

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FAMILIES

Vacation Bible School

For kids grade Kindergarten through 6th grade. April 10th -14th from 9-12am. Join us for a different kind of Vacation Bible School! The kids will learn about seeking the Kingdom of God and following the Word of the Lord through fun skits, classes, snacks, and crafts! Don't miss it!

Kids Sunday School

Every Sunday morning at the 10:30am service there is a wonderful class where kids learn more about who God says he is and who he says we are. Following a wonderful Bible based curriculum, the kids will grow in Bible literacy and enriching their relationships with God and others.

Strawberry Festival, Saturday, March 4, 2016

There will be a blow up bouncy house for kids at the Strawberry Festival run by our youth group! It will be an air filled obstacle course of fun! Come see us when you visit the Strawberry Festival!

Mom's Night Out

Twice a month at 5:30 PM moms are welcome to bring their kids to the church for a night of fun! We eat a meal together family style, followed by the Mom's meeting and sharing while their kids hang out with Pastor Jordan and friends to learn more about God and have fun.

Special thanks to Ellie and Pete Durno, our ushers this evening.



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Christmas Eve Family Service



Christmas is the festival at which Christians celebrate the birth of the Christ Child in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. This fragile infant, long awaited and yet still a surprise, is the incarnation of God on earth. As we share gifts with our friends and families this season, we seek to capture the joy and wonder of the original gift of Christmas: God, out of his lavish abundance, comes into a broken world to dwell among us and draw us to him.

INTERACTIVE CHRISTMAS STORY

Welcome to the first service! We invite you to join in and help us bring the Christmas service alive! When the words in the list below in **BOLD** are said in the scripture readings, everyone is invited to respond with interactive responses. They will also appear on the screen when it is time to respond!

Angels “Hallelujah!”

Manger “Animal Noises” (cows, donkeys, sheep, chickens, horses)

Shepherds (shocked faces/gasping sounds)

Sheep (sheep noises)

Wise men “Look a star!”

During the song Silent Night we will be “Sharing the Light.” The lights will be dimmed and glow sticks will be distributed. Please break your glow stick during this time to fill the room with light!

A TIME TO GIVE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

JOY TO THE WORLD

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Message From A Special Guest

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Isaiah 9:2-7

SILENT NIGHT

SHARING OF THE LIGHT

BENEDICTION

A SEARCH FOR THE KING

Matthew 2:1-8

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. ² They asked, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We’ve seen his star in the east, and we’ve come to honor him.”

³ When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. ⁴ He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They said, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote: ⁶ *You, Bethlehem, land of Judah,*

*by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah,
because from you will come one who governs,
who will shepherd my people Israel.*”

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you’ve found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him.”

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE CHRISTMAS MUSIC

WELCOME

Tabitha Jordan

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day]. Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jessu Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever, **Amen.**

CHRISTMAS OPENING VIDEO

WE HEAR THE WORD

THE CENSUS

Luke 2:1-5

In those days Caesar Augustus declared that everyone throughout the empire should be enrolled in the tax lists. ² This first enrollment occurred when Quirinius governed Syria. ³ Everyone went to their own cities to be enrolled. ⁴ Since Joseph belonged to David’s house and family line, he went up from the city of Nazareth in Galilee to David’s city, called Bethlehem, in Judea. ⁵ He went to be enrolled together with Mary, who was promised to him in marriage and who was pregnant.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

CHRIST'S BIRTH

Luke 2:6-7

⁶ While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. ⁷ She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the guestroom.

AWAY IN A MANGER

ANGELIC BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Luke 2:8-12

⁸ Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. ⁹ The Lord's angel stood before them, the Lord's glory shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. ¹¹ Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. ¹² This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger."

THE FIRST NOEL

GLORY IN THE HIGHEST

Luke 2:13-20

¹³ Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors." ⁵ When the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go right now to Bethlehem and see what's happened. Let's confirm what the Lord has revealed to us." ¹⁶ They went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they reported what they had been told about this child. ¹⁸ Everyone who heard it was amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ Mary committed these things to memory and considered them carefully. ²⁰ The shepherds returned home, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. Everything happened just as they had been told.

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL