# Messiah Lutheran Church

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# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICE

December 4, 2011 – 10:30 a.m.

\*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

# PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

Marian G., Reba S., Sue C., Flo B., Ethel B., Virginia F., Cathryn R., Goldie K., Jean M., Cassie S., Ruth C., Ray B., Anna Mary Z., Paul W., Bob C., Linda R., Connor L., George and Mary Lorraine H., Laurie F., Mason B., Beth S., Denny K., Robert W., Mark K., Michelle S., Kaye C., Stephanie M., Jesse K., and Matt H.

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP
MEDITATION AND PRAYER
PRELUDE [A Time for Meditation and Prayer]
GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM "Come To Us Little King"

Pastor Esborn Junior Choir

- CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
  - P The day of the Lord is coming soon. The signs have been fulfilled.
  - C But who can abide the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?
  - P Lest that day surprise us unawares, let us confess our sins to God our Father, imploring his forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, who will soon come as Judge and King.
  - P Most merciful God,
  - C We long for your coming, O God. But we are often unprepared for you to come, because we have not always lived as your people. Many times in our lives, we have disobeyed your will. We have not always done what we should have done. Sometimes we have done what we should not have done. Sometimes we have failed and sinned. We implore your forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, and seek the power of your Holy Spirit to restore our faith.

P He who is coming has come, born among us to live our life and die our death, and guarantee our resurrection. For his sake I proclaim to you forgiveness of sin and transformation through Jesus Christ. The gifts of the Lord are yours in great abundance.

#### C Amen

- \* SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE
  - P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
  - C And also with you.

Congregational sharing: "Peace be with you."

- \* OPENING HYMN "Prepare the Royal Highway" (all verses)
  - (1) Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near! Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear! Then greet the king of glory Foretold in sacred story: Oh, blest is he that came In God the Father's name!
  - (2) God's people, see him coming: Your own eternal king!
    Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!
    God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you!
    Oh, blest is he that came In God the Father's name!
  - (3) Then fling the gates wide open To greet your promised king! Your king, yet ev'ry nation Its tribute too should bring.
    All lands, bow down before him! All voices, join in singing:
    Oh, blest is he that came In God the Father's name!
  - (4) His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heav'n above. His rule is peace and freedom And justice, truth, and love. So let your praise be sounding For kindness so abounding: Oh, blest is he that came In God the Father's name!
- RESPONSIVE READING (based on John 1:5 and Ephesians 3:21)
  - P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!
  - C And also with you!
  - P Christ has come! Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!
  - C This is the faith of the Church of Jesus Christ!
  - P When we look at the world around us, we see the darkness of war, captivity, greed and broken relationships.
  - C We long for Christ to come again and bring light to our world.
  - P The Word of the Gospel is that Jesus Christ lives among us, bringing truth and light as a present reality.
  - All We worship as those who have a glimpse of that reality, and we long for its fullness. We are those who labor to make Christ's light more visible on earth. Let us praise God, that the light of Christ shines on in the darkness, which has never overcome it. To God be the glory in Jesus Christ and in the church forever and ever. Amen

# \* OPENING PRAYER

P Our Father, we long for the simple beauty of .... God with us, who came to save His people from their sins, even in that lovely name we pray. Amen

# The Meaning of the Service - Cynthia Smith

HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

- (1) Come, Thou long expected Jesus Born to set Thy people free; From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's Strength and Consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.
- (2) Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King, Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone; By Thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

#### Christmas in America – Jim Bahorik

# Lessons of Christmas - Cynthia Smith

HYMN "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!"

- (1) Hark the herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!
  Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled"
  Joyful, all ye nations rise Join the triumph of the skies
  With the angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem"
  Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!"
- (2) Christ by highest heav'n adored Christ the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold Him come Offspring of a Virgin's womb Veiled in flesh the Godhead see Hail the incarnate Deity Pleased as man with man to dwell Jesus, our Emmanuel Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!"
- (3) Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings Ris'n with healing in His wings Mild He lays His glory by Born that man no more may die Born to raise the sons of earth Born to give them second birth Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!"

# The Sanctuary Evergreens – Cynthia Smith

HYMN "Go, Tell It On The Mountain" (2 verses)

**Refrain:** Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere, Go tell it on the mountain, Our Jesus Christ is born.

