

THE REFORMER

“A Family of Grace...Growing in Faith...Sharing God’s Love”

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DECEMBER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, December 5: Second Sunday in Advent

John the Baptist is a herald for the Lord, whose way is prepared by “repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” (Luke 3:1-6). Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Sunday, December 12: Third Sunday in Advent

John the Baptist heralds the mighty one who is coming (Luke 3:7-18). He teaches that preparation for God’s reign is not a matter of identity but of bearing fruits of merciful justice, radical generosity, and vocational integrity.

Sunday, December 19: Fourth Sunday in Advent

Elizabeth, John’s mother, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, are two women filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith (Luke 1:39-45). In Elizabeth’s inspired greeting and Mary’s song of praise we hear of a saving God who remembers, scatters, lifts up, and fulfills all things.

Friday, December 24: Christmas Eve

We come together on this holy night for a Candlelight Service of Holy Communion. Bring the whole family and join us as we gather at our Lord’s table and raise our candles to welcome the newborn King.

Sunday, December 26: First Sunday after Christmas

Our service will be one of Lessons and Carols as we hear the Christmas story told through scripture and the singing of hymns.

NEWS AND NOTES

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY – WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT

Pastor Craig will lead a study titled, *Awaiting the Already*, on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 (in person) and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 (via Zoom). The study takes a tour through the four Gospel narratives that announce Christ's birth or make a way for his ministry.

MEN IN MISSION – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

The men will meet at 9:00 to place the Nativity scene in the front yard. Younger men are invited and encouraged to help with the heavy lifting.

MOBILE CAFÉ – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

We will prepare meals and distribute them at the Hiddenite Food Pantry. Please see Dianne Gwaltney if you can help or provide individually wrapped desserts.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

The Council will meet at 7:00 via Zoom. Glenn Deal will lead devotions.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL INSTALLATION – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

Newly elected Council members will be installed during worship: Brandy Honeycutt and Ron Roseman.

THANK YOU

- ▶ to all who filled a shoebox or donated money for Operation Christmas Child
- ▶ to retiring Congregation Council members for three years of faithful service to Christ and the people of Reformation: David Honeycutt, Scott Patterson, Darren Price and Dana Yoder

GIFTS TO THE MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Stephanie Elaine Schultz
Virgil Schultz

In memory of Lorraine Campbell
Peggy Hammer

In memory of Jean Fox
Peggy Hammer

In memory of Helen Rauscher
Peggy Hammer

In memory of Mary Wike
Peggy Hammer

In memory of Colleen Hammer
Peggy Hammer

In memory of David Ridenhour
Peggy Hammer, Jan & Perry Austin, Linda Barriger, Katherine Gering Ridenhour, Old St Paul's Lutheran Church WELCA

In memory of Troy Watts
Betty Whitesell, Nancy Schroeder

WELCA NEWS

WELCA will be sponsoring residents at A New Outlook Assisted Living for Christmas. There are 26 individuals and there is an angel for each one on the tree. There is a sign-up sheet beside the tree so please place your name beside the angel you select in case there is a question about the angel. Gifts should be wrapped and placed in a gift bag or boxes should be tied together for each angel. Gifts will need to be returned to the church by Wednesday, December 15th. Please let Donna know if you have any questions. These residents are in need of many practical items so please help us make their Christmas better!!

WELCA will meet on Tuesday, December 7th at 6:30 in Reformation Hall. All ladies of the church are invited to attend. Please bring your favorite finger food to share and an ornament to exchange. If you would like to come but don't want to drive, please let Donna know. Hope to see you there!

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Reformation's Congregation Council met on Sunday, November 14, 2021 via Zoom with eight members present. Devotions were led by Scott Patterson followed by President Dana Yoder calling the meeting to order. Minutes and Treasurer's report were reviewed and accepted as presented. The Pastor's report was given.

Ministry Team reports were given:

Facility Use – David reported that several families have reserved Reformation Hall in December.

Old Business: Pastor Craig still has not received an answer on the Peeler Casey Fund grant. We assume we will not be granted any funds. Scott purchased the mobile sound system. Pastor Craig has not heard anything more regarding the temporary housing to be at First United Methodist Church.

New Business: Kenneth asked if manger scene would be up by December 4th for the parade. Pastor Craig will talk with Ron Roseman about getting it up. Pastor Craig has been contacted by a Girl Scout troop wanting to use Reformation as their meeting place for 6-8 girls on a Tuesday or Thursday night at 6 pm. Motion was made, seconded and passed to allow them to use the church for their meeting place.

After discussion, Glenn made a motion to give \$250 to the Correctional Institute and \$250 to Barium Springs Children's Home for Christmas. Motion carried. Donna reported that WELCA is hoping to have angels from A New Outlook soon.



PRAYER CONCERNS :

Barbara White, Evelyn Hammer, Rachel Shook, Richard Puett,
Peggy Polomski, Amy Deal, Bill Johnson, Jeff Chapman,
Dean Slabach, and Curtis Carter.

SERVING THIS MONTH

	Dec. 5	Dec. 12	Dec. 19	Dec. 24	Dec. 26
FLOWERS	Ashleigh Bingham	Cathey Chapman	Jeanette Johnson		Rachel Shook
ACOLYTE	Peyton Price	Leighton Bingham	Eden Patterson	Tristan Moore	Jayden Robinette
LAY READERS	Jan Austin	Judy Fay	Joanne Chase		Dolores Parkhurst

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



4 Rachel Rhodes
7 Paul Elder
12 Nancy Austin
14 David Honeycutt
16 Dottie Ferguson
16 Jason Bowman
18 Mike Yoder
20 Frederick Jernigan
20 Nathan Roseman
22 Marion Elmer
27 Sara Hammer Thick