



DECEMBER 2019



Christmas Eve
SERVICE

Candlelight Service
7PM



Christmas Pageant
Dec. 22
Time TBA



Elder Training
Dec. 1-15th
3-5PM
Sundays in Delphi



December 29th
@ Delphi
Carry-In Lunch



December 8th
After Worship

Prepare the Way for the Lord

Isaiah proclaims to the Israelites a message from God, "A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, he rugged places a plain."

What does this mean for us? How are we to 'prepare the way for the Lord'? In some ways this is so very easy and in other ways it is quite difficult. It is easy because the answer is simple... stop putting up walls that create conflict and remove gossip, slander, hatred from our speech and our actions.

Yet the difficult part is that WE are to do this NOW. Not someday when we feel more godly or spiritual. This is a call for us in the here and now. Think about it... what potholes, diversions, mountains were put in your path when you thought about turning to God or returning to church? I have heard many stories about roadblocks that were thrown up by others. Some well-meaning, others not so much. One person once told me that they could not see how church or God had made a difference in their boss' life, so why should he change?

This Advent Season, spend some time in self-reflection. How can you make the way easier for folks to know God's love and mercy? How can you show the love of God in everyday things? What small change in your attitude at a restaurant, behind a slow -moving tractor, or on the phone with customer service could you make that would show the love and mercy of our Savior?

We are not called to pave the path for the entire world, our nation or our county. We are called to pave the path in front of us so that others may follow. Advent is the



time that we prepare our hearts for the return of Christ. Prepare the way for others so that they too may be ready when He returns.

Your Sister in Christ
Pastor Grace Hammer



EXTENDED ADVENT SERIES

Dec. 1 & 8 *Joy*

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalms 146:5-10

Luke 1:47-55

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

Dec 15 & 22 *Love*

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

Christian Education

by Barbara Pearce

FUNDRAISER

Semi-wild Pigs have left Carroll County. Ridding residents of these foraging pests raised \$1,587.00 toward our Oasis Campers for Summer 2020. Any Grant Monies we receive from Wabash Valley Presbytery will be use to send Children to Geneva Center Camps. Monies from our Fund Raisers will be used to send children to the Indiana Christian Summer Camp of their choice.



Our Soup Supper and Bake Sale Fund Raiser is Scheduled for Saturday, February 15, 2020. More specific information will be coming.

OASIS



Oasis has been averaging 40 children from our community every week. If anyone is interested in preparing a meal or part of a meal, please talk to Martha Clark or Barbara Pearce. We have been studying that God is always with us in Good and Bad. We will have a Christmas Program on December 18th. The 18th will be the last time Oasis meets in 2019. We will resume in January 2020

OASIS MINISTRY PROJECT

Oasis Ministry project for the Fall has been gathering needed items for our Local Birthright in Delphi, Indiana. Birth Right helps pregnant women through the pregnancy and will give needed information on raising their baby with Love or Adoption. Babies are human lives and a Gift from God. God has a plan for each child.



Stewardship Mission, Finance

By Tammy Moss

The 2020 annual budget was approved by Session on October 20th, presented to the congregation for review on October 27th and

approved by the congregation on November 3rd. There is a lot of time and efforts that goes into reviewing and preparing the budget and I truly appreciate all who helped. In review, our 2018 annual budget was \$99,890, 2019 was \$74,740 and 2020 is \$74,632. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you to all who donated items or cash to Emmaus House for our holiday mission to help homeless and seniors in need.

Presbyterian Women

By Jane Bishop



The Mary -Martha Circle will not meet again until March, 2020. However they will be working at the Thrift Shop and may have a called meeting at times.

THRIFT SHOP SCHEDULE

December 14 - Register-Barbara P., Marlene S., Libby S., Jane B.
December 19 - Sorting-Sally S.



NOTES

By Pastor Toni Brewster

Advent is half over, December has arrived and there are so many beautiful pieces of Christmas music I want us to sing and share and hear and play... Corporate worship, those times we gather together, is the life blood of our faith. Music is like the plasma that helps to carry the nourishment through that flow...which keeps us strong and united. I pray that you are using the songs and story of this special season to draw you closer and deeper to the Child in the manger and the Son of God Incarnate on the cross. May you be blessed each and every day...

P.S. If you read one chapter of Luke each day of December, by the 24th, you will have read His entire life's journey here among us.



A view of a Bible Study!

By Pastor Toni Brewster

I have been participating in Bible Studies since high school, so it was hard to pick a favorite. But this is it: Experiencing God. It lasted 13 weeks and demanded a large personal time commitment. Every minute was absolutely worth it. Each week was comprised of 5 daily lessons plus time for conversations with God. We gathered together for one 2-hour session to share what we each had discovered or places we "got stuck." During this 13 weeks we learned how to better experience God by recognizing when He is speaking and how he is speaking. Things I thought I already knew as a long-time Christian. In actuality, what I knew as I began this study was just a drop in the ocean. There was and is so much more to discover and experience. If I had the chance, I would certainly recommend it to others and retake it myself.

Bible Study

Sunday and Thursday

Bible Studies will take a break during the month of December. We will resume in January please be watching for more info.



December Ushers

December 1 Barbara Pearce, Marlene Smith

December 8 Joe and Tammy Moss

December 15 Kevin and Martha Clark

December 22 Kevin and Martha Clark

December 29 SERVICE @ DELPHI

Scripture Readers for December

December 1 Michelle Matos, Martha Clark

December 8 Jenne McMillin, Tammy Moss

December 15 Haylee Randolph , Gerry Hollis

December 22 Barbara Pearce, Libby Sparks

December 29 SERVICE @ DELPHI

Audio/ Visual Schedule for December

December 1 ShawnRoss Pitts

December 8 Barbara Pearce

December 15 Martha Clark

December 22 Kevin Clark

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Acolytes for December

December 1 Autumn Mauer, Gable Mauer

December 8 Janessa Pitts, Haylee Randolph

December 15 Judah Pitts, Kolton Pitts

December 22 Aden Mauer, ShawnRoss Pitts

December 29 SERVICE @ DELPHI

Advent Candle Lighting

December 1 & 8 Presbyterian Women

December 15 & 22 Presbyterian Men

Session Leaders

Michelle Matos- Clerk

Barbara Pearce – Christian Ed.

Tammy Moss- Stewardship/Mission

Martha Clark- Worship

Kent King-Bldg and Grounds

Doug MacLauchlan-Personnel

Joan Moss-Cong. Life



A CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
“The CHRISTMAS Story...*We Think*”
DECEMBER 22nd Time to be announced

ALL KIDS ENCOURAGED to Take Part!!
Rehearsals begin Dec. 1st after worship
Help with costumes, backdrops etc. appreciated

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First Class Mail

B=Birthdays

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion	2	3 B=Lee Mauer	4 Oasis 6PM B=Pastor Grace	5 B=Kent King	6	7 8:30 Choir 9:30 B. Bells B=Libby Sparks
8 B=Jenne McMillin B=Mike Kearns	9	10	11 Oasis 6PM	12	13	14 8:30 Choir 9:30 B. Bells
15	16	17	18 Senior Lunch Delphi 12PM	19	20	21 8:30 Choir 9:30 B. Bells
22 B=Betty Peterson B=Aden Mauer	23 B=Bill Kearns	24 Christmas Eve Service 7PM Communion	25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28 8:30 Choir 9:30 B. Bells
29	30 B=Kevin Clark	31				