Vs. 1 When I was a seeker I sought both night and day, I asked the Lord to help me, And he showed me the way. *(Refrain)* 

Vs. 2 He made me a watchman Upon a city wall, And if I am a Christian, I am the least of all. *(Refrain)* 

#### The Christmas Tree – Jim Bahorik

SPECIAL MUSIC "O Christmas Tree" (two verses instrumental)

# The Christmas Poinsettia – Cynthia Smith

SPECIAL MUSIC "I Wonder As I Wander" (instrumental)

#### **GOD'S WORD FOR US**

# All: You have been faithful to us through the years. May you word teach us today how to continue to be faithful to you. Amen

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 40

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD'S hand double for all her sins. 3A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our god. 4Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. 5And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken." 6A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?" All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field. 7The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass. 8The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever." You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" 10See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. 11He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

# Epistle Reading – 2 Peter 3

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives 22 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. As then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. Ebear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him.

- P Let us stand and respond to the Written Word, and remain standing for the reading of the Gospel.
- \* SCRIPTURE RESPONSE "Angels We have Heard on High" (verse 1)

Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

GOSPEL READING – Mark 1

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup>It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"—<sup>3</sup>"a voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.' "<sup>4</sup>And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. <sup>6</sup>John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.
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#### The Paraments and Advent Colors – Jim Bahorik

- \* HYMN "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming" (1 verse)
  - (1) Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung. It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

# The Advent Wreath - Cynthia Smith

HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

(1st verse instrumental) – Family bringing in the Joseph figure.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny From depths of Hell Thy people save And give them victory o'er the grave Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

# The Nativity – Jim Bahorik

**HYMN** 

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (verses 1 & 3)

- (1) O little town of Bethlehem How still we see thee lie Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.
- (2) How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is given!
  So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heaven.
  No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin,
  Where meek souls will receive him still, The dear Christ enters in.

# The Gifts of Christmas – Cynthia Smith

**HYMN** 

"We Three Kings" (verses 1 & 4)

We three kings of Orient are Bearing gifts we traverse afar Field and fountain, moor and mountain Following yonder star. O Star of wonder, star of night Star with royal beauty bright Westward leading, still proceeding Guide us to thy Perfect Light.

Glorious now behold Him arise King and God and Sacrifice Alleluia, Alleluia Earth to heav'n replies
O Star of wonder, star of night Star with royal beauty bright Westward leading, still proceeding Guide us to Thy perfect light.

# The Christ of Christmas – Jim Bahorik

- L The greatest Gift of Christmas is the gift of God in Christ Jesus. All that we do at this Holy Season points to that expression of Holy Love. Christ came as a babe in Bethlehem, God's gift at Christmas. In that gift is life, hope, and a future, reconciliation between God and all of us too often wayward human beings.
- C Even so, come, Lord Jesus! Amen

# **OFFERING**

[Please pass the Friendship Pad down your pew for all to sign and then back to the center aisle so everyone has the opportunity to read the names. We request that our guests also give us their home address. Thank you].

# OFFERTORY ("Doxology" -- all sing)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

#### MEAL

- \* ADVENT DIALOG
  - P We have come with great expectation to meet the coming Messiah.
  - C All creation waits with longing for the Son of God.
  - P As John the Baptist cried in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord."

- C We prepare a place in our hearts and in the world for his coming.
- P O come to us, Emmanuel!
- C God, be with us and save us from our sins.

#### \* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.
- C Come, Lord Jesus.
- P Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.
- C Come, Holy Spirit.
- P All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen
- \* THE LORD'S PRAYER ['trespasses'] (all)
  - C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
    - Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

- INVITATION TO COMMUNION
  - P God fills the hungry with good things. Come with joy to the feast.

#### DISTRIBUTION

["INTINCTION" – dip your wafer in the wine. Come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. All who wish to stand at the chancel rail after partaking for a time of silent meditation are invited to do so].

#### COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

# C Amen

# \* RESPONSE (all)

Our ears have heard the words of your prophet, O God. Our spirits have responded to the call—"PREPARE!" And the roadwork has begun. A highway is being laid in our hearts! We accept these gifts of bread and wine as a sign of our commitment to being prepared for you today. Our hearts are ready for you! Amen

# \* BLESSING

P Now may the God who has called us to live in hope and expectation, go with you as you journey in Faith toward that new future created by God's love that has dwelt, and continues to dwell among us and in us. Go, in His grace and in His peace.

# C A-men, A-men, A-men (sung)

- \* CLOSING HYMN "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent"
  - (1) Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly minded, For with blessing in his hand Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.
  - (2) King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords in human vesture, In the body and the blood, He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.
  - (3) Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads it vanguard on the way As the Light of Light, descending From the realms of endless day, Comes the powers of hell to vanquish As the darkness clears away.
  - (4) At his feet the six winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry; "Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!!

#### \* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God!

# **POSTLUDE**

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Linda Bahorik NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Sandy Pines

# **WELCOME**

HEADSETS ARE AVAILABLE in the narthex for our sound enhancement system for the hearing impaired.

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to worship at Messiah. We invite you to register your visit not only in the Friendship Pads, but also in the guest book provided in the narthex. If you are seeking a church home, please speak to the pastor. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Thank you for worshiping with us. We invite you to return. Visitors are invited to commune with us if they are baptized and, if with us in our faith, they trust Jesus' promise of the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ.

WE INVITE EVERYONE (members and visitors) worshiping with us today to sign the Friendship Pads during the Organ Offertory. If you are a visitor, please be sure to include your address when signing. Please also place a check mark in the box (beside your name) if you are communing today and have not as yet given us a record of your participation in the sacrament during this quarter. (A new quarter begins in January, April, July, and October). The pads are found on the aisle seat of each pew in the nave, and in each section of the Adult Sunday School Room.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the weekly bulletin for one month. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for more than one month, please call the church office.

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

DIAL-A-PRAYER (436-2100) IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS DAILY!

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Joyce and Mickey Yetter by Jim Yetter and family.

JUST A THOUGHT – Thomas a'Kempis (1380 – 1471), Priest, Monk, and Writer: "Each part of the scripture is to be read with the same spirit wherewith it was written."

# **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

CHURCH ORGANIST for weekly services, beginning immediately, at Messiah Lutheran Church, 3 South Third Street, Mifflintown, PA. Allen Digital Electric Organ and Kurzweil Electronic Keyboard. Candidates should contact Ed Beaver at <a href="mailto:ebeaver41@yahoo.com">ebeaver41@yahoo.com</a> or at 436-9382 for information, including salary. Additional information about the church and congregation can be found at <a href="mailto:www.mlcmifflintown.org">www.mlcmifflintown.org</a>.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June, 2012 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. If you are interested in serving, please contact the pastor or the church office.

CAN TREE – Donations of gallon-size canned food is again being collected this year, now through December, for the "can tree" in the Adult Sunday School Room to benefit Bethesda Mission. Everyone is encouraged to donate as many cans as you are able. Cans will be delivered to Bethesda Mission later in December.

THE 2012 FLOWER CHART will be in the Adult Sunday School Room by the end of December. If you wish to place altar flowers in the church on a specific date, please sign-up on the chart. Flower dates are on a first-come-first-served basis.

THE CHRISTMAS ENVELOPE in your packet, plus the loose plate offering at the Christmas Eve Service goes to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund to help needy people and situations throughout the year. Please be as generous as you can.

THE 2012 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES will be available in the Adult Sunday School Room for you to pick-up later in December. Anyone who would like a statement of their contributions for 2011 for tax purposes may call the church office and your statement will be mailed to you.

AGAIN THIS YEAR, the congregation is collecting a monetary Christmas gift for the pastor. If you wish to contribute, you may do so during Advent or Christmas Eve by putting your gift in the special box in the Adult Sunday School Room, or in the offering plate (designated "Pastor's Christmas Gift"), or to the church office any weekday. (Please make checks payable to the pastor).

RECEIVED IN STAINED GLASS FUND on Sunday, November 20, 2011: \$20.00. This brings the total received to \$63,302.00 of the total \$85,890.00 needed for the project.

