



"That person is like a tree planted by streams of water which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither, whatever they do prospers."
Psalm 1:3

Allensville Mennonite Church

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of the Advent Season

Prelude

Advent Reading & Lighting of Advent Candle

Marv & Avonelle Peachey

Congregational Singing

Message - Pastor Adam Peachey

Word Made Flesh - Hope

Congregational Singing

Sharing & Prayer

An offering box is placed at the exits of the sanctuary.

Sunday School ~ 10:40 - 11:45 AM

Adult Superintendents ~ Lavern Peachey, Marcus Peachey

Children's Superintendents ~ Marlene Peachey, Sonny Peachey

Nursery

A *quiet nursery* is available just outside the back of the auditorium. An *active nursery* is located in the Sunday school wing and is staffed during the worship service (at the start of the message, after congregational singing) through the Sunday school hour. Those serving in nursery today are:

- ▶ **Garrett & Kaitlin Byler** - *Morning Worship*
- ▶ **David & Crystal Yoder** - *Sunday School*

Emily Hostetler is serving in the library today.

Next Week's Service - December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude.....Janice Peachey
 Devotional.....Roger Kauffman
 Message.....Pastor Randy Sunderland
 Nursery Worship.....Shannon, Emma, & Leah Peachey
 Nursery Sunday School.....Neil & Lena Hartzler
 Library.....Juli Sunderland

Upcoming Events

Fri, Dec 2: Family Life-Sponsored Date Night for young couples. Child care provided. (Sign-ups are now closed)

Sat, Dec 3: Ladies' Share & Prayer, 7:30 - 9 AM

Tues, Dec 6: Ladies' Sewing Circle

Tues, Dec 6: Leadership Team Meeting, 7 PM

Mon, Dec 12: Prayer Ministry Team Meeting, 7 PM

Sun, Dec 18: Christmas Program, 7 PM

Wed, Jan 25, 2023: Annual Congregational Business Meeting, 7 PM

Youth Ministry Events

The Hope of Christmas

By Matthew West

Take me back to eight years old, the little church on a dead end road
With a candle flicker in one hand and dad's hand in the other
Take me back to silent night, my heart was full and the world was right
'Cause right now the world looks nothin' like those innocent Decembers

These days peace on Earth is hard to find
And I need you to remind me one more time

You're still the hope of Christmas
You're still the light when the world looks dark
You're still the hope of Christmas
And You're still the hope of my heart

Watch the snowflakes fallin' down, like a blanket on this town
For a moment we can hardly see the pain this year has brought us
May the sick find healing's touch, may hatred's fight be one with love
And may every heart make room for You, the one who came to save us

'Cause You're still the hope of Christmas
You're still the light when the world looks dark
You're still the hope of Christmas
And You're still the hope of my heart

You're the hope of Christmas

I bowed my head to pray tonight, felt my little girl by my side
She slipped her tiny hand in mine and we both talked to You
And it took me back to 8 years old, my daddy's hand and a story told
About Heaven's love and the manger lo, and a promise that's still true

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SHINE Jr. High:

- *Wed, Dec 14:* Bible study 7 - 8:45 PM at church
- *Wed, Dec 28:* Christmas party 6:30 - 9 PM at Sam & Karie's. Bring a sweet or drink to share.
- *Wed, Jan 11:* Bible study 7 - 8:45 PM at church

KOL Sr. High:

- *Wed, Dec 7:* Bible study 7 PM at Matt & Michelle's
- *Wed, Dec 21:* Bowling & Christmas party 6 PM
- *Wed, Jan 4:* Bible study 7 PM at Matt & Michelle's

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to the individuals in the congregation who donated toward the Operation Christmas Child project for the Jr. Department - we couldn't have met our goals without you!

- Marlene & Sonny

After a 4-year absence, the **Nativity Show at Watts Memorial UMC** in Belleville is back! Over 400 nativity sets owned by members and friends of the congregation will be on display in the sanctuary. The show will be open during the following hours: Thanksgiving, 3 - 6 PM; Fri., Nov. 25, 10 AM - 4 PM; Sat., Nov. 26, 10 AM - 2 PM; Sun., Nov. 27, 11 AM - 2 PM; Fri., Dec. 2, 5 - 7 PM; Sat., Dec. 3, 10 AM - 2 PM; Sun., Dec. 4, 11 AM - 2 PM; and Fri., Dec. 9, 5 - 8:30 PM. Pause for a moment in this busy season to remember the true meaning of Christmas by joining us for this unique event. Free admission. Questions? Call the church at 717-935-2518.

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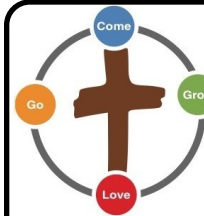
A Thanksgiving offering was lifted last Sunday, November 20. **If you were unprepared but still want to give, you can place your offering in the offering boxes outside of the sanctuary by the end of the Sunday school hour today.** Please earmark your check or envelope with 'Thanksgiving offering.' The recipients will include:

- Antoine and Chris Van den Assem (Vision for Asia)
- Backyard Club
- Central PA Youth Ministries (Lewistown focus)
- Crossroads Pregnancy Center
- Dion and Naty Peachey (Frontier Ventures)
- Gideons International
- Gordische Church in Belarus (kitchen addition needed)
- Habitat for Humanity
- Kris and Nika Beville (Global Gates)
- Pablo and Rosa Gallego (Partners in Evangelism)
- Shelter Services (Lewistown)
- Valley View Retirement Community Benevolence Fund

Two local needs:

- A local man with a young family that has been battling cancer.
- A local couple from the community that are both battling cancer.

The Curwensville United Methodist Church will be presenting their **59th annual Christmas Paegant presentation** of *The Search for Peace*. The Paegant will be held at Curwensville United Methodist Church at 602 State Street, Curwensville, PA, on Saturday, December 10 at 3:30 PM & 7:00 PM; and Sunday, December 11 at 3:30 PM & 7 PM. For more information, call 814-236-1976, email curwensvilleumc@verizon.net, or visit their Facebook page. Admission is free and a free-will offering will be taken at each performance. Large group reservations are required.



Service Notes

November 27, 2022

Last Week's Service - November 20, 2022

Worship Attendance - 178

Sunday School - 165

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