

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 21, 2025

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 and Adult Choir Practice
 Hanging of the Greens

Monday, December 22

7:00pm Monday Evening Zoom Study

Tuesday, December 23

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

Wednesday, December 24 – Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Eve

11:00am Worship Service
5:30pm Worship Service (also livestreamed on Facebook)

Thursday, December 25 – Christmas Day

Sunday, December 28 – First Sunday of Christmas, Service of Lessons & Carols

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

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: The office is CLOSED this week

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

THE NEW QUICKEL DIRECTORY is now available in the Fellowship Hall.

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

HANGING OF THE GREENS follows adult choir practice/coffee hour this Sunday, December 21st.

Anyone wishing to help is invited to enjoy Coffee Hour before Hanging of the Greens.

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 18, 2026**.

- Regular congregational meeting **March 15, 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.

SNOW DATES Due to snow on December 14th, the Women of LIFE events scheduled for that day are now being held on Sunday, January 4th as follows:

- ★ **Secret Sister Reveal** is 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 from 2pm to 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. 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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OUR WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA efforts were full of remembrance and honor for our veterans. Thank you to everyone who generously donated 92 wreaths. Thanks go to those who placed stakes in the ground at veterans' graves. We appreciate all who attended the ceremony and paid tribute to loved ones who served our country. We are grateful for everyone who helped lay wreaths on graves. May God bless our nation, veterans, and their families.

THANK YOU to everyone who generously donated clothes and gifts for Northeastern's Operation Help a Neighbor. The gifts were carefully chosen and very nice. These twenty children will be blessed this Christmas. Pray for them and their families that they may personally know God's love through your kindness.

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.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

Financial #s as of 11/30/25	
YTD Income	\$196,770.83
YTD Expenses	(\$198,107.47)
	(\$1,336.64)

Major Income Sources as of 11/30/25	
Offering - YTD	\$126,548.54
St. Paul's - YTD	\$53,323.49
Maranatha - YTD.	\$7,500.00
	\$187,372.03

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS December 21, 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Matthew 1:21 – “She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

What our good works could never do, Jesus has done: He has saved us from our sins, paid our debt, set us free. How can we not give thanks to Him with lives of generosity and godliness? What God’s Law could not do — truly motivate us to truly good works — Jesus’ love has done!