### TODAY

Sunday, December 10

9:00 AM—Worship & Communion

10:30 AM-ABFs, YBF, Sunday School

11:30 AM-Bell Choir Rehearsal

## THIS WEEK

**Tuesday, December 12** 

11:15 AM—Singled Out Gathering (MP Rm)

6:30 PM—HVMI Bible Club\*

7:00 PM-BASIS Meeting\*

7:00 PM—Global Ministries Team Mtg. (MP Rm)

7:45 PM—Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 13

6:40 PM-Awana\*

6:40 PM—Youth Group\*

7:00 PM—Prayer Meeting\*

Saturday, December 16

7:00 AM—Men's Prayer Group (Prayer Room)

Sunday, December 17

9:00 AM-Worship

10:30 AM-ABFs, YBF,

Sunday School Christmas Program\* 6:00 PM—Oasis Home Group Christmas Event\*

\*See inside pages for more details

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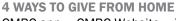
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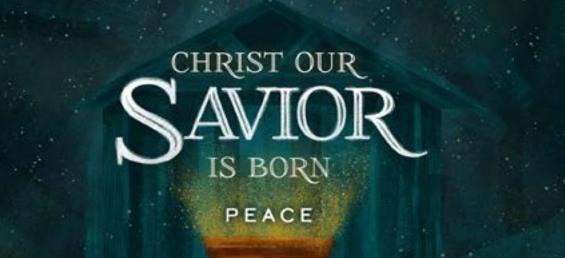


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## Welcome! If you're a guest today...

The Weekly

We'd like to meet you! Please stop by the Info Desk in the lobby so we can personally welcome you.

Please fill out the communication form and place it in the offering box.

Wireless internet password: cmbcguest



WELCOME

ADVENT READING — ISAIAH 40:1-11. MARK 1:1-8

**December 10, 2023** 

**WORSHIP IN MUSIC — WORSHIP TEAM** 

PRAYER — FRANK HEVERIN, ELDER

WORSHIP IN MUSIC — WORSHIP TEAM

Children in grades K-3 are dismissed for Junior Church

**MESSAGE - PASTOR CHRIS LENHART CHRIST OUR SAVIOR IS BORN** "PEACE" (ISAIAH 7:10-25)

**COMMUNION** 

**WORSHIP IN MUSIC — WORSHIP TEAM** 

#### **OFFERING (MINISTRIES FUND)**

Please place your tithes & offerings in the boxes at the doors as you leave. See back page for info about giving from home.



LOVING, LIVING, LEADING FOR GOD'S GLORY

Growing in a greater love for God and a greater love for each other.



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# ADULTS & GENERAL INFO



#### Christmas Celebration Service Sunday, Dec. 17, 9:00 AM

Enjoy special music from the choir, handbells, and tone chimes! Bells will begin prelude about 10 minutes before the service.

#### Christmas Eve Morning Worship Service Sunday, Dec. 24, 9:00 AM

Service only - no Sunday School, YBF, or ABF.

#### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Sunday, Dec. 24, 6:00 PM

We'll enjoy a selection of Scriptures, a time of reflection celebrating Jesus the Light of the World, along with an orchestral ensemble accompanying our carols & Christmas songs, and carols by candlelight. This year's service will not be livestreamed, so please make plans to join us live at CMBC! We will all enjoy the service together - no childcare.

#### New Year's Eve Morning Worship Service Sunday, Dec. 31, 9:00 AM

Service only - no Sunday School, YBF, or ABF.

**December Memory Verse:** Luke 2:11 (ESV) For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

# Prayer Meeting - Online and in the Building Wednesdays, 7:00 PM

Join us in the building or use the link to join on Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82782291398.

Meeting ID: 827 8229 1398.

#### There's an ABF for you! Current topics & locations:

- Nehemiah (Lefever Hall B)
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd John (Multi-Purpose Rm)
- Hebrews (Rm 24A)
- Gospel in Life (Rm 23 for women)

**2023 Giving Reminder:** Please note that any tithes and offerings that you want to appear on your 2023 giving statement must be received in the church office no later than Sunday, Dec. 31. Checks <u>mailed</u> must be postmarked by Dec. 31. Monies received after that date will appear on your 2024 statement. Thank you.

# BASIS (<u>Brothers And Sisters In Support</u>) Meeting Tuesday, Dec. 12, 7:00 PM at the Steinmans' home

BASIS is a ministry under the leadership of Handi\*Vangelism that exists to encourage parents & their families on their grief journey, immediately and long term. BASIS meets year-round on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the home of Dan & Phyllis Steinman. Please contact Dan or Phyllis with questions.

#### Handi\*Vangelism Bible Club

### 2nd Tuesday of the month, $6:30-7:45\ PM$ at CMBC

H\*VMI's Bible Club at CMBC is for children, youth, and adults with developmental disabilities. Both participants and volunteers are welcomed! Contact Dan Steinman, call H\*VMI (717-859-4777) or email Tara Kelley (tkelley@hvmi.org) or Meghan Martin (mmartin@hvmi.org).

**2024 Youth Bible Quizzing will soon begin.** Bible Quizzing is fun and rewarding and available to anyone from 8th grade to age 20. Matches are on 8 consecutive Sunday evenings beginning Jan. 21, followed by two exciting tournaments. Practices are every Thursday evening and Sunday afternoon beginning in early January. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Darrell Rishel. Quizzing will be on Luke 1-15. The sign-up deadline is Dec. 17.

#### **New ABF—Kitchen Conversations**

A new ABF—Kitchen Conversations—is open to all ages and will begin the first Sunday in January. We will meet in Lefever Hall on the kitchen side (Side A). Pastor Jim and Karen will lead round table discussions (literally and figuratively!) on various topics and Bible Passages. Grab your favorite beverage from the café and join us!



