

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Of the Good Shepherd  
501 Fairfield Drive  
Greensburg, PA 15601*

*December 6, 2015*

*Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd*  
**A congregation of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod  
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

*"We are a caring family of God nourished by the Word, guided by the Holy Spirit to share  
the love of Jesus Christ."*

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Parish Secretary -- Jenny Luffy

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am. - 2:00 pm.

Music Director

Nancy Flinner

Organist

Jean Brunot

We welcome all visitors with us and ask that you sign our guest register. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to consider the Good Shepherd family.

**ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS** are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Children may come forward for a blessing. During communion, we offer wine and grape juice, if you would like to receive grape juice do not bring a cup, it will be provided by the Worship Assistant.

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips gifted lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian Care to individuals in our congregation who are experiencing difficulties in their lives and extends the care that Pastor Frank continues to provide. If you could benefit from the confidential, one-to-one care and support of a Stephen Minister, please speak to Pastor Frank. Or you may refer to the Stephen Ministry flyers and cards available in the pew racks.

Please take a moment to fill out a yellow RCR card located in the pews. Please place completed cards in the offering plate.

When you see the following symbol "+", please stand.

Service of the Word and Sacrament  
December 6, 2015  
Second Sunday of Advent  
8:30 am. & 10:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*“THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME”* P. MANZ

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace. **Amen.**

Let us come before God in confession.

To you, O God,  
**We lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Sisters and brothers, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism; your sin is washed away in the name of † Jesus; you belong to Christ you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near. **Amen.**

+ GATHERING HYMN

*“FLING WIDE THE DOOR”* ELW 259

+ APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

+ **LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE**  
(THE VERSE WILL BE SUNG BEFORE THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE AND THEN AGAIN AFTER THE ADVENT PRAYER)

*“LIGHT ONE CANDLE TO WATCH FOR MESSIAH”* ELW 240  
Verse 2

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ’s advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us, Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

+ KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING: MALACHI 3:1-4

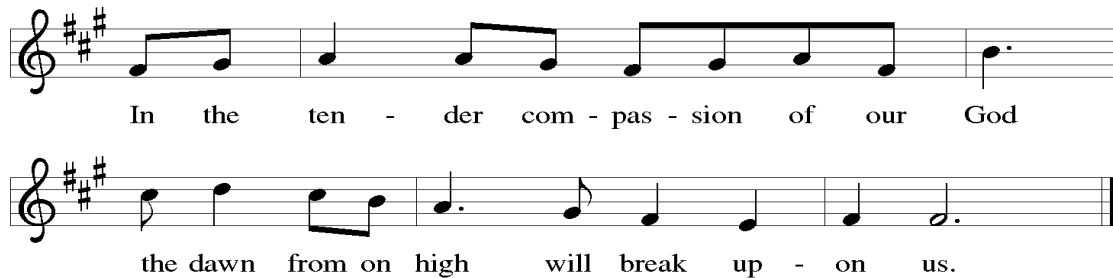
<sup>1</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight— indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Luke 1:68-79



In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God  
the dawn from on high will break up - on us.

<sup>68</sup>Blessed are you, Lord, the | God of Israel,  
you have come to your people and | set them free.

<sup>69</sup>**You have raised up for us a | mighty Savior,  
born of the house of your | servant David. R**

<sup>70</sup>Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us | from our enemies,  
<sup>71</sup>from the hands of | all who hate us,

<sup>72</sup>**to show mercy | to our forebears,  
and to remember your | holy covenant.**

<sup>73</sup>This was the oath you swore to our | father Abraham:

<sup>74</sup>to set us free from the hands of our | enemies,

**free to worship you | without fear,**

<sup>75</sup>**holy and righteous before you, all the days | of our life. R**

<sup>76</sup>And you, child, shall be called the prophet of | the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare the way,

<sup>77</sup>**to give God's people knowledge | of salvation  
by the forgiveness | of their sins.**

<sup>78</sup>In the tender compassion | of our God

the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,

<sup>79</sup>**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad- | ow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the | way of peace. R**

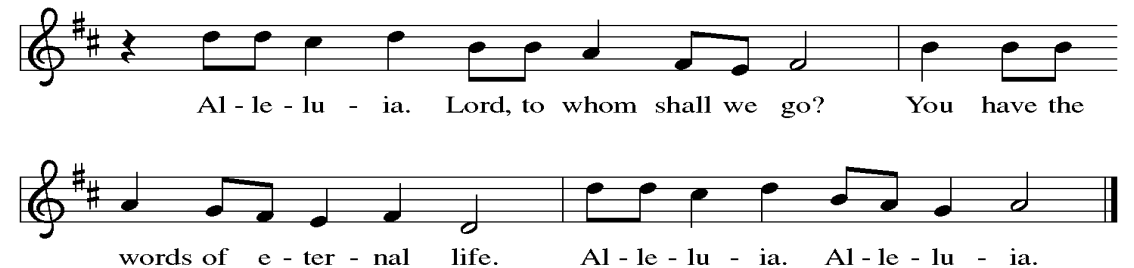
## SECOND READING: PHILLIPPIANS 1:3-11

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## +GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

The holy gospel according to St. \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter.



