



# PHILLIPSBURG FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Do you remember when your first child was born, then when your first grandchild was born? Since time began parents and grandparents have been wondering about babies what each new babe will become as adults. *It must have been that way when Jesus was born.* Luke 2:19 tells us that after the shepherds visited Mary and no doubt shared what the angels had said to them, she **"treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart."** There was certainly a lot to think about:

**"He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end"** (Luke 1:33).

**"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord"** (Luke 2:11).

**"A sword will pierce your own soul too"** (Luke 2:35).

The last verse of Mark Lowry's beautiful song, **Mary, Did You Know?** poses the question this way:

Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?

## Church Events

- Dec 2 Christian Men's Fellowship
- Dec 5, 12 Youth Groups
- Dec 6 Ladies Community Bible Study
- Dec 9 Congregational Meeting
- Dec 10 Material Girls Quilt Guild
- Dec 17 Elders Meeting
- Dec 18 Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Dec. 19 Children's Christmas Program
- Dec. 23 Practice for Christmas Eve Service
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service at Huck Boyd
- Dec 25 Christmas Day

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## From The Pastor's Pen Cont.

Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?

This sleeping child you're holding is the great 'I AM'.

You never know how a baby will turn out, do you?

This one turned out to be the Savior of the world. But not everyone knows that or understands it or believes it. *As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, let's remind ourselves once again who Jesus really*

*is.* Revelation 1:5 offers a threefold picture of our Lord. This verse is part of John's introduction to his book in which he introduces himself and wishes his readers grace and peace. Here is his description of Jesus Christ: **"Who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth."** Rev. 1:5

*These three phrases help us understand the true identity of the baby born in Bethlehem.* **Simply take time to meditate on the three descriptions of what the virgin born baby has been and will be. Make your Christmas truly Christ centered.**

Love ya,

Pastor Herder

*Merry Christmas*



## Congregational Meeting

The congregational meeting will be held December 9th in the sanctuary following worship service. During this meeting members of the church will vote on the slate of individuals who were nominated for various positions.

## Children's Christmas Program

The First Christian Church Children's Christmas Program, "The First Christmas Night" will be presented on December 19th at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments, following the program, and help us celebrate Jesus Christ's Birthday.

## Christmas Eve Service

First Christian Church will again be sponsoring the Christmas Eve service at Huck Boyd at 5:30 p.m. The service lasts 30 to 40 minutes and includes Christmas music, a brief message, communion and a candle light time.

Our praise team is already preparing music and specials. This service takes a lot of work and prayer. Please begin praying now that Christ will be honored and people will be touched by the Holy Spirit.

## Practice For The Christmas Eve Service

Practice for the 2018 Christmas Eve Service has been scheduled for Sunday, December 23rd at 5:00 p.m. at the Huck Boyd Community Center.



## Community Christmas Dinner

The 2018 Community Christmas Dinner will be held at "The Center" formerly known as the Golden Years Senior Center on Christmas Day - Tuesday, December 25th at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The St Phillips/St James Catholic Church and Prairie View/Luctor Reformed churches are in charge of this year's dinner.

## 2018 Advent Dates

- 1st Sunday of Advent - December 2
- 2nd Sunday of Advent - December 9
- 3rd Sunday of Advent - December 16
- 4th Sunday of Advent - December 23

