



PHILLIPSBURG FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

From the Pastor's Pen

- By Pastor LeRoy Herder

Christmas Joy

Never has the world had so much yet been so miserable. Depression, unhappiness, frustration, emptiness are just a few of the words that describe humanity world over. The constitution gives citizens the right to the pursuit of happiness; it does not guarantee that one will find it because most are looking in the wrong places. God does not want us to endure life he wants us to have joy. If there is a single word that describes what Christmas is all about, it's the little word "joy." Several of our favorite carols mention it: "Joy to the world, the Lord is come," "O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant," "Shepherds, why this jubilee, why your joyous strains prolong?" "Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice," "Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies, with th' angelic host proclaim, 'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'"

Church Events

- Dec 06 Christian Men's Fellowship
- Dec 06 Congregational Meeting
- Dec 08 Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Dec 14 Material Girls Quilt Guild
- Dec. 16 Children's Christmas Program
- Dec 20 Elders Meeting
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service at Huck Boyd
- Dec 28 Missions Meeting
- Dec 02, 09 Youth Groups

Pastor's Pen Continued

Where will this joy come from? We are told to listen to the scientist. What joy do they provide with their often contradictory so called facts. There is only one place to look for the abundant life and joy and that is Jesus Christ. He said in John 10:10 I came that they might have life and might have it abundantly. The words "joy," "rejoice," or "joyful" appear a total of **430 times in scripture**, compared with "happy" or "happiness," which appear only ten times. Joy is lasting, and it satisfies the heart in a unique and marvelous way.

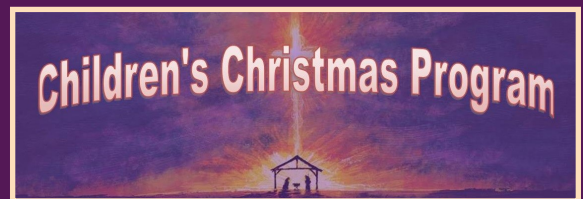
Christmas is about the coming of the source of real joy. Where else do you find forgiveness of sin? Where else to you find a friend who will never leave you? Where else will be find everlasting life? Where else will you find the strength to hurl through life's difficulties and yet have joy? Jesus said it "I am the way, the truth and the LIFE, no one comes to the father except through me." John 14:6 Joy is found in Jesus Christ, have a joy filled celebration.

Love ya,
Pastor Herder



Congregational Meeting

The congregational meeting will be held December 6th in the sanctuary following worship service. During this meeting members of the church will vote on the budget and the slate of individuals who were nominated for various positions.



The First Christian Church Children's Christmas Program, titled "Luke's Christmas Story", will be presented on Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m. at FCC. In the event the program has to be postponed, it will be rescheduled to January 20th.

Christmas Eve Service

This year's Christmas Eve Service will be held at Huck Boyd on Thursday, December 24th at 5:30 p.m. The service will last 30 to 40 minutes and includes Christmas music, a brief message and communion .

Phillips County Community Cantata

The Phillips County Cantata has been canceled this year, for the safety and health of the community. Instead of the usual live event, the recording of the *2014 Canticles in Candle Light* performance will be broadcast on the radio, television and Facebook. The performance will be on KKAN/KQMA and on Nex-tech TV or can be streamed from the First National Bank and Trust's Facebook page. The dates and times for viewing/listening will be announced soon.

Dear Church family,

I have just finished a ten week sermon series from the book of Philippians. Paul wrote to the Christians there, ***"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy."*** (Phil. 1:3,4) Gwen and I join with Paul in saying that we give thanks to God for you and we pray for you with joy. Right now, we especially want to thank all of you for the gracious gift you have given us for pastor appreciation. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! You have brought joy to us as we all work through the tough times of 2020 together.

May God's rich blessings rest upon every one of you.

Pastor LeRoy and Gwen

Advent Dates

1st Sunday of Advent - November 29

2nd Sunday of Advent - December 6

3rd Sunday of Advent - December 13

4th Sunday of Advent - December 20



Community Christmas Dinner

The 2020 Community Christmas Dinner will be sponsored by the United Methodist Churches. It will be held on December 24th from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Phillips County Fair Building. Dinners will be served as carryout only and delivery will be limited to those who cannot leave their homes. The public is encouraged to call a church and let them know how many meals they will need so that they can get on the list.



December Birthdays

01 Brent Norris	10 Abigail McCartney
03 David Rose	10 Michael Miller
03 Edward Rybeck	11 Laura Bogart
04 Ryan Moffatt	11 Susan Parker
05 Karsen James	14 Mason Bogart
05 Ellen Runnion	15 Sherry Robinson
05 Emma Dibble	17 Pam Heller
05 Shaydon Skipworth	20 Tyna Stoutimore
06 Tracie Ford	24 Ann Bushnell
06 Carmen Johnson	27 Jerrod Jansonius
07 Carter Bogart	28 Maddison Johnson
07 Nathan Moon	29 Brenda Younts
10 Fran Earl	30 Dillon Coomes

Cook Mission Offering

\$274.34

November Offering

01	\$4,242.82
08	\$2,198.00
15	\$2,577.00
22	\$4,241.00
29	unavailable

Each Sunday we need to collect
\$2,596.15 to meet our budget.

Please pray about your giving.

Remember, you cannot out-give God.

November Attendance

November 1 - 83	November 22 - 96
November 8 - 67	November 29 - unav.
November 15 - 60	

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06 Clark Hopson

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20 Duane Harris

27 Beverly Jarvis

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Terry Babcock

Neil Hopson

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