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## *The Advent Season is here...*



Advent is the season that starts four Sundays before Christmas. For hundreds of years, Christians have used this season to remember the coming of Christ, and to prepare for Christmas. It's more than just a piece of history, though. So, why do we celebrate Advent? Celebrating the Advent season can help us today to follow Christ more faithfully in at least three ways.

### *Advent helps us focus on Jesus.*

We've all heard the clichés like “Jesus is the reason for the season” and “Let's keep Christ in Christmas.” Even though they are clichés, they contain nuggets of truth. One of the reasons that they exist is that it is just so easy to let all of the activities, and shopping, and parties overwhelm our focus on Jesus. Celebrating Advent gives us daily and weekly reminders through Scripture about who Christ is and what He did for us when He came to earth.

### *Advent helps us honor Jesus.*

The word “Advent” means the arrival of someone or something important. When an important event like a graduation or wedding is coming, we work hard to make sure everything is perfect. When an important person is coming to visit, we work hard to properly prepare for them so that they will know they are valuable to us. We plan the menu and the decorations; we clean the house and edge the lawn. We don't just wait until the last minute and throw something together. Similarly, celebrating Advent helps us give Jesus the proper attention and focus He deserves. By focusing on Him throughout this season, and not just on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, we honor Him more faithfully.

### *Advent helps us remember Jesus is coming again.*

Advent is not only a celebration of Christ's first coming as a baby; it is also a reminder of Jesus' return that is yet to come. Just as God's people awaited the first coming of the Messiah, His people now await the return of our Savior. The four weeks of Advent remind us of both of these comings. In weeks one and two, the Scripture readings look forward to His second coming and remind us of the importance of being prepared for His return. Weeks three and four look backward and help us remember the excitement and expectation that the hope of the Messiah brought to the ancient Jews. It has always been important for God's people to remember that God is up to something, and that we need to live in expectation of what He will do when He comes again.

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In our world, there are so many things that can occupy our attention. The Christmas season is one of the most exciting times of the year, but it is also one of the most distracting seasons of the year. Even for those who want to keep focused on Jesus, it is difficult to do so. By celebrating Advent, we acknowledge that celebrating Jesus is more than one evening and the following day. The ‘how’ to celebrate Advent isn’t as important as the connection you make with Him, so create special traditions as a family and grow in Him together. Let us be a people who acknowledge God’s great love and generosity for his people every day this Advent season.

*Article by Dayspring, Live your Faith*

During the season of Advent, let’s resolve to keep the focus on Jesus and what his birth means for us instead of falling prey to the distracting bustle of the commercial storm around us. One of the ways we keep our eyes on the true meaning of Christmas is to keep our attention on the story by touching base with it every day. This list of short, daily scripture readings walks us through the promises and events of Jesus’ birth. Advent marks our season of waiting and preparation - expectant waiting on the fulfillment of an ages old promise, and eagerly preparing our hearts to receive it once again.

John 1:1-5	Isaiah 9:2-7	Isaiah 11:1-10	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Luke 1:5-10
Luke 1:11-17	Luke 1:18-25	Luke 1:26-38	Matthew 1:18-21	Matthew 1:22-25
Luke 1:39-45	Luke 1:46-56	Micah 5:2-5	Luke 2:1-7	Luke 2:8-12
Luke 2:13-14	Luke 2:15-18	Luke 2:19-20	Matthew 2:1-2	Matthew 2:3-6
Matthew 2:7-8	Matthew 2:9-12	Matthew 2:19-23	John 1:14	Merry Christmas!



*“To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,  
who is the Messiah, the Lord.”*

*Luke 2:11*



## ***From the Pastor's Palette***

It's easy for us at times to get wrapped up in fear and trepidation for problems and issues in our lives that seem way too big for us to handle. The story of David and Goliath gives us insight into how one ordinary young man achieved extraordinary things simply by his faith in God.

The prophet Samuel tells us a story about a time of fierce threats by the Israelites by the Philistines. The Philistines could be vicious raiders and merciless enemies. When King Saul's army prepared to face the Philistines, each assembled on a hill. The manner of war was to descend into the valley at once facing each other off, wielding knives and swords in battle.

