

CHRIST'S UNITED'S NEWS & VIEWS

DECEMBER 2010

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

EMMANUEL

Matthew's account of the birth of Jesus is stark and dramatic. The narrative emerges quickly through hints of an unexpected pregnancy, probable shame and embarrassment, and fear. What was Mary, very young and with child, feeling? Matthew's narrative, so unlike Luke's version, provides no clue. Joseph, being a righteous man, sought no harm or disgrace for young Mary, but nevertheless, he could not see himself continuing in this relationship with Mary because of her suspect pregnancy. Sadness surfaces for the hearer of this story as a separation is anticipated. Suddenly, an angel reveals a new insight for Joseph; Mary's pregnancy is not of some sordid action but bears witness to God's creative promise of salvation. Joseph is instructed to name this child Jesus for he is the one to save his people from their sins. The narrative shifts from despair to hope. Matthew suggests that this shift expresses the fulfillment of prophecy whereby humanity's hope is found simply and assuredly in the presence of God in human likeness- EMMANUEL, God with us!

God's promise of salvation for us is contained in God's presence with us. Jesus, our savior, manifests fully the nearness of God present with us and for us wherever and in whatever situations we may find ourselves. The faith that acknowledges with certainty that our salvation is in Jesus' hands is the same faith that is able to "see" Jesus with us day by day. Even as we wait for the consummation of our salvation in Jesus' return in the fullness of His glory, paradoxically, we live that promise presently in the "presence" of Jesus who assures us that he will always be with us.

Christmas time is filled with joy and hope for God's promise of salvation is realized in the birth of Jesus. But most certainly we may carry that joy and hope with us each and every day for we trust that Jesus, our Emmanuel, is with us now and always. In Jesus, God is with us in our joys and in our sorrows, in our strengths and in our weaknesses, in our thriving and in our suffering, in our haves and in our wants. Emmanuel, God with us in Jesus, is the reason for our Christmas joy, but it is also a joy and a hope to be carried with us throughout our days for the God who will save us is the God who is with us now.

--Pastor John



***Our wishes for you, dear members and friends,
are for a joyful and blessed Christmas.
May you celebrate the Good News with our age-old traditions,
May you spend the holidays surrounded by family and friends
May you find wonderment in the miracle of that first Christmas
as you lift your voice to sing familiar carols
May the blessings of Christmas be with you today and always!***

Tom
Tom

Margie



ADVENT ACTIVITIES

ADVENT BREAKFASTS

Due to unpredictable weather at this time of year and the low attendance at these breakfasts the last few years, it has been decided to forgo the Advent breakfasts this year.

COMMUNITY HYMN SING

December 6

A community hymn sing, sponsored by the Mifflinburg Ministerium, will take place in our sanctuary on **December 5 at 2:30 p.m.** We hope you will bring your pipes, your family and friends, and join with us and members of our community as we raise a joyful noise in praise to our Lord

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE



Christmas is here, and again we are celebrating the greatest event of history -- the birth of the Christ Child. Christmas Eve is a great time to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

Candlelight, communion, prayers, lessons, carols and choir anthems are traditionally all part of the Christmas Eve services at Christ's United and we invite you and your loved ones to share in those traditions this year at **7:00 p.m. on December 24.**

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS



Help is needed to decorate the sanctuary at least one time in December. Contact Barry Spangler for more information.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS AND MEMBERS IN THE SERVICE



When making out your Christmas cards this year, be sure to send some to our shut-ins and servicemen and women.

Shut-Ins

Merrill Buoy
Rolling Hills Manor
17350 Old Turnpike Rd.
Millmont Pa 17845

Carolyn Catherman
35 E Maple St
Mifflinburg Pa 17844

Mary Erdley
6 Aspen Place
Lewisburg Pa 17837

Margaret Himes
16 Chapel Rd
Millmont Pa 17845

Sally Kenamond
RiverWoods
3201 River Rd
Lewisburg Pa 17837

Bob & Betty Lauf
11 Tee St
Selinsgrove Pa 17870

Harold Sampsell
Terracina Grand
6825 Davis Blvd., Unit 364
Naples, FL 34104

Richard Schnure
Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village
889 Fairground Rd
Lewis burg Pa 17837

Connie Wagner
1135 Cold Run Rd
Millmont Pa 17845

Erna Wolfe
2075 Orchard Rd
Mifflinburg Pa 17844

IN THE SERVICE

Brandi Gemberling
8790 Redwood Dr Unit 1
Santee Ca 92071-7718

Kristin Huston
901 15th St S Apt 1413
Arlington VA 22202

PFC John Hosterman
C Troop 361 Cav
4th BCAT 4th ID
Fort Carson CO 80913

We have also placed a basket in the hallway for cards for David Noblit, Jr. David, who was severely wounded in Afghanistan, is a friend of Sam & Ethel Schnure. He has lost both legs and has damage to an arm. He has a long road to recovery and is in need of some encouragement. "Get Well" or "Thinking of You" style cards or personal notes, as well as Christmas cards, would be appreciated for him. If you want more information, talk to Sam or Ethel.

POINSETTIAS



These beautiful flowers are recognized as a symbol of Christmas. Joel Roberts Poinsett, who died on December 12, 1851, was the first Ambassador to Mexico. He brought the plant back to his plantation in the U.S. He grew the plants in his Greenville, S.C. plantation and gave them out as gifts to friends.

In Mexican folklore, there is a story of a little poor girl who had nothing to bring to church for Christmas. On her way to church, she picked some plants by the side of the road. As she entered the church, the ends of the leaves turned into bright, brilliant red flowers. You guessed it... Poinsettias.

We will again be using poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for our service on Christmas Eve. If you would like to provide a plant or two, fill out the following and return it to Janice Wagner or Margie

Poinsettia Order Form

Cost: \$10.00

Order Deadline: December 12

**Return with Payment to:
Janice Wagner or Margie Dunkle**

GIVEN BY _____

in memory of _____

in memory of _____

in honor of _____

in honor of _____

to the Glory of God _____

Number of Plants Ordered _____

Amount Enclosed _____

*Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.
~Norman Vincent Peale*

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT



It has been our custom that each year we honor our pastor, the staff, and their families through a monetary gift at Christmas. If you would like to contribute to the gift this year, contact any member of the mutual ministry committee:

Dave Bickhart

Maurice Clouser

Shirley Kerstetter

Marie VonNeida

Drew Christy

Don Fornwalt

Dianne Shuck

Contributions may also be given or mailed to Margie at the church. If you have any questions, contact, Drew Christy (966-1730).

BIBLE STUDIES

We invite everyone to join us as we continue the study of the Book of Acts at our weekly Bible studies. December's schedule is as follows:



10:30 a.m.

December 13

7:00 p.m.

December 8

December 15

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES



Angel Food orders for December will be taken on **Friday, December 3, from 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon and Monday, December 6, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** As requested a copy of this month's menu is included in this newsletter. There are also menus and order forms available on the bulletin board outside of the office.

