

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 14, 2025

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

Monday, December 15

- 7:00pm Monday Evening Zoom Study

Tuesday, December 16

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

Thursday, December 18

- 10:00am Bible Study – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 21 – Fourth 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 8am-2pm, Tuesday 8am-11:15am & 12:15pm-1:00pm,
Wednesday 8am-12pm, Thursday 8am-2pm

DECEMBER 21 LECTIONARY TEXTS: Isaiah 7:10-16 * Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 * Romans 1:1-7 * Matthew
1:18-25

REMINDER: Cost of poinsettias is \$10.95 per plant.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick up your envelopes today!

QUICKEL'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES are on December 24th at 11:00am and 5:30pm.

MESSAGE FROM OUTREACH COMMITTEE The Outreach Committee met on December 9 to brainstorm some new ideas and reflect on VBS. One of our goals is reaching out to families with kids. If you have any ideas about how to share Jesus with families and how you might be willing and able to put plans in motion, please share them with us. We would like to plan some activities that would bring people to our church. Once the VBS curriculum arrives in the new year, more information will be coming out about meetings to plan our program for 2026. Our next Outreach meeting will be Tuesday, February 10th at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you ever need a zoom link for a meeting or have additional ideas, please let Shanda know. Thank you for your prayers for growing our church.

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 9

Council met on December 9th and discussed the following information:

- Finance form to be put in the newsletter 1 time a month
- Christmas Eve service times are 11:00am and 5:30pm. Candles and bells will be handed out.
- We did not receive a check from the township yet due to some land disputes.
- Discussion regarding replacing the 2 front doors and the sound system.
- Special congregational meeting January 25, 2026.
- Regular congregational meeting March 22, 2026.

- New officer elections – Shanda Goodwin (President), Joan Fitz (secretary), Larry Slagel (Vice President), Nan Cook (Financial Secretary)
- December 28th new council members will be presented at church
- Mission Giving for December will go to Northeastern Food Pantry

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to a council member.

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.

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

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS December 14, 2025 – Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:4 – “Say to those who have an anxious heart, ‘Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.’”

The return of our Lord at the Last Day is a cause of joy and anticipation for us believers. We know our Lord and His love, and we look forward to His Second Advent. Indeed, how we live our lives here and now flows from our certain hope of resurrection and eternal life.