<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;

<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

The gospel of the Lord.



## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“WAKE AWAKE”

ELW 436

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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\*Or, “who proceeds from the Father.” The phrase “and the Son” is a later addition to the creed.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Emmanuel has come, is here, and is coming soon. Let us join in prayer for the church, the earth, and those who are in need, that all receive what God promises to give.

*A brief silence.*

O God, our hope of unity, come to your church around the world. Purify your people and give to all the wisdom and courage to proclaim your word of forgiveness and renewal. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God our Savior, come to the earth that you made. Nurture the health of lands and seas. Give to plants and animals favorable weather. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God of peace, come to all the nations. Inspire heads of state and regional leaders with a passion for justice. Bring peace throughout the world. We pray especially for (*here places or situations in need of peace may be named*). Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God of love, come to everyone in need. Heal the sick. Answer the cries of those who are poor, those without housing, and those who have fled from violence or famine. We pray especially for . . . Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God of compassion, come to our congregation and our community. This Advent, help us to prepare for your coming. Make us gifts to one another, that no one remains destitute or despairing. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

O Lord of hosts, we praise you for the lives of all the faithful (*especially Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, and . . .*). Bring us with them to your feast of eternal compassion. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, merciful God, and make us ready to receive you when you come through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY (8:30)**      *“O COME, O COME EMMANUEL”*    **ARR. H. HOPSON**

**OFFERTORY (10:30)**      *“COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS”*    **SENIOR CHOIR**

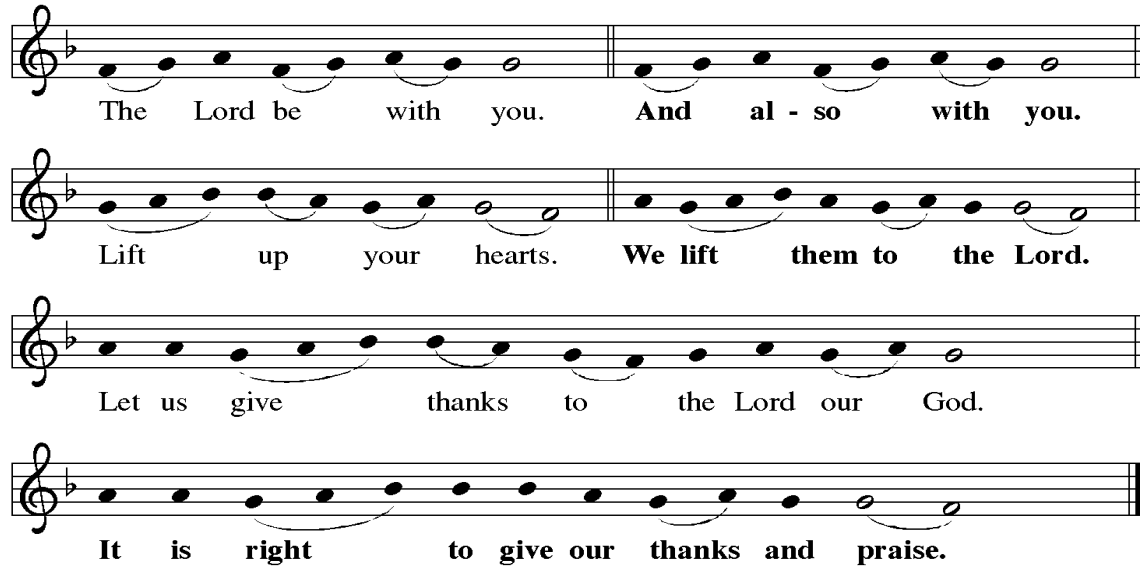
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## + OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of abundance,