Help will be needed with the distributions that will take place on **December 18 from 9:00-10:00 a.m.**

If you would like to make a donation toward the purchase of an Angel Food package to help those in need, a donation box is in the hall for your convenience.

If you have any questions about any aspect of the Angel Food program, talk to Al Pantaleo or Kim Blyler.

CHRISTKINDL MARKET



We will be having a stand at the Christkindl Market again this year, selling baked potatoes, schnitz un knepp and bon bons. The dates are **December 9-11**, with workdays taking place on **December 6** and **December 8**. We are going to need help, AND LOTS OF IT

On **December 6**, we will be making bon bons to be sold during the event. Help will be needed at **9:00 a.m.** to mix and shape the bon bons. We also will be cooking and cutting up ham for the schnitz un knepp at this time. At **6:00 p.m.** the bon bons will be dipped and packaged.

At **5:00 p.m. on December 9** help is needed to prepare the potatoes for baking. We will have 600 potatoes to be washed, oiled and wrapped in foil.

And last, but certainly not least, we will need help at the stand during the hours of operation:

December 9 (4:30-9:00 p.m.)
December 10 (10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.)
December 11 (10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.)

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside of the sanctuary, or you can talk to Bev Catherman or Shirley Kerstetter to find out the times that help will be needed. If you find yourself with time on your hands on any of the dates above, please come help with the tasks

HOPE'S HAVEN



We are in need of men's pants (all sizes) and women's small tops and pants at Hope's Haven. When disposing of appropriate unwanted items, consider giving them to Hope's Haven.

We are also in need of food items. In the past, Weis Markets has very generously supplied us with provisions, but they are receiving more requests from other food banks and have had to limit what they provide us, in order to meet other's needs. Please remember the food bank when you do your grocery shopping and include some items for Hope's Haven in your purchases.

Gifts for the Kids of Hope's Haven

Again this year we will be giving Christmas gifts to the children who come to Hope's Haven. As we did last year we are asking for donations of gifts of \$5.00 or under. They can be for either a boy or girl.

Unwrapped donations can be put in Margie's office where they will be collected and stored for a Christmas party for the children on December 4. Thank you all in advance for helping us brighten the party for the kids.

2011 BANQUET SCHEDULE

There are two banquets scheduled for January:



January 22
TBA
Penns Creek Go Kart Assn

January 29
TBA
Buffalo Valley Sportsmens Club

Help will be needed in both the dining room and kitchen. Watch the bulletin board across from the sanctuary for sign-up sheets for dining room help. If you are able to help in the kitchen, talk to Shirley Kerstetter (966-0034).

Cakes will also be needed for these banquets. If you are able to provide one or two, sign up on the attached form or talk to Shirley. All help is greatly appreciated

BANQUET CAKES

I will provide a cake(s) for the following banquet(s). Please list number to be provided

_____ **January 22**
p.m.
Penns Creek Go Kart Assn

_____ **January 29**
p.m.
Buffalo Valley Sportsmens Club

Signed _____
Telephone _____

CHRISTMAS

*Christmas is more than a time of music, merriment and mirth;
it is a season of meditation, managers and miracles.*
*Christmas is more than a time of gaiety, greenery and gifts;
it is a season of wonder, worship and wisemen.*
*Christmas is more than a time of tinsel, trees and toys;
it is a season of preparation, prayers and peace.*
*Christmas is more than a time of festivities, family and friends;
it is a season of generosity, gladness and gratitude.*
*Christmas is more than a time of carols, cards and candy;
it is a season of dedication, direction and decision.*
*Christmas is more than Santa, stockings and surprises;
it is Christ, care and concern.*

-- William Arthur Ward

CRAFT GROUP



The crafters will meet again on **Thursday, December 2, at 1:00** to straighten up the craft supplies and make future plans.

YARD SALE



We are collecting items for a Yard Sale to be held sometime in February. At this time we are just in the planning stage, but you are invited to begin putting items for the yard sale in the room beside the choir room. . More information will be forthcoming.

COOKBOOKS



Many people have been asking for church cookbooks again and a committee has been formed to get started on the project. If anyone would like to help in any way or have any suggestions, please contact Kim Blyler. The committee will be meeting soon to pick the cover and categories for recipes. Sheets to submit your recipes will be available soon thereafter. There will be a pre-order form on the bottom if anyone wished to reserve copies of the cookbook. This will help in deciding the quantity to order. Recipes will be accepted through mid spring and it is hoped to have the cookbook in time for the 2011 West End Fair.

YOUTH NEWS



Awards & Recognitions

Adam Gemberling took the top drum major award at the Atlantic Coast Championships. For his win, Adam was one of four drum majors leading the Tournament of Bands All Star Parade on Thanksgiving Day in Philadelphia.

Pauline Gemberling was a member of the Millersville University's Robotic Team that won the National Competition that took place in Florida



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Sewing Days

Blanket workdays are on hiatus over the holidays. Weather permitting they will resume in January.

Clean fabric and filling (new or used from old sheets, clothing, etc.) for the quilts are always welcome. Also, don't throw out that old mattress pad. Bring it to the church and it can be used for filler for the quilts.

RADA

Shopping for yourself or for those on your 'list' is as easy as coming to church! Christ's United Woman's Circle continues to offer RADA Cutlery to help you shop and support our ministry's all at the same time. You may choose to shop out of the catalog that is in Margie's office or pick up any of the in-stock items today. All items are priced below the suggested retail value. Talk to Audrey Crone if you want more information.

ALL WOMEN OF CHRIST'S UNITED ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AT ANY OF OUR MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES.

DISHWASHER NEEDED



We are in need of a new dishwasher. The new machine, with installation, is quoted to be \$3,500-\$4,000. The council has voted that it not be purchased until funds become available. If you would be willing to contribute toward the purchase, a jar is in the hallway each Sunday for your convenience. Donations can also be put in your offering envelope or dropped off in the office.

As of the printing of this newsletter donations total is \$1,179.00.

As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?" The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped, "Didn't you get my E-mail?"

CHURCH COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE



1. Kim Blyler reported that Hope's Haven have been averaging 52 people per week.
2. John Stamm, Jr. moved to accept Chad's verbal resignation from Council. Idella Zimmerman seconded the motion and passed.

3. Doug Gemberling encouraged participation within the Union County Thrivent organization.

4. Kim Blyler, Sue Blyler, Bev Catherman, Drew Christy, Janet Hileman, Shirley Kerstetter, Judy Moyer and Barry Spangler met with Pastor John to discuss the formation of a Facility Use Task Force. Pastor John opened the meeting by cautioning what this group should and should not do in relation with facility items within our church buildings. The group should determine what is here; determine what we need and what we do not need anymore. After potential ideas were exchanged, all lay members present agreed to be members of this Facility Use Task Force. The group appointed Bev as the task force convener and Barry as its recorder.

