

Our annual Holiday Meal will be held TODAY, after morning worship. Everyone is invited to join us for this celebration of the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons! The church will provide meat, potatoes, and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share with others!

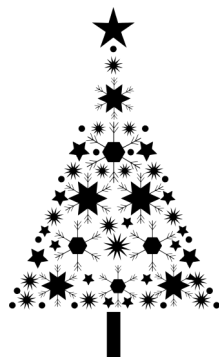
The Women's Cancer Support Group is holding a fundraiser to benefit April McKeown on Friday, December 15th, from 11am-6pm. They are partnering with Loupa's Chicken, at the corner of Plymouth Ave. and US 33 in Goshen. \$15 will get you a Caribbean style leg quarter and Caribbean style rice. See a member of the Cancer Support Group for your tickets today!

Christmas Season Calendar!

Sunday, December 3rd– Holiday Meal after church

Sunday, December 17th– Christmas Caroling @ the Maples at Waterford, meet here at 5:30pm

Sunday, December 24th– NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15am- Worship, 8pm– Christmas Eve Service



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Needed to make Budget each month: \$9,183

Given in November (as of 11/26): \$7,344

Budget giving needed (Jan-Nov.): \$101,013

Actual Budget giving (Jan-Nov): \$83,138

(\$17,875 under budget for the year)



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December 3rd, 2023

Today's Message:
"Abundant Hope"
Pastor Jeff Estep

9am– Sunday School

10am– Fellowship

10:15am– Morning Worship

Calendar:

Sunday, December 3rd– Holiday Meal after church

Youth Group– 6-8pm

Monday, December 4th– Prayer Group, 6pm

Tuesday, December 5th– Butterfly Mornings, 9:30am

Sunday, December 10th– Youth Community Event– meet here at 1:30pm, Hymn Sing @ Goshen 1st Brethren, 6pm

Upcoming Birthdays!!

Sun., Dec. 17th– Jimmy Read

Upcoming Anniversaries!!

Sat., Dec. 16th– Bill & Cheri Mullins

Prayer Concerns:

- April's pain is more under control, please continue to pray
- Mick's surgery went well, spinal stimulator will be activated this Tuesday
- Cassandra P.– cancer has spread, much prayer needed
- Dave Hoover, longtime New Paris resident, died recently
- Doug– thankful no one in their family in hospital on Thanksgiving
- Becky B.– pray for neighbors who need a church home, that we can be salt and light to them!

**December 3rd, 2023–
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements–

Entering with Praise– The Worship Team

Scripture & Prayer– *Isaiah 64:1,4-5*

“Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you!... Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved?”

Hymn- #123– O Come O Come Emmanuel

Message– *Abundant Hope*

Pastor Jeff Estep

Closing Hymn- #124– Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Closing Prayer

If you have an offering to give this morning, please place it in the box at the back of the sanctuary.

Leading Worship Today– Megan Long

Sermon Notes:

The Advent of Jesus is proof that God has kept His _____ to bring _____ to the earth.

Our hope isn't _____ thinking, it is grounded in what God has already _____.

We can live with abundant hope because God is abundantly _____.

Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday– Romans 8:18-25 **Monday–** Genesis 3:1-15

Tuesday– Isaiah 7:1-14 **Wednesday–** Genesis 49:1-12

Thursday– Isaiah 11:1-10 **Friday–** Micah 5:1-5

Saturday– Psalm 72

Upcoming Sermons:

December 10th– Abundant Love– Through Christ's ministry and death, God showed us great love. This was all promised by God in the Old Testament, and the best way to respond to this love is to “pass it forward”.

December 17th– Abundant Joy– Through Christ's victory over death, God has give us reason to rejoice! Christ came that we could have new life, and because we have received an eternal inheritance, we should be filled with joy. Communion will be served this Sunday.

December 24th– Abundant Peace– The night of Christ's birth, angels announced “peace” to the shepherds near Bethlehem. Christ came to bring peace between us and God, and that peace should radiate outward from us and to a world lost in strife.

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