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Reconciling in Christ,
Rejoicing Spirits, and
handicap friendly
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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 22

Blue Christmas Worship

December 25, 26, 27

Church Office Closed

December 29

10:00 am Service of
Lessons & Carols followed
by breakfast

HOLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, December 22, 2024

***8:30 am Spirit Worship**

9:30 am Family Worship

Coffee, Tea, Fellowship (Room 117/119)

***10:30 am Spirit Worship**

**12:30 pm Blue Christmas
Worship Service**

**Nursery Care is available at all
morning services in Room 113.**

***Worship services are on Zoom**

If you are worshipping with us on Zoom,
please remember to have bread, grape
juice, or wine available and ready for
digital communion.

[Zoom Link](#): Meeting ID: 511 504 8051

Audio only: 929-205-6099

Bulletins are available on the [website](#)
prior to the Sunday service for those who
wish to follow along.

If you are interested in watching the
Pastor's sermon and listening to the
Gospel, please visit our [website](#) and
click on the "Watch a video recorded
Sunday service" button.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

December 15, 2024	In-person	Zoom
8:30 am	109	13
9:30 am	215	N/A
10:30 am	88	21
3:00 pm	105	15

December 22 WORSHIP HELPERS	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
Advent Wreath Lighters	Susan & Rob Smith	The Slaby Family	Becky Leiby Bob Neitz
Assisting Ministers	JoEllen Ronney		Liz Moessner
Communion Assistants	Eric Kahler Angie Niland	Bonnie Shive	Alice Mudge Glynnis Rea
Readers	Charlotte Gross	Kira K.	Ava Killingsworth
Children's Message		Video	
Greeters		Angie Niland	Nancy Slimmer
Ushers	Angie Niland	Angie Niland	Rick Slimmer
Production/ Technology	Jimmy Lee Werley Al Bauernschmidt Heather Hetrick	Craig Kauffman Jimmy Lee Werley	Craig Kauffman Ev Reggie



BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday 12/22 at 12:30pm

While Advent is a season of hope and Christmas is a season of joy, not everyone feels hopeful or like celebrating. Grief, illness, aging, depression, loneliness, unemployment, and loss are magnified. Even those who are not struggling with losses may feel the stress of preparations and expectations around Christmas time. Blue Christmas worship service provides a time and place of solace during the often-frenetic days surrounding the celebration of Christmas. We come together seeking healing and room to share grief, sadness, loneliness, or confusion when these emotions often feel out of place during the holidays. *Please join us for healing, wholeness and hope.*



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29
10:00 AM SERVICE
OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

We will have a hot breakfast following the worship service in the Fellowship Center. Please come and join us. Just a reminder that there is no Sunday School, HS Connect, CAT Class or child care.



SOS – SUPPORT OUR SISTERS

Become an angel to a young woman in need. Help protect and educate girls and young women, give them life skills, and enable them to become leaders. Three organizations our travelers to Tanzania will visit in 2025 all work to allow girls to define their dreams and take the first steps toward fulfilling their dreams. Remember that \$20 can send a girl to primary school for a month; \$60 covers the cost of a girl

in a safe house for a month; and \$100 will pay all of the costs (tuition, room and board) for a girl at a secondary school for a month. Please make a donation online, by Venmo, or by check to Holy Spirit, noting that the donation is to Support Our Sisters. Or take an ornament off one of the Giving Trees and make a donation in memory or honor of someone.



Sunday School Collection

During the month of December, Sunday School will be collecting winter hats and gloves for our neighbors who visit the Grace Macungie Food Pantry. This collection was well received last year so we thought we'd do it again!



Dear Friends,
Thank you so much for your prayers and wishes after my surgery! The beautiful flowers lasted over two weeks and I enjoyed them in my kitchen each day. Your kindness puts a big smile on my face!

~ Love, Eileen Shovlin

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the lovely flower arrangement – it certainly brightened my day and appreciate you thinking of me! ~ Jim Bott



CUT OFF DATE FOR 2024 CONTRIBUTIONS

All contributions that you wish to have applied to 2024 must be in the church office ***no later than Monday, December 30th at noon.***

One-time electronic contributions should be entered by 12/26 to allow for processing time (1-3 business days) for it to appear on your 2024 statement. If you are mailing your donations, please mail them in enough time to arrive in the church office by the cutoff date and time. Any contributions that are brought to church after 12/30 will be applied to 2025. Please contact [Terri Hinderliter](#) if you have any questions.



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:

In the event that in-person Sunday worship services are cancelled due to weather, power outage, etc., we will continue to hold worship that day with one online service at 10:00am via Zoom. Please check the church's website, Facebook and/or MailChimp emails for updated news on worship cancellations. Information will also appear on WFMZ. Please remember the church office will follow the same schedule as the East Penn School District so if schools are closed, the office is closed. If there is a delayed start, the office opens on a delay.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer to be a [Communion Assistant here](#).