5. The next council meeting will be held on January 18, 2011.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



The regular annual congregational meeting was held on Sunday, November 14, 2010, at 10:38 a.m. following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Church Council Interim President Dave Bickhart called the meeting to order. Pastor John Yost opened the meeting with a prayer.

John Stamm, Jr. moved to accept the November 22 and December 27 congregational meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Doug Gemberling and passed.

First item of business was the 2011 budget. Pastor John explained how the budget format was changed. Specific aspects to the budget were mentioned. Drew Christy moved to approve the budget as presented. Seconded by Deb Wilson and passed.

Bev Catherman, Wendy Doebler, Doug Gemberling and Lee Spangler were placed on the ballot for a three year term on Church Council. Stella Walter was placed on the ballot for a two year term on Church Council. No additional nominations were voiced to fill out the five Council vacancies. Drew Christy moved to have the Volunteer Secretary pass the ballot as presented. Seconded by Lee Spangler and passed by voice vote by the congregation.

HELP WANTED



We are in need of a council secretary. Duties include taking minutes at council and congregational meetings. If you are interested, talk to Pastor John or any council member.

CHEMO CAPS



There are so many children and adults in need of a bright colored cap to wear when they lose their hair to chemotherapy. At a time when their lives are in enough turmoil, perhaps having a cap someone has made just for them, will bring some renewed hope into their life.

Chemo Caps are lovingly being knitted or crocheted by members of our church family. Upon completion, they will be donated to Geisinger Medical Center and Janet Weis Children's Hospital.

If you knit or crochet, please help today. This is an ongoing project, an outreach ministry you can do at home. There is no time limit. Please give completed caps to Margie or Sue Pantaleo.

[A FEW HELPFUL GUIDELINES FOR MAKING CAPS](#)

- 1) Softer yarns: cotton, baby yarn, soft worsted like 'Caron Simply Soft' or 'Lion Brand Pound of Love' are more comfortable to wear, and cotton is really nice for summer.
- 2) Thinner, seamless (crochet or knit in the round), non-lumpy caps for sleeping/increased comfort on the recipients heads.
- 3) Please use yarns without WOOL content.
- 4) Please wash and machine dry hats before sending, as this will often soften them.
- 5) Do not use scented fabric softeners as many people are allergic to them.
- 6) *From Breast cancer survivor, Barbara B.: "I DO want to pass on my personal feeling, relative to cancer caps, that when I was bald, I wore hats and caps to cover that up. So speaking only for me, I preferred solid caps and hats. A shell stitch or a V-stitch or a granny-square cap would show the baldness through the spaces."*

Patterns for Chemo Caps are available from Sue Pantaleo.

A four-year-old boy who was asked to return thanks before Christmas dinner. The family members bowed their heads in expectation. He began his prayer, thanking God for all his friends, naming them one by one. Then he thanked God for Mommy, Daddy, brother, sister, Grandma, Grandpa, and all his aunts and uncles. Then he began to thank God for the food. He gave thanks for the turkey, the dressing, the fruit salad, the cranberry sauce, the pies, the cakes, even the Cool Whip. Then he paused, and everyone waited ... and waited. After a long silence, the young fellow looked up at his mother and asked, "If I thank God for the broccoli, won't he know that I'm lying?"



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Lost & Found

Lost – Eastern Star Ring – Star on top of black onyx. If you find it, give it to Margie.

Communions

Communions for all confirmed members must be recorded in the parish register annually. If you do not commune on a regular basis, we ask that you fill out a communion record card (one per year is all we need) so we know you have communed. The cards are located in the racks on the back of the pews. Cards may be put in the offering plate or handed to an usher.

Memorabilia

The following memorabilia items are still available for anyone interested in purchasing anything:

Wooden Miniatures of the Church - \$18.00

Church Prints - \$25.00

Blankets - \$25.00

Christmas Cards - \$15.00

12 cards per box feature a winter picture of the church

Talk to Judy Moyer if you have questions about, or would like to purchase, any of these items.

Informants Wanted

We like to publish news about our members in the newsletter, but we need your help to do so. If you know of interesting information about any of our members (youth or adult), i.e. an award or recognition, a funny tale or exciting adventure, please let Margie know about it so we can include it in an issue of *Christ's United's News & Views*.

Do We Have Your E-Mail Address?

If you have an e-mail address that you have never given to us or if it has changed, please fill out the following and drop it off on Margie's desk or give her a call.

Name _____

E-Mail Address _____

Have a Favorite Hymn?

Over the past few years, some of you have been requesting favorite hymns and gospel songs and for that we give many thanks. Because of U.S. copyright laws, we do not have permission to reproduce or copy many of our favorites. You may choose selections from the following hymnals: Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW), Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) and With One Voice (WOV). We are also permitted to use hymns that are in the "Public Domain". It's all very complicated. So, keep your suggestions coming and the Worship and Music Committee will be happy to sort out and use all of your suggestions that copyright laws permit. Please put the title or first line of your song(s) on a piece of paper and give it to Margie, or any member of the Worship and Music Committee (Bev Catherman, Paula Christy, Gary Hackenberg, Judy Mecouch, Dave Reed, Amy Shuck or Barry Spangler).

Hymn Request

Fellowship Committee Request

The fellowship committee would like input from the members of the congregation regarding what social/fellowship activities they would like to have. If you have any suggestions, drop a note on Margie's desk or talk to John Stamm, Jr.

Fellowship Events

Building & Ground Needs

Do you know of any physical problems (or potential problems) that should be addressed by our property committee? Your insight is important. Maybe you have seen something that no one else has noticed yet. You can talk to Pastor John, any council member or Margie if you know of something that needs attention, or fill out the following and put it on Margie's desk or in the offering plate.

Building & Ground Needs:

Prayer Chain

If you would like to be a part of the prayer chain, please fill out the following and return it to Margie

How does the prayer chain work? When a prayer request is received, that request is passed on to the second person on the prayer chain who in turns passes it on to the third person, the third person to the fourth, and so on. When and how you pray is up to you.

Prayer Chain Calling List

I would like to be included on the prayer chain calling list.

Name _____

Telephone Number _____

Ongoing Collections

(Collection boxes are in the hallway)

(1) **Haven Ministry**

(no deadline)

Packaged & Canned Food Items

Personal Hygiene Items

Cleaning Supplies

(2) **Rock Point Mission**

(no deadline)

UPC codes and box tops from:

Campbell's

Pepperidge Farm

Market Day

Franco American

Swanson

V-8 Juices

PLEASE NOTE!! There has been a change in what Campbell's is accepting in the label redemption program. They are now taking only the UPC CODE piece from the label and box tops, not the front label.

