



**We are a  
Reconciling in Christ,  
Rejoicing Spirits, and  
handicap friendly  
congregation.**

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **December 8**

Special Congregation  
Meeting after each service

Rejoicing Spirits  
Christmas Pageant

### **December 15**

Sunday School Pageant

Installation of Pr Shari &  
Pr Cindy

### **December 18 & 22**

Blue Christmas Worship

# **HOLY HAPPENINGS**

**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

**\*8:30 am Spirit Worship**

**9:30 am Family Worship  
Coffee, Tea, Connect w/ Pr Shari  
HS Connect, CAT Class**

**10:00 am Sunday School  
Pageant Rehearsal**

**\*10:30 am Spirit Worship**

**2:30 pm Rejoicing Spirits**

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

**\*Our 8:30 and 10:30 am  
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

<b>December 1, 2024</b>	<b>In-person</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>17</b>

<b>December 8 WORSHIP HELPERS</b>	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Advent Wreath Lighters</b>	Linda Devine Pat Butler	Wetzel/Brotzman Family	Doherty Family
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Ricki Stringfellow		Rick Doty
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Fran Derhammer Bill Derhammer	Dianna Olszewski Jennifer Wetzel	Dianna Olszewski Tom Bradley
<b>Readers</b>	Diane Evans	Charles M.	Craig Kauffman
<b>Children's Message</b>		Melanie Werley	
<b>Greeters</b>	Christine Bolen	Bob Bolen	Fern Schlegel
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Bolen	Christine Bolen	Ken Schlegel
<b>Production/ Technology</b>	Carol Osenbach Jimmy Lee Werley John Osenbach	Craig Kauffman Jimmy Lee Werley	Craig Kauffman Robert Neitz Bob Stevens

### **Special Congregation Meeting for Director of Music Candidate**

Immediately following each service on **Sunday, December 8th** we will hold a Special Congregation Meeting (in-person at all 3 services and via ZOOM at the 8:30 and 10:30 services) for the sole purpose of voting to call Deacon Reylene Starego to serve as our Director of Music.

### **Coffee, Tea, Connect - December 8, 2024**

9:00 - 10:15 AM In the Fellowship Center

May we gather to do a final sharing on the ***Growing in Gratitude*** focus. The remaining time will include interaction with Senior Pastor Shari Duminy. Bring your questions about her life and calling, knowing that she may have some for you. How blessed it is to journey as a church in our life together.

Rejoicing Spirirts will present its annual Christmas Pageant in the Worship Center on Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. Christmas songs will be accompanied by the Rejoicing Ringers. We look forward to seeing you at this special service and to joining us at the reception following the service in rooms 110/112.

### **HOLY DARKNESS: Wednesday Advent Worship**

Advent, the first season of the church year is a time of expecting, waiting, and listening. Two Advent Worship services will be offered on Wednesday, **December 11<sup>th</sup>**. Join us at Noon or 6:30 pm as we share in meditation on God's word through hymns and prayers. Holy Darkness is the theme as we explore its importance in creation, beauty, promises and the womb. During this very busy time of the year, may we take time to pause and be filled with new wonders that can unfold for us.

### **PRESCHOOL CAR WASH GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER**



Holy Spirit Nursery School is partnering with The Car Wash (Broadway, Hamilton, and West Main), to offer a gift card fundraiser. Gift cards in denominations of \$30 and \$50 will be sold with delivery in time for Christmas gift giving. The preschool will receive 50% of each gift card sold. The gift card can be used at

any of the three locations and can be used toward the purchase of a variety of wash options. **Orders are due by Tuesday, December 10.** Paper forms are available on the Information Table in the Lobby or an electronic form can be accessed by [clicking here](#). Payment can be made using the church website, Venmo, cash, or check. Any questions, contact [Karin Kahler](#) or Leigh-Anne Wimmer.



### **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.

## **PRIME TIMER'S DECEMBER EVENTS**

**Movie Group: Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** See the movie, "St. Vincent" starring Bill Murray and Melissa McCarthy, in the All-Saint's Room at 10:00 am.

**Book Group: Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**, we are reviewing, "The Island of Missing Trees" in room 117/119 at 10:00am. The book we'll discuss in January is "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus.

**Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**, we're having our Prime Timer's **Christmas celebration** at 10:00am in room 117-119. We'll have some quiches, fruit, dessert, coffee and tea. Come join the fun, trivia, jokes, conversation and great fellowship. All are welcome, see you there!