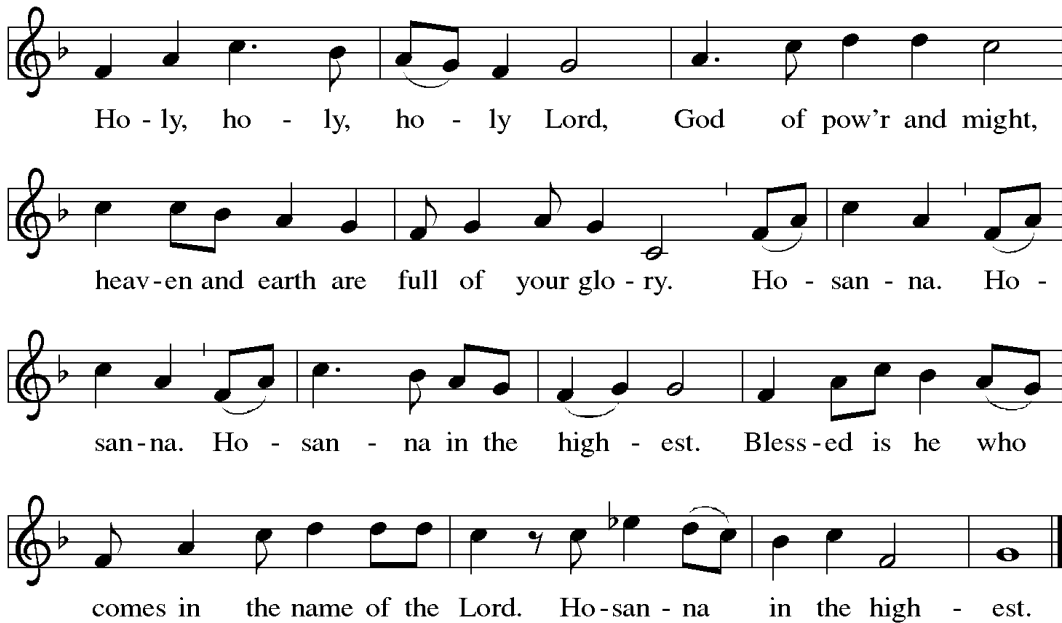
C we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## + GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
 Come among us.  
 Bless this meal.  
 May your Word take flesh in us.  
 Awaken your people.  
 Fill us with your light.  
 Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,  
 Holy One of Israel,  
 Word of God incarnate,  
 Power of the Most High,  
 one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
     hallowed be thy name,  
     thy kingdom come,  
     thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses,  
     as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
     but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power, and the glory,  
 forever and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**

*During the distribution the congregation and choir shall join in singing **Lamb of God***

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please continue singing during distribution of communion the following hymns: ELW 438, 262, 246.*

**+ POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.**  
**Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.**  
**He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with**  
**shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.**

**+ POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**+ BENEDICTION**

May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**                      ***“REJOICE, REJOICE BELIEVERS”***                      **ELW 244**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

***POSTLUDE***

***“HARK, THE GLAD SOUND”***                      ***P. MANZ***

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the honor and glory of God by Chuck, Jenny, Brady & Jamie Luffy in honor of Janet Ambrose’s birthday.

**LIVING GIFTS** have been designated by:

John & Sue Strasser to the Property Committee in honor of their 46<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

Jane Croushore & Robert Croushore, Jr. to Meals on Wheels in memory of Robert Croushore, Sr.

|                       |                 |                              |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| <b>SERVING TODAY:</b> | 8:30            | 10:30                        |
| Worship Assistant     | Open            | Lillian Shea                 |
| Lector                | Jennifer Connor | Doris Wood                   |
| Acolyte               | Maggie Isler    | Nicholas Cuda                |
| Crucifer              | Colton Isler    | Dominic Cuda                 |
| Greeters              | XXX             | Bill & Janet Ambrose         |
| Ushers                | XXX             | Don Bridges & Ken Hill       |
| Altar Guild           | Open            | Erin Hill                    |
| Counters              |                 | Jenny Luffy & Carole Bridges |