Susquehanna Valley Women in Transition

(no deadline)

Paper Towels

Baby Car Items

Gift Certificates to Department Stores

Large Size Diapers

Prepaid Phone Cards

Toilet Paper

Laundry Detergent	Clorox
60 Watt Light Bulbs	AA and AAA Batteries
“Sippy” Cups	First Aid Ointment
Sterile Pads	First Aid Foam/Waterproof Tape
Alcohol Swabs	Children’s Tylenol
Children’s Motrin	Comtrex
Advil Cold and Sinus	Robitussin CF & DM
Freezer Bags: Quart & Gallon Size	Cling Wrap & Aluminum Foil
Garbage Bags: Kitchen, Lawn & Garden	

(3) **The Shriners**
Can Tabs

Helpful Hints For Winter
submitted by Al Pantaleo

Keep your headlights clear with car wax! Just wipe ordinary car wax on your headlights. It contains special water repellents that will prevent that messy mixture from accumulating on your lights - lasts 6 weeks.

Squeak-proof your wipers with rubbing alcohol! Wipe the wipers with a cloth saturated with rubbing alcohol or ammonia. This one trick can make badly streaking & squeaking wipers change to near perfect silence & clarity.

Ice-proof your windows with vinegar! Frost on it's way? Just fill a spray bottle with three parts vinegar to one part water & spritz it on all your windows at night. In the morning, they'll be clear of icy mess. Vinegar contains acetic acid, which raises the melting point of water thus preventing water from freezing!

Prevent car doors from freezing shut with cooking spray! Spritz cooking oil on the rubber seals around car doors & rub it in with a paper towel. The cooking spray prevents water from melting into the rubber

Fog-proof your windshield with shaving cream! Spray some shaving cream on the inside of your windshield & wipe it off with paper towels. Shaving cream has many of the same ingredients found in commercial defoggers.

De-ice your lock in seconds with hand sanitizer! Just put some hand sanitizer gel on the key & the lock & the problems will be solved!



NEWS OF MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Deaths

Our family of faith is saddened upon the death of Wes Watters, 88, who passed away on November 9, after becoming ill following a fall at his home the previous week. Wes was one of the original members of Christ's United and was well known in the church kitchen where, prior to his ill health, he faithfully helped with meals (including making his famous potato salad and baked beans for our chicken barbecue). He was also a former member of the church council and he, along with his wife, Betty, served as custodians for a number of years.

Wes is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Karen Watters, of Mifflinburg; two daughters and sons-in-law, Beverly A. and Dale K. Berger, of Lewisburg, and Sharon L. and Walter J. Smead, of Birmingham, Ala.; five grandchildren and their spouses, and seven great-grandchildren.

A private graveside service was conducted by Pastor John at the Hartleton Cemetery on November 12. We shall miss Wes; our prayers continue to be with his family.

Births

Hayden Michael Showalter

A baby boy, Hayden Michael, was born to Kristin and Cain Showalter on Nov. 15, 2010 at 10:53 p.m. at Evangelical Community Hospital in Lewisburg, PA. He weighed 8 pounds, 3 1/2 ounces, and was 20 inches long and had dark hair and blue eyes.

Hayden arrived a little early and managed to be born on the same date as his Great Grandma Kline. In addition to sharing a family birth date, his middle name of Michael is also his Daddy's middle name.

He was welcomed to his new family by his parents and big sister Chloe who is 2 years old.

His grandparents are Torey and Forrest Showalter and his great grandmothers are Delight Showalter and Connie Wagner. His aunts and uncles are Kyla & Doug Shaffer, Corrin and Calvin Showalter, and Great Great Aunt Meda Struble.

Loving & warm wishes for God's many blessings are extended to the Showalter family along with our congratulations. Your church family welcomes you little Hayden.

Anniversaries

- 5 – John & Mindy Yost (1987)
- 6 – Lance & Janice Wagner (1986)
- 7 – Orvis & Betty Wallace (1940)
- 15 – Randy & Laurie Harvey (1979)
- 20 – Gary & Janet Hackenberg (1969)
- 29 – Steve & Terri Krawec (1990)
- 30 – Randy & Joan Lyons (1977)

Birthdays

- 1 – Kyle Blyler
- 2 – Terri Krawec (Mrs. Steve)
- 3 – Susan Pantaleo (Mrs. Albert)
Thelma Pontius
Kevin Zimmerman
- 4 – Adam Spigelmyer
Wendy Zartman
- 7 – Adam Gemberling
- 11 – Justine Gemberling (Mrs. Douglas)
- 12 – Jean Buoy (Mrs. Merrill)
Brianna Doebler (Wayne & Wendy)
- 14 – Kenneth Reamer
- 15 – Holly DeHart
- 16 – Kevin Baker
Jennifer Boop
Christie Leach (Mrs. Lonnie)
- 17 – Robert Lauf
Makenna Walter (Doug & Heather)
- 20 – Kevin Shuck
- 22 – Desiree Hepner
- 23 – Judy Moyer (Mrs. Steve)
- 27 – Brian Haggy (Alan & Sharon)
Torey Showalter (Mrs. Forrest)
Scott VonNeida
- 28 – Kiana Seedor (George & Tammy)
- 29 – Jasmine Doebler (Wayne & Wendy)
Heather Walter (Mrs. Doug)

Two young boys were spending the night at their grandparents the week before Christmas. At bedtime, the two boys knelt beside their beds to say their prayers when the youngest one began praying at the top of his lungs.

"I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE...I PRAY FOR A NEW NINTENDO...I PRAY FOR A NEW VCR..."

His older brother leaned over and nudged the younger brother and said, "Why are you shouting your prayers? God isn't deaf." To which the little brother replied, "No, but Grandma is."

Remember In Thought And Prayer

Please help us keep our prayer list current by letting us know of any names that should be added or removed

Our Members

Gordon Aikey
Bob Lauf
Alice Reitz
Winifred Sell
Kathy Spangler

Carolyn Bowersox
Diane Reamer
Carl Sampsell
June Spangler
Ethel Wenrich

Our Friends & Relatives

Alexandra Bankes
Karla Benfer
Kaya Bush
Forrest Emery
Tillie Folk
Adam Garman
Mary Gonzalez
Richard Harvey
George & Jackie Jones
Karen King
Roy Laudermilch
Brianna Lohr
Candy Mitchell
Sandra Murphy
Molly O'Keefe
Zachary Prochasko
Alexis Ripka
Jack Rudesil
Fred Schlenker
Marcella Shingler
Richard & Rita Tinnes
Becky Ann Wenrich
Ed Zimmerman

Rev Bill Basom
Matt Bowlan
Betty Cressman
Annette Feltman
Ann Freed
Liz Gaugler
Eleanor Hackenburg
Charles Howerter
Linda Katherman
Robert Kline
Madeline Layos
Carl Mignot
Harry Moyer
David Noblit
Mike Osgood
Carolyn Rhodes
Shirley Rishel
Bill & Bess Ruhl
Brandi Schlieff
Barbara Stamm
Barbara Trantham
Mark Wise

Our Shut-Ins

Merrill Buoy
Mary Erdley
Sally Kenamond
Harold Sampsell
Connie Wagner

Carolyn Catherman
Margaret Himes
Bob & Betty Lauf
Richard Schnure
Erna Wolfe

The Men And Women Serving In The Military

John Hosterman
David & Kristin Huston

Brandi Gemberling
Tristan Roupp

IN THE MAILBAG



Hello from Florida to Everyone.

