

This Week Ahead At Faith
December 13th through December 20th

TODAY	9:00	AM	Sunday School (Sunday School Nursery: Nancy Deering & Lauren Robinson)
	10:15	AM	Prayer for the Worship Service (In Library)
	10:30	AM	Morning Worship (Worship Nursery: Eric, Karen & Leighann Mennig) (Toddler Church: Chris & Steph Latschar) (Junior Church: Michelle & Tamara Shertzer) (Worship Leader: Debbie Gruel)
	5:00	PM	Christmas Caroling
MONDAY	7:00	PM	Ministry Council Meeting
WEDNESDAY	8:30	AM	Deliver Christmas Stockings to Joe Toy in Philadelphia
	6:30	PM	Prayer Meeting— CANCELLED FOR THIS WEEK
	7:30	PM	Choir Rehearsal
	8:30	PM	Worship Team Rehearsal (Dec. 20th - Leader: Larry Royer Singers: Curt Stumpf & Sue Deatrick Guitar: Ryan McGinnis Drums: Debbie Gruel)
NEXT SUNDAY <i>December 20th</i>	9:00	AM	Sunday School (Sunday School Nursery: Linda Seiger & Dee Spayd)
	10:15	AM	Prayer for the Worship Service (<i>In Library</i>)
	10:30	AM	Morning Worship (Worship Nursery: Tyler, Sheri & Cole Garver) (Toddler Church: Melissa Hellinger & Michelle Kime) (Junior Church: Spring & Victoria Seldomridge) (Worship Leader: Larry Royer)
	6:00	PM	X Factor—Christmas Party

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FAITH CHURCH

Advent

READY FOR
 GIFTS?



Welcome to Faith Church!

Welcome & Personal Greetings

Prelude

Praise

Call to Worship and Invocation

*Worship Songs Revive Us Again 295

Congregation may be seated if desired.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 124

Go Tell It On The Mountain

I Wonder As I Wander 139

Offertory

Please sign the GUEST REGISTER in your pew and pass it on.

*Doxology 625

*Prayer Of Thanksgiving

Prayer

Morning Prayer

Proclamation

Scripture Reading Psalm 85

Morning Message A Grinch About Gifts? Pastor Joel

Promise

*Closing Song O Little Town Of Bethlehem 141

*Benediction & Chimes

Greet one another

*Congregation standing

Season of Advent. The Christian Year starts with Advent, the season of preparation before the celebration of the birth of our King Jesus. As you look at the communion table, the color is purple signifying the bruising stain that sin leaves in our lives. During Advent we want to purify ourselves, readying ourselves spiritually for the gift of salvation through our King. Each week as you come to worship will you ask yourself, "Am I ready for The Gift?"

Excited For Gifts?

Blank lined area for sermon notes.

BLANKETS, WINTER COATS, HATS, GLOVES, MITTENS & SCARVES ARE NEEDED:

We are collecting warm blankets, winter coats, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves to take to Joe Toy! This December we will once again make a trip down to Philly to deliver the stockings to the children that our EC Missionary, Joe Toy works with. When we go we would love to be able to supply him with other things that he can give to those he works with who need them for warmth during these cold winter months. Please look through your home and closet to see which of the above items you may be able to donate. All items can be placed in the back hallway by the "Cutting Edge" classroom. Thanks so much!

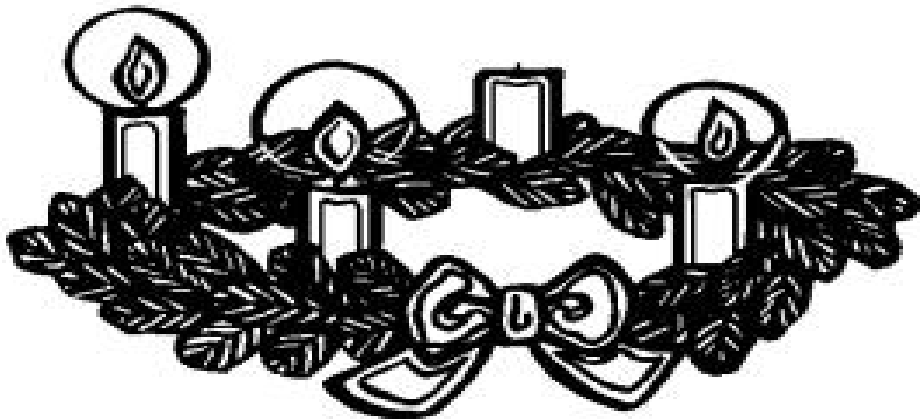
MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Dec. 13th—Christmas Caroling, 5:00pm; Dec. 24th—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:00pm.

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE We have a new letter from the Graff's and the Andersons. You can grab a copy in the folders by the missions board. Keep them in your prayers, and drop them a note, they would love to hear from you.

STOLTZFUS BLOG Keep up with Lamar, Janice and the kids by visiting their "blog" on the internet at <http://ljstoltzfus.aimsites.org> Lamar and Janice will keep us up to date with what they are doing at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya, Africa. You can also send them e-mails at stoltzfusfamily@hotmail.com.

3rd Sunday Of Advent

Joy



Faith Church Concerns

For the **Staff Members** and **Volunteers** who minister here at Faith Church!

Ministry Of The Month—Pray for our *Faith Quilters!* Faith Quilters is a group of women who meet the first Tuesday of each month to assemble quilts for use in a variety of mission endeavors. So far over 200 quilts have been made. New quilters always welcome.