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

Come and enjoy our annual Sunday School Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 15 at 9:30 am.

Our Sunday School classes will present "***Sleepover at the Stable.***"

All are welcome!

## **GIFT WRAPPING FUNDRAISER FOR OUR YOUTH**



Save yourself some time this holiday season! Bring your Christmas gifts and our high school youth will wrap your gifts for you. Gifts will be wrapped on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> with pick up on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> between 9:00am and 12:00pm. Donations will support youth events and our summer 2025 service trip. Gifts can be dropped off to the church office until Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. **Please make sure the bags or boxes your gifts are in are labeled with your name.** Donations gratefully accepted to support our youth ministry.



The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit  
invites you to a  
**Celebration of Installation**

Pastor Cindy G. Camp  
Pastor Shari A. Duminy

Sunday, December 15, 2024

3:00 pm in-person and on Zoom

Childcare will be available

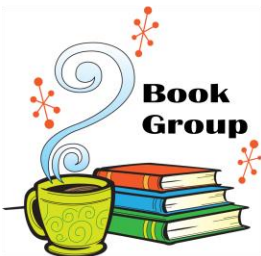
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Clergy are invited to vest and process.

Color of the day is Blue

**A Reception will follow Worship**



**LCHS BOOK GROUP** Our next meeting is:  
Monday, December 16 at 11AM.

**\*\*\*We will meet at the Superior Diner in  
Emmaus\*\*\* DO NOT come to the church.**

We will be discussing "Joshua: A Parable for Today" by Joseph Girzone 2025. Our book for Jan. 27 is "The Secret Life of Sunflowers" by Marta Molnar. All are welcome to join us.



## BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday 12/18 at 12:00pm and

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 services provide 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.*



**SOS – SUPPORT OUR SISTERS:** Help us to take young women from poverty, little education, and forced marriage to a future where they can define and live their dreams. Three organizations our global mission travelers plan to visit in 2025 are the MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School, Empowered Girls, and Eripoto. All three help protect and educate girls and young women, give them life skills, and enable them to become leaders. 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.

**BLOOMIN' FAITH** Thank you for your support of Bloomin' Faith, our monthly flower ministry, which reaches all members of our church family. Our next delivery date is Dec. 21. Ways you can help: 1) Donations: branches & evergreens are welcomed this time of year. Drop off in the church kitchen before 10 am the Friday the bouquets are made. 2) Arrange: bouquets are created the Friday morning before delivery in the church kitchen. 3) Deliver: drivers are needed to pick up and deliver 2-3 bouquets. Please let us know if you are able to help on the [sign up genius form](#). If you have questions, please contact Lisa Walton or Leesa Wimmer.



## **CHRISTMAS EVE USHER AND GREETER OPPORTUNITIES**

We are looking for volunteers to be ushers or greeters on Christmas Eve. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up by [clicking here](#) or call

Nikki in the church office (610-967-2220).



## **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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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.



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, Gary, Scott , Carolyn, Glenn, Joe, David, Jameson, Josh, Judi, Janie, Lester, Dottie, Linda, Edward, Nancy, Nancy, Donna, Diane, Carl, Jed, Nancy, Laura, Wilma, Chuck, Sherri, Margie, Don, and Judith.

**In times of joy and for Gods blessings** on the new arrival of James Sean, son of PJ and Amber.

**In times of joy and celebration** for Jim Madara's 96<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**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.

