Outreach Committee Meeting* in Room 110.

Wednesday

8 a.m.—*Prayer Time* in Room 9. Please join us for this time of prayer. Questions? Contact Joyce Hornbaker.

6:30-8 p.m.—*Community Night*

Quiana is down in the lower level.

The Crossing Youth upstairs of Crossroads Station

Kinetics in the Annex.

Ladies in Step in Room 110.

Fresh Start in Room 105

8 p.m.—*Adult Choir Practice* in the sanctuary.

Saturday

Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Services

6 p.m.—*Family Friendly Christmas*

Eve Service. There will be a staffed nursery.

11 p.m.—*Christmas Cantata—Jesus—The Advent of the Messiah.*

Christmas Eve Offerings will be divided between two local ministries: Community Care & the Harbor. Give as the Lord leads



Next Sunday Christmas Day

10 a.m.—*Morning Worship*

Service. Pastor Rodney's message will be *The Most Wonderful Time of the Year—Worshipping.* Children will sit with their parents. Activity bags are available.

NO *Sunday School.*



Christmas Day

Inclement Weather Policy

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| Double pie crust pastry | 3 | tblsp. milk |
| 2 cups fresh corn | | 4-5 dabs of butter |
| 1 hard-boiled egg, cut up | | Salt and pepper to flour |



If services are canceled due to inclement weather, we will post the information on the church website www.shipfcog.org, on our Facebook page ShipFCOG, on ABC27, and on WCRH radio. We will also send an email via the Church News email list.



Missions Prayer Focus

Missions

December's Mission Prayer Focus

is Work Team Partners, Inc. Dustin and Heather Negley have traveled to the Dominican Republic with this

organization. Please pray for them throughout December.

Friends At Home Ministry & CROSS Residents

The following Friends at Home and CROSS Residents have a

MRS ROSE FULMER 13 W CLARISA DR SHIPPENSBURG PA 17257 December 20
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MRS MARTHA KELLEY 5963 SAMPACHE DR SHIPPENSBURG, pa 17257 December 22
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December

birthday:



Card Making

Card Making

The next Card Making will be held on Monday, January 2nd at 1 p.m. in the Annex. Anyone is invited to join us as we make cards for our Friends At Home and CROSS Residents. It's a great time of fellowship. Questions? Contact Elaine Sampson.



CROSS Mailbox

We are pleased that you are including the CROSS residents in your Christmas card and birthday mailing. We have placed a mailbox marked CROSS at the end of the mailboxes where you can place your cards.



Inclement Weather Policy

Bible Quiz

Which of the four Gospels begins with the following words:
"The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God."

A. Matthew
B. Mark
C. Luke
D. John

Answer: B (See Mark 1:1, NRSV)



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Christmas Eve Services

Saturday, December 24, 2022

<p>6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Family-Friendly Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Featuring traditional carols ✦ Christmas Eve message ✦ Candle Lighting ✦ Nursery Available 	<p>11:00 p.m.</p> <p>Christmas Cantata</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ <i>Jesus!—the Advent of the Messiah</i> ✦ Candle Lighting
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Recipe—Corn Pie

Preheat oven to 425°F. Make pastry for a double-crust the bottom of the pie filling ingredients together and sprinkle with flour. Fill pastry and add top crust. Bake for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350°F and bake for 35-40 minutes or until brown.



enough pie. Line pan. Mix filling ingredients together and sprinkle with flour. Fill pastry and add top crust. Bake for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350°F and bake for 35-40 minutes or until brown.



Ministries Opportunities

Circle of Love



Hound Packs—2022 /2023

Hound Packs is a needed program for children with food insecurities which has been servicing 150 children each week. Keep collecting individual packages of cereals and oatmeal. We are better together!



New Sock Collections

Adults & children (no baby or toddler)

New or Used Boots/Sneakers

WELCOME! *Collections*

Adults, Children (sizes 10-3)—no baby or toddler

The Gathering Place Coordinator

Bridgette Gettel has served as The Gathering Place coordinator for the last year and has done a fantastic job at lining up greeters and The Gathering Place Hosts/Hostesses. She will be stepping down at the end of the year. If you have a gift of being able to reach out to people and would be willing to serve in this capacity, please contact Bev Shumway.



Membership Class & Baptism

We are scheduling a New Members Class for January 8th during the Sunday School hour in Room 204. If you are interested in taking this class, please sign up in The Gathering Place or you can contact one of the pastors directly.

We would like to plan a Baptismal Service early in 2023. If you are interested in being baptized, please sign up in The Gathering Place or you can contact one of the pastors directly.



2023 Pocket Calendars

With 2023 just right around the corner, you may find yourself needing a new calendar for all your activities. We have pocket calendars in The Gathering Place for your to take.



Directors & The Gathering Place Hosts & Hostesses

We will be making new schedules for the 2023 year for Greeters and The Gathering Place Host/Hostesses. If you have served in the past, you will automatically go back on the schedule unless you let us know you do not wish to serve.

We need more Greeters and The Gathering Place Hosts/Hostesses. Please sign up in your classroom or in The Gathering Place if you are willing.



Community Cares

Coat Drive: Our church will be focusing on a great need for this season to donate to Community Cares.

- Coats of all sizes—children and adults
- Bring your coats to the east vestibule—Crossroads Station

Outreach will over to the start right now up January, or needs met.



New Church & SS Envelopes

We will be distributing new Church and Sunday School envelopes in the next couple of weeks. If you want envelopes and never had them or if you don't want them, please place a note in the Church Secretary's mailbox. These are helpful to the secretary in keeping track of your giving if you want a year-end statement.



Year-End Statements

Our church secretary, Glenda Bistline, will be retiring at the end of the year; however, she will be returning in January only to do the 2022 Year-End Statements. It is very important that if you want credit for extra giving over and above what you give in your envelopes that you get this information to her by the first week in January. Our new secretary, Sonja Shively,





ALTAR FLOWERS

These aren't familiar with statements and be expected to do them for you. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated this year.

2023 Altar Flower Chart

The new Altar Flower Sign-up Chart is posted in The Gathering Place. The cost will remain the same, \$20/vase or both for \$40. Please help us to get the chart filled up quickly. There are forms for you to complete and place in the Church Secretary's mailbox.



2022 Christmas Poinsettias Bulletin

The Christmas Poinsettias bulletin with all those who donated them, can be found in The Gathering Place.



Christian Symbol Advent Wreath.

The Advent wreath is a symbol of watchfulness and increasing joy as we anticipate Jesus' birth. The wreath's circular shape symbolizes eternity or life without end. The candles remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World — He brought light and life to a dark world (see John 1:4-5). On each of the four Sundays of Advent, we light a new candle. As the light grows, so do our hope and joy.



Some Christmas Humor

The Christmas Grump

Uncle Bill had the reputation of being a curmudgeon. He always seemed to have something to grumble about. Bill's friends and family were used to his demeanor and usually took it with a grain of salt.

One year, while Bill's relatives were decorating for Christmas, his young nephew stood up and said, "Do you wonder how Uncle Bill can put up a party scene again this year?"



The Story of Jesus' Birth

Jesus' birth is recorded in three New Testament chapters: Matthew 1 and 2, and Luke 2. Follow some important words about our Savior's birth by starting at a word beginning with the letter **A** and finishing with a word starting with the letter **Z**.

angels	Bethlehem	car	dance	easel
cat	bear	child	donkey	egg
fast	holy	glory	flocks	Earth
feathers	gap	inn	jacket	grapes
peace	quiet	hat	Joseph	King
Lord	only	righteous	shepherds	Kelp
loop	Mary	night	unique	tidings
last	maze	paper	wise men	virgin
water	open	nest	word	excitement
young	zillions	saved by this baby called Jesus		

Answer: angels, Bethlehem, car, dance, easel, cat, bear, child, donkey, egg, fast, holy, glory, flocks, Earth, feathers, gap, inn, jacket, grapes, peace, quiet, hat, Joseph, King, Lord, only, righteous, shepherds, Kelp, loop, Mary, night, unique, tidings, last, maze, paper, wise men, virgin, water, open, nest, word, excitement, young, zillions saved by this baby called Jesus



Christmas Greeting

The pastors and staff wish to thank everyone for all the Christmas cards, greetings, and other expressions.

