



HARRISBURG BRETHERN IN CHRIST CHURCH

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We Welcome You!

Harrisburg Brethren in Christ Church

WORSHIP SERVICE

November 27, 2011

10:30 am

GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Gift cards for Giant, Weis, & Karns grocery stores will be available in the foyer **today and December 11**. For every card that you purchase, the church receives 5% of the face value. This is a great way to help raise funds for the church without spending any extra money!

Worship Leader: Tim Broms
Keyboard: Marilyn Miller

GENERAL FUND UPDATE

Last Sunday's Offering: \$9,528.60
Total Giving To Date: \$392,767
Total Ministry Needs To Date: \$415,292

SERVING US TODAY

Sound Tech: Randy Miller
Projectionist: Rick Souder
Keyboardist: Marilyn Miller
Counter: Lisa and Keegan
Infants: Andrea, Khadija, Camille
1 Yr Olds: Shawna, Ricki, Hannah
2 Yr Olds: Marcy, Destiny
3 Yr Olds: Michal, Amy
4 Yr Olds: Dawn, Pat
No Jr Church

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

Sound Tech: Max Shradley
Projectionist: Keith Wetzel
Keyboardist: Marilyn Miller
Counter: David Derr
Infants: Patty, Erin, Lori
1 Yr Olds: Mike, Molly, Alissa
2 Yr Olds: Allyson, Lisa
3 Yr Olds: Joanne, Jared
4 Yr Olds: Janna, Alexa
Jr Church K-2: Tony
Jr Church 3-5: Aleah

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Welcome & Announcements

Advent Reading

Praise and Worship

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes & Offerings

Children's Story Michael Walter

Message Pastor Cedra Washington

Closing Song

Benediction and Postlude

*"...to worship God and make Him known
through a loving, discipling community."*

Junior Church meets on the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays. Children will be dismissed during the Service

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

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| Sun. | 6:45 pm, Youth Bible Study |
| Mon. | 8:30 am, ESL Class 6:30 pm, Church Board Meeting |
| Tues. | 7:00 pm, Prayer Ministry Team Meeting |
| Wed. | 5:30 pm, Community Meal (served until 6:10 pm) 6:30 pm, Kids Club 6:30 pm, Youth Group 6:45 pm, Pre-Council Meeting |
| Thu. | 7:00 pm, Gospel Choir |
| Fri. | 7:00 pm, Celebrate Recovery |
| Sat. | 4:00 pm, Classics Christmas Party |

MISSIONS SUNDAY OFFERING UPDATE

Thank you for your generous giving to our annual Missions Sunday Offering. To date, \$6085.17 has been received, surpassing our \$5000 goal! If you would still like to contribute, mark your gift "Missions Offering" by next Sunday, December 4.

PRE-COUNCIL MEETING

Our annual Pre-Council Meeting will be held this Wednesday evening, November 30, beginning at 6:45 pm. We will have our Community Meal, as well as Kids Club, Youth Group, and childcare for young children. There will be no adult studies. Plan to join us for Pre-Council to share feedback regarding the 2012 budget draft and to hear a report from the church board regarding the congregational survey and focus groups. Pre-Council packets will be available at the close of the service. Or if you'd prefer to receive the documents by email, send a note to pastorlynda@harrisburgbic.org.

CLASSICS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Classics (55 or more) Christmas Party will be held this Saturday, December 3, at 4 pm in the CE Room here at the church. Entertainment will be provided by the Millers. A sign up sheet is on the Welcome Center.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Save the date for this year's Women's Christmas Party, Sunday, December 11, 4-6:30 pm. This special gathering for women will include a pot-luck meal, a gift exchange (bring a \$5-\$8 wrapped gift), singing, holiday card-making, and candy-making. Come and enjoy the fellowship! A sign up sheet is on the Welcome Center.

DATES TO REMEMBER

The following things are on the church calendar for the coming weeks:

- November 30 – Pre-Council Meeting
- December 3 – Classics Christmas Event
- December 8 – Food Pantry
- December 11 – Women's Christmas Party
- December 17 – Toys for Tots Christmas Outreach
- December 24 - Christmas Eve Service (6:30 pm)
- December 25 – worship at 10:30 am, no Sunday School
- December 31 – Watch Night Service (10:30 pm)
- January 1 – worship at 10:30 am, no Sunday School
- January 1-8 – BIC Week of Prayer and Fasting
- January 29 – Annual Congregational Council Meeting
- February 4 – Life Group Leader Training
- April 20 – Youth Spaghetti Supper and Auction

GOSPEL CHOIR INTERNSHIP EXTENDED

We're pleased to share that the Atlantic Conference has extended Michael Adam's internship with our church's gospel choir for the spring semester. We look forward to Michael's continued ministry among us!

KENBROOK'S FROZEN FIASCO

Registration is open for Kenbrook Bible Camp's Frozen Fiasco 2012, January 6-8, for 10 to 13 year olds. Check out all the details on Kenbrook's website, or call or email Erin at 865-4547 or eclarke@kenbrook.org.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The young adults will be meeting every Sunday from 1:00-2:00 pm for a Bible Study. Our meeting room will be upstairs in the church library area. Feel free to bring your own lunch to the meeting. For the month of November, the group is studying the book of James. Please contact Bethany Nissley for more information at bjnissley@gmail.com. All young adults are invited!

