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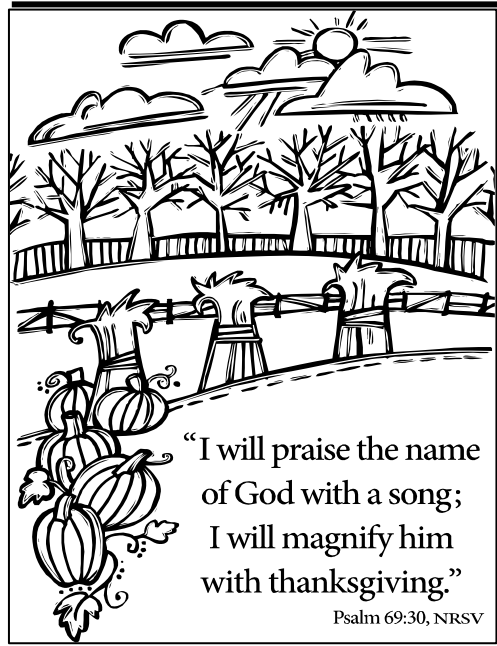
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Through The
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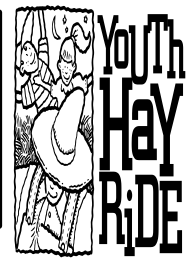
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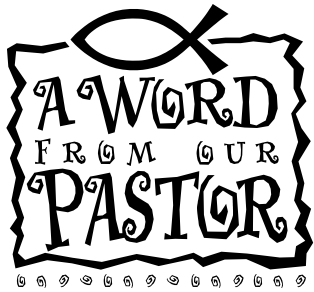


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**OUR SERVICES**  
**Family Bible Hour** - Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
**Weekly Service** - Sunday - 10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
**Adult Prayer & Bible Study** - Wednesday 7:00 p.m.



**Tis the Season to be Jolly**

In the Christian calendar, there are two seasons of exceptional activity in the history of God's story on earth. Easter celebrates the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Preceding it are two holidays:

Thanksgiving and Christmas. In one month's time, we go from a national holiday: Thanksgiving to an international holiday: Christmas.

Thanksgiving brings our minds to the early history of America, when the pilgrims invited the Indians to a feast, celebrating the harvest that had been gathered. It was a time to give thanks to God for His benefits and provisions. Almost four hundred years ago, in 1621, the first white settlers sought to honor the God they served with an outpouring of gratefulness.

Christmas has always honored the miraculous birth of the infant Messiah, Jesus/Jeshua who came to a dark, dead and lost planet for the sole purpose of salvation from sin, and the reconciliation of God with humanity. For this primary cause we bring forth a celebration honoring what God accomplished through Jesus Christ.

Both Thanksgiving and Christmas are brought together for the purpose of bringing joy to the heavenly Father. We would be wise to offer our thanks and praise to God for what He has done: Tis the Season to be Jolly!

Yours in His Service  
Pastor Harold

**Pastor Appreciation Sunday**  
**November 13<sup>th</sup>**

There will be a tureen luncheon after morning service.



**BIBLE READING PLAN**

Here is a Bible reading plan from Into Thy Word that is set up for you to go through the Bible in a year. But with a twist: It divides up your reading into the main types of Genres (literature) such as Gospels, Law, Narrative (History), Psalms, Poetry, Prophecy, and Epistles! That way you can go through the entire Bible by reading the different Genre types. This is a unique plan that will help keep your pace up and prevent you from losing interest and giving up!

| <b>Gospels</b>                                | <b>Law</b>                     | <b>History</b>                    | <b>Psalms</b>                  | <b>Poetry</b>                       | <b>Prophecy</b>            | <b>Epistles</b>                 |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Sun.</b>                                   | <b>Mon.</b>                    | <b>Tue.</b>                       | <b>Wed.</b>                    | <b>Thu.</b>                         | <b>Fri.</b>                | <b>Sat.</b>                     |
| <i>Make a Connection with</i><br><b>JESUS</b> |                                | <b>Nov 1</b><br>2 Chron<br>29-32  | <b>Nov 2</b><br>Ps<br>125-127  | <b>Nov 3</b><br>Eccl 3-4            | <b>Nov 4</b><br>Zephaniah  | <b>Nov 5</b><br>James 4-5       |
| <b>Nov 6</b><br>Acts<br>13-14                 | <b>Nov 7</b><br>Deut<br>10-12  | <b>Nov 8</b><br>2 Chron<br>29-32  | <b>Nov 9</b><br>Ps<br>128-130  | <b>Nov 10</b><br>Eccl 5-6           | <b>Nov 11</b><br>Haggai    | <b>Nov 12</b><br>1 Peter<br>1-3 |
| <b>Nov 13</b><br>Acts<br>15-16                | <b>Nov 14</b><br>Deut<br>13-15 | <b>Nov 15</b><br>2 Chron<br>33-36 | <b>Nov 16</b><br>Ps<br>131-133 | <b>Nov 17</b><br>Eccl 7-8           | <b>Nov 18</b><br>Zech 1-7  | <b>Nov 19</b><br>1 Peter<br>4-5 |
| <b>Nov 20</b><br>Acts<br>17-18                | <b>Nov 21</b><br>Deut<br>16-19 | <b>Nov 22</b><br>Ezra 1-5         | <b>Nov 23</b><br>Ps<br>134-136 | <b>Nov 24</b><br>Eccl<br>9-10       | <b>Nov 25</b><br>Zech 8-14 | <b>Nov 26</b><br>2 Peter        |
| <b>Nov 27</b><br>Acts<br>19-20                | <b>Nov 28</b><br>Deut<br>20-22 | <b>Nov 29</b><br>Ezra 6-10        | <b>Nov 30</b><br>Ps<br>137-139 | <b>Dec 1</b><br>Eccl<br>11-12       | <b>Dec 2</b><br>Malachi    | <b>Dec 3</b><br>1 John<br>1-3   |
| <b>Dec 4</b><br>Acts<br>21-22                 | <b>Dec 5</b><br>Deut<br>23-25  | <b>Dec 6</b><br>Neh 1-4           | <b>Dec 7</b><br>Ps<br>140-142  | <b>Dec 8</b><br>Song of<br>Sol 1-2  | <b>Dec 9</b><br>Rev 1-6    | <b>Dec 10</b><br>1 John<br>4-5  |
| <b>Dec 11</b><br>Acts<br>23-24                | <b>Dec 12</b><br>Deut<br>26-28 | <b>Dec 13</b><br>Neh 5-9          | <b>Dec 14</b><br>Ps<br>143-145 | <b>Dec 15</b><br>Song of<br>Sol 3-4 | <b>Dec 16</b><br>Rev 7-11  | <b>Dec 17</b><br>2 John         |
| <b>Dec 18</b><br>Acts<br>25-26                | <b>Dec 19</b><br>Deut<br>29-31 | <b>Dec 20</b><br>Ezra 1-5         | <b>Dec 21</b><br>Ps<br>146-148 | <b>Dec 22</b><br>Song of<br>Sol 5-6 | <b>Dec 23</b><br>Rev 12-17 | <b>Dec 24</b><br>3 John         |
| <b>Dec 25</b><br>Acts<br>27-28                | <b>Dec 26</b><br>Deut<br>32-34 | <b>Dec 27</b><br>Ezra 6-10        | <b>Dec 28</b><br>Ps<br>149-150 | <b>Dec 29</b><br>Song of<br>Sol 7-8 | <b>Dec 30</b><br>Rev 18-22 | <b>Dec 31</b><br>Jude           |

**Spend time with God Daily**

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Join the Youth Group at the Hornung's house in Hazen on November 5th for a Mini Youth Rally. This is the same rally that was originally planned for October. It had to be rescheduled and we plan on gathering at the Hornung's house at 2:00 for a sharing by some members of the Mexico Mission Team. We will sing around the campfire and cook hot dogs and s'mores. The evening will end with a hayride. Stephanie Hornung says to bring your own blanket or two or three. Check with Debbie Snyder or Becky Bish if you have any questions.



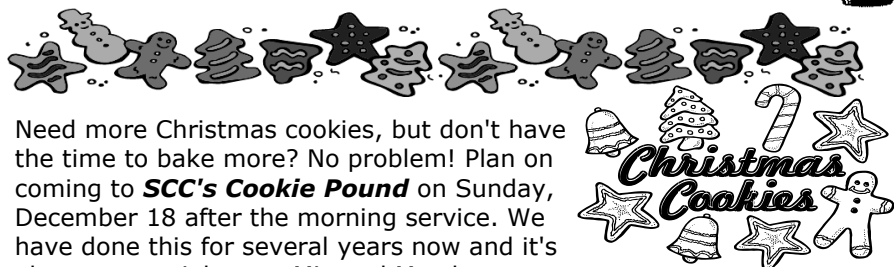
## RING BELLS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

Smithtown Church will be volunteering to ring bells for the Salvation Army on Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9AM to 9PM. Please sign the sheet on the clipboards if you would like to help bless those less fortunate this Christmas.



Grab your Christmas spirit and help us spread some Christmas cheer on Sunday, December 4 at 2:00. We will go caroling through Falls Creek and give out candy-filled stockings. The church will provide the stockings, but candy is needed to fill them. Bring in your favorite candy to put the stockings anytime in November. Join in the fun of this annual community event. Dress warmly--then warm up with hot chocolate and a snack at the church.