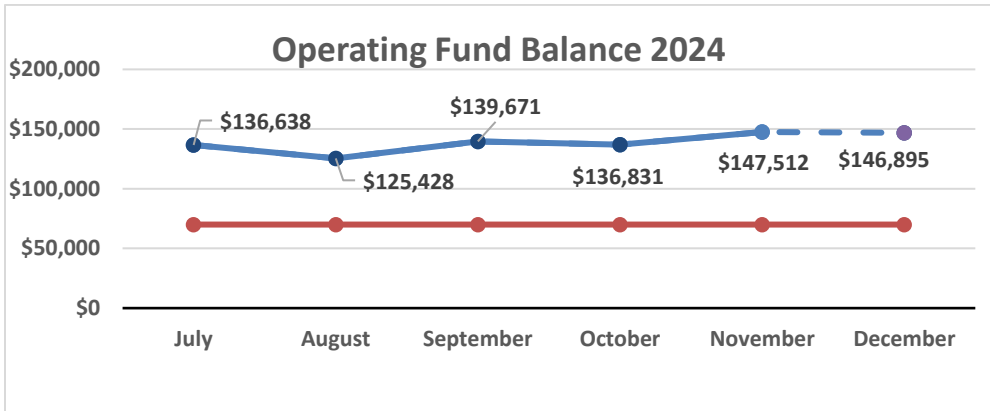


## November 2024 Financial Results and Discussion

**Operating Performance:** November's income was \$76,328, \$12,422 or 19.44% above budget, which we primarily attribute to members increasing their financial gifts in response to the Stepping Up 2025 stewardship campaign. Operating expenses were \$65,647, \$3,360 or 5.39% above budget. We finished November with a \$10,681 surplus, compared to a budgeted surplus of \$1,619. The graph below presents our operating cash balance shown against our monthly cash requirement July- December.

Thank you to everyone that continues to share their financial gifts in support of our ministries!

- **Straight Line at \$70,000:** Represents our monthly cash requirement to operate the church.
- **Upper Straight Line:** Represents our **current** operating cash balance at the end of each month.
- **Upper Dotted Line:** Represents our **projected** operating cash balance through year end.



**Building Fund:** The building fund decreased \$8,263.00 during the month and has a balance of \$4,627.18.

**Mortgage Update:** The mortgage balance as of November 30, 2024, is \$367,881.51.

# 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:clark@holyspirit-emmaus.org). Thank you.

## 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.



### **Dear Bloomin' Faith**

This sunflower reminded me of the lovely arrangement you had delivered to me. Thank you all and bless you.

~ Pattie Bisbing

Rob and I would like to thank our church family for the many cards, hugs and blessings given to us on the death of my father, Paul Kammerer. The Bloomin' Faith flowers delivered to us were beautiful and greatly appreciated!

~ Sincerely, Sue Smith



### **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!

## DECEMBER WORSHIP / EVENT CALENDAR

Sunday, December 8	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits Christmas Pageant
Wednesday, December 11	Noon & 6:30pm	Advent Worship
Sunday, December 15	9:30 am	Family Service Christmas Pageant
	+3:00 pm	Installation Celebration
		Pr Shari & Pr Cindy
Wednesday, December 18	Noon	Blue Christmas Worship
Sunday, December 22	12:30 pm	Blue Christmas Worship
Tuesday, December 24	*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

Arrive 15 minutes early for Christmas Eve worship  
for special music and favorite carols

December 25, 26 & 27		Church Office Closed
Sunday, December 29	+10:00 am	Festival of Lessons and Carols
Tuesday, December 31	Noon	Church Office Closing
Wednesday, January 1		Church Office Closed

\*Child Care Available + Worship is also on Zoom

## CALENDAR

Sun. 12/8	10:00 am	Sunday School Pageant Rehearsal
	1:00 pm	Rejoicing Ringers (WC)
	2:30 pm	Rejoicing Spirits (WC)
	3:30 pm	Angel Network (FC)
Mon. 12/9	9:00 am	Angel Network Clothing Sorting (117/119)
	9:30 am	Stitch-n-Chat (113)
	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
Tues. 12/10	9:15 am	Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Movie Group (ASR)
	10:15 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	6:00 pm	Property Committee (116)
	6:30 pm	NS Board Meeting (117/119)
	7:00 pm	RIC Task Force (Zoom)
Weds. 12/11	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	Noon	Advent Service (WC)
	6:30 pm	Advent Service (WC)
	7:00 pm	Adult Faith Formation (Zoom)
Thurs. 12/12	8:30 am	NS Conferences (110/112)
	10:00 am	Prime Timer's Book Group (ASR)
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Fri. 12/13	8:30 am	NS Conferences (113)
	10:00 am	Decorating
	6:00 pm	Youth Lock-In
Sun. 12/15	9:30 am	Sunday School Christmas Pageant
	3:00 pm	Installation of Pr Shari & Pr Cindy
Mon. 12/16	10:00 am	Counters (116)
	11:00 am	Pastor's Meeting (Office)
	6:15 pm	Children's Chimes (WC)
	6:30 pm	Finance Committee (116)
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (117/119 & ASR)
Tues. 12/17	9:15 am	NS Chapel (WC)
	10:00 am	NS Song Fest Practice (WC)
	10:15 am	Staff Meeting (117/119)
	1:00 pm	Blue Christmas Set Up (FC)
	6:15 pm	Children's Chimes (WC)
	7:00 pm	Council (117/119)
	7:00 pm	Community Justice Panel (SC)