Pray for revival in the USA and for the leaders of our country.

Strategic Planning Process—Pray for the Strategic Planning Team as they complete the work of the Study Groups.

Missionaries of the Month—Our missions prayer emphasis this month focuses on **B.J. & Rachel Whitaker**. Missionaries in Spain.

Ministries Filling positions Jr. High Helper, and Elementary Sunday School Teacher.

Concerns of Members and Friends

Helen Rothfus—Shut-In Member, recovery from back surgery on Thursday, Dec. 10th.

Job Concerns—Pray for those of our congregation who have lost jobs, that they find work, and those whose jobs are uncertain, that they are not burdened with job loss.

Gladys Diem—Recovery from congestive heart problems.

Harold Keppley—Bonnie Gerz's father, pray for recovery following surgery for aneurysm and a heart attack.

Myrna McGinnis—Testing for hip issue.

Ashley McGinnis—Eye focus therapy.

Susan Deatrack—Recovery from foot surgery.

Gladys Mahar—Recovery from broken arm.

Alta Roach—Linda Good's mother, recovery from lung surgery and cancer.

Josh Glacken & Beth Rickard—Pray as they prepare for full-time ministry with Global Media Outreach (56% supported), and prepare for the adoption of a child.

Dorothy Robinson—Recovery from back surgery.

Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus—Dorm parents & teachers at Rift Valley Academy, Kenya.

Amos Flaud—Receiving treatment for hemorrhaging in both eyes. Sight very limited.

Jan Rubin—Receiving chemotherapy.

Brandon & Kristen Hershey—On waiting list of Bethany Christian Services to adopt a child. Please be with them in prayer as they anxiously await the arrival of an infant.

Prayer List (Continued)

Pray For These Young Adults

Jeremy Leicy—Training for deployment to come in a few months.

Cadet Chad Rubin—Senior at U.S. Air Force Academy.

Scott Seiger—Deployed to Iraq.

Jeff Leicy—Sophomore at American University in Washington, D.C.

Justin Crouse—Sophomore at Gettysburg College.

Leighann Mennig—Sophomore at Lancaster General Hospital School of Nursing.

Brett Bauer—Junior at Penn State University.

Corey Bauer—Senior at Penn State University.

Concerns Of The Evangelical Congregational Church

Jim & Naomi Shields—Former Director of Twin Pines Camp—Both battling cancer / Jim on Hospice Care.

Jeanette Inman—Wife of Mark Inman, Pastor of sister Red Rose District EC Church, Conestoga Bethel—battling cancer.

Shirley Ragsdale—Wife of Former EC Global Ministries Director John Ragsdale—Numerous health concerns.

Kevin Leibensperger—Bishop of the EC Church—Wisdom in leadership.

Randy Sizemore—Director of Global Ministries—Wisdom in Leadership.

Fred Moury—Regional Conference Minister—Wisdom in Leadership.

Those listed on our prayer list will be limited to members and friends of Faith Church and their immediate families.

Family Of Faith News

LIVE NATIVITY To those who took part in the Live Nativity, we thank you for your time and service. Many came from outside our church and we pray they were blessed by what they saw. Thanking the Lord, for the snow that made the evening more beautiful.
THE EVANGELISM COMMISSION

FAITHFUL SENIORS Faithful Seniors will meet at the church on Wed December 16th at 11am. We will depart for the Shady Maple Smorgasbord at 11:30 am. Cost will be \$11.00 for members and \$13.00 for non members. Remember to bring a \$5.00 gift. Men will bring a man's gift and ladies will bring a woman's gift.

2010 OFFERING ENVELOPES The 2010 Offering Envelopes are available and are on the table in the foyer. Please pick up your envelopes.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Items for the January 2010 newsletter must be submitted to the church secretary TODAY, December 13th. Issue date has been moved up to the 3rd Sunday of the month.

HELP REACH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY!

Child Evangelism Fellowship has asked our church to sponsor Smoketown Elementary School by starting a Good News Club there after school. Have a heart for kids? Want to take VBS or Sunday School to them? Talk with Joel Kime for more details! Program starts in March 2010.

MISSION TRIP 2010 Did the Costa Rica team inspire you? Have you thinking you'd like to try out something like that? Then join us July 18-24, 2010 as we travel to inner-city Chicago to work with our Kimball Avenue EC Church. Kimball Ave is the leading church in the EC USA when it comes to understanding God's heart for the oppressed, and we are going to work with them and learn from them. Because we'll be driving, cost of the trip will be very affordable. If you want to sign up, just submit your \$100 deposit (payable to Faith Church) to Joel Kime. This trip is for adults and high school teens. Children younger than high school may come with their parents. More details to come!

WINTER RETREAT BROCHURES are here and ready to go! If you are in 6th - 12th grade we would love to have you join us this year on our Annual Winter Retreat at Twin Pines. This year the retreat is from January 22 - 24. The cost of the retreat is \$50 and must be turned in to Ryan McGinnis with a completed permission slip by December 11th. Thanks and looking forward to having you all along!

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS The Christmas Stockings for Joe Toy are sewn and ready to fill. **STOCKINGS WILL BE DELIVERED ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH.** Time to be determined. If you would like to go to Philadelphia to help deliver the stockings, a sign-up is located in the foyer.