But instead, we learn that a champion named Goliath, a man over 9 feet tall and fully decked out in heavy armor with a "spear shaft like a weaver's rod" challenged the Israelites to a duel, one on one.

The Israelites trembled in fear. The result of this one duel would determine the fate of a nation.

Three sons of Jesse from Bethlehem joined the Israelite army, but the youngest, David, went back and forth from Saul's camp to the fields to tend the sheep. When he arrived back with food and supplies for his brothers on this particular day he happened to hear Goliath from Gath's brash challenge.

David's reply is this: "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?" With that, he promptly met with the King and asked to face him off. At first King Saul is amused and remarks that David is only a boy. But David said to Saul,

"Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it...this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."

David then declines Saul's offer of armor and instead takes his shepherd's staff in his hand and chooses five smooth stones from the stream, putting them into the pouch of his shepherd's bag. Then with sling in hand, he says to Goliath: "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied." And the rest is history.

Rabbis say that the "five smooth stones" David fishes from the living waters of the nearby stream are a metaphor for the power of the five books of the Torah, the living Word of God. For David is clear. It is not by his might or power that he can slay the beast, but by the holy hand of God.

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David's faith in God allows him to stand up to otherwise overwhelming odds. So can we. As you face a new year in 2019 and the aftermath of Christmas, often "reality" comes flooding back –credit card bills, taking down the massive lights and décor, going back to school or work, chores that need to be done. And sometimes too bigger issues come to call and remind us of our troubles –illness, grief, unemployment, addictions, failures, loneliness.

With the help of God, you can face anything coming your way in 2019. Nothing is insurmountable to Jesus.

"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty." (Zechariah 4:6) May your 2019 be filled with the joy and hope that Jesus brings as a result of his birth, identity, and resurrection life.

If you need to talk or a little extra prayer for your days ahead, you can reach the pastor at any time at 360.298.8327, [loribethwagner@gmail.com](mailto:loribethwagner@gmail.com) or through the church office.

Blessings,

Pastor Lori Wagner



## December Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 2	First Sunday of Advent Worship at 8:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 9	Second Sunday of Advent Worship at 8:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. Love Feast at all worship services
Sunday, December 16	Third Sunday of Advent <u>One Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.</u> Children's Christmas Pageant Sunday
Friday, December 21	Longest Night Community Service at Christ Lutheran, Trumbauersville
Sunday, December 23	Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship at 8:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.
Monday, December 24	5:00 p.m. Family Worship 7:30 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion



# From Missions Commission



FEAST Food Pantry - Baking supplies (sugar, flour, baking soda, baking powder and other spices)

Kensington Christmas Tree - Once again we will be reaching out to the children of Kensington Area Ministries for Christmas. If you are able, please take an ornament from the tree in the narthex, sign your name by the corresponding number on the list and return the gift with the ornament label safely secured to the package. Please return the gifts to the church by Sunday, December 16.

Missionaries - Beginning in January, QUMC will be supporting missionaries Emily (Jamison) Miller, a teacher with Kid's Alive in the Dominican Republic, and Molly (Jamison) Juarez who is working with Mision Vida y Paz, a ministry in El Salvador.

For more information on missions items, contact Carol Pertuit (610.346.6713 or [carolpertuit@verizon.net](mailto:carolpertuit@verizon.net)).



## QUMC Educational Endowment Fund Grants

Over the past few years, several of our members have left bequests to the church in their wills. Some people specified money be used for facility needs and some for the continuing ministry within the church. To ensure the church has use of these funds for future needs, an Endowment Fund was established to manage non-specified or unallocated funds. To keep the fund growing, 30% of the income is reinvested back into the fund, while 70 % of the income provides grants to qualified students pursuing formal education beyond high school.

Grants were distributed to the following recipients on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 25, 2018:

Aaron Besch, Matthew Cornelius, Amanda Hafler, Abbie Miller, Blake Miller, Charlie Miller, Caleb Pfleiger, Nicolas Stout, Colin Stover, Emily Sullivan, Nicole Umstead, Ryan Umstead, Haley van den Burg, and Tyler Whittaker.