**Order forms are available on the back table to order your Christmas Poinsettias. Cost of each flower is \$7.00.**



Need more Christmas cookies, but don't have the time to bake more? No problem! Plan on coming to **SCC's Cookie Pound** on Sunday, December 18 after the morning service. We have done this for several years now and it's always a special treat. Mix and Match your own pound of cookies. We charge \$5 a pound, however if you make a batch of cookies for us, you can have your first pound FREE!! The proceeds benefit the SCC Youth Group.

# SERMON SCHEDULE

| DATE | AM | PM                                                           |                            |
|------|----|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Nov. | 06 | Not a Fan – Disciples Who Follow                             | Freedom as a Christian     |
|      | 13 | Gene & Margaret Kati                                         | Gene & Margaret Kati       |
|      | 20 | A Fabulous Journey: Eternal Life                             | Lost in the Wonders of You |
|      | 27 | Advent #1 Micaiah Ministries                                 | No Evening Service         |
| Dec. | 04 | Advent #2 Christmas: A Time for Celebration                  | Living Life on a New Level |
|      | 11 | Advent #3 Christmas: A Time for Salvation                    | Christmas Play: "iHope"    |
|      | 18 | Advent #4 Christmas: A Time for Reconciliation               | The Liberties of Grace     |
|      | 24 | 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service<br>"The King of Kings Is Born" |                            |
|      | 25 | No Service                                                   | No Service                 |

## November

- 1 Don Weible
- 2 Louise Ross
- 3 Allen Kaizer
- 12 Martha Rowles
- 15 Barbara Varner
- 17 Dan Marshall
- 18 Michael Varner
- 24 Bill Tobias
- 24 Mary Ward
- 25 Ken Bish
- 25 Brandon Calhoun
- 28 Becky Bish
- 28 Paul Doughty
- 29 Dick McDonald



## December

- 1 Connie Snyder
- 2 Spike Price
- 2 Kaitlyn Snyder
- 10 Nancy Hills
- 16 Chuck Reed
- 20 Jeremiah Anderson
- 26 Peaches Kurten



## THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

### November

- 26 Mike & Barb Varner
- 28 Jim & Cathy Shields

### December

- 12 Buck & Peaches Kurten

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### ••• NURSING HOME OUTREACH



Friday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at DuBois Nursing Home at 6:30 PM. There is no visitation in December.

### ••• WATCHFIRE PRAYER

November 4<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Watchfire prayer is held the first Friday of each month at 7:00 P.m. Prayer for Sept will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday weekend the first of the month.



### ••• ARMOR BEARERS

Armor Bearers will not meet in Nov. or Dec.

### ••• PRISON OUTREACH



On the last Sunday of each month a group goes to the Clearfield County Prison. If you would like to help with this ministry, please see Pastor Harold.



If you enjoy good food and great fellowship, mark your calendar for November 19, 2011 - 6:30 PM. That date marks this year's Thanksgiving Banquet. Ralph and Ida will get most of the fixings ready. They will need help with cooking some of the turkeys and baking some pies. Be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet if you can help with turkeys or pies or setup/cleanup. Join us and invite your family and friends to this festive meal.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Please drop off your items and/or empty shoeboxes **before** Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Filled shoeboxes need to be dropped off no later than November 20<sup>th</sup>.

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Have you heard of the "Hanging of the Greens?" That's a fancy name for "Decorating the church for Christmas." (At least that's Debbie Snyder's interpretation.) No matter how you say it, you can help us on Sunday, November 20 after the morning service. Bring a dish to share for lunch and then stay to put up the trees and the trimmings. Many hands make light work! Let's get all of the hands we can get!!



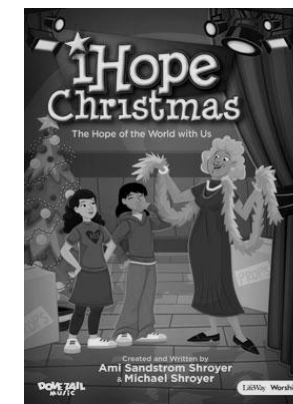
*Hanging of the Greens*



### Women of Grace

Fall Conference & Luncheon  
November 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM

Come and enjoy a time of fellowship & good food with other sisters in Christ. After the luncheon there will be a time of worship followed by a message from Margaret Kati of Sharon, PA. Mrs. Kati and her husband are the International Association of Healing Rooms Regional Directors for IN, MI, NJ, NY, OH, PA area.



### What do you do when you don't know the answer?

Research! That's exactly what the kids of the iHope Web cast do when they need to know more about Christmas. Join us on Sunday, December 11 at 6:00 PM to see what the kids learn from Hope's Great Aunt Mo, a former theatrical personality and her theater friends. The Family Bible Hour's Christmas Program is always full of surprises! Come out and see and then stay for the snacks and fellowship!

### PLAY LOCK-IN PRACTICE

December 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>  
7PM - 11AM

Bring your favorite snack to share!  
Don't forget your sleeping bag!

