Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren

ELIZABETHTOWN
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
PRACTICING PEACE, SERVICE AND OPENNESS TO ALL

December 23, 2018

Faith Formation 9:15 A.M.
Worship Service 10:30 A.M.

*Please stand as you are able
**Hymnal Supplement

Exponential Love
Fourth Sunday in Advent: Joy

Gathering in God's Gracious Love

Gathering Music

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

Call to Worship *A Child is Born* Chancel Choir

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn ***Hark! the herald angels sing*** 201

(Children may come forward during the last verse.)

Time with our Children

Sharing Our Lives Together

Lighting the Candle of Joy

*Hymn ***While we are waiting, come*** **1032

All: Loving God, we open ourselves to you, trusting that this is how you made us: you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives. Magnify your love within us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

Call to prayer *Silent Night* Julia L.

Sentence Prayers of Joy and Concern
Congregational Response: ***"Lord, hear this prayer."***

Silent & Guided Prayers
District prayers: Mountville CoB (Mountville, PA)

Giving with Grateful Hearts

Scripture Philippians 4.4–7

Sermon *Gentleness and Joy* Pastor Pam

Making Resources Available

Offertory *O come let us adore him* Ensemble

(Please pass attendance pads at this time.
We invite visitors to share their addresses on these pads.)

Going Forth in Jesus' Way

*Hymn ***Joy to the world*** 318

*Invitation to Christian Ministry & Parting Blessing

Postlude *Joy to the world* Handel

Feel free to be seated for the postlude or to use it as traveling music.

We move from worship to service.

Ministers: All the People

Pastoral Team: Jason Haldeman, Greg Davidson Laszakovits, Pam Reist, Josh Tindall

Keyboardist—Elizabeth Tindall **Handbell Director**—Ron Bellamy

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Today, December 23, 2018

This Week

Monday, December 24

8:30 am **Church Office Hours: 8:30 to 1:30 Today**

7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service (Sanc, FH)

Tuesday, December 25

ALL DAY **Church Office Closed—Christmas**

Wednesday, December 26

8:15 am Carpool to LCCC Food & Clothing Banks

8:30 am **Church Office Hours: 8:30 to 1:30 Today**

8:30 am Counters

9:00 am No Quilters Today

Listening Devices/Large Print Bulletins

If you are in need of a listening device or large print bulletin, please see an Usher at the back of the Sanctuary.

Live-Streaming Sunday Worship Service

Find our **Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren Channel** on YouTube or simply use **tinyurl.com/etowncoblive.** The Live Stream will automatically start on Sundays at 10:30.

GET INVOLVED AT ETOWN CoB

Cookies After the Candlelight Service

Monday, December 24, 7 pm

Please drop off cookies on a **ready to serve platter** in the kitchen prior to the start of the Christmas Eve Service. Thank you!

Fifth Sunday Forum

Sunday, December 30, 9:15 am, Fellowship Hall

Bob Eiseman, District Disaster Coordinator, will discuss Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM). Most recently, our own Paula Burke and Karen Wenger have served on BDM teams and Pat Leiter has served with Children's Disaster Services. This is a timely presentation!

Save the Date—Capital Campaign Kickoff

Sunday, January 13, 11:30 am–1:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Come celebrate our vision for a renovated and expanded church building as we kickoff the ***Beyond These Walls: For Peace, Service & Openness to All*** capital campaign. Following worship, you can enjoy hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, fellowship and game show festivities—all while learning how you can be involved in this exciting time in the life of our congregation. All ages are welcome. **Snow date is January 20.**

What Makes You Unique?

Do you have a fun fact or an interesting anecdote you'd be willing to share about yourself? A curious experience you've had? A unique skill, talent, or hobby that not many people in our congregation know about? We need **YOU!** We're looking for fun facts about our church family for a trivia game we'll be playing together at the Capital Campaign Kick-off on **Sunday, January 13.** Please submit before **Tuesday, January 1** to Lynne Hockley.

Special Adult Elective Class "Jesus as Mark