Once the applicant has met the criteria, grants do not have to be paid back. Donations can be made to the Endowment Fund at any time to help this ministry grow. "Planned giving" in one's estate is one way, but you may give a gift at any time or make an ongoing gift by including "Education Endowment" in the memo portion of your check or on your envelope.

Since the inception of the program in 2007, 108 grants representing \$33,000 have been awarded. We would like to thank all those who have made it possible to provide this financial assistance to our college students.

Serving on the Endowment Committee are Steve Finch, John DeSimone, Julie James, Brad Mushrush, Nancy Parry, David Rush, and Pastor Lori Wagner.



## Upcoming Events

**Annual Charge Conference** will be held on Saturday, December 1, 10:00am at Asbury UMC, Allentown.

**House Blessing and Reception** at Pastor Lori's new home (28 N. Hellertown Avenue, Quakertown), Sunday, December 2. All are welcome! Drop in anytime between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. for some light refreshments and holiday fellowship.

**Christmas Caroling** on Sunday, December 9, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. All ages are welcome! Gather with us at the church to travel to nursing homes and residences around the area to bring Christmas cheer to those with difficulty getting out. "Joy to the World" will be passed out freely. We will travel in small groups so carpooling is encouraged.

Join us afterward for a light warm dinner to "Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" (and lasses!) and to bring nourishment to our bodies after bringing "Comfort and Joy" to those we visit. We assure it will not be a "Silent Night," and we will be done before "It (be) Comes Upon a Midnight Clear". Come even if you can't carry a tune; we will have one for you.

Sign up in the narthex or contact Steve or Janet Finch (finchsc1@verizon.net or 215-538-0835.)

**Meditative Service of Song and Prayer** lead by Pastor Lori, Wednesdays during Advent December 5, 12, 19. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., services will last 30 minutes. All are invited to remain in prayer following the service.

**Faith Preschool Christmas Program** in the sanctuary, Friday, December 14, 10:45 a.m. Faith Preschool welcomes the congregation to attend their Christmas program as the four-year-old class celebrates Christmas!

**Want to Explore Certified or Licensed Ministry in the United Methodist Church?** On Wednesday, December 12, an orientation session will be held right here at QUMC! See Pastor Lori for more information.

**The Way Forward Church Unity Fellowship Seminars** will be held on Sundays January 6, February 3, and March 3, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Miller Hall.

This triple set of two-hour seminars will focus on what it means to be a stable, unified Jesus-following church in the midst of conference chaos stirred by The Way Forward.

Session I will introduce the conference initiative and will explain the options coming to the floor in the General Conference vote scheduled for February 2019. Each session will begin with a meditation, followed by a short informative seminar, scripture study, discussion, and question and answer period. The goal will be to foster healthy communication, keep the focus on Jesus, and commit to going forward in faith together as a unified church in mission for God.

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**Beginning on Sunday, December 9**, Pastor Lori will teach an adult four-week class during the Sunday School hour in the Sanctuary. The high school Sunday School class is invited to join us for “Four Weeks of Wesley,” a great opportunity to learn more about our Methodist faith and its founder.

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| Sunday, December 9  | We will watch the first half of the movie, “Wesley.”   |
| Sunday, December 15 | We will watch the second half of the movie, “Wesley.”  |
| Sunday, December 22 | We will talk about Wesley’s concept of field ministry, tying it to the meaning of Christmas.   |
| Sunday, December 29 | We will talk about Methodist, what Wesley called “heart religion,” early Methodist groups and conversion stories, and what it means to live out our faith in the spirit of “holiness.” |

### **Coming in January:**

**“Shalom” Bible Study Hour:** “The Mothers of Jesus:” Stories of the Hidden Matriarchs

We all know the wives of the patriarchs like Sarah, Rachel, Leah, Rebecca. But who are the true Matriarchs of the Messiah? In a culture in which all reputable genealogies were designated through the fathers of the tribes, Matthew’s genealogy mentions five revolutionary women whose stories helped define Jesus’ ministry. Who are they? What secrets do they reveal about Jesus’ mission?

