

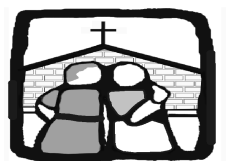
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A Church That
C.A.R.E.S.

The Lord's Day

December 31, 2023

Prelude
Worship Music
Kids Korner
Instrumental (Ben Widder)
Prayer
"We Three Kings" (166)
Bible Message
"As With Gladness" (163)
Benediction

One of the ways we measure love is by words. When someone tells us they love us, that is an indicator! Let us tell God of our love today! But a greater indicator is action. When someone shows commitment to us, that also indicates their love. So today, our commitment to be here, to participate in worship, communicates to God our love for him. As it will, also, throughout this coming year. Welcome!

REMINDER: This evening (6:00) we are gathering for a New Year's Eve Celebration. Music. Testimony. Holy Communion. Join us! A joyful, intimate, reflective, worshipful evening!

WEDNESDAY - 6:30

- Children's groups
- Special Blessings Class
- COMMON GROUND youth
- Adult Bible study/Prayer (1 Corinthians 12... spiritual gifts)

WMF MEETING—Thursday, Jan. 4, at 6:30 pm. This is the first meeting to start 2024! All ladies are invited to attend! Questions? Contact Amy Gour (717)-597-9202.

Because of weather, Christmas caroling was cancelled.
HOWEVER, we are planning to sing to our shutins and it doesn't have to be pre-Christmas.

Sunday evening, January 14, 5:30

*We will do some carols and a few familiar hymns. Meet at the church. Great blessings to all!



The Altar Flowers are in memory of our daughter, Melissa, from her mom, Cindy Leckron

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	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
1st Nursery		
2nd Nursery	No Service	Deb Michalsky
Acolyte	Aubrey Fleming	
Prelude	Becky Sipes	Leta Sipes
Greeters	Ed & Trudy Norris	Ed Witmer Family

Last Week...	12/24/23
Attendance	221
General	\$ 16,374.50
Missions	\$ 4,897.50
Building Fund	\$ 3,217.50
Sunday School	\$ 483.25

In a world where people are blamed and shamed and maimed, it is tempting to live like a turtle and keep our head pulled tightly in our own shell. Dangerous world in many aspects! How can we not live in fear? Of course, the Bible tells us we should not live in fear. Let's talk about COURAGE.

Jan. 7 - When I am Walking with God

Jan. 14 - When the Hard Thing is the Right Thing

Jan. 21 - When Convictions Clash with Expectations



1 Liter, 2 Liter, Gatorade and more
Common Ground wants the bottle caps
from Soda and Water Galore!

We are on a mission to help out our
brother and sister churches in Mexico by
collecting plastic bottle caps and shipping them down.
1k plastic bottle caps = 1 chemo treatment for a cancer
patient. **There is a box at the top of the stairs to collect caps.**

The OUB 2023 tithing tax letters will be
sent within the first two weeks of January
2024.



If you need documentation for the 2024
tax year, and don't currently have offering
envelopes, please contact the church office
at (717) 597-8525 or office@greencastleub.org



We are very sparse for 2024 Altar
Flower dedications. The signup sheets
are on the upper lobby table by the
water fountain.

MY GIFT

The "wise men" followed the _____ because they wanted to find _____, Christ was in _____, yet somehow, they wound up in _____.

In Jerusalem they had to _____ their journey and _____ their effort.

The search was successful, but not because it was a _____ to their _____.

Their motive was pure. Yet they still had to exercise a great _____ to get them through the _____ and _____.

God wanted them to find the Christ. God enabled them to do so! But God did not remove every obstacle or make their quest simple.

Looking into this coming new year, we realize that the future is _____; therefore, _____. The JOURNEY of our FAITH is a lifelong _____ of God... to worship and serve God. Pursuit succeeds only through _____. (*Deut., 4:29, Mt. 7:14*) And...

COMMITMENT UNDERSTANDS

1. Even when my motives are pure, events will still _____ and _____ me. (*Lk. 22:20-24, Acts 17:1-16*)
2. Because I pursue Christ, evil will be _____ and _____ against me. (*11 Tim. 3:12, 1 Jn. 3:13*)
3. My _____ is my _____. BUT (even though my service to God may be _____ and _____ by other people), it can never be seen as doing God a "favor." God has shined his star/light (self-revelation) upon me because God _____ me to "come to Christ." (*Acts 26:28-29, 11 Tim. 3:14-15*)