
The Light On The Hill



December 2022

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

December 2022 Preaching Schedule

November 27, 2022 – Contentment – Where Do We Find It? (Philippians 4:4-9)

It seems as if contentment is harder and harder to find. Moments of joy and peace are few and far between. It seems with COVID, inflation, recession, the personal challenges we face, contentment is harder to find. But the gateway to contentment may be more accessible than you think.

December 4, 2022 – King Jesus! (Matthew 2:1-8)

On the night of Jesus' birth, a king had been secreted into the world. A king who would disturb the order of things, a king who would lay down his life for his subjects rather than requiring his subjects to lay down their lives for him. A king who would tell his disciples to lay down their lives for one another and if need be, their enemies. He would turn everything upside down, not as a religious figure but as a king. This reality has been lost on us because of what the culture had done to Jesus and what the church has done to Jesus. Jesus didn't come primarily to forgive. He came to be followed.

December 11, 2022 – Conflicted Kingdoms (Matthew 2:9-16)

It took about 40 years for the world to know and come to grips with the fact that God had sent a king into the world in the form of Jesus. A king whose kingdom would come in conflict from this world. 40 years after Christ's birth, in Syria, a term came into use to describe a political movement where Greeks and Romans were swearing allegiance to a brand-new king. He was called a Christos or anointed one. This God king they were referring to had been crucified 10 or 12 years before by Rome. And this guy to whom they swore allegiance to was not only a king but a God. But this God king did not require sacrifice. Instead, he came to earth to be the final sacrifice. Not like a good luck charm but the sacrifice for sin. He required something other than sacrifice. He required allegiance and obedience. Rome didn't care who you worshipped but you obeyed Caesar. But that didn't work in Antioch anymore. And this new understanding of this God king began to take over the world.

December 18, 2022 – For Unto Us (Luke 2:8-12)

When Jesus was born, it was different. Those there at Christmas witnessed the birth of Jesus, they knew they were experiencing something different. They had a little context for the birth they did not know exactly what he would do and how he would do it. But they knew He was different. They had a different framework they put this birth into, they had an idea of who he would be and they had a clear picture of the character he would live with and lead with. They knew he was born to be a king, but they also knew because of his character this king would be different. They knew he was different from any king this world had seen.

December 25 – And God Came Near (Luke 2:1-20)

Christmas has finally arrived. Join us as we celebrate the birth of our King! Experience with us the events surrounding the birth. His dramatic escape from the king who wanted to destroy him. And realize with us, how much the world missed out on in the Little Town of Bethlehem on that dark night when the King came bursting on the scene.

WITNESS COMMISSION

The Witness Commission had no scheduled meeting during the month of November.

Information about The Day of Sharing, The Harvest Home gifting for Project SHARE, preparing and advertising, along with checking all of the Christmas Child Shoeboxes kept us all busy. The Camp Eder Senior Day shared the artwork of Alma Hurst who owns the Barnyard Art Studio (where Chalk Talks are given) and had a great meal in November.

We are collecting materials for the next round of clean up buckets and hygiene kits and hopefully we will have some times in the near future to assemble. Stay tuned!

Gloria is wishing for extra helpers for the Witness Commission as it has become a rather busy role in the church. See me if interested in helping plan for the upcoming year.

We have set up two days for the upcoming year to prepare meals for the Salvation Army's Soup Kitchen. If you would like to help with this job, please let Gloria Ramirez or Pam Lebo know of your interest.

We are planning a donut share on Christmas Eve...plans are in the making.

Here is a BIG thank you for the foods shared at the Harvest Home Service for Project SHARE, the 63 Christmas Child Shoeboxes, the 10 dollar donations to help the boxes shared without the 10 dollar donation already in the box, the Global Food Initiative, and lastly, for all those who helped bake or share cookies for the Truck Stop Ministry.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The quilting ladies are sad without Ginny Wilson's expertise at making new quilts to put on the frame. She is homebound and on oxygen. Georgia Gish, Agnes Miller, Sue Stake, and Gloria Ramirez continue to hold down the quilting fort.

The Ladies' Birthday Breakfast this month will be held at Sunnyside on the Carlisle pike. 9 am on the last Wednesday of the month. Come join us, get to know the women in the pews!

The Witness Commission thanks Mike Lebo and Dale Miller for transporting the Disaster Relief kits this past year. Also thanks to Pam Lebo for preparing meals at Salvaty this past year.

Last month Gloria shared an invitation to anyone interested in playing cards... and I only had one response...think about the fun you might have as you get to know others around the card table. Gloria Ramirez 717-249-2832.

