



HARRISBURG BRETHERN IN CHRIST CHURCH

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• Pastor Lynda Gephart
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GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Gift cards for Giant, Weis, & Karns grocery stores will be available in the foyer **December 18 and January 8**. 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!

GENERAL FUND UPDATE

Last Sunday - \$8,863.26 general fund; \$1,655.68 building fund
Total Given To Date - \$417,339 general fund; \$85,308 building fund
2011 Budgets - \$459,451 general fund; \$85,922 building fund
Needed By End Of Year To Fully Meet Budgets: \$42,726
(\$42,112 general fund; \$614 building fund)

SERVING US TODAY

Sound Tech: Matt Messenger
Projectionist: Josh Benton
Keyboardist: Marilyn Miller
Counter: Paul Camacho
Infants: Laretta, Laura, Erin
1 Yr Olds: Renee, Jessica, Ricki
2 Yr Olds: Wes, Alicia, Chloe
3 Yr Olds: Danielle, Haven
4 Yr Olds: Alissa, Jenny
Jr Church K-2: Nancy, Pat
Jr Church 3-5: Patty

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

Sound Tech: Randy Miller
Projectionist: Rick Souder
Keyboardist: Marilyn Miller
Counter: Lisa Grider, Lyle Myers
No Children's Classes; all children are invited to be in the worship service

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

We Welcome You!

Harrisburg Brethren in Christ Church

WORSHIP SERVICE

December 18, 2011

10:30 am

Worship Leader: Tapestry
Keyboard: Marilyn Miller

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Welcome & Announcements

Advent Reading

Special Music, Tapestry

Praise and Worship

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes & Offerings

Pastoral Gift Presentation

(Children in kindergarten through 5th grade dismissed for Junior Church)

Message

Pastor Woody Dalton

Closing Song

Benediction and Postlude

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

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Mon.	8:30 am, ESL Class 6:30 pm, Church Board Meeting
Tues.	6:30 pm, Children's Ministry Team Meeting
Wed.	NO EVENING ACTIVITIES
Sat.	6:30 pm, Christmas Eve Service

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Plan to join us for our Christmas Eve Service this 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!

WATCH NIGHT ON DECEMBER 31

You are invited to 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.

GIFT CARDS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Our normal schedule for the grocery gift card table is the second and fourth Sundays of the month. For December, however, we will have the gift card table available on the third Sunday (today). Grocery gift cards make great gifts! We have cards of various amounts for Giant, Weis, and Karns. See Kathy Cutman, Kim Diffendall, or Pastor Lynda if you have any questions.

YOUNG ADULT PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The Young Adults will be hosting a Progressive Dinner this evening, beginning at 5:00 pm. The group will meet at the church to head to the first course. All young adults are invited! Please call Megan Byers at 329-7511 if you can attend or with any questions.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

Due to the Christmas holiday, we will be taking a break this Wednesday, December 21 and next Wednesday, December 28. No activities will be held at the church on those evenings.

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The church office will be closed for the holidays on the following dates:

- Friday, December 23
- Monday, December 26
- Monday, January 2

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

- 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 4 – Concert of Prayer
- January 25 - Bible Quizzing Competition
- January 29 – Annual Congregational Council Meeting
- February 4 – Life Group Leader Training
- April 20 – Youth Spaghetti Supper and Auction

DECORATING THANKS

Many thanks are extended to Rhoda Carr, Kim Dalton, Bob and Kathy Cutman, Pat Morton, and Melva Brandt for their work in decorating our sanctuary and foyer for this Advent season. Thanks for the beauty that adds to our worship of the Lord!

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.

BIC SPORTS TOURNAMENT

The annual BIC Sports Tournament will be held at Messiah College March 9-17, 2012. Rosters are due by mid-January, so NOW is the time to sign up in you have interest in playing one of the sports: basketball, women's volleyball, co-ed indoor soccer, table tennis. If we have enough interest to register, please note that team members will be responsible to split the full cost for their team. A sign-up sheet with all of the details is available at the Welcome Center. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Lynda.

NOMINATIONS INVITED

The Nominating Committee is 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.

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).

EXTRA COAT RACKS AVAILABLE

With the arrival of winter weather, coat racks are available in the foyer. If they become full, there are also two free-standing coat racks available in the open area, just through the doors from the foyer. In order to have seating for everyone coming to our worship service, please do not use sanctuary seats for coats. Thank you!

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

As you consider end-of-year giving, please keep in mind the following:

- Contributions must be received or postmarked by December 31.
- Since many people do not get paid until the end of the month, the finance committee is making available envelopes that can be used if you would like to make a contribution but want to be sure that your check will not be cashed until the end of the year. Contributions received by the church in these envelopes will not go through the banking system until after December 31. They can be placed in the offering any Sunday, or they can be mailed to the church office anytime this month.
- We will be receiving an offering at our Christmas Eve service this year.
- Christmas Day is the last Sunday of the year.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Lynda or a member of the finance committee.

CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEARS DAY

For the next two Sundays, on Christmas Day and on New Year's Day, we will have our worship service at 10:30 am, but we will not be having Sunday School classes. We hope to see you for these special services as we celebrate the birth of Christ and as we welcome a new year of growing in Christ! (Please note: We do not want any of our volunteers to miss worship on Christmas Day, so children of all ages will be in the sanctuary for our service on December 25.)

CHRISTMAS TREES

If putting up a Christmas tree is part of your holiday tradition, consider getting yours at Asper Trees or at Joshua Farm, both managed by members of HBIC. Joshua Farm sells trees on Saturdays from 11-4 at 213. S. 18th St.; more info at www.joshuafarm.wordpress.com or call Kirsten Reinford at 213. 9316. Asper Trees at 2700 Patton Rd. has hours through the week, with extended hours on Saturday and Sunday; call Clayton or Leona Asper at 697-0593 for more info.

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 December)

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

TOYS FOR TOTS THANKS

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Toys for Tots Christmas Outreach yesterday. With the help of countless people, we were able to make a difference in the lives of many children and their parents this year. Thanks for the investment of time and energy; for the generous donations of toys, money, trees, cookies, etc.; and for praying for this event. Thanks, too, to Pastor Cedra for all her work coordinating this special event. And we appreciate our many partners who helped this year in some way: Capital Area Christian Church, Elizabethtown BIC Church, New Hope BIC Church, Palmyra BIC Church, Grantham BIC Church, Mechanicsburg BIC Church, Veritos, CE Hines Memorial Church of God In Christ, Sheetz, and the Marines.

CONCERT OF PRAYER

Don't miss our annual Concert of Prayer, Wednesday, January 4, 6:45 pm. This is a special time to join together in prayer for our church's ministry and for our pastoral staff. All are encouraged to attend!

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Young Adult Bible Study, which meets Sundays at 1 pm, will be taking a few weeks off, resuming meeting on January 8. If you have any questions, contact Jared or Bethany Nissley or Megan Byers.

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.)

COUNCIL REPORTS DUE

Brief written reports will be due soon from all ministry teams, committees, and ministries, to be included in our annual Council packet. Please share highlights from your ministry or work during 2011, as well as any details you'd like to share for the coming year. All reports will be due to the church office (office@harrisburgbic.org) by Wednesday, January 4. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Lynda.

PRAYER GUIDES FOR WEEK OF PRAYER AND FASTING

In church mailboxes this morning, you'll find the prayer Guide for the BIC Week of Prayer and Fasting, January 1-8. Be sure to pick up your guide and plan to use it for devotionals and guided prayer during that week. Extra copies are available at the Welcome Center.