



HARRISBURG BRETHERN IN CHRIST CHURCH

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Associate Pastors:
• Pastor Cedra Washington
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GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Gift cards for Giant, Weis, & Karns grocery stores will be available in the foyer **January 8 and 22**. 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 - \$16,881.44 general fund; \$2,413 building fund
Total Given To Date - \$434,220 general fund; \$87,721 building fund
2011 Budgets - \$459,451 general fund; \$85,922 building fund
Needed By End Of Year To Fully Meet Budget: \$25,231

SERVING US TODAY

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

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

Sound Tech: Max Shradley
Projectionist: Keith Wetzell
Keyboardist: Marilyn Miller
Counter: Lynda Gephart
Infants: Patty, Erin
1Yr Olds: Shawna, Rachel, Ricki
2 Yr Olds: Allyson, Lisa
3 Yr Olds: Joanne, Jared
4 Yr Olds: Janna, Alexa
Jr Church K-2: _____, Tony
Jr Church 3-5: Lanette, Aleah

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 25, 2011

10:30 am

Worship Leader:	Randy Miller
Keyboardist:	Marilyn Miller

- Prelude
- Opening Hymn
- Welcome & Announcements
- Praise and Worship
- Pastoral Prayer
- Tithes & Offerings
- Children's Story Pastor Patty Patterson
- 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. Office Closed (No ESL Classes)
Wed. NO EVENING ACTIVITIES
Sat. 10:30 pm, Watch Night Service

WATCH NIGHT ON DECEMBER 31

You are invited to our Watch Night service this Saturday, 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! Join us as we end this year and welcome the new year in worship!

WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

Due to the Christmas holiday, we will be taking a break this Wednesday, December 28. No activities will be held at the church.

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

- Monday, December 26
- Monday, January 2

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 blue envelopes (available at the Welcome Center in the foyer) will not go through the banking system until after December 31. They can be placed in the offering or they can be mailed to the church office.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Lynda at 576-1728.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2012, for anyone who would like to use them, are available at the small table in the foyer. Please be sure to write your name and contact information on the line that corresponds with the offering envelope number that you are taking. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Lynda. (Note: Offering envelopes are provided for the convenience of those who would like to use them. Gifts to the church by check or in an envelope with the donor's name are also receipted at year's end.)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

- 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

FROZEN FIASCO

Frozen Fiasco is a winter retreat at Kenbrook Camp, being held January 6th-8th for campers age 10-13! This weekend is great for kids to make new friends and reconnect with old friends and staff from the summer! Registration is open online at www.kenbrookyouth.com. Cost is \$95.00 a camper. Bring a friend discount: If a camper brings a friend who has never been to a Kenbrook Frozen Fiasco retreat, that camper and their friend will receive \$10.00 off their cost. If you have questions, see Pastor Patty or Pastor Hank.

THANKS TO THE OUTDOOR TOUCH

Phil Martin, who grew up at Grantham Church, donated a couple days of his company, The Outdoor Touch, doing landscape work to help clean up our grounds. Thanks to Phil and his workers for this generous gift!

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 *(Bible studies, small groups, accountability 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

We are very grateful for the love and support received during the Christmas Season. Your cards, notes, and gifts, especially the generous pastoral gift each of us received, touched us deeply. We're privileged to serve such a wonderful congregation! –With love and gratitude from Pastors Woody, Cedra, Lynda, Patty, and Hank



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!

NEW YEARS DAY

For New Year's Day, we will have our worship service at 10:30 am, but we will not be having Sunday School classes. Sunday School classes will resume January 8.

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.

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.

CONCERT OF PRAYER

Don't miss our annual Concert of Prayer, Wednesday, January 4, at 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!

FOOD PANTRY HOURS

- 2nd Thursday of each month from 1:00- 2:00 pm (January 12)
- 4th Thursday of each month from 4:00-6:00 pm (January 26)

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

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Young Adult Bible Study, which meets Sundays at 1 pm, has been 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.) All members are urged to attend and attendees who are not members are also invited. (A quorum of 20% of our membership is needed in order to vote.) We will be electing people for various positions in the life of the church, voting on the 2012 budget, and sharing highlights from 2011, as well as things being planned for 2012. Join us!

COUNCIL LUNCHEON HELP NEEDED

If you would be interested in helping to coordinate the light luncheon to be served on January 29 for the Council meeting, please contact Pastor Lynda.

QUIZZING NIGHT JAN 25

Each January we host a fun night of Bible quizzing – with our youth quizzers competing against various adults from the church. It's always exciting competition, and it will help to give you a good idea of the work our quizzers do throughout the year. Join us for this special event on Wednesday, January 25, 6:45 pm in the sanctuary.

GIFT CARD PROFITS FOR THE YEAR

Thanks to so many for purchasing grocery store gift cards throughout this year! Because of your participation, we're pleased to report that we received a total of \$4,155 in profits, which has helped to bolster the church finances. We also earn 1% from our credit card company when we purchase the cards from the store chains, which has meant an additional \$831 for the church, for a grand total of \$4,986 this year! Thank you for supporting the church by purchasing cards!