I wanted to inform all of you regarding some decisions that Doug and I have made. As many of you already know, Dad has been living with us (or we with him) since the end of August 2009. There have been some wonderful moments and some trying moments. I have felt a responsibility to make sure that Dad was happy and he would be cared for. At this point in time, I have realized that I cannot give him the socialization that he needs. Doug and I play games with Dad every day, but I know he needs more. His memory is only getting worse, and I want what's best for him.

Dad has been going to the "Gentlemen's Club" every Friday afternoon, sponsored by the Alzheimer's Support Group here in Naples. He seems to really enjoy himself. The group meets at a wonderful assisted living facility with a memory care center included. Doug and I toured the facility and we are quite certain that Dad would benefit much more from being there than staying with us. We are only a few miles away, so that will be very convenient to visit him daily. Dad does not know about this yet, but we will be moving him there on November 30. We were going to wait until after Christmas, but they only had three openings and they told us if we waited that long, they would be gone. Dad will have a one-bedroom apartment with many amenities. We are so glad that he will get the attention and care that he needs.

If you are interested in looking over his new home, click on the website: <http://www.terracinagrand.com/>

His address will be: Harold Sampsell
Terracina Grand
6825 Davis Blvd., Unit 364
Naples, FL 34104

I know he would love to hear from some of you after he has adjusted to his new surroundings.

God's Peace,

Sharon

Thrivent

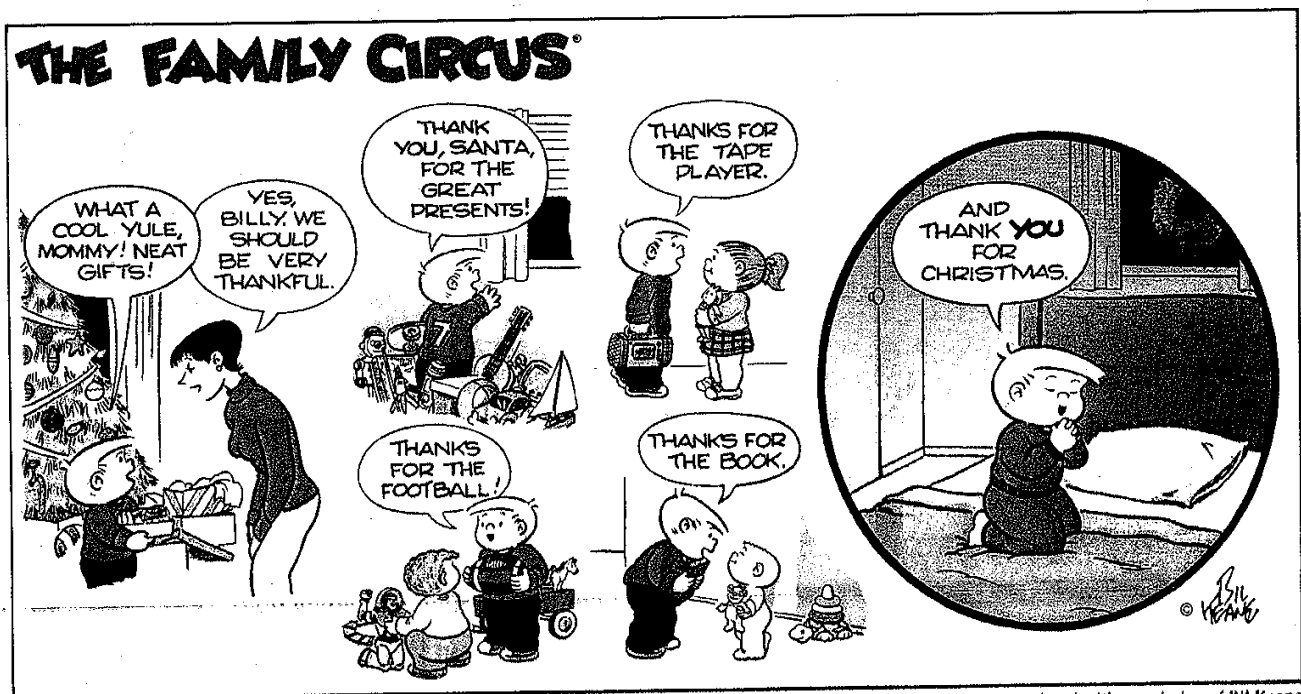
The Union Country Thrivent Chapter 31075 Meetings will be held the 1st Monday of each month January 1, 2011 at 7 PM. Join us at the Christ United Lutheran Church, 3rd Street, Lewisburg. No MEETING in July or August. Resume again on first Monday August, 2011.

The dollars allocated this year from our chapter assisted the Union Co Food Bank twice this year, Kids in the Kingdom raised money for the community supporting the Donald Heiter Community Center in Lewisburg, Boy Scout scholarships for summer camping, personal struggles for local

family, and many other projects supporting community efforts. We decided how to support local requests dispersing \$10,900 this year.

01/01/2010	Initial money rec'd	Completed	\$10,900	\$10,900
02/20/2010	Soup Sale	Completed	\$400	\$10,500
02/25/2010	Ham & Cheese Sandwich Sale	Completed	\$800	\$9,700
03/24/2010	Distribute food at the Food Banks	Completed	\$1,600	\$8,100
04/26/2010	Spring Yard Sale	Completed	\$500	\$7,600
05/27/2010	Patch Auction	Completed	\$500	\$7,100
06/10/2010	Ham & Cheese sandwich sale	Completed	\$800	\$6,300
06/18/2010	Vacation Bible School Donations	Completed	\$229	\$6,071
07/04/2010	Food stand	Completed	\$1,500	\$4,571
07/23/2010	Food Stand at Union County Public Library Book Sal	Completed	\$400	\$4,171
09/15/2010	Food stand	Completed	\$500	\$3,671
09/25/2010	Faith Annual Yard Sale	Completed	\$1,000	\$2,671
09/25/2010	Soup Sale	Completed	\$571	\$2,100
10/26/2010	Food Bank Distribution	Completed	\$1,600	\$500
11/17/2010	Ham & Cheese Sandwich Sale	Completed	\$500	\$0

Kay Trick, Records Director



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

ARC Blood Drives

December 23

Riverwoods

12:00 noon-5:00 p.m.

December 27

St. John's UCC, Lewisburg

12:00 noon-5:00 p.m.

December 29

Mifflinburg Area High School

9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Call 524-0400 or visit www.givelife.org for an appointment. Walk-in donors are always appreciated but appointments are available if your time is limited.