Beginning on Wednesday, January 2, this Bible study will be held in Room 109/111 with sessions at both 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**The “Edge” Bible Journey:** “The Beginning” - Reading the Bible through Genesis

An Experiential Bible Journey! Everything you want to know about the scriptures begins in Genesis. This foundational Bible Study takes us through an exciting journey into the oldest and most beautiful stories of scripture. If you are new to the Bible or wanting to learn more about faith, or if you’re a seasoned disciple and want to delve further into the origins of our relationship with God as a people of faith, join us to learn how that story connects to the life and story of the curious or committed of any age.

Held weekly on Monday evening, 6:30 p.m. in Room 109/111, this Bible study begins on January 7.

### **New Member Classes**

Thinking of joining the church? Come find out what makes Methodists unique and deeply faithful to Jesus. We will meet weekly in the Pastor’s Conference Room, beginning Sunday, January 6 at 10:00 a.m.

### **Coffee Hour with the Pastor**

Come and hang out with Pastor Lori to talk and share coffee or tea. Talk, have a biscuit or two, and bring your creative ideas for ministry and mission to the Library Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. beginning January 9.

### **Good Grief!**

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? An identity? A divorce? A life change? Or just facing a tough issue? Has it been hard to make positive changes in your life? Come out and join us for a newly forming grief group beginning on January 7. We will meet on Monday nights, 7:30 p.m. in the Library.

### **Interested in Confirmation Class?**

A Confirmation Class will form in early 2019. Contact Pastor Lori for more information (360.298.8327 or [loribethwagner@gmail.com](mailto:loribethwagner@gmail.com)).



## *For Your Information*

**The Sunday Evening Life Group** will begin a seven-week study of Ruth with Biblical Teaching from Bianca Juarez Olthoff via Right Now Media on Sunday, December 2. Please join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Contact Tammy Swearingen (215-896-7323 or trswearingen@verizon.net) with questions.

**Monthly Newsletter Submissions** should be emailed to Teddi Miller at [QUMCNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:QUMCNewsletter@gmail.com) or you can put them in the newsletter mailbox in the church office. To assure your items are published in the next monthly newsletter, please email Teddi or drop off the information in the church newsletter mailbox by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the publishing month. Thank you!



### *An Important Message from the Lay Leadership Committee*

If you have an interest in serving the church through a ministry position, please prayerfully consider one of the following:

- Positions are available on Trustees, including the roles of President and Secretary
- Positions are available on SPRC
- Positions are available on Lay Leadership

In addition, team members are needed for the Hospitality Team as well as for other areas of the church.

For more information on opportunities to serve, see the “QUMC Connections” handouts available in the narthex or contact Pastor Lori.



# Looking for ways you can help?



**Audio/Visual Assistance** - Steve Finch has volunteered to serve as our new audio/visual coordinator. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the booth at any of our three services. Youth and adults welcomed! If you are able to assist in this area, please contact Steve Finch at [finchsc1@verizon.net](mailto:finchsc1@verizon.net) or 215.538.0835.

**Advent Music** - The pastor is seeking a volunteer to play either piano or guitar for Wednesday Advent services on December 5, 12, and 19. Each service begins at 6:30 pm. and lasts 30 minutes. Please contact Pastor Lori if you can help with this ministry. Thank you.

**Hospitality Committee** is still looking for some volunteers. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month. Contact Mary Ellen (Molly) Minarik at 610-282-3708. The following ministry positions are available:

- Sunday Hospitality Table (once a month)
- Membership Secretary
- Assisting with Membership and Attendance Records
- Checking the pews each week to make sure Bibles, hymnals, pencils and other information are in tact

**Faith Preschool** - Seeking volunteers to read Bible stories to the preschool children once a week in the three- and four-year old classes. See Pastor Lori if you are willing to share your faith with the youngsters of our preschool program.



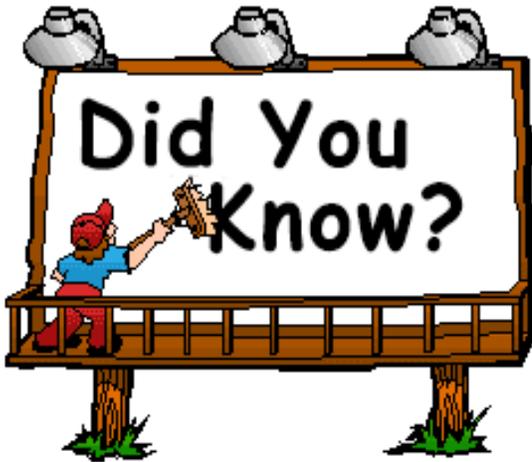
## A LOOK at the BUDGET

	Revenues	Expenditures
November 2018	\$23,190.06	\$25,820.76
Year to Date 2018	\$231,527.50	\$240,245.92

**Balance:** At the end of November the QUMC budget is approximately \$8,718.42 in the negative. Please pray for our church!