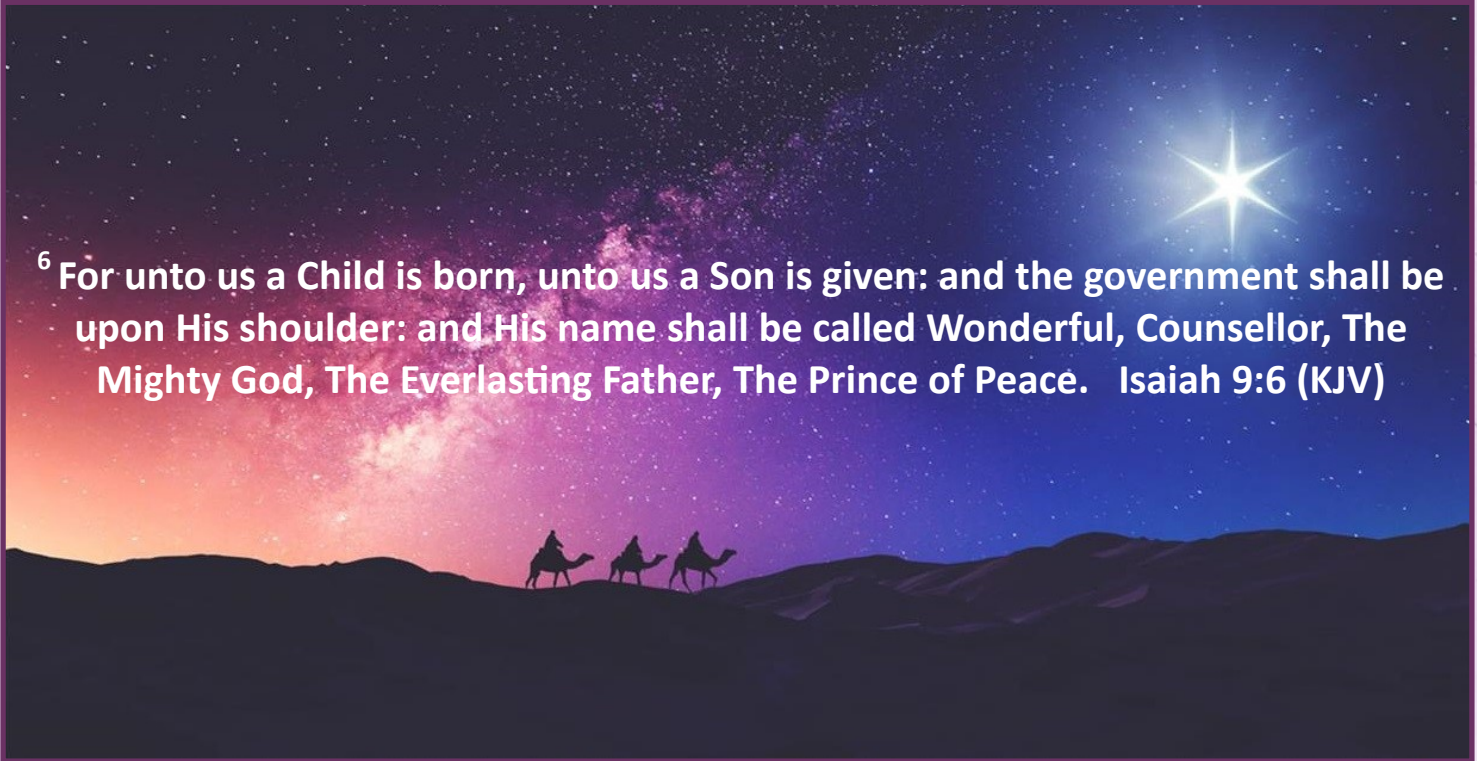
## Phillips County Community Cantata

The Phillips County Community Cantata will be performing on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Huck Boyd Center in Phillipsburg. Kelsey Pinkerton of Prairie View will direct this year's cantata.

## Thank You

**A Huge Thank You!** We THANK GOD for all of you, our church family. Thank you for your generous monetary gifts and words of appreciation. Our prayer is that God will bless you and us in the future as we continue to work together in his kingdom.

Thank you again. We love you. Pastor LeRoy and Gwen

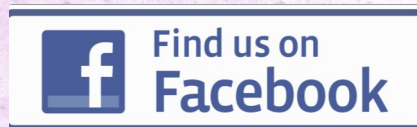


<sup>6</sup> For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 (KJV)



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Brent Norris	10 Abigail McCartney
03 David Rose	10 Michael Miller
03 Edward Rybeck	14 Mason Bogart
04 Ryan Moffatt	15 Sherry Robinson
05 Karsen James	17 Pam Heller
05 Ellen Runnion	20 Tyna Stoutimore
05 Emma Dibble	24 Ann Bushnell
06 Tracie Ford	27 Jerrod Jansonius
06 Carmen Johnson	28 Maddison Jonson
07 Carter Bogart	29 Brenda Younts
10 Fran Earl	30 Dillion Coomes



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## NOVEMBER OFFERING

04	\$4,355.00
11	\$1,981.00
18	\$1,747.00
25	Unavailable

Each Sunday we need to collect  
\$2,596.15 to meet our budget.  
Please pray about your giving.



## DECEMBER 2018

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