

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 7, 2025

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

Monday, December 8

7:00pm Monday Evening Zoom Study

Tuesday, December 9

11:00am Bible Adventure – Fellowship Hall
6:00pm Staying in Step – Basement
6:00pm Outreach Meeting – Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Church Council

Thursday, December 11

9:30am Prayer Team – Fellowship Hall
10:00am Bible Study – Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 13

12:00pm Wreaths Across America Ceremony – Fellowship Hall
3:00pm Set up for Festival of Nativities and Angels – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 14 – Third Sunday of Advent

8:15am Festival of Nativities & Angels – Fellowship Hall before and after worship service
8:45am Worship Service (also livestreamed on Facebook)
Young Children's (3-8 years old) Faith Formation
Coffee Hour
1:30am Secret Sister Reveal – Fellowship Hall
2:00pm Women of LIFE Christmas Celebration – Fellowship Hall

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

DECEMBER 14 LECTIONARY TEXTS: Isaiah 35:1-10 * Psalm 146:5-10 * James 5:7-10 * Matthew 11:2-11

OPERATION HELP A NEIGHBOR 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!

PRAYER TEAM is meeting on Thursday, December 11th at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us as we offer prayers for our congregation, ministries, and our community. Hope to see you there! **Committees** – Please submit your December Prayer requests to Jeanne (jwaltemyer@comcast.net) no later than Wednesday, December 10th. Thank you

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CEREMONY DECEMBER 13TH Thank you to those of you who sponsored wreaths to honor those who served our country. Quickel will be remembering our veterans during a Wreaths Across America ceremony in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 13 at 12:00pm. We will then be laying wreaths on veterans' graves. Everyone is welcome to attend the short ceremony, and we would love to have volunteers to help with laying the wreaths. Thank you!

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 arrange 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.

Sign-up sheets listing both the Christmas Celebration and the Secret Sister Reveal are posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall and the narthex. Please sign up if you are attending or let Barbara know.

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

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS December 7, 2025 – Second Sunday of Advent

Matthew 3:1–2 – “In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”

John prepared the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Then, when Jesus' ministry was complete and He was raised from the dead, He sent out His disciples to preach “repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 24:47). We never outgrow the need for repentance — for examining our lives, turning away from our sins and turning toward Jesus in faith to receive his forgiveness and strength for a renewed life of godliness.