KIDS CLUB NEEDS WORKERS

We are in need of more volunteers for Kids Club on Wednesday evenings. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the children in our church and community and to share the love of Christ with them! If you are interested or would like more details, please see Pastor Patty or Marcy Velez.

CHILDREN'S STORY

Pastor Patty is looking for volunteers to share a children's story sometime in the coming months (on fourth and fifth Sundays). Contact Pastor Patty if you'd like to help in this way, and let her know what months you would be available.

WELCOME VISITORS!

It is our privilege to have you join us for worship today. Please take a moment to fill out this form, detach it, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

Name(s) of Adults

Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

Phone Numbers (Day/Evening)

E-mail Address

Your age group: Under 20 20-30 30-40 40-50 50+ *(please circle one)*

Children living at home:

_____ age _____
_____ age _____
_____ age _____
_____ age _____

Please **X** all that applies:

- Visiting for the first time
 Visiting & guest of: _____
 New resident
 College Student
 Looking for a church home

I would like information about:

- Adult Ministries
 Life Groups
 Youth Ministries
 Children's Ministries
 Women's / Men's Ministries
 Young Adult Ministries
 Other: _____
 I would like to receive a call from a member of the pastoral staff



IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER. . .

If the church will be closed due to inclement weather on a Sunday morning or Wednesday evening, a voicemail message about the closing will be on the church phone, an announcement will be on the church website, & we'll post the announcement on WHP-TV (Channel 21) and on ABC27 (channel 27).

GIFTS FOR OUR PASTORS

If you would like to give a gift to our pastors, you may do so by placing a gift in the offering, and designating it for "Pastoral Gift". Checks may be written to Harrisburg Brethren in Christ Church, with "Pastoral Gift" on the memo line. Cash gifts may be put into an envelope marked "Pastoral Gift" - envelopes are available at the Welcome Center. You should put your gift in the offering no later than Sunday, December 11, so it can be included in the congregation's gift, which will be presented on Sunday, December 18. Gifts for pastors are not tax deductible.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Our annual Toys for Tots Christmas outreach event will be Saturday, December 17. Lots of help will be needed for this special event, both on Friday night and on Saturday. A sign up sheet for volunteers is at the Welcome Center. Please take a moment to volunteer for one of the many needs (like set up on Friday, registration, serving the meal, distributing gifts or clothing, tear down, etc.)

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Plan to join us for our Christmas Eve Service on Saturday, December 24 at 6:30 pm. This will be a special time of celebrating the birth of our Savior, including a short play geared especially for children and traditional elements like singing and candlelighting!

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY CHILDCARE NEED

We are planning to give our Children's Ministry workers the Sunday off on Christmas Day during the worship service. If you are interested in helping with childcare (newborn-4yr olds) for that morning, please sign up at the Welcome Center. Please be sure to include your e-mail and phone number so that Pastor Patty can reach you.

WATCH NIGHT ON DECEMBER 31

Mark your calendars for our Watch Night service on December 31 from 10:30 pm to midnight. We will sing, share, and praise the Lord for the great things He has done in 2011 and will do in 2012, remembering that He is coming again! Watch night services are especially meaningful in the African American community because of the very special watch night of December 31, 1862, when the slaves waited for the Emancipation Proclamation to take effect on January 1.

FOOD PANTRY HOURS

- **2nd Thursday** of each month from **1:00-2:00 pm**
- **4th Thursday** of each month from **4:00-6:00 pm** (not in November or December)

If you have an emergency please call the church at 561-2170.

CHANGE IN FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION DAYS

The food pantry will be open only once in December, Thursday, Dec. 8 from 1 to 2 pm. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DAYS from FRIDAY TO THURSDAY. Please watch for new dates in 2012 as distribution days will be the second and fourth THURSDAY of each month. ...Many thanks to all those who continue to donate money and food items. The food pantry helped 70 families on a recent distribution day!! We are also in need of grocery bags which can be dropped off outside the food pantry door in the CE area.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR COUNCIL MEETING

Please be sure to mark your calendar for our Annual Council Meeting, which will be held Sunday, January 29, following the morning worship service. (A light lunch will be served.)

NOMINATIONS INVITED

The Nominating Committee will be seeking nominees for various elected positions in the life of the church: treasurer, church board member, trustee, deacons, Regional Conference delegates, and General Conference delegates. If you would like to suggest people for consideration, please contact Pastor Lynda, Pastor Cedra, Mary Lou Ruegg, or Darrel Reinford.

CAPITAL QUIZ TOURNAMENT RESULTS

At the recent Capital Quiz Tournament held at our church, our JV team placed 2nd out of 9 teams. Those on the team were Alyssa Payne, Hannah Jamerson, Isaiah Rodrigues, Josh McCue, Kristen Abraham, and Moira Hayes, with help from Connor Fellenbaum and Elijah Kenney of Christ the King Church. Our Varsity team placed 4th out of 11 teams. This team included Ben Asper, Ben Taylor, Gideon Buckwalter, Kirsten Buckwalter, and Marcus Rodrigues, along with two quizzers from Virginia, Nicholas Galloway and Kassandara Lambert. Congratulations to both teams!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Fifty-eight shoeboxes filled with gifts and goodies were provided through your generosity for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child program! Thanks so much for your participation. Continue to pray for the children around the world who will receive a special shoebox this Christmas.