ARC Health & Safety Classes

December 7

Adult CPR, AED

6:00-10:00 p.m.

December 14

Infant/Child CPR

6:00-9:00 p.m.

December 28

Adult/Infant Child CPR & AED Recertification

6:00-9:00 p.m.

All classes are held at the Red Cross office at 249 Farley Circle, Lewisburg. Contact the chapter at 524-0400 or unionarchealth@dejazzd.com to register for any of these classes or to gain more information.

Babysitter Training

December 29 & 30 at the American Red Cross Office in Lewisburg

Gain the skills and confidence you need to be a great Babysitter!

Students will learn how to: Perform First Aid and get professional medical help fast - Learn Infant & Child CPR - Make good responsible decisions - Supervise infants through school-age children - Choose safe and age-appropriate toys & games - Perform basic care routines like diapering, feeding, dressing - Prepare simple meals & snacks - Hand bedtime issues - Find & interview for babysitting jobs

Every participant will receive a handbook, an Emergency Reference Guide and CD and a babysitter's portfolio with first aid kit. The fee is \$50. For information & Registration - \$50 fee per person - call the Red Cross office 524-0400



NOTES OF APPRECIATION

THANK YOU TO...

...**Everyone** who helped in any way with the Potpie Supper, Elijah's Table, the Bishop's Day meal, the bloodmobile and last month's banquets. A "pat on the back" to each and every one of you.

...**To those** who choose, conduct, present and accompany the music that influences the spirit of reverence in our worship services, we want to express our deepest appreciation.

...**To our outgoing council members**, Dave Bickhart, Judy Moyer, John Stamm, Jr. and those "coming on board," Bev Catherman, Wendy Doebler, Doug Gemberling, Lee Spangler, Stella Walter. Thank you for your willingness to serve as one of the leaders of this congregation.

...**Our Hope's Haven volunteers**. We so appreciate your taking time out of your busy life. Your support enables us to help many thankful people.

Pastor John and Members of Christ's United,

Thank you for the visits, cards and Christmas tree. I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciate your support while I'm at RiverWoods. It means so much to me that you would take the time to come see me. Your kind words, company, and prayers really make a difference.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and your friendship.

--Sally Kenamond

If you know of someone in our church who could use a pat on the back for a job well done, and for ministry that was meaningful to you please let us know at the church office and when you see these people remember to thank them for helping to make Christ's United a church that ministers in Jesus' name.

What has happened to the old-fashioned, spiritual Christmas? The cause is our disregard of Advent. The church set aside this four-week pre-Christmas season as a time of spiritual preparation for Christ's coming. It is a time of quiet anticipation. If Christ is going to come again into our hearts, there must be repentance. Without repentance, our hearts will be so full of worldly things that there will be 'no room in the inn' for Christ to be born again....We have the joy not of celebration. Which is the joy of Christmas, but the joy of anticipation."

BULLETIN BLURBS



January 9, 2011: FLOOD SU

Camp Mount Luther and the Upper Susquehanna Synod Youth Council present *FLOOD SU: Friends Living Out Our Discipleship at Susquehanna University*. This annual event will be held on Sunday, January 9, 2011, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Field House at Susquehanna University. Doors open at 3:45 p.m. The event is open to youth in grades 4 through 12. FLOOD SU features a praise band, service project, swimming, open gym, racquetball, hot dogs, snacks, Rock Band, and Guitar Hero. Training tables for youth leaders will also be part of the event! Please bring a snack to share, clothes for swimming, a loud voice to sing God's praises, hands to do God's work, games, and sports equipment. We'll provide service project materials, hot dogs and drinks, basketballs, volleyballs, Rock Band and Guitar Hero! Cost is \$5 if registered by Tuesday, January 4, 2011; \$10 at the door, with free admission for adult chaperones. It is requested that adult chaperones have their PA State Police Criminal Background and Childline Child Abuse Clearances. Each congregation should provide one adult (21 or over) for every seven youth. Registration forms are available on the synod's website (www.uss-elca.org) or the camp's website (www.campmountluther.org)

January 16, 2011: Camp Mount Luther Sunday

The Upper Susquehanna Synod Council has designated that the third Sunday in January each year be "Mount Luther Sunday" to help promote outdoor ministries in our synod. The synod and camp hopes your congregation will celebrate the synod designated "Camp Mount Luther Sunday" on January 16, 2011. If your congregation is unable to celebrate with us that day, we encourage you to hold a Mount Luther Sunday at another time and join with us in emphasizing the importance of outdoor ministries in our synod. Camp Mount Luther is an extension of the ministry that you do in your local congregation. The camp is here to help congregations make Christ known to your local communities. There are many ways that you can help promote the camp on this Sunday. Visit their website www.campmountluther.org for a list of suggestions.

January 16, 2011: Annual Camperson Event at Mount Luther

This event gives participants the chance to find out what's going on at camp and tell the story to others! It will be held on Sunday, January 16, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Center at Mount Luther. Each congregation in the Upper Susquehanna Synod is asked to send a representative to the event. Campersons serve as liaisons between the camp and the congregation, promoting outdoor ministries. Each congregation who sends a camperson will receive \$15 off each of their church's camper registrations. Immediately following the camperson meeting, we'll have a benefit turkey dinner. Campersons will receive one free complimentary ticket to attend this dinner. For more information on being a camperson, please visit www.campmountluther.org.

January 16, 2011: Camp Mount Luther Turkey Benefit Dinner

This event will celebrate Benjamin Franklin's Birthday. Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird of our country. Camp Mount Luther thought it would be fitting to have a turkey dinner to honor his January birthday! You are invited to come to his birthday party and support camp at the same time! The dinner will be held on Sunday, January 16, 2011 from 4:00-6:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Center at Mount Luther. Price is \$9.00 for Adults and \$4.50 for Children under 12. The menu will consist of turkey and all the trimmings. To order tickets, please contact the camp office at (570) 922-1587 or cml@campmountluther.org. Deadline for ordering is Monday, January 10, 2011. A limited number of walk-ins will be available. *Proceeds will benefit the 2011 Annual Fund Appeal*

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRY MENU



DECEMBER 2010 MENU

Christmas Boxes Available for Delivery during December Distribution!
Bless family members, neighbors and your community with the gift of an Angel Food Christmas Meal.
(AFM CHRISTMAS BOX ORDER CUT-OFF DATE: Christmas (Special #4) boxes may be ordered until Wednesday, December 8th, 11:59 PM EST)

B2 - Bit O' Blessing Box

Quantities are Limited. Orders filled on a first come, first serve basis.

- 2 lb. Oven-Ready Meal
- 28 oz. Pot Roast or Meatloaf
- 20 oz. Supreme Pizza
- 1 lb. Hot Dogs
- 7 oz. Fully Cooked Breakfast Link Sausage
- 1 lb. Carrots
- 1 lb. Corn
- 1 lb. Sweet Peas
- Dessert

\$21.00 (plus sales tax where applicable)

B4 - Fast & Flavorful Cuisine

Convenience meals great for seniors and people on the go!

