

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Sunday, November 30 – First Sunday of Advent

8:45am Worship Service (also livestreamed on Facebook)
 Young Children's (3-8 years old) Faith Formation
 Coffee Hour

Monday, December 1

7:00pm Monday Evening Zoom Study

Tuesday, December 2

11:00am Bible Adventure – Fellowship Hall
6:00pm Staying in Step – Basement

Thursday, December 4

10:00am Bible Study – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 7 – Second Sunday of Advent

8:45am Worship Service (also livestreamed on Facebook)
 Young Children's (3-8 years old) Faith Formation
 Coffee Hour

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: Monday & Tuesday 8am-2pm, Wednesday CLOSED, Thursday 8am-12pm

DECEMBER 7 LECTIONARY TEXTS: Isaiah 11:1-10 * Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 * Romans 15:4-13 * Matthew 3:1-12

HERSHEY HANDBELL ENSEMBLE WINTER CONCERT at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 2164 Mt. Zion Road, on Friday, December 5th at 7:30pm. Doors open at 7:00pm. No tickets are required. There will be a free will offering to continue the mission of the church. All are welcome to enjoy an evening of music.

OPERATION HELP A NEIGHBOR Quickel is participating in Northeastern School District's Operation Help a Neighbor. If you cannot attend and would like a tag, please let Shanda know. Gifts are due to the Gathering Place (Parish House) by **December 7**. The gifts should be **unwrapped** and must include your tag. If you have any questions, please contact Shanda Goodwin.

LOOKING FOR FLOWER DELIVERY HELP When someone sponsors altar flowers but does not choose to take them after the worship service, a volunteer delivers the flowers to a homebound member or someone in the hospital. After many years of service, Lorraine Boyd is "retiring" from her position as flower deliverer. Thank you for your service, Lorraine. We are now looking for someone to step into this role. If you are interested in serving, please see Nan Cook.

OUTREACH MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring some ideas for the new year and be ready to start some discussions on VBS! All are welcome!

FESTIVAL OF NATIVITIES AND ANGELS is Sunday, December 14th in the Fellowship Hall. Congregation members are asked to share their nativities and angels from home.

- Set up time will be Saturday, December 13 starting at 3:00pm.
- Viewing of the Nativities and Angels will be before and after worship on the 14th.
- We ask that members pick up their nativities on Sunday at 10:45am.
- White tablecloths are needed for the display & will be returned after the event.

Sign-up sheets are posted in the Fellowship Hall and the narthex.

SECRET SISTER REVEAL is Sunday, December 14 at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a Christmas gift for your secret sister costing under \$15. Also, please also fill out a new Secret Sister form for the coming year if you're interested in returning or becoming a Secret Sister. At that time, we will pick names for the coming year. If you're unable to attend, please let Barbara Dittman know and we'll make arrangements for you to find out who your secret sister is. Sign-up sheets listing both the Secret Sister Reveal and the Christmas Celebration are posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall and the narthex.

WOMEN OF LIFE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION is December 14 from 2pm to 4pm. We will celebrate our Lord's birth with devotions, Christmas carols, games, a craft, and a snack. We will have a gift exchange of an item of your choice under \$10. Please wrap your gift and include no names. Volunteers are needed to help with set up, clean up, crafts and games. Please bring a snack to share. Additionally, we need donations of the following items:

- matching paper, cups, napkins, and plates
- red or green plastic utensils
- Christmas wrapping paper (about four inexpensive rolls)

Please let Barbara Dittman know if you're able to help by calling 610-329-1035.

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NORTHEASTER FOOD PANTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS! Please contact Belle Craul at 717-870-4128 OR email belle18@verizon.net for more information.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONS for January, February, & March are available in the narthex, nave, and library.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS November 30, 2025 – First Sunday of Advent

Matthew 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”

Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget: the blessing it is *to us* to be of service in the Lord's Kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals!