

SHARE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS THROUGH SONG!

We will be Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 17th, beginning at 6pm, at the Maples at Waterford Crossing's Health Care Center. Afterward we will carol at the homes of a few members of our church. All are invited to join us for this gift of love to our community. If you'd like to car-pool, meet here at the church at 5:30pm, or you can just meet us at the Maples at 6. Talk to John Wessler if you have questions!

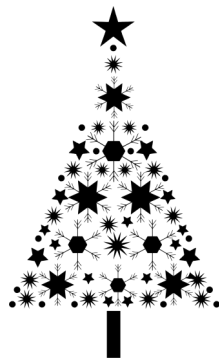
Do you need Giving Envelopes for 2024? Talk to Edna VanDiepenbos, and she will make sure you get a set in your mailbox over the next couple of weeks!

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 December (as of 12/3): \$1,090
Budget giving needed (Jan-Nov.): \$101,013
Actual Budget giving (Jan-Nov): \$83,138
(\$17,875 under budget for the year)



December 10th, 2023

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

9am– Sunday School
10am– Fellowship
10:15am– Morning Worship

Pastor Jeff Estep

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Calendar:

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

Tuesday, December 12th– Butterfly Mornings, 9:30am

Sunday, December 17th– Christmas Caroling, 6pm

Upcoming Birthdays!!

Sun., Dec. 17th– Jimmy Read

Wed. Dec. 20th– Aleck & Aubrey Lantz

Upcoming Anniversaries!!

Sat., Dec. 16th– Bill & Cheri Mullins

Prayer Concerns:

- Bev L.– prayer for family of Tara, who died last week
- Prayer requested for Ted & Bev Schowengerdt's grandson Wesley, who is near death after a long illness. Ted is a former pastor of this church.
- Grace– Rudy, friend of the family, is undergoing chemo for cancer. He is in his 40s.
- Continued prayer for April & Cassandra and their families
- Cheri– unspoken prayer for Bill's health
- Ruby T.– dealing with back pain
- Becky– pray for Robotics team going to semi-state Saturday!

**December 10th, 2023–
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements–

Entering with Praise– The Worship Team

Scripture & Prayer– *Luke 1:46-49*

And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name.”

Hymn- #137– What Child is This?

Message– *Abundant Love*
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Closing Hymn- #136– The First Noel

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 ancient Jews knew many things about God’s character through the Law and their history, but the most powerful thing they knew about God was His _____.

God’s servant would bring “ _____ in his _____” - (Malachi 4:2)

In His meekness the Messiah will not only redeem the _____ but will provide new life for the _____.

Jesus came to bear the brunt of our own _____ (Isaiah 53:5-6)

Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday– Ephesians 3:17-19 **Monday–** Psalm 86:11-17

Tuesday– Isaiah 42:1-7 **Wednesday–** John 1:1-14

Thursday– Psalm 35:1-6 **Friday–** Malachi 4

Saturday– Isaiah 53:1-6

Upcoming Sermons:

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.*

December 31st– *Christmas Carol Sing!- We will have a short message, and ring out the Christmas season by singing all of our favorite carols together!!!*

Connect With Your Pastor

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