- Spaghetti and Meatballs
- Salisbury Steaks
- Fish Sticks
- Country Herb White Chicken
- Turkey and Gravy over Bread Dressing
- White Chicken Cacciatore
- Boneless Pork Patty
- Fettuccini Alfredo
- Beef Stew

White Chicken Tetrazzini

*specific meal details can be found at www.angelfoodministries.com

\$28.00 (plus sales tax where applicable)

S1 - DECEMBER SPECIAL #1 \$25.00*

- Ribeye Steak Special (4 lb.)
- 4 lb. Ribeye Steaks (8 x 8 oz.)

S2 - DECEMBER SPECIAL #2 \$35.00*

Online Seafood Special
Limited Quantities. Available online only!
Please see our website for details
www.angelfoodministries.com.

S3 - DECEMBER SPECIAL #3 \$23.00*

Premium Fresh Fruit and Veggie Box

- 3 lb. Sweet Potatoes
 - 3 lb. Idaho Potatoes
 - 2 lb. Yellow Onion
 - 1 ea. Stalk, Sleeved Celery
 - 1 ea. Butternut Squash
 - 1 lb. Cello Carrots
 - 1 ea. Golden Ripe Pineapple
 - 3 lb. Oranges
 - 2 lb. Rome Apples
 - 4 ea. Navel Oranges
 - 2 ea. Pink Grapefruit
 - 6 ea. Lemons
 - 8 oz. Bag of Shredded Coconut
- AFM Fruit and Veggie Recipe Sheet

S4 - DECEMBER SPECIAL #4 \$36.00*

- Christmas Box - for delivery in December
- 7.5 lb. (avg.) All Natural Perdue Roasting Hen
- 3 lb. Boneless Netted Ham Roast
- 12 oz. Corn Bread Stuffing Mix (2 packages x 6 oz. = 12 servings)
- 1 lb. Frozen Cranberries
- 12 ct. Mini Corn Cobbettes
- 2 lb. Green Beans
- 2 lb. Diced Sweet Potatoes
- 12 ct. Whole Wheat Dinner Rolls
- 1.7 oz. Brown Gravy Mix (2 packages x .87 oz. = 2 cups gravy)
- Dessert
- Recipes and Cooking Instructions

B1 - Bread of Life Signature Box

Balanced nutrition and variety with enough food to help feed a family of four for about a week.

- 1.5 lb. Lean Hamburger Steaks (4 x 6 oz.)
- 1.94 lb. Tray Pack Chicken Breast Fillets
- 2 lb. Breaded Chicken Breast Bites
- 2 lb. Mac & Beef Entrée
- 1.5 lb. Sausage, Egg & Cheese Breakfast Wraps (8 ct.)
- 1 lb. Lean Ground Beef
- 1 lb. Smoked Beef Sausage
- 5 lbs. Waffle Fries
- 40 oz. Mac & Cheese (4 x 10 oz. Boil-in-Bag Pouches)
- 1 lb. California Lima Beans
- 1 lb. Sliced Carrots
- 1 lb. Frozen Mixed Vegetables
- 1 lb. Blackeyed Peas (Dry)
- 6.5 oz. Chicken-Flavored Rice
- 5.5 oz. Pancake Mix
- 32 oz. Shelf Stable Milk
- Dozen Eggs
- Dessert

\$31.00

(plus sales tax where applicable)

B5 - Just 4 Me After School Box

An assortment of child-friendly snacks. Great for after school or any time.

- 2 lbs. Breaded Chicken Fingers
- 1.75 lb. Fully Cooked Breaded Party Wings
- 1.5 lbs. Corn Dogs
- 14 oz. Stuffed Pizza Breadsticks
- 4 ea. (2.8 oz.) Peanut Butter & Jelly Jamwich
- 2 ea. Charbroiled Cheeseburgers (Twin Packs)
- 2 ea. (2.2 oz.) PBJ on Graham Wafers

\$24.00

(plus sales tax where applicable)

S5 - DECEMBER SPECIAL #5 \$18.00*

- Christmas Meat and Cheese Box
- Limited Quantities. Order while supplies last.
- 3 9 oz. Sausage Variety (1 beef summer sausage, 1 beef salami, 1 summer sausage)
- 3 7 oz. Wisconsin Cheese Bars (1 cheddar, 1 swiss and 1 smokey)
- Recipes and Cooking Instructions

Angel Food Ministries Reserves the Right to Substitute Any Items Due to Availability, Cost and Quality. We Accept Food Stamps (EBT). Angel Food Ministries is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Washington, DC 20250-9410

Orders Due/Distribution Day:
Contact Your Local Host Site

*Please contact your local host site for information or visit our website to locate a host site near you www.angelfoodministries.com

B3 - Bountiful Blessing Box

- 2 lb. Choice Beef Roast
- 1.94 lb. Tray Pack Chicken Breast Fillets
- 1.5 lb. Lean Hamburger Steaks (4 x 6 oz.)
- 2 lb. Frozen Fully Cooked Rice and Chicken Soup
- 2 lb. Breaded Chicken Breast Bites
- 2 lb. Mac & Beef Entrée
- 1.5 lb. Egg, Cheese & Sausage, Breakfast Wraps (8 ct.)
- 1 lb. Lean Ground Beef
- 1 lb. Smoked Beef Sausage
- 14 oz. (avg.) Ham Steak
- 5 lb. Waffle Fries
- 40 oz. Mac & Cheese (4 x 10 oz. Boil-in-Bag Pouches)
- 1 lb. California Lima Beans
- 1 lb. Sliced Carrots
- 1 lb. Green Beans
- 1 lb. Frozen Mixed Vegetables
- 1 lb. Blackeyed Peas (Dry)
- 7.5 oz. Corn Muffin Mix
- 6.5 oz. Chicken-Flavored Rice
- 5.5 oz. Pancake Mix
- 15 oz. Baked Beans
- 32 oz. Shelf Stable Milk
- Dozen Eggs
- Dessert

\$41.00

(plus sales tax where applicable)

GLUTEN FREE!*

B6 - Allergen Free Food Box

- 1 lb. Breaded Chicken Breast Nuggets
- 1 lb. Breaded Chicken Tenderloins
- 1 lb. Breaded Breast Fillet Patties
- 1 lb. Breaded Boneless Chicken Wings
- 1 lb. Breaded Cubed Steak

\$25.00

*Please see our website for other allergen facts. (plus sales tax where applicable)

S6 - DECEMBER SPECIAL #6 \$26.00*

- Assorted Christmas Fruit Special
- 4 Extra Fancy Washington State Red Apples
- 4 Extra Fancy Washington State Golden Apples
- 4 Extra Fancy/Extra Large Rome Apples
- 4 Washington State Granny Smith Apples
- 5 Fancy Washington State Red Pears
- 6 Tree-Ripened Navel Oranges
- 4 Tree-Ripened Tangerines
- 4 Super Sweet Tangelos
- 6 Super Sweet Juice Oranges
- 5 Ruby Red Grapefruit

*all prices are plus sales tax where applicable

If you would like to be added to our list of volunteers to help with one or more of the following positions, please fill it out and return it to the church office.