Volunteer to be on the [Production/Technology team here](#).

Volunteer to be a Song Leader at 8:30 or 9:30 [here](#).

Volunteer to be a Cross-Bearer or Candle Bearer by clicking [here](#).

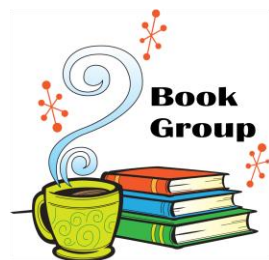
Volunteers choose what days they would like to serve. Training is available. You can also call the church office if you are interested in volunteering and Nikki will add you to the list.



CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AND CELEBRATED!

The Children's Ministry table and basket in the worship center lobby contains a variety of items for children's use during worship. Stop by to borrow a book or pick up some coloring sheets

and crayons.



Book Group

LCHS BOOK GROUP Our first meeting date of the new year is: **Monday, January 27 at 11AM in Room 117/119** at LCHS.

We will be discussing, "**The Secret Life of Sunflowers**", by Marta Molnar

Everyone is also invited to bring their lunch to enjoy together after the meeting. Please join us!

Coming Attractions: Feb. 24: **The Silent Patient** by Alex Michaelides; Mar. 24: **The Frozen River** by Ariel Lawhon

ANNUAL REPORT

It's that time of year, again! Please start thinking about your annual reports which are due to the church office no later than Monday, January 13th in preparation for our annual congregational meeting in February. Reports should be brief with highlights of the year's accomplishments. Please email your reports to Nikki in the church office at clark@holyspirit-emmaus.org. Thank you.



Please remember these members and friends
of Holy Spirit in your prayers

Our homebound members: Ray, Dale, Helen,
Judith, Phyllis, Dick, Gordon, Christopher, Grayson,
Darla, Jean, Norine, Billie, Trevor, and Bob.

Pray for God's healing for: Joe, Connie, Rod, Bob, Scott, Carolyn,
Glenn, Joe, David, Joan, Jameson, Josh, Janie, Lester, Dottie, Linda,
Edward, Nancy, Nancy, Donna, Diane, Jan, Jayne, Carl, Kim, Jed, Larry,
Nancy, Laura, Wilma, Chuck, Sherri, Margie, Don, Charles, and Judith.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of Judi Fuchs,
Ruth Doty's niece.

In times of sorrow for the family and friends of David Genovese,
husband of Sherri Triolo, son-in-law of Fran & Bill Derhammer.

Prayer Request Reminder: Prayers requested for a particular
individual will be spoken by name at Sunday worship for one month
following the date of the request. Should prayers be desired
beyond this initial period, another request may certainly be made.
The names of our homebound members will be offered in worship
at least once a month.

In the Event of a Pastoral Emergency, 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.

CELEBRATION OF INSTALLATION - PASTOR SHARI & PASTOR CINDY WITH BISHOP CHRISTOPHER DEFOREST



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

We give thanks to all who planned and participated in our Celebration of Installation this past Sunday, to all who attended, and to all who have welcomed, prayed for, embraced and supported us here at Holy Spirit.

It was a lovely afternoon,
and we feel blessed to be called to serve as your pastors.

~ With grateful hearts - Pastor Shari and Pastor Cindy

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

- *3:00 pm Traditional Worship with Carols
- *5:00 pm Family Worship
- +7:30 pm Spirit Worship w/ Candlelighting
- +10:00 pm Traditional Candlelight Worship

Plan to arrive 15 minutes early for Christmas Eve worship
for special music and favorite carols

*Child Care Available

+ Worship is also on Zoom

CALENDAR

Sun. 12/22	10:00 am	Children's Chimes Rehearsal (ASR)
	12:30 pm	Blue Christmas Worship (FC)
Mon. 12/23	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	10:00 am	Decorating
	10:15 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
Tues. 12/24	Noon	Office Closing
Weds., Thurs. Fri.		Office Closed
Sat. 12/28	Noon	Shoemaker Party (FC)
Sun. 12/29	10:00 am	Service of Lessons and Carols followed by breakfast
Mon. 12/30	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting
	12:30 pm	Counters (116)
Tues. 12/31	Noon	Office Closing
Weds. 1/1		Office Closed – Happy New Year
Mon. 1/6	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	7:00 pm	Finance Committee (116)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (ASR & 117/119)
Tues. 1/7	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:15 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Faith Formation/Children (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)
Weds. 1/8	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts #63034 (110/112)
	7:00 pm	Faith Formation/Adults (Zoom)
Thurs. 1/9	7:00 pm	Staff Support (117/119)
Fri. 1/10	10:00 am	Decorating
Sat. 1/11	11:00 am	Girl Scouts (Upper Level Rooms)