

Phillipsburg First Christian Church

DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

From the Pastor's Pen

- By Pastor LeRoy Herder

Celebrate Jesus!

Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:11, 14

Christmas is a time for us to celebrate the birth of Jesus. God's intense love for us prompted Him to give His Son, the greatest gift ever given. Here's a challenge for all of us. Let's work at shifting our focus to Jesus this Christmas season.

1. Make Jesus' birth the focus of your family's holiday celebration. All through the month, take time to sit down with your family and read a few verses each day of the account of Jesus' birth in Matthew 1:18-25, Matthew 2:1-12, and Luke 2:1-20. What a wonderful way to share that this season really is about Jesus. Consider making a birthday cake for Jesus and singing "Happy Birthday" to him on Christmas day!

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Church Events

- Dec. 4 Christian Men's Fellowship
- Dec 4 Congregational Meeting
- Dec. 7 Book Club
- Dec. 11 Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Dec. 12 Material Girls Quilt Guild
- Dec. 14 Evangelism Meeting
- Dec. 18 Elders Meeting
- Dec. 21 Children's Christmas Program
- Dec. 23 Practice for Christmas Eve Service
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day, Community Christmas Dinner
- Dec. 26 Missions Meeting
- Dec. 7 & 14 Youth Groups

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3. Jesus said all men would know we are His disciples as they observe the love we show each other. Find some way to share the love of Jesus with others. If you know of someone who could use a special 'lift', do it! Our community has many ways to help those in need. The First National Bank has a Christmas tree with names of children who need of a gift of clothing and/or toys. There is always a need for food items at the Food Bank. Remember our church's outreach to South Africa and the work they do to teach children about Christ and help feed them a peanut butter and jelly sandwich each week. Consider setting up a 'Sharing Bank' at home, encouraging kids to put in some of their own money to help others eat and learn about Jesus. Jesus gave his all for us! Let's show our love to him this Christmas season and throughout the year.

Celebrating our precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
Pastor LeRoy

P.S. See the article about Christmas Dinner which is being served here at FCC. We need lots of food and lots of helpers. Let's do it in honor of Jesus Christ.



Congregational Meeting

The congregational meeting will be held December 4th 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.



Christmas Eve Service

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

Practice For The Christmas Eve Service

Practice for the 2022 Christmas Eve Service has been scheduled for Friday, December 23rd at 5:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church.

Children's Christmas Program



The First Christian Church Children's Christmas Program, titled "The Real Story", will be presented on Wednesday, December 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall.



Community Christmas Dinner



The First Christian Church will be hosting this year's Ministerial Alliance Community Christmas Dinner, with the Presbyterian Church. Meals will be served at First Christian Church on Christmas Day from 11:30 to 1:30. We will need volunteers to make 20 salads and 20 desserts. Volunteers will also be needed to decorate the tables on Friday or Saturday before Christmas. We will need workers for Christmas Eve morning to prepare food, and Christmas Day early to prepare food. Volunteers are also needed during the meal to serve and deliver the meals, keep everything stocked and to clean up afterwards. Sign-up sheets will be available in the foyer Sunday, November 27th. If you are unable to attend and need meals delivered call or text Donna Jarvis (785-208-0049) or Lori Rahjes (785-533-1645) by December 23rd.

Book Club

Book club will meet at 7 pm, December 7, to discuss November's book "Be Comforted". The book we will read during December is "Because of Bethlehem Love is Born, Hope is Here" by Max Lucado.

It's easy to lose sight of the remarkable story of Christmas. We forget that a king ordered a census, Joseph was forced to travel, Mary bounced on a donkey's back, the hotel was full, the hour was late and the event was one big hassle. Yet, out of that hassle, hope was born.

In "Because of Bethlehem", Max invites us to look at the Christmas story from a different perspective. He reminds us that Christmas is about more than a pretty tree with presents piled up underneath it. Christmas begins what Easter celebrates: the child in the cradle who goes on to become the King on the cross. Because of Bethlehem, we have a place on earth and a Savior in heaven.

In the midst of your hectic Christmas season, Max will give you the encouragement, advice and tools you need to:

- Rekindle your connection to the Christ of Christmas
- Receive the promises of the Christmas season
- Lay down your endless Christmas to-do list and trust what Jesus has already done
- Heal your heartache by embracing the God who is always near you, always for you, and always with you.



*And the Word became flesh and dwelt
among us, and we beheld His glory,
glory as of the only begotten of the
Father, full of grace and truth.*

John 1:14 (NKJ)



December Birthdays

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

Advent Dates

1st Sunday of Advent - November 27
 2nd Sunday of Advent - December 4
 3rd Sunday of Advent - December 11
 4th Sunday of Advent - December 18



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November Offering

06	\$5,148.00
13	\$4,885.00
20	\$2,283.50
27	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.

Mission Offering

\$430.81

November Attendance

06 - 128	20 - 162
13 - 137	27 - TBA

Merry Christmas

ELDERS

04 Tony Imm

11 Stuart Jarvis

18 Clark Hopson

25 Duane Harris

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