

Phillipsburg First Christian Church

DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

From The Pastor's Pen

- By Pastor LeRoy Herder

FEAR or HOPE?

As we approach the end of the year and the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, what do you think? Do people have more FEAR or more HOPE?

The news these days tell us a grim story:

Turmoil in Washington

Saber rattling in North Korea

Rocket attacks in Israel

Pastors attacked and imprisoned in many parts of the world.

Christians murdered in Nigeria.

Bad news abounds everywhere. The news is so fake and so corrupted it is extremely difficult to determine what is real and what is a fairy tale.

Let's go back 700 years before the birth of Christ and see what Isaiah the prophet said, "***The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness a light will shine.***" Isaiah 9:2

Church Events

- Dec 5 Christian Men's Fellowship
Congregational Meeting
Hanging of the Greens
- Dec 13 Material Girls Quilt Guild
- Dec 14 Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Dec 19 Elder Meeting
- Dec 22 Children's Program
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service at FCC
- Dec 25 Christmas Day
- Dec 27 Missions Meeting
- Dec 31 New Year's Eve
- Dec 1, 8, 15 Youth Groups

The Pastor's Pen continued

It appears that people living in darkness and despair is not new to us today. There has always been plenty of darkness in our world. There has always been anger, hatred, wars, despair and discouragement.

But you know what? All this did not catch God by surprise. **God had a plan to send a great light into the deep darkness of earth.**

And so it happened. God sent his son from the glories of heaven to the darkness of earth. And he sent an angel to proclaim: ***"I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people."*** Luke 2:10 God's answer to the fears of people throughout the ages was His only son, sent from heaven to earth, born in a stable, laid in a manger. That was indeed good news. That news is our blessed HOPE!

The news is true. It is reliable. Jesus Christ actually lived on this earth. He died for our sins. He rose again and he is ALIVE TODAY, interceding for us before the Father.

Friends, because of Jesus, we can live every day in HOPE! The world will continue in darkness, but we need not fear. God has given us a great light. His name is Jesus. Live every day in the joy and HOPE to be found in Him!

Living in HIS HOPE,
Pastor Herder



Thank You

First Christian Church,

The family of Jim Shields acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Thank You!

Thank You!

First Christian Church,

Thank you so much for being so kind to us during Kruze's surgery! All of the prayers & gifts were very much appreciated. We are so thankful to be a part of a wonderful church family.

The Korobka's

Thank You

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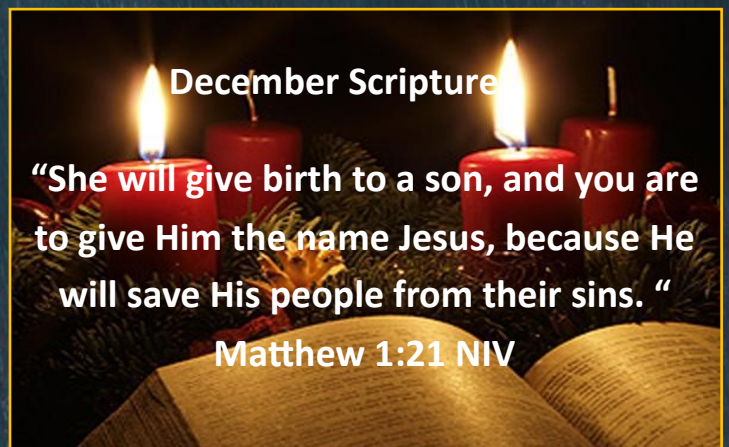
Thank you so much for the prayer shawls for baby Knox and I as we navigated birth and our health issues. The gesture and prayers were so appreciated. We are all doing great. Thanks again!

Gabe, Gillian & Knox

December Scripture

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins. "

Matthew 1:21 NIV



Congregational Meeting

The Congregational Meeting will be held December 5th 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.

Hanging Of The Greens



Join us in decorating the Church for the Christmas Season on Sunday, December 5th, following the Congregational Meeting.

Christmas Eve Service

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

Community Christmas Dinner

The 2021 Community Christmas Dinner will be held at the Zion Lutheran Church at 492 7th Street. It will be held on December 25th from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. It will be a dine in or carry out dinner. For those who cannot climb stairs, enter through the front (west) doors of the church. Delivery is available to those who have physical needs. Those people may call 785-543-2005 and leave a message with your name, address and number of meals needed. Turkey and Ham will be served.

Advent Dates

1st Sunday of Advent - November 28

2nd Sunday of Advent - December 5

3rd Sunday of Advent - December 12

4th Sunday of Advent - December 19



Children's Christmas Program

The First Christian Church Children's Christmas Program, titled "A Very Mixed Up Christmas Pageant", will be presented on Wednesday, December 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall.

A decorative background for a poster featuring snowflakes, pine branches, and red and white Christmas ornaments at the bottom.

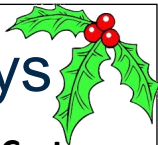
Phillips County Community Cantata presents

LET THERE BE CHRISTMAS!

directed by Kelsey Pinkerton

Saturday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 5 at 2:00 p.m.
McDill "Huck" Boyd Center - Phillipsburg

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

November Offering

07	\$4,124.00
14	\$3,461.00
21	\$2,919.00
28	TBA



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

Please pray about your giving.

Remember, you cannot out-give God.

Cook Mission Offering



\$177.06

November Attendance

07 - 97	21 - 117
14 - 99	28 - TBA



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Shut-in Communion: TBA

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