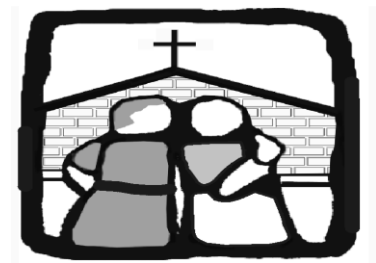


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The Lord's Day

December 9, 2018

Prelude
Lighting of the Advent Candle
Hymn #82
Offering
Songs of Praise
Skit
Bible Message
Closing Hymn #125
Benediction

TODAY

8:30 and 10:45 – Worship & Preaching
9:50 – Sunday School Classes & the Children's Christmas Party
6:30 – Home groups

WEDNESDAY

5:30 – SNAK SHAK
6:30 – groups for children, youth, and adults
7:40 – Choir practice

NEXT SUNDAY

a.m. – All Christmas music... bring your family! *NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
p.m. – (6:00) – caroling to shut ins... we're going the Waynesboro direction this year and would love to have your family join us to sing and bring God's cheer.

On the Missions Board in the upper level entry way are Christmas cards. These are addressed and stamped. Please take one and write a short note inside to one of our missionary families then put in in the mail. Thanks for your help and interest.

We appreciate each person who is willing to serve on our Committees and Commissions! Elected last Sunday... Administrative Board Representatives: Geremie Akers and Becky Sipes. Appointment Committee: Tina Clever and Tim Ressler.

Last Week...	
Attendance	261
General	\$ 5,360.00
Missions	\$ 2,029.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,514.00
Sunday School	\$ 209.35

WELCOME TEAM

Dec. 9 – Ben & Brock Widder
Dec. 16 – Scott Garling
Dec. 23 – Gary & Grant Murray
Dec. 30 – Jim Hart
Jan. 6 – Tom & Christopher Keely

Dec. - First Service Ushers

Bob Stoner - Head Usher
Perry Norris
Gene Weagley
Ed Tracey
Sean Tracey

Administrative Board Meeting
Monday, December 10, 6:30 p.m.

Pastor:

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or Melarl@aol.com

	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
1st Nursery	Ressler Family	Deb Michalsky & Amy Fleming
2nd Nursery	Cindy Rawley & Deb Cline	Loretta Robinson & Kristin Marconi
Acolyte	Micah Ressler 1 st Klara Helman 2 nd	Josh Rayarao 1 st Deira Davis 2 nd
Greeters	Dave & Melanie Mercer	Gary & Daphne Murray
Prelude	Leta Sipes	Becky Sipes

“I BELIEVE ...”

The Apostle’s Creed states that Jesus was a) conceived by the Holy Spirit and b) born of the virgin Mary. But these statements are not simply ancient history. The creedal statement begins with two powerful, personal words. “I BELIEVE ...”. The sermons today and next Sunday will focus on these two historic phrases using the story of Joseph and Mary from Matthew’s gospel.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE (please note times)

12/16 - All Christmas music (both a.m. services, no S.S.)

12/16 - caroling to OUB shut-ins (6:00 p.m.)

*12/23 - combined Worship (9:30) *No Sunday School*

12/23 & 12/24 - Powerful Music of BEHOLD THE LAMB (6:00)

*12/30 - combined Worship (9:30) *No Sunday School*



Please send some Christmas Cheer to Max Webb. You can send cards to Recruit Maxwell Webb, Charlie Co. 1st RTBN Platoon 1001, Box 16145, Parris Island, SC 29905-6145. There are preprinted address labels on the upper lobby bulletin board.



**Crusader's Sunday School Class Christmas Banquet
Thursday, Dec. 13, 5:00 @ Bonaza Steak House in
Chambersburg**



All Music Christmas service, Sunday, Dec 16 (both services) If you would like to offer your talent, contact Daphne Murray (717-597-8830). We will again have a time of fellowship and refreshments between services (no Sunday school that day)

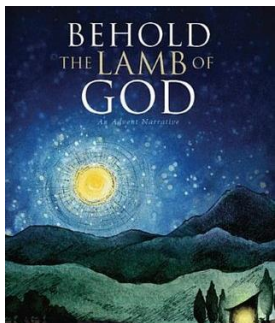
Wanted – Doughnuts, muffins, pastries, quick breads for Dec. 16 Sunday School Social Time Questions?, Contact Leta Sipes (717-328-3583)



Thank you to everyone that put together a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Our church donated 82 boxes to this worldwide outreach. Thank you!

Senior News

**December 11 – Historic Bedford Springs Resort
\$13/person for tour & Gas, Lunch at Jean Bonnet Tavern is additional cost. Leave OUB at 9:30 and return around 3:00. Money and RSVP due to Stoners by 12/6.**



Behold the Lamb of God Schedule

- 12/9 (Sunday) 3:45-5:45
- 12/16 (Sunday) 3:45-5:45
- 12/19 (Wednesday) 6:30-8:30 (Dress Rehearsal) *note- updated date
- 12/22 (Saturday) 9:30am-12pm (Final Dress Rehearsal)
- 12/23 (Sunday) Performance *report by 5:30pm
- 12/24 (Sunday) Performance *report by 5:30pm

**Jean Acker's Address Has Changed
She is living with her daughter at
14435 Pen Mar High Rock Road
Cascade, MD 21719**



- who was born of the Virgin Mary

“All this (vs. 18-21) took place to FULFILL what was spoken...” (1:22)

God > you > sign = (**origin**/information)
 virgin > conception > birth = (**method**/process)
 male child > name = (**identity**/purpose)

FLASHBACK (Isaiah 7)

DANGER: War; threat to annihilate the house/line of David (750 B.C.)

DISCLOSURE: “It will not happen” (vs. 7)

DARE: Have faith! (vs. 9) Ask for evidence! (vs. 10)

DOUBLE TALK: “Don’t want to test the Lord!”

DECLARATION: Evidence will be given, regardless! God is WITH us!

(Here and Now evidence AND Far Distant evidence... two babies)

a) Mahar Shalal – enemies soon to be destroyed (7:15 – 8:4)

b) Immanuel – TOGETHER... God and Us (7:14)

Why all the fuss and fanaticism over “virgin birth?”

1. NT = **absolute** and unequivocal (Mt. 1:18-20, Lk 1:26-37, 3:23)
2. OT = “**seed** of the **woman**” battles Satan (Gen. 3:15, Gal. 4:4, Rev. 12:17)
3. OT word (almah) always **understood** and **translated** as “virgin.”
4. OT picture of **God dwelling** in a **tent** is a description of Jesus (Jn. 1:14)
 (This would not be an accurate picture if Jesus was a normal human baby!)
5. This is the **only explanation** for the sinless nature and Deity of Jesus.
 (From Mary the baby received blood and tissue, but the implanted nature was that of God.)

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- *Emotionally.* **Assurance** of his **presence** in plenty/poverty, home/exile, suffering/health
- *Spiritually.* **tempted** by sin, **overwhelmed** by doubt, **consumed** by bitterness