

From the Pastor

My Beloved:

Thanksgiving is quickly approaching, with Advent and Christmas soon after. I hope none of us have moved directly from Halloween to Christmas without giving thanks to God for all that we have in life. I am very thankful for each and every one of you. It is my privilege to serve you, as we move into our third year of ministry together (December 1).

You may remember that last year during Advent, we celebrated the 200th anniversary of Silent Night. During Advent this year, we will be celebrating the 300th anniversary of Joy to the World. Each week we will focus on one verse from the hymn and wrap our theme around that verse. Then on Christmas Eve we will sing the entire hymn.

The themes are:

December 1: Prepare Him Room: Hopeful Joy

December 8: Repeat the Sounding Joy: Loving Joy

December 15: Make His Blessings Flow: Unabashed Joy

December 22: Make the Nations Prove: Peaceful Joy

December 24 (Christmas Eve): The Lord is Come: Incarnate Joy



This year, our children and youth will offer a Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 22. Please come and show your support.

My hope and prayer for us all is that we are a thankful people, that we are a people of peace, and that we are people filled with love and compassion for ourselves and for others. So, may you and your families have a Blessed Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

I love you all,

Pastor Scott



Worship in December

Sunday, December 1

9:30 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Worship & Communion

Sunday, December 8

9:30 am - Sunday School
10:30 am -Worship

Sunday, December 15

9:30 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Worship

Sunday, December 22

9:30 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Worship

Tuesday, December 24

7:00 pm - Christmas Eve Worship

Sunday, December 29

9:30 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Worship

Ladies Luncheon



The
next
luncheon
will be Tuesday,
December 10th
at the American Grill
in Plainfield, on route 12.
All ladies of the church are welcome.

There has been a change of plans....We will not participate in Operation Christmas Child as a church after all, now that we have learned of some controversy surrounding the program. Watch for information in upcoming weeks about our church project to help local children this Christmas season. Somebody did donate empty shoeboxes already. If you would like to pursue Operation Christmas Child on your own, please help yourself to a box.



We will participate in the "Angel Tree " program. The tree will be set up in the narthex, stay tuned for further announcements.

Pastor:

Rev. Scott Hayes

Organist/Choir Director:

Howard W. Curry

Director of Christian Education:

Dana Thayer

Administrative Secretary:

Kris Useted

Remember: the last person to leave the church building should be sure that all doors and windows are closed/locked. The Academy Street door into Fellowship Hall is kept locked during the Sunday worship service. Thank you for helping us take care of our facilities.

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Sunday School News

The children’s Sunday School explored a “Teamwork” theme during the month of November.

We used sports, adventure, and obstacle courses as vehicles to discuss the body of Christ, spiritual gifts and talents, service, and redemption.



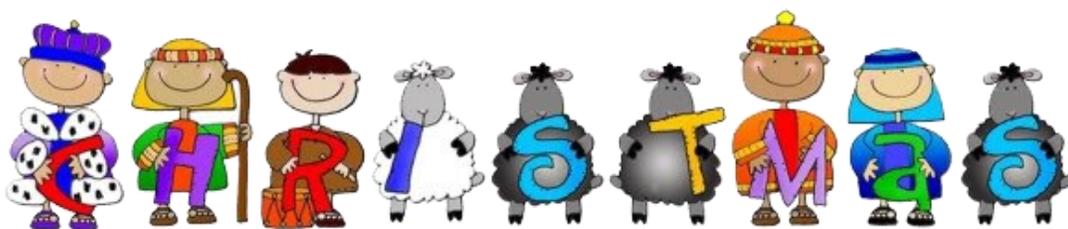
The Sunday School students occasionally have a “Service Week.” We have finished a Church Family Scrapbook (our September service project) with the photos we have so far. If you have not had your photo taken yet, no problem! We will keep adding pages throughout the year! For our October service project, the kids baked cookies for 7 members of our church who are homebound, sick, or injured.



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Early in December, our church’s college students will be tackling their final exams. We will be asking for your help to prepare care packages to send to them. Watch for more information in weekly bulletins!

The Sunday School will present a Christmas program on December 22nd. Children will be making props and scenery in addition to sharing their acting and musical talents. We can’t wait to share it with you!



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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