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We Are Called To Be

A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SHARING THE LOVE OF GOD

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WELCOME

THOUGHT FOR CONSIDERATION

So we are called to enjoy God's kingdom. You and I are called to be modern disciples of Jesus. We are called to think of the possibilities God has for us...Christ was the greatest possibility thinker. DO WE DARE TO FOLLOW HIM? ~Robert H. Shuler

PRELUDE

RESPONSIVE READING

One: What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

ALL: FOR THE TRUMPET WILL SOUND, AND THE DEAD WILL BE RAISED IMPERISHABLE, AND WE WILL BE CHANGED.

One: For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

ALL: "DEATH HAS BEEN SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY. WHERE, O DEATH, IS YOUR VICTORY? WHERE, O DEATH, IS YOUR STING?"

One: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

ALL: BUT THANKS BE TO GOD, WHO GIVES US THE VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

One: Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMNAL **Shall We Gather At the River** **No. 615**

SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands! Serve the Lord with Gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

ALL: KNOW THAT THE LORD IS GOD! IT IS HE THAT MADE US, AND WE ARE HIS; WE ARE HIS PEOPLE, AND THE SHEEP OF HIS PASTURE.

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name!

ALL: FOR THE LORD IS GOOD; HIS STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER, AND HIS FAITHFULNESS TO ALL GENERATIONS.

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY SONG **Give Thanks** **Songbook No. 16**
PRAYER

HYMNAL **In the Cross of Christ I Glory** **No. 566**

READING **"The Sand Beneath Our Feet"**
By: Tania Runyan - In Touch Ministries

SCRIPTURE **Revelation 21:1-5**

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

SERMON **Let's Go Places** **Retired Pastor Harold Yeager**

COMMUNITY SHARING

- Announcements
- Joys and Concerns
- Prayer

SONGBOOK **When We All Get to Heaven** **No. 67**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

We welcome Retired Pastor Harold Yeager as our guest speaker today. Harold is retired from the Brandt's Church of the Brethren in St. Thomas, PA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Our guess speaker is Retired Pastor Harold Yeager.

November 29 - Senior Citizen Day at Camp Eder beginning at 9:30 am. This month guest Kerry White will provide a musical comedy in the morning. A home-style lunch: roasted turkey breast w/stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, side salad, dinner rolls, and apple pie. In the afternoon there will be holiday activities. The cost is \$18 per person which includes all activities and lunch. RSVP to 717-642-8256 or online at campeder@campeder.org.

November 30 - The last Birthday Breakfast of this year has been switched from the last Wednesday of the month to Thursday, and will be held at Carlisle Diner at 9:00 am.

December 3 - The New Year in the Church begins with the season of Advent — a time to help us prepare for Christmas, when we celebrate the fulfillment of our longing for the Savior with the birth of Jesus.

December 3 - We will be hanging the greens in the church. This is in preparation for Christ's coming.

December 10 - A Christmas Tea is being planned for Women's Fellowship. This will replace the Annual Christmas Banquet. The Christmas Tea will be held following the Worship Service. If anyone would like to help prepare some of the parts of the tea, such as a soup, a salad, a dessert, sandwiches, scones, see Gloria as she has some recipes to use. Everyone will be asked to bring a tea cup for their tea sampling. If anyone has teapots to share with us for this tea party, please let Gloria know. She would appreciate help with this gathering. In addition, Secret Sisters will meet directly after the tea to exchange their gifts. An invitation will be forthcoming in the next couple weeks.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, November 26

9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship
Guess Speaker: Retired Pastor Howard Yeager

TUESDAY, November 28

7:00 pm Wampler Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, November 29

9:30 am Senior Citizen Day @ Camp Eder
7:00 Choir

THURSDAY, November 30

9:00 am Monthly Birthday Breakfast @ Carlisle Diner
6:30 pm District Ministry Committee

FRIDAY, December 1

Camp Eder Cookie Camp

SATURDAY, December 2

Camp Eder Cookie Camp

SUNDAY, December 3

9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship
First Sunday of Advent
Hanging of the Greens
Scripture - Daniel 3:1, [2-7] 8-30
Message - The Fiery Furnace