**Fall Stewardship Campaign is Underway:** The fall Stewardship Campaign is underway. Thank you to all who have submitted commitment cards. If you have not yet returned your 2019 Commitment Card, it is not too late. Please take this opportunity to prayerfully consider what God is asking of you for the coming year.

**2019 Budget:** The process for building the 2019 QUMC Budget is underway. Please reach out to chairpersons of church committees to share your thoughts regarding priorities for the coming year. Your input is valuable in the budget-building process.



If you have an interest in participating in “Did You Know?” article of the month, a project of Intentional Faith Development, contact Babs Kerns at [babs.kerns@gmail.com](mailto:babs.kerns@gmail.com).

This month features an article by Nicole Umstead, a senior at Arcadia University:

### *Have You Heard of Giving Tuesday?*

After a filling Thursday of giving thanks, seeing loved ones, and enjoying a well-cooked meal, we all embrace the Christmas spirit. For some people, this starts right after the dishes are clean and they make it to the store to start Black Friday shopping. Others wait for the deals on Cyber Monday. In the spirit of giving to loved ones, these days are spectacular for bringing gifts into their lives.

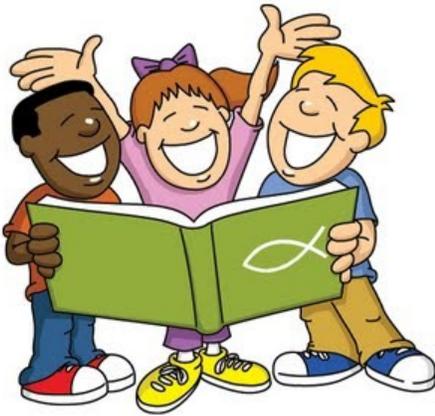
The Tuesday following Thanksgiving is dedicated to charity season around the world. Giving to charity is a year round activity that anyone can participate in, but Christmas time is the season where donations pick up. The day has come to mark the start of the charity season. This is when you see Santa Claus outside of Walmart ringing a bell for Salvation Army and collecting several donations a day until Christmas time. This is also when the Toys for Tots campaigns are prominent, and many generous people will honor loved ones by making both one-time and recurring donations toward those in need of food, goods, or money. More people will promote a charity on social media or at the very least use a hashtag (#GivingTuesday) regarding the day for more people to look into it.

While charity is an act that can be practiced several times throughout the year and not just specifically at Christmas time, many charity organizations will see a spike in donations during this time between holidays. Overall, a growth in donations is beneficial to any charity and having a designated day to do so may help more people stay organized on giving to others.

As Luke 12:33 says, “Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.” Many quotes about giving to others can be found throughout the Bible, but this one stands out as a lifetime lesson. As we know, God gave the ultimate gift to the world, his son, which is a gift incomparable to any others. Celebrating Christmas with the focus on Christ instead of receiving gifts is the ideal Christian celebration of Jesus’ birth. With our hearts in the right place, what a beautiful illustration of God’s love it is to practice a little giving together as his church.

Learn more at: <https://www.givingtuesday.org>

Nicole Umstead Arcadia University, Class of 2019



# QUMC Kids Club

Hi Kids,

We hope that you all have had a great start to the school year! QUMC Kids Club has begun too! We want to invite YOU to join us! The Kids Club is a youth group for those in grades 1 through 5. We meet once a month throughout the school year for service projects, fun activities, and events. We hope you can be with us this year as we play, pray, and help each other as a group.

If you missed our first couple of events in October and November, there is still time to catch up on one or all of the upcoming events. Below is the 2018-2019 Kids Club Calendar from December 2018 through May 2019.