December 18 is Women's Fellowship's Bible Study about Mary at 2:00 pm with Linda Maifair. Finger foods will be available. Faith. Trust. Obedience. Join us as we take some time out from our modern 'holiday' rush and travel with Mary (and Joseph) to Bethlehem. As we view and talk about some of the scenes from the movie *The Nativity Story*, we'll be reminded of the plan, the Provision, and the love of God...and what Christmas is truly about. If time is left we will do a short game of Guess the Christmas Words. Please add your name to the sign up list ASAP.

MUSIC & WORSHIP

The Music & Worship Commission requests that all announcements, joys and concerns be given to Judy in the church office by Friday morning at 9:00. She will include them in the bulletin or, if the bulletin is already printed, she will write them down and place them on the podium to be read by the worship leader. Any items of this nature that occur after Friday morning may be given to the worship leader on Sunday morning who can then announce them at the appropriate time during the worship hour. If you are unable to attend church and would like your item shared, please contact your deacon who can then share it with the worship leader. Part of this decision comes from the fact that people speaking from the pew do not get recorded on the tape that is made of the service. We thank you for your cooperation in helping our church service to run smoothly.

The Children's Christmas party will going to be held during Sunday school on December 18th.

Camp Eder's 12th Annual Christmas Tree Festival be held Friday and Saturday, December 9 and 10th from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at 914 Mt Hope Road, Fairfield, PA.

CWS Global has sent us a Thank You card for our \$150 gift and states that our "compassionate support is helping impoverished communities develop clean, reliable water sources. Working with farmers to continue to put food on their tables, even in the face of uncertainty. And providing food, water, shelter and other necessities to families struggling to rebuild their lives and livelihoods in times of crisis."



On the Personal Side...

JOYS, SORROWS & CONCERNS THIS PAST MONTH TO:

Joys to:

Friends of the Congregation who have been ill, hospitalized or needing prayer this past month include:

Prayer List:

Persons from the Congregation who have been ill, hospitalized or needing prayer this past month include:

Our Record of Faithfulness

November 20, 2022

<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>2021</u>
General Fund	General Fund	Building Fund	Building Fund	Special Giving	Special Giving

I am sure that God who began the good work within you will keep right on helping you grow in his grace until his task within you is finally finished on that day when Jesus Christ returns.

Philippians 1:6

Serving You In November . . .

Worship

Greeter

Sue Scott

Hospitality

Dave Wampler

Head Ushers

December 4 - Dave Wert
December 11 - Dale Miller
December 18 - Dave Marks
December 25 - Ike Tritt

Worship Leaders

December 4 - Brandon Miller
December 11 -
December 18 - Dale Miller
December 25 - Brandon Miller

JUNIOR CHURCH

December 4 - Francine Moody &
Pam Lebo

December 11 - Doris Marks and
Deanna White

December 18 - Francine Moody &
Elaine McCoy

December 25 - Pat Tritt & Doris
Marks

Sound Room

December 4 - Mike Ditmer
December 11 - Dave Marks
December 18 - Ike Tritt
December 25 -

CROCKPOT TURKEY BREAST

- 1 bone-in, skin-on turkey breast, room temperature (about 6 lb)
- 2 **tbsp.** packed light brown sugar
- 1 **tbsp.** chili powder
- 1 **tbsp.** smoked paprika
- 1 **tsp.** garlic powder
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 **c.** low-sodium chicken broth
- 1/4 **c.** low-sodium soy sauce
- 2 **tbsp.** honey
- 2 **tbsp.** freshly chopped parsley

1. Grease a large slow cooker with cooking spray. Roll a large piece of aluminum foil into a rope and then fold the rope into an oval. Place in slow cooker, creating a rack for the turkey.

2. In a small bowl, whisk together brown sugar, chili powder, paprika, and garlic powder. Pat turkey dry with paper towels and season generously with salt and pepper. Press sugar mixture all over turkey, then place in slow cooker, breast side up.

3. Whisk together chicken broth, soy sauce, and honey and pour into bottom of the slow cooker.

4. Cook on low for 3 to 4 hours, until a thermometer inserted into thickest part of the breast reads 165°.

5. Heat broiler. Transfer turkey to a rimmed baking sheet and broil until skin is crispy and golden, 3 to 4 minutes. Let rest for 15 minutes before slicing.

Garnish with parsley and serve.



Happy
Birthday

Happy
Anniversary

December 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 1:00pm Quilting 2:00 pm Nurture	2	3
4 After church Special Congregational Business Mtg Christmas Dinner	5	6	7 Noon Ladies' Bible Study	8 1:00pm Quilting 6:30 pm SOPA	9	10
11	12	13 7:00pm Stewards	14	15 1:00pm Quilting 6:30 pm SOPA	16	17
18 Children's Christmas Party 2:00 pm Women's Bible Study	19	20	21 Noon Ladies' Bible Study	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 CHRISTMAS DAY! 	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

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