#### Sunday School Christmas Program Sunday, Dec. 17, 10:30-11:30 AM

All children preschool-6th grade are invited to attend our Sunday School Christmas program, "The Christmas Light" during the Sunday School hour. Children should be dropped off and picked up in their regular classrooms.

#### **Awana**

#### Wednesdays, 6:40-8:15 PM

Awana aims to reach kids age 2 through sixth grade "for Christ through fun, Scripture-rich experiences that lead them to know, love and serve Him."

12/31: Christmas Around the World - We'll discover how people around the world celebrate Jesus' birth!

#### **Awana Opportunity**

It's not too late to volunteer for Awana! Because of a recent increase in attendance, we have an opening for a Sparks (Kindergarten-2nd grade) leader. Contact Michael and Heather Ensslen at awana@ calvarymonent.org if interested.

## OASIS

#### Oasis Home Group Christmas Event Sunday, Dec. 17, 6:00-10:00 PM, CMBC

Meet at the new Cafe and Lefever Hall! Hot food, fellowship, games, etc. Questions - see Jenna Rishel. All high school seniors are invited to join us.

# WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Save the Date for the 2024 Women's Retreat!

April 19-21, 2024, Black Rock Retreat

The prices will be the same as last year!



YBF (Youth Bible Fellowship) for grades 7-12 Sundays, 10:30 AM, Youth Room

Youth Group for grades 7-12 Wednesdays, 6:40-8:15 PM, Youth Room

# CHURCH BUSINESS

#### REPORT FOR THE WEEK OF 12/3/23

| In-Person Worship Service Attendar | nce 294 |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| ABF, YBF, Sunday School Attendance | e 213   |
| Service Livestream views           | 95      |
| Weekday Activities                 | 168     |

#### Offering Report (Global Ministries Fund)

Checks, cash & online giving: \$15,012.50

#### **FAMILY NEWS**

In the Hospital/Rehab: Charles Braungard, John Marsh, Linda Walton, Bea Yoder

#### Sympathy

To Robert & Pauline Stoltzfus and Don & Debbie Stoltzfus in the passing of Robert's and Don's brother, Ralph Stoltzfus, on November 29.

To Gary & Joan Dean in the passing of Gary's mother, Ruth Dean, on December 3.

#### Thank you

Thank you to the ladies in the congregation who provided meals for us over the last few weeks.

We were impressed as to how CMBC "came to the rescue."

—Herb & Jackie Fisher

Thank you to the congregation for the words of comfort, prayers, texts, and cards following the passing of my sister-in-law, Doris Graybill.

-Maggie Urban

#### **Member Vote Results**

We are pleased to announce that Frank Heverin, Dave Hirst, and Joe Kylar have been affirmed by the members of CMBC as Elders to begin their terms in 2024. Please pray for the entire Board of Elders as they provide leadership for our church body. Advent: Christ Our Savior is Born

# PEACE

## Isaiah 7:10-25 Pastor Chris Lenhart – December 10, 2023

| Introduction  | <u>Further Study</u>   |
|---|--|
|   | Isaiah 1-9   |
| Confirming Peace (10-17)  | 2 Kgs. 16:7-9<br>Matt. 11:25-30<br>Gal. 5  |
| Confirming Judgment (18-25)   | 2 Sam. 10:4-5  |
| Peace available for every moment  | Rom. 15:33<br>Lk. 2:14<br>Acts 10:36<br>Eph. 6:15<br>Jam. 3:18<br>Col. 3:15<br>Phil. 4:7 |
| Next Week: "Joy" (Isaiah 8:1-18)  |  |
| Follow along with today's sermon using your smartphone. Download the "CMBC" app (search for "Calvary Monument" in your app store) and click on "Sundays" at the bottom of the screen. |  |
| Advent: Christ Our Savior is Born   | ls. 7:10-25  |

| PEACE  |   |
|--|---|
| Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide  |   |
| Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!   | Supporting<br>Scripture<br>Isaiah 1-9             |
| Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.  | 2 Kgs. 16:7-9<br>Matt. 11:25-30<br>Gal. 5         |
| Read the Text - Isaiah 7:10-25   | 2 Sam. 10:4-5<br>Rom. 15:33                       |
| Questions for Reflection & Discussion:   | Lk. 2:14  |
| 1. What reason did Ahaz give for not wanting to ask God for a sign? How had Ahaz already reasoned in his heart to place his dependence on the Assyrians above and before God? (See 2 Kings 16:7-9)   | Acts 10:36<br>Eph. 6:15<br>Jam. 3:18<br>Col. 3:15 |
| 2. Why would God still give a sign to his people, even after Ahaz refused to ask for it? What does this communicate about God's nature or character?   | Phil. 4:7   |
|  | <u>Prayer</u>                                     |
| 3. How does the name, "Immanuel" carry with it the hope of the nation, and the promise of peace?   | <u>Requests</u><br>Family                         |
| 4. Reflecting on verses 18-25, break apart the four "In that day" statements. How would God's judgment look as it came upon the people of Judah?   | Church  |
| 5. Discuss the availability of peace for followers of Jesus today. How does true peace extend beyond the circumstances we face? What tangible or practical ways have you experienced or witnessed peace in difficult times? Share or journal about how God's peace is being practiced and made visible in your own life. | Community   |
| Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:  1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God?   | Career/Friends                                    |
| <ul><li>2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another?</li></ul>  | Career/Frienus                                    |
| 3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life?  |   |
| 4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself?   | Other   |
| 5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community?   |   |