**PRAYER LIST - Our thoughts and prayers are with the following:**

|                |                 |                        |                           |                        |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Lisa Yothers   | Henry Poerio    | Jackson Petak          | Rev. John McLaughlin      | Jackson Storey         |
| Carrie Leone   | Louis           | Helen Lauffer          | Margaret Schrieber        | Norman Rearick         |
| April Carey    | Pam Martin      | Charlotte Polesky      | Mary Miller               | Jeanne Kott            |
| Joyce Frazier  | Karol Handrahan | Aubrey                 | Jane Misutka              | Jesse, Josh & Michelle |
| William Fealey | Denny Saddler   | Amber Pritts           | Abby Legler               | Lisa                   |
| Craig McKenna  | Ann Burns       | Bryan Rearick          | Michael                   | Chuck Thropp           |
| Bill Cook      | Ryan Quinn      | Dakota Mutdosch        | Susie                     | Evelyn Soderberg       |
| Kevin Schultz  | Connie Brinker  | Robert Himler          | Jimmy Soderberg           | Pastor John Harmon     |
| Mildred Stubbs | Patricia Sarp   | Madison Hoopengardener | Chris Kosar               |                        |
| Raymond Gross  | Tim Loughran    | Richard Bell           | Lucinda Martin            | Baby Piper             |
| Bob Clark      | Gerry & Jerome  | Rowan Rusnock          | Margaret Podolinski       | Alex LaFranky          |
| Darlene        | Trudy Beistal   | Lisa                   | John Askey Sr.            | Frank Moore            |
| Ron Livengood  | Dylan Fennell   | Lou Simek              | Karen                     | Larry Cottrill         |
| Luca Bell      | Frank Sierawski | Terri Dunbar           | Ted Speedy                |                        |
| Chip Franklin  | Connie Tarr     | Kyle Kennon            | Joan Brown                | Mary McNamara          |
| John Seruga    | David Wood      | Glenna Latshaw         | Jennifer Wonsettler Burns |                        |

**Good Shepherd Members:**

|                 |                 |                |                    |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Jeff Ryan       | Dennis McIntire | Ray Scherer    | Bill Knackstedt    |
| Mary McGee      | Joyce Coates    | Jean Hawes     | Carole Bridges     |
| Jane Croushore  | Eleanor Elliott | Carol Stewart  | Isabelle Bruggeman |
| Dorothy Stewart | Melanie Wood    | Donna Seiler   | Eleanor Besser     |
| Dorothy Flock   | Lisa Seiler     | Jane Elliott   | Roger Sullenberger |
| Barb Tychinski  | Judy Monchak    | Charlotte Hein | George Silvis      |
| John Spitznogle | Bernie Miller   | Tim Donahue    | Ted Johnson        |



**Those in care facilities:**

|               |                 |               |               |               |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Vanita Permar | Audrey Troutman | Peg Hobbs     | Ruth Gesalman | Nancy Hebrank |
| Ann Shockey   | Evelyn Richter  | Bernie Fisher | Delver Flock  | Eileen Silvis |

**Those in the Service**

|                 |              |                  |               |                |
|-----------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Lindsey Patrick | Paul Harrold | Adam Neiderhiser | Sean Sabiston | Ryan Cutcliffe |
| Michael Shupe   | Derek Leach  | Ryan Ilich       | Tyler Beranek |                |

**Friends and relative of the Good Shepherd family:**

Nancee Roberts – cancer – Cousin of Cyndi Stiles  
 Esther Blackson – cancer of voicebox – requested by Mary Jane Aaron  
 Jayme Flock – Childhood Cancer  
 Nancy Walsh – Breast Cancer – Requested by Bill & Patti Benton  
 Dorinda Dee – Niece of Mary Jane Aaron - Minimal change disease  
 Richard Wright & Family – Blood Clots – requested by Joan Rappold  
 Frank Moore – Father of Megan Coppetti – needs a liver transplant  
 Fran McCallen – Breast cancer – requested by Joy & Michael Stynchula  
 Joanne Mazzoni – Heart Issues – requested by Jim Monnich  
 Howard Parker – Pancreatic cancer  
 Rachael Latshaw – Non-hodgkins lymphoma – niece of Doris & Jack Wood  
 Betty Wenzel – requested by Bob & Donna Seiler  
 Kathy Seiler – daughter-in-law of Bob & Donna Seiler  
 Laurel Beranek – Diabetes – granddaughter of Jane Elliott  
 Julie - cancer – requested by Rachel King  
 Matthew Miller – awaiting liver transplant – requested by Augie Nicolai  
 Paulette Willocheel – Back operation – requested by Dorothy & Jim Stewart  
 Rosalie Stewart – Parkinsons’s Disease – requested by Dorothy & Jim Stewart  
 Robin – Multiple Sclerosis  
 Morgan Krakosh & Family – Morgan is disabled & having lung problems – requested by Jim Monnich  
 Cathy Smith - tumor on heart – niece of George Smith – requested by George & Mary Ann Smith  
 Natalie Anthony – cancer – sister of Ken Hebrank – requested by George & Mary Ann Smith  
 Laura Bell – rheumatoid arthritis  
 June Muse – requested by Jim Monnich – heart attack  
 Pat Depalma – requested by Joyce Coates  
 Wanda – thyroid/heart – requested by Debbie Sullenberger  
 Dorothy Kuschar – Internal Injuries – requested by Peg Hobbs  
 Judy Shea – Cancer – requested by Lillian Shea  
 Amanda & Tim – Expecting a baby and baby may have problems – requested by Doris Wood  
 Joseph Misutka - cancer – requested by Debbie Sullenberger  
 Marcus Malara – cancer – requested Linda Dunheimer  
 Dick Jones – Recovering from major surgery – brother of Marion Bendl  
 Orville Tustin -- Lung cancer -- requested by Sharon Greene  
 Penny Newmann -- requested by Joyce Coates  
 Bob Bayus -- pancreatic cancer -- requested by Monnich family  
 Jill Coates -- sister-in-law of Joyce Coates  
 Genevieve & Pam Hite -- medical issues  
 William Simpson -- 3 yr. old needing heart transplant  
 Larry Bowers -- req. R. Atwell and A. LeCuyer  
 Randy Barker -- cousin of Joyce Coates