POINSETTIAS to decorate the church for Christmas may be placed in honor or in memory of someone, or to the Glory of God. The cost is \$8.00 for a 6-1/2" plant with 3 to 4 blooms. You may order by calling the church office at 436-6213.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**November 27**, Light lunch after worship service in Fellowship Hall prepared by the Fellowship Committee. Those attending are asked to bring 1-2 doz. Cookies. Decorating of the church following lunch.

<u>December 3</u>, Fellowship Hall reserved (afternoon & evening) for Civil War re-enactors fashion show.

**December 4**, Hanging of the Greens Service at 10:30 a.m.

<u>December 6</u>, "The Needlers" Christmas Luncheon.

<u>December 7</u>, Showers Class Christmas Banquet at Turbett Grange Hall at 6 p.m. Bring item for Juniata County Food Pantry.

**December 8**, WELCA Christmas Festival at 7 p.m. in the Youth Area.

<u>December 18</u>, Children's Sunday School Christmas Program at 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Committee will provide cookies and beverage.

**December 18**, Christmas Cantata at 2 p.m. at Juniata High School.

<u>December 24</u>, 7 p.m., Family/Youth Service; 9:30 p.m., Prelude Concert with Louis Lynch; 10 p.m. Candlelight/ Communion Service.

**January 7**, Undecorating the church (morning)

# **WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA continuously collect new bath-size bars of soap (4 oz. to 5 oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) as an on-going project for Lutheran World Relief. Please place soap in the basket on the blue table in the Sunday School Room.

Christmas Angel Project – Messiah Women of the ELCA will be sponsoring 2 families this year for the Christmas Angel Project. A poster with the information is on the bulletin board in the kitchenette. Gifts are to be wrapped, labeled with the children's name and family number, and returned to the Sunday School Room by December 4, 2011.

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, December 8, 2011 for their "Christmas Festival" at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. Everyone is asked to bring a reading to share and a "goodie" for the refreshment table.

# **COMMUNITY**

THE FINAL COMMUNITY CHORUS REHEARSALS will be held on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from <u>7:00 to 8:30 p.m.</u> in the Juniata High School music room.

This year's 15<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Cantata performance "Dawn of Redeeming Grace" will be held **Sunday**, **December 18, 2011** at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Juniata High School.

THE JUNIATA COUNTY BRANCH OF THE SALVATION ARMY needs bell ringers for the holiday season. Individuals, Sunday School classes, or youth groups who are willing to help may call Sylvia Kepner at 527-2386.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will be holding the following local blood drives:

Thursday, December 1, 2011 Wednesday, January 11, 2012

1:00 pm – 7:00 pm 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

St. John's United Methodist Church Port Royal Community Building

McAlisterville, PA Port Royal, PA

Friday, December 30, 2011 Saturday, January 14, 2012

12:00 pm - 6:00 pm 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Fayette Area Lions Den Tuscarora Elementary School

McAlisterville, PA Port Royal, PA

THE NEED FOR BLOOD NEVER DIMINISHES because blood is a perishable medicine. Individuals who are in general good health, are age 17 or older and weigh at least 110 pounds are eligible to donate every 56 days. Individuals should bring their Red Cross donor cards, photo ID or two other forms of identification to the donor site. To schedule an appointment call 1-800 Red Cross.

ST. JUDE COOKIE JAR CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK – Check baking cookies off your list—we've done it for you! Pick up your cookies on December 10, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to ? at St. Jude's Catholic Church, Mifflintown, PA. Come early and have a cup of coffee and shop at our White Elephant Table for unique holiday items (doors open at 8:00 a.m.). Cookie boxes will be \$9.00 each with approximately 4 dozen cookies. Sponsored by St. Jude's Women's Guild.

# THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

**Today:** -Second Sunday of Advent.

-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.

-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church/Hanging of the Greens

**Monday:** -7 p.m., Community chorus rehearsal at Juniata High School.

-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.

**Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.

**Wednesday:** -6 p.m., Showers Class Christmas Banquet at Turbett Grange Hall.

-7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.

**Thursday:** -7 p.m., WELCA Christmas Festival in Youth Area.

**Friday:** -7 p.m., Square Dancing in Fellowship Hall.

**Sunday:** -Third Sunday of Advent

-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class. -10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church

