

## Calendar Notes

Dec. 24 - 31, 2017

Today	6:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
	8:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (with communion)
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>		Church Office Closed
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Classes
	10:15 a.m.	Worship

### Statistical Notes as of December 17, 2017

Attendance: Worship 228

#### Giving:

Worship	\$	9,024.00
David Miller Family	\$	40.00
Capital Campaign	\$	600.00
York St. Property	\$	2,000.00

#### Year to Date:

General Fund Budget	\$404,827.42
General Fund Giving	\$403,297.92

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# Joy

*Shout and sing for joy,  
city of Zion,  
because the holy one  
of Israel  
is great  
among you.*

—ISAIAH 12:6





# DILLSBURG BRETHREN IN CHRIST

*a river of hope and healing . . .*

December 24, 2017  
9:00 am Classes  
10:15 am Worship

Preparing for Worship

Opening & Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Scripture *Isaiah 40:1-5 (#134)*

*O Come, All Ye Faithful (#135)*

Prayers of the Community

Invitation to Give  
*Special Music - Chris Eyster*

*Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming (#131)*

Presentation of Christ's Birthday Offering \*

"Songs of Christmas: Nunc Dimittis" (Luke 2:22-38)

Songs of Worship

Prayer & Closing



## Poinsettias were placed...

### In Memory of...

- |                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| • Eddy Robinson                 | by Lois Conrady          |
| • Mary Ann Engle                | by Nevin Engle           |
| • Gus Stine                     | by The Hatch Family      |
| • Irene Spurrier                | by Jim & Faithe Spurrier |
| • Ruth & Eber Dourte            | by Jim & Faithe Spurrier |
| • Larry & Mary Keyser           | by Ed & Marj Strayer     |
| • Charles & Margaret<br>Strayer | by Ed & Marj Strayer     |

### In Honor of...

- |                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| • Mahlon & Irene Engle | by Jim & Beth Shelly |
| • Esther Shelly        | by Jim & Beth Shelly |
| • Nicole Rank          | by her Secret Sister |

*Poinsettias may be taken home following the Christmas Eve Service.*



\* (Children Pre-K - grade 5 to Cherub & Jr. Church)

**Food, Fun, and Fellowship** Here's your chance to get to know those who sit in the pew next to you. Crazy 8's is a ministry designed to bring our church body together while reaching out to our community. Participants are placed on a schedule to enjoy meals with 3 other couples/singles 3 times throughout the year. The host is encouraged to invite someone who does not attend our church to your meal as well. You may indicate if you would like to be a host. In most cases, children are welcome to attend the meal, too! New schedules will be placed in mailboxes in January. If interested, please find the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer and if you have any questions contact Grace Horton.

**Congregational Council 2018** - Everyone is invited to attend Dillsburg BIC's annual Congregation Council meeting Saturday, January 13th. Our potluck breakfast begins at 9:00 a.m. Council meeting will follow directly. Beverages and place settings will be provided. Please bring your choice of hot breakfast casseroles, fruits, pastries or breads to share.

**Do you love working with kids but don't feel that you have the time to prepare a lesson each week??** As we prepare to launch our new Wednesday evening kids' program, Faith Finders, we are in need of one more person who would be willing to be a Circle Leader. Circle Leaders lead kids between different Discovery Centers each week and help facilitate discussions with their groups. There is no preparation required!! If you would like more information on our new Wednesday evening kids' program or if you're willing to help fill this need, please contact Emily Wingert at [children@dillsburgbic.org](mailto:children@dillsburgbic.org)

**Welcome Guests** To better connect with you we encourage you to complete a guest registration card located in the pew pockets. You may drop it in the offering plate OR bring it to welcome center in the lobby so that we can greet you and give you a welcome packet.

This year Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade will be joining us for the first part of the service and then will be released to their classes mid-service. Cherub Church (Pre-Kindergarten - 1st Grade) meets in the class across from the men's restroom and Junior Church (2nd - 5th Grade) meets downstairs in B1. **Please pick your child up from their classroom in a timely manner after the service.** If you're visiting, please fill out a Cherub/Junior Church Attendance Card, located in the pew rack, and bring your child to meet their teacher near the coffee bar/welcome center when the children are dismissed from the service.

**Did you know that there are 3,000,000,000 (that's three billion) people in the world who have no way of hearing about Jesus from people of their own culture?** That means that if they are going to hear about him, somebody needs to cross the barriers into their group and tell them. Lots of this has been going on and lots more needs to happen. Learn more at the Perspectives on the World Christian Movement class to be given at West Shore EV Free Church, Mechanicsburg, this spring from January to April. You'll love it! Jaylene Shannon and I are supporting this class. Ask us about it or go on line to "Perspectives Course." ~ Grace Holland

**Christmas Cards Recycle:** If you have old Christmas cards that tell the story of Jesus' birth, Karen Deyhle who is a missionary in India, would like to have your cards. She will make them into booklets to share the Christmas story in India. To see a sample of Karen's work or to donate your cards, please contact Jaylene Shannon.

# Christ's Birthday Offering

Luke 4. 18-19

**18** "The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free,  
**19** to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

"These were the words Jesus chose to declare himself as the promised Messiah. This year our special offering on Christmas Sunday will be given to both Peace Promise in Pennsylvania and FGA Education Project in Pakistan. Both of these organizations are proclaiming good news to the poor and freedom for prisoners, and helping to set the oppressed free. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 to divide between the two recipients. Please consider joining with us on December 24th to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor!"

**The FGA Education Project** for primary age children has a vision for the children of Pakistan. An education in Pakistan allows the cycle of poverty to be broken, and gives these children a chance to break free from lives of oppression and persecution and slavery and live a life walking with the Savior.

- 18 schools, 1,350 at-risk children, 100+ teachers & staff
- \$60 1 child for 1 year, \$4,500 1 school for 1 year

The vision of **Peace Promise** is to see women set free from oppression, exploitation, hopelessness, and slavery. They are engaged head on in the battle against the dark world of human trafficking and exploitation. Their efforts are seeing women being transformed, living fulfilled lives with meaningful relationships and employment and finding enduring peace from the Prince of Peace.



A Full Gospel Assembly Primary School meeting in Pakistan  
.....bringing hope and education to Pakistan



**peace**  
promise

....fighting against human  
trafficking by bringing the light  
of God into that darkness