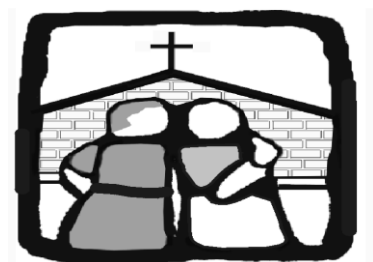


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The Lord's Day

December 24, 2017

Prelude
The Christmas Story
Special Music
Opening Hymns #141, #135
Kids Korner
Offering
Songs of Praise
Hymn #166
Bible Message
Closing Hymn #379
Benediction

There is no Sunday school today.

REMINDER: One combined Worship service (9:00) next Sunday, Dec. 31. No S.S. classes.

ALSO: No regular Wednesday evening activities Dec. 27



CANAAN'S LAND - an original drama
TONIGHT at 6:00

Last Week...	
Attendance	302
General	\$ 4,806.50
Missions	\$ 1,440.50
Building Fund	\$ 898.50
Sunday School	\$ 141.00

Dec. - First Service Ushers
Bob Stoner - Head Usher
Perry Norris
Gene Weagley
Ed Tracey
Sean Tracey

WELCOME TEAM
Dec. 24 – Gary & Grant Murray
Dec. 31 – Jim Hart
Jan. 7 – Tom & Christopher Keely
Jan. 14 – The Widder Family
Jan. 21 – Scott Garling

The vase of flowers in the front of the church is in honor of Helen Adams and in memory of Earl Adams. They are given in love by their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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	<i>THIS WEEK</i>	<i>NEXT WEEK</i>
1st Nursery	Sean & Tara Tracey	Cindy Rawley and Deb Cline
2nd Nursery	No 2 nd service	No 2 nd service
Acolyte	Carlee Knepper	Owynn Oatman
Greeters	Paul & Shirley Lehman	Guy & Gladys Fritz
Prelude	Leta Sipes	Susan Adams

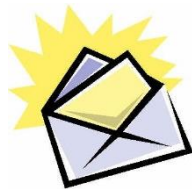


Many thanks to all who donated cookies and baked goods for Heritage Christmas as well as last Sunday during the fellowship time.

Jeff Bitner is collecting winter clothes/coats to help with outreach to homeless and needy. Drop them off in the basket in the lower entry way.



Preparations are underway for 2018. If you have never used offering envelopes but would like to receive them, please contact the church office. Use of these envelopes allows us to give you a letter at the end of the year for tax purposes. We can also assign a church mailbox if you don't yet have one. (717) 597-8525 or office@greencastleub.org





Buy an ornament, bless a child.

Alison Keely is involved in a ministry that helps impoverished areas by selling handcrafted items.

She has Christmas ornaments and gifts available to purchase. There is a display of the items as well as order forms in the church library. Any questions, contact Alison @ 301-733-3139.



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sign-up sheet for nursery volunteers during worship service is now available on the lower lobby desk. Please consider signing up to help a couple of times a year. Any questions,

contact Holly Ressler (301-739-8063)

MEN'S BASKETBALL Thursdays at 7:00 pm
and Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.

Everyone is welcome. Any questions,
contact Jim Hart (443-207-2953)



Tax letters with your offering giving for 2017 will be sent in mid-January. If you have any questions, contact the church office.

Something is weird about the world! For every act of terrorism, violence, or betrayal there is (somewhere) an act of heroism, altruism, or love. Just when the world seems to be confusion and illusion, along comes order, kindness, and beauty. Chaos seems rampant, then someone stands up for the rule of law. How can our world convey such a wide range of conflicting ideas and complicated behaviors? And what about RIGHT and WRONG? Did someone dream these up? Why do we clutch to them so strongly? Does God care? Is God there?

Sermons for January 2018

7 – Meaning In The Universe

14 – What Christians Believe

21 – How Christians Behave

28 – Trinity, Unity, Humanity

***GOD OF LOGIC
GOD OF LOVE***

A GIFT FOR CHRIST (Matthew 2:1-11)

It is _____, _____, and _____ in the heart of the human being God made that he bring to God a gift. It is _____ and _____.

It is _____ and _____ through history and culture that individuals seek to bring a gift to God.

minchah = present, gift, sacrifice (Gen. 4:3-5) (II Sam. 24:20-25)

There is no higher _____ in life than to give a gift to someone you _____.

These foreign nobles, who interpreted God's sign in the stars, _____ with _____ and presented the Christ child with gifts. Probably unknown to them, each gift was representational of the _____ and _____ of Christ's earthly life. Gold. Incense. Perfume.

How awkward it would have been had they found their destination to be a gold gilded palace and the child surrounded by servants and luxuries. They may have felt their gifts were _____ or _____. But God chose for his human incarnation a family living in poverty. Their gifts were _____ and _____.

Q: If I wish to give a gift to Christ today, where would I find him?

A: I may find Christ wherever there is _____ (Matt. 25:34-40). Christ identifies himself with people in their sadness, sickness and trouble.

Q: If I wish to give a gift to Christ today, what should I give him?

A: I may give him anything and everything which _____ my _____, such as loyalty, devotion, energy, enthusiasm, appreciation, dedication, and love.

These magi could have traded gifts with one another out of the joy of human kindness or family ties. Nothing wrong with that. But their sacrificial time and travel to bring a gift to God's King sets a _____ and offers a _____.