Remember to notify the office of any changes. Thank you....

## CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 6 - 13, 2015

|           |                       |  |
|-----------|-----------------------|--|
| Sunday    | 8:30 am.              | Holy Communion                         |
|           | 9:30 am.              | Camp Genesis                           |
|           | 9:30 am.              | Coffee Hour                            |
|           | 9:30 am.              | Fellowship Meeting                     |
|           | 10:30 am.             | Holy Communion                         |
|           | 11:45 am.             | 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Pre-Confirmation |
|           | 5:00 pm.              | Advent Dinner                          |
|           | 6:00 pm.              | Pack 416 Committee                     |
|           | 7:00 pm.              | Troop 416 Committee                    |
| Monday    | 6:15 pm.              | Bears                                  |
| Tuesday   | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm    | Brunot – Sanctuary                     |
|           | 10:00 am. – 12:00 pm. | Chat-n-Sew                             |
| Wednesday | 9:30 am.              | Kindermusik                            |
|           | 7:00 pm.              | Bible Study                            |
|           | 7:00 pm.              | Troop 416                              |
| Thursday  | 7:00 pm.              | Christmas Choir                        |
|           | 7:45 pm.              | Senior Choir                           |
| Friday    | 10:00 am. – 3:00 pm.  | Bridge Club                            |
| Saturday  | 5:30 pm.              | Holy Communion                         |
| Sunday    | 9:30 am.              | Coffee Hour                            |
|           | 9:30 am.              | Camp Genesis                           |
|           | 9:30 am.              | Fellowship Meeting                     |
|           | 10:30 am.             | Christmas Concert                      |
|           | 4:00 pm.              | Youth Group Christmas Party            |
|           | 6:00 pm.              | Christmas Caroling                     |

## NEWS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.....

The current envelope contributions are running behind the prorated budget by \$7,409.81. Typical strong year end contributions along with no unexpected expenses should result in a nearly balanced budget. Thanks for your help.

As of December 1, we have received 68 Pledges totaling \$117,160.00... The Finance Committee will meet on December 15 to finalize the 2016 Budget to present to Church Council. If you haven't return your Esitmate of Giving card we hope to have it by the 15th. Thank you to all who have return their cards, the Finance Committee appreciates your help.

Reminder -- we are coming close to the end of the year. All donations must be received by December 27th to be included in your 2015 Statement for tax purposes. If you have any questions about your giving for 2015, please contact Sally Hall, Financial Secretary, she will be happy to help you. Thank you, Sally

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please be considerate to those around you and observe silence during the prelude and service. This time is designed for personal meditation.**

We are in need of a Chairperson for the Evangelism Committee, the Stewardship Committee and Vacation Bible School. If you would like to consider serving Good Shepherd in this capacity, please let Pastor Frank or the church office know.

It is not too late if you missed signing up for the Advent Dinner. Please join us at 6:00 pm. tonight. Bring a side dish or salad to share.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Barb Henderson, Jack & Mina Rutter, Janet & Bill Ambrose for all their help in our time of need for transportation during my illness and all cards of kindness for best wishes in my recovery.

*Carole Bridges*

Just a reminder that the schedule for the weekend of December 12/13 is as follows:

Saturday night      5:30 pm.      Sunday      10:30 am. only

## MITTEN TREE

Our tree is up and waiting to be warmed! We are collecting mittens, gloves, scarves, socks and hats for children, teenagers, men and women. We will finish receiving items the weekend of Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. After that, everything will be delivered to the Salvation Army. Last year our tree was overflowing and many people were warmer because of your generosity. Will our tree overflow this year????



Please sign up in the commons area if you would like to purchase a poinsettia for Christmas. The cost this year is \$6.00. Thank you.



December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

All ages welcome.

**Westmoreland County Live Nativity**  
Westmoreland County Court House 5:45 pm.  
Dec. 3/4      Dec. 10/11      Dec. 17/18  
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