USHER
(10:15 service only)

I/we will serve as an usher

Name _____
Telephone _____



CHILDREN'S CHURCH
(10:15 service only)

I/we will help with children's church

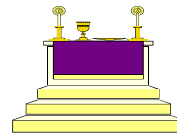
Name _____
Telephone _____



SOUND SYSTEM OPERATOR
(10:15 service only)

I/we will operate the sound system

Name _____
Telephone _____



ALTAR GUILD
(8:00 & 10:15 services)

I/we will serve on the altar guild

Name _____
Telephone _____



COMMUNION HELPER

I/we will serve as a communion helper

Schedule me at: _____ 8:00
_____ 10:15

Name _____
Telephone _____



GREETERS

I/we will serve as greeters

Schedule me/us at: _____ 8:00
_____ 10:15

Name _____
Telephone _____



LAY READER

I/we will serve as a lay reader

Schedule me at: _____ 8:00
_____ 10:15

Name _____
Telephone _____

ALTAR GUILD

Barbara Clouser
Maurice Clouser

USHERS

Roger Dunkle Capt.
Drew Christy
Donald Everitt
Doug Shaffer

LAY READERS

8:00 a.m.

5 – Glenn Spangler
12 – Kathy Spangler
19 – Mike Flickinger
26 – Jonna Zimmerman

COMMUNION HELPERS

8:00 a.m.

5 – Glenn Spangler
12 – Lee Spangler
19 – John Stamm, Jr.
26 – Debra Wilson

MUSIC PROVIDERS

8:00 a.m.

5 – Dave Swartz
12 – Dave Swartz
19 – Dave Swartz
26 – Gary Hackenberg

SOUND SYSTEM

Barry Spangler

10:15 GREETERS

5 – Doug & Pearl
Gemberling
12 – Marie VonNeida
19 – Janet Hileman
26 – Shirley Kerstetter

LAY READERS

10:15 a.m.

5 – Audrey Crone
12 - Judy Everitt
19 – Doug Gemberling
26 – Florence Boop

COMMUNION HELPERS

10:15 a.m.

5 - Bev Catherman
Tom Catherman
12 – Dianne Shuck
Janice Wagner
19 – Audrey Crone
Don Everitt
26 – Janet Hackenberg
Judy Mecouch

MUSIC PROVIDERS

10:15 a.m.

5 – Paula Christy
12 – Diane Valentine
19 – Paula Christy
26 – Gary Hackenberg



DECEMBER

December 24

7:00 P.M.

Greeter
Shirley Kerstetter

Lay Reader
Adam Gemberling

Communion Helpers
Steve & Judy Moyer

REMINDER

1. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING A SUBSTITUTE IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE HERE WHEN SCHEDULED.**
2. **ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS, SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS & USHERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHEDULED DURING THE MONTH.**

Christ's United Lutheran Church
13765 Old Turnpike Rd
Millmont Pa 17845
570-922-1860
church's e-mail: culc@dejazzd.com
pastor's e-mail:
 pastorjohn@4bellschurch.com
website address: www.4bellschurch.com

Office Hours:
 Mon-Thu – 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
 Fri – 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

The Congregation The Ministers
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 Bette McCrandall Missionary
 Margie Dunkle..... Sec/Asst Tr/Editor
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 Janet Hackenberg & Greg Shuck..... Asst Trs
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 John Stamm, Jr. Fellowship
 Debra Wilson Stewardship
 Idella Zimmerman Youth



THE DEADLINE FOR
 ARTICLES FOR THE

JANUARY

NEWSLETTER IS:

DECEMBER 19

**PLEASE CALL THE
 CHURCH OFFICE...**

- ...when a member of your family is sick or is admitted to the hospital, so that visits can be made and the proper people notified.
- ...when your phone number is changed, so the church records can be corrected.
- ...when you move—out of town or locally.
- ...when a new baby arrives in your family or in the family of another church member.
- ...when a member of your family leaves home for college or to establish a new residence.
- ...when a new family moves into your neighborhood.
- ...when your class or group plans to have a meeting, so that it can be cleared and placed on the church calendar.
- ...when something good happens to you or your family.
- ...when you feel the church can assist you in any way.

WHY JESUS IS BETTER THAN SANTA CLAUS

- Santa lives in the North Pole – JESUS is everywhere.
 - Santa rides in a sleigh – JESUS rides on the wind and walks on the water.
 - Santa comes but once a year – JESUS is an ever present help.
 - Santa fills your stockings with goodies – JESUS supplies all your needs.
 - Santa comes down your chimney uninvited....JESUS stands at your door and knocks and then enters your heart.
 - You have to wait in line to see Santa...JESUS is as close as the mention of His name.
 - Santa lets you sit on his lap – JESUS lets you rest in his arms.
 - Santa doesn't know your name, all he can say is "Hi little boy or girl, what's your name?"....JESUS knew our name before we did. Not only does he know our address too. He knows our history and future and He even knows how many hairs are on our heads.
 - Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly –JESUS has a heart full of love.
 - All Santa can offer is HO HO HO - JESUS offers health, help and hope.
 - Santa says "you better not cry" – JESUS says "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you."
 - Santa's little helpers make toys.....JESUS makes new life, mends wounded hearts, repairs broken homes and builds mansions.
 - Santa may makes you chuckle but.....JESUS gives you joy! That is your strength.
 - While Santa puts gifts under your tree – JESUS became our gift and died on the tree.
- It's obvious there is really no comparison. We need to remember WHO Christmas is all about. We need to put Christ back in Christmas; JESUS is still the reason for the season.*

Yes, JESUS is better, even better than Santa Claus.

Merry CHRISTmas!!!!!!

December 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00am Hope's Haven	2 1:00pm Craft Group	3 9:00am AFM Ordering	4 10:00am Hope's Haven Christmas Party
5 8:00am Service of Word & Sacrament 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Service of Word & Sacrament 11:30am Choir Rehearsal 2:30pm Community Hymn Sing	6 9:00am BonBon Mixing 5:00pm AFM Ordering 6:00pm BonBon Dipping	7	8 10:00am Hope's Haven 5:00pm Christkindl Workday 7:00pm Bible Study	9 4:30pm Christkindl	10 10:00am Christkindl	11 10:00am Christkindl
12 8:00am Service of Word & Sacrament 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Service of Word & Sacrament	13 10:30am Bible Study	14	15 10:00am Hope's Haven 7:00pm Bible Study	16	17	18 9:00am AFM Distribution
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