- December: **Sunday, December 9, Christmas Caroling from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Get your best singing voices ready! A light supper will be served at church afterwards.**
- January: Saturday, January 20, Games and Ice Cream Social in Miller Hall, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- February: Saturday, February 16, Random Acts of Kindness, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Crafts and baking in Miller Hall.
- March: To be announced :-)
- April: Friday, April ??? (date to be determined) 7:00 p.m. through 9:00 a.m. Saturday, Overnight Lock-In at the church including light breakfast in the morning.
- May: Sunday, May 19, End of the Year Celebration, from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.

We ask that you please send an email to let us know that your family will be joining Kids Club. Email will be our primary method of communication, so it's important to have a complete listing of interested families as we move through the year. Even if you won't be able to attend regularly, please register with us to receive any information we send so that you won't miss any opportunities to join in the fun. Friends are welcome too!

For more information contact Christine Rush at [rushcm@npenn.org](mailto:rushcm@npenn.org).



# Family Matters



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:** Donald Diehl - December 8; Jean Savage - December 29,  
and Elaine Wentz - December 31.

If you are 80 years old (or over) and would like your birthday included in the newsletter, please let the church office know. Many thanks!

## NOTES OF THANKS:

*I continue to be blessed by my faithful church family and all of the good wishes that have come my way. I so miss being at church and seeing all of you! Please keep me in your prayers and know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers as well.*

*In Christian Love, Mary Schwer*

*We greatly appreciate your kindness for letting us use your wonderful meeting room. (A generous donation for building use was included with this note.)*

*Many thanks, Patty Walsh, Treasurer, Milford-Trumbauersville Democrats*

## EVEN MORE THANKS!

Thanks to all who helped make the Munch & Mingle on November 11 a success by baking, helping to set up and cleaning up. The event was well attended and we received requests to “do this again.”

Members of all ages completed the forms that were included in the attendance pads with responses to the question “*Why are you thankful for our Quakertown United Methodist Church?*” Some of the responses received are summarized and listed below:

- Our beautiful church building
- Dedicated and serving church members
- A place to learn and think about God and Jesus
- Ability to serve and do good things for others (special mention was made of the good work of the Missions Committee)
- Support and prayer for those in recovery and time of need
- Place of fellowship and worship (a place to connect) with other Christians
- Our church family and ability to commune and worship with each other
- Musical inspiration
- Our new pastor
- One very young man commented on the good food he gets to eat at special church events such as the Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners

Thanks to all from the Hospitality Team!



# December 2018

## Church Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		<b>**SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE</b> 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship					1 10:00 a.m. Charge Conference at Asbury UMC, Allentown
2 ** 1:00 p.m. House Blessing & Reception at Pastor Lori's 6:00 p.m. Student Ministries 6:30 p.m. Life	3 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts	4 7:00 p.m. Trustees, Missions	5 6:30 a.m. Life Group 6:30 p.m. Meditative Service of Song & Prayer, Joyful Noise 7:00 p.m. Choir	6 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group	7 8:30 a.m. Life Group	8 Quakertown Ministerium Christmas Carnival	
9 ** Love Feast Sunday  3:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling 6:30 p.m.	10 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Hospitality	11 7:00 p.m. Finance	12 6:30 a.m. Life Group 6:30 p.m. Meditative Service of Song & Prayer, Joyful Noise 7:00 p.m. Choir	13 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group	14 8:30 a.m. Life Group 10:45 a.m. Faith Preschool Christmas Program	15 Miller Hall Reserved 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Ladies' Breakfast	
16 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Children's Christmas Pageant 6:00 p.m. Student Ministries Christmas Party 6:30 p.m. Life Group	17 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Milford- Trumbauersville Democrats	18 7:00 p.m. Leadership	19 6:30 a.m. Life Group 6:30 p.m. Meditative Service of Song & Prayer, Joyful Noise 7:00 p.m. Choir	20 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group 7:00 p.m. Church Council	21 7:00 p.m. Longest Night Community Service (Christ Lutheran, Trumbauersville)	22	
23 **	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b> 5:00 p.m. Family Worship 7:30 p.m. Service of Lessons & Carols 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion	25 <b>Merry Christmas</b>  	26  Barbara Hafler Vacation →	27	28	29	
30 **	31 <b>New Year's Eve</b>						