

## This Week at Holy Spirit

SUNDAY, 12/2/2018	<b>Worship Schedule: 7:30, 8:45, 10:45 am</b> 9:45 AM Coffee Fellowship, 117/119 9:50 AM Faith Formation for All Ages, CFL 12:00 PM Youth Ministry Team Mtg, 117/119 4:00 PM Advent Workshop & Dinner, FC, 117/119
MONDAY, 12/3/2018	7:00 PM Stephen Ministers Mtg, 117/119, ASR 7:00 PM Property Mission Team, FC 7:15 PM Band Rehearsal, WC
TUESDAY, 12/4/2018	1:00 PM Staff Meeting, 117/119 6:15 PM Nursery School Board, ASR 7:00 PM Church Growth Mission Team, 117/119
WED., 12/5/2018	4:15 PM Rejoicing Ringers, WC 6:00 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal, WC 7:15 PM Spirit Ringers, WC
THUR., 12/6/2018	7:00 PM Technology Mission Team, 117/119 7:15 PM Adult Choir, WC
FRIDAY, 12/7/2018	
SAT., 12/8/2018	
SUNDAY, 12/9/2018	<b>Worship Schedule: 7:30, 8:45, 10:45 am</b> 8:00 AM Walk the Labyrinth, ASR (until 2pm) 9:45 AM Coffee Fellowship, 117/119 9:50 AM Faith Formation for All Ages, CFL 9:50 AM Pageant Rehearsal, WC 12:30 PM Blue Christmas Healing Service, ASR 2:30 PM Rejoicing Spirits Christmas Pageant

ASR=All Saints Room    L=Lobby    MR=Music Room  
 WC=Worship Center    FC = Fellowship Center (MPR)  
 SC=Speary Café



## Holy Happenings

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit  
 1st Sunday in Advent

December 2, 2018

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**We welcome all who worship with us today.** Visitors are invited to sign the guest register in the Lobby. If you are interested in joining our family of faith, please talk with Pastor Ric Elliott.

**Today's flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Larry and Ava Killingsworth in celebration of their 51st wedding anniversary.

**Children are welcomed and celebrated.** We know kids are in worship and make noise. The psalmist David said, "make a joyful noise to the Lord!" It's great to hear all people respond during worship. If your child should need a break, there is child care available in room 110 during the 8:45 and 10:45 worship services. Parents are always welcome to stay with their children there. Parents must sign children in and out of nursery care.

**Clipboards and Bible bags** are available for children's use during worship and can be found at the "Children's Ministry" table in the Lobby.

**Prayer cards are available** at the guest register in the Lobby should you need to request special prayer. Completed prayer cards may be given to a pastor for inclusion in the morning prayers. During the week, please notify the church office if you or a member of your family is hospitalized.

**Members and guests** are invited to sign the *Friendship Register*, pass it down the row for other worshippers to sign, and introduce yourself to those worshipping around you.

**New handicap parking now available.** The upper driveway off Pine Street has been lined for three new handicap parking spaces closer to the worship center. **Name tags** support our message that "All Are Welcome." Wear yours to introduce yourself to others. Vicar Tami was pleased to meet you with the help of name tags!

## Happenings at Holy Spirit

**CENTER FOR FAITH & LIFE (CFL)** provides Holy Spirit's Adult Sunday School programs with a mission to deepen our faith.

### **THIS WEEK IN CFL: Prayer and Meditation, Rev. Dr. Tom Lichner**

On these two Sundays (Dec. 2&9) we will experience being guided in praying a form of prayer called *Lectio Divina*, Latin for *Sacred Reading*. It has been used world-wide as a spiritual practice in Christianity since at least the 4th century. Each Sunday we will practice *Lectio Divina* in different ways. We will also learn how we can be guided in this prayer form in our own home, while taking a walk, or waiting for our car to be repaired. There will be ample time for discussion. Please plan to join us.

**NEXT WEEK IN CFL:** See above.

### **Faith Formation for Children**

Three Year Olds:	While Shepherds Tend their Flock by Night
Four Year Olds:	An Angel Visits Mary and the Birth of Jesus
Kindergarten:	Mary's Good News
First Grade:	Advent and An Angel Visits Mary
Second Grade:	Jonah
Third-Fifth Grade:	Christmas Pageant Preparation

**ADVENT INSPIRATION**—Holy Spirit's Faith Formation teams are offering materials to assist you during the Advent Season of waiting and anticipating the birth of Jesus. Devotionals written by members are available electronically and in hard copy, *Families Celebrate Advent & Christmas* with cards (each card features a ritual, prayer, reflection or activity for families with kids ages 3-12), and the ELCA World Hunger pop-up Advent Calendar. All materials will be available in both lobbies and downstairs by the exterior door to the parking lot.

**ADVENT FAMILY EVENT:** A family friendly Advent Workshop is TODAY, December 2, to celebrate the season of Advent. From 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm we will making crafts, cards for shut-ins and an Advent chain. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. Donations of desserts and beverages are greatly appreciated. Please sign up at the Event Center or click here for the sign-up genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4FA4A72EA02-advent2> so that we can plan for food and craft supplies All are welcome.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE**—if you can serve as a reader, usher, communion assistant, please sign the poster in the Lobby. Families can serve together as a group and sit together during the service.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Remember these members and friends of Holy Spirit in your prayers.

### **Shut In/Homebound—prayers for God's presence...**

Dottie Blomster, Doris Boehmer, Betty Buehrle, Bill Diehl, Phyllis Fenstermacher, Jim Geiling, Larry Gilbert, Ray Karoly, Joan Lauffer, Christopher Limpar, Glenn & Norine Shafer, Bob Shovlin, Al and Billie Stubbman.

### **In Times of Illness for God's healing...**

Stephanie Ashford, Cherie Baird, Lea Bertha, Wesley Black, Sylvia Bobbit, Linda Bollinger, Jace Brensinger, MaryPat Brewer, Sue Brower, Hank Cassler, Kitty Chandler, Terry Cole, Linda Coughlin, Alma Deibert, Dorothy and David Diehl, Lena Divano, Orietta Divano, Donna, Scott Engelter, Carol Eroh, Sarah Foose, Glenn Fretz, Pam Fritz, Lisa Galucia, Gee, Larry Gilbert, Dick and Doris Giles, Reinhold Guignet, Cindy Hastings, Jane Haszko, Lillian Haszko, Andrew James, Heather James, Craig Kauffman, John and Jane Keane, Keller Kline, Kevin, Kimberly, Chris Kline, Diane Koerber-Wycoff, Paula Kosciolk, Don Krall, Grace and Francis Kratz, Paul and Irene Lasagna, Brian Lippai, Carolyn Long, Chuck McClain, Miller family, Lee Minnich, Ryan Musser, Mitchell Niland, Mary Ellen Oberdorf, Ryan O'Donnell Huff, Kailee Pauley, Barbara Punzi, Meridy Rachor, Thomas Ritter, Helena Rosati, Joni Scandola, Wendy Scheetz, Jean Schoemaker, John Schultz, Heidi Slansky, George Slater, Wilma Stewart, Julie Timmcke, Todd, family of William Tonkin, Ralph Trull, Jr., Visili Tsamoutalict, Lauren Vilchinsky, Bill and Doris Wilhauck, Nancy Wiltrout, Morgan Wimmer, RoyWolff, Rylie York.

**In the Event of a Pastoral Emergency**, at any time, you find you are in emergency need of having a pastor contact you, Call the office at 610-967-2220 and press the number 3 after the general announcement.

**If you, or a member of your family, are ever hospitalized**, please let the pastors know by contacting the church office at 610-967-2220. The hospitals no longer notify the church due to HIPAA laws.

**Prayer cards are available** at the Information Desk. Completed prayer cards may be given to a pastor for inclusion in the morning prayers. During the week, please notify the church office if you or a member of your family is hospitalized.

### **Weekend On-Call Schedule:**

December 1/2, Pastor Ric Elliott, 610-304-7924  
December 8/9, Pastor Spencer Steele, 949-374-2090  
December 15/16, Pastor Spencer Steele, 949-374-2090

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

	8:45	10:45
Worship Coordinator		Kitti Berkheimer
Crucifer		Doreen Micheletti
Acolytes		Lindsey Kahler Cassidy Messenlehner
Assisting Minister	Leesa Wimmer	Tom Eichelberger
Reader	Dale Malcolm	Mike Epperly
Communion Assistants	Angie Niland, Barb Roba	Louise Davis Jackie Leipert
Ushers	Bill and Fran Derhammer Richard Feulner John McClain	Mike and Kitti Berkheimer Rick Croy Randy Fritz
Greeters	Judy Hausman Scott Wetherhold	Richard Micheletti
Nursery Care	Joanne Volkert, Debe Brown	
Flower Delivery	Christine and Bob Bolen	
Praise Band:	Chris Kline, Frank Mattes, Justin Schaffer, Mackenzie Schaffer, Bob Schuchart, Joe Tobey, Lincoln Walton	
Altar Care	Cindy Hastings, Kitti Berkheimer, Ina Ashford, Jane Whirl, Arlene Schell, Judy Hausman, Scott Wetherhold	

### OUR STAFF

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## News...News...News...



**FEELING BLUE? Is Christmas a difficult time for you?** Healing Worship: Hope + Wholeness: **Blue Christmas** An informal worship service of healing, wholeness and hope will worship on Sunday, December 9 at 12:30 pm in the All Saints Room. We will focus on those for whom Christmas is a difficult time of the year. We will have a labyrinth available to walk and be in God's presence from 8 am – 2 pm in the All Saints Room. All are welcome as we gather to: pray together; hear God's Word; lay on hands; bless with oil; commune; listen for God. Service will have ample room for handicap accessibility and large print bulletins.

**FEELING STRESSED? OVERWHELMED? Need to re-focus?** A Heart of Chartres Labyrinth will be available in the All Saints Room on Sunday, December 9 from 8 am to 2 pm. Come, walk the labyrinth, and be refreshed. It will also be available during our Blue Christmas Healing Worship service at 12:30 pm in the All Saints Room.

**REJOICING SPIRITS CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** and party will be held next Sunday, December 9th at 2:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend this festive presentation of the birth of Jesus. Refreshments following the service.

**THE REJOICING SPIRITS TEAM** invites you to support their *Christmas Gifts for Rejoicers* program. We are requesting an \$10 donation. This year's gift is an insulated lunch bag with a Christmas Ornament and craft. Please see the poster in the narthex with instructions for making a donation. Thank you for your generous support of this project and the Rejoicing Spirits ministry.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** "A Donkey's Christmas Story" will be presented Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> in the Worship Center at 9:50 am. The pageant shares the Christmas story as told through the eyes of a special donkey. All are welcome!

**M&M's, Too**, an inspirational time for women to talk, connect, and pray together resumes on Wednesday, December 19 at 9:30 am downstairs in Speary Cafe. Park and enter by the downstairs door.

**CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S BRUNCH**, Sunday, December 30th following worship. Join us as we say goodbye to 2018 and welcome the new year. If you can help with the breakfast, serving, preparing casseroles, clean-up, etc., please contact Linda Devine at [devinehelp.ld@gmail.com](mailto:devinehelp.ld@gmail.com) or 610-703-1471.



Thanks for remembering our global neighbors this Advent season! Global Missions Team is sponsoring a **SHELTER FOR THE SAVIOR** campaign, with the proceeds going to give new lives, free of disabilities, to children in Tanzania. See our tree in the narthex. The poster there tells what your contribution can do to surgically repair disabling conditions in Tanzania's children. Honor a loved one in your family by helping one of God's children.

#### **EMMAUS HIGH SCHOOL ANGEL NETWORK COAT AND SOCK**

**COLLECTION:** For Christmas, we invite you to share through the EHS Angel Network. They expect to serve 120 families at Christmas. New and gently used coats will be accepted as well as new adult socks (see insert). Donations will be accepted through Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> and can be placed in the boxes in the Lobby outside the Fellowship Center. Thank you for your generous support.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY: Growing as a Christian**—The more you focus on the Lord and do God's work, the more satisfaction you will find. It's that simple! Are you looking for more satisfaction in your life? Consider serving our congregation as a Stephen Minister. By helping others, you will help God's kingdom grow and you will grow too! Contact one of our Stephen Leaders today for more information: Fran or Bill Derhammer at 610-967-3092, Kitti Berkheimer at 610-509-1674, or Mike Berkheimer at 610-509-1673. Our next Stephen Minister training program begins in **February, 2019.**

**WEEKEND SNOW SHOVELING VOLUNTEERS needed** - Every year, we use volunteers to cover shoveling on Saturday and Sunday mornings helping assure a clear path, as well as saving costs to pay an outside firm. Parking areas are cleared professionally, but the doorways and sidewalks (shoveling and salting) are our responsibility. Please sign up in the Narthex if you are available to help.

**2018:INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:** Please check the church's website for updated news on worship schedules. Current info will be posted on Facebook. If weather conditions are severe, check WFMZ. The church's phone message will be updated to reflect any change in the worship schedule. If there is a heavy snowstorm and roads are passable, there will be one service at 10:45 am The church office will follow the same schedule as the East Penn School District.

**PLEASE RETURN** your **2019 Estimate of Giving card** on or before Dec. 2nd. Your financial commitment allows our congregation to more accurately estimate revenue, budget effectively and better plan our ministries for 2019. Thank you for your generosity.

**LOOKING AHEAD TO YEAR END,** if in December we receive revenues of \$121,000 (challenging but possible), we can end the year with the same cash balance as we started the year. That would be great, because we had adopted a 2018 budget which included a \$27,254 deficit. So, if we all end the year by fulfilling our pledges and maybe giving a little extra "Christmas cheer," our finances will be in good shape to support our mission for the coming year.

**QUALIFIED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION:** Most retired people who are over 70 ½ years of age and have an IRA or 401k are familiar with the term RMD. RMD stands for Required Minimum Distribution which means they must withdraw from their IRA a minimum amount of money dependent upon their age during the tax year. If this money is not withdrawn from their IRA, they face a substantial tax penalty.

What many of us are beginning to learn about is are Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) which were made a permanent part of the Tax Code in 2016. QCD's can count as part of an RMD and reduce taxable income by the amount of the QCD up to \$100,00. What's important here is that the IRA holder must tell his broker to send the money directly to the Charity. If the money goes through the taxpayer's hands it will not count as a QCD and lose the tax advantage.

The new 2018 tax law has substantially increased the standard deduction from \$6500 to \$12000 for single filers and \$12700 to \$24000 for married, filing jointly filers. Many people who have itemized their deductions in the past may find they cannot itemize more than the new standard deduction and might wish to utilize a QCD to reduce their taxable income. People who might want to take advantage of this should consult their tax advisor and/or IRA custodian.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Your church financial statements are now able to be emailed to you. It will save paper, printing, time and postage while still being completely confidential. To sign-up for electronic quarterly and year-end Statements, please send Pam Harshey an email at [finsec@holyspirit-emmaus.org](mailto:finsec@holyspirit-emmaus.org).

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**YEAR-END OFFERINGS:** To ensure that your donations are included in church year 2018, they will need to be made in the Sunday offering on December 30<sup>th</sup> and/or in to the church office no later than noon on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please do not rely on the US Mail or postmarks to determine your end-of-year contribution. Because our church accounting is on a cash basis, donations must be in the church office by noon on December 31<sup>st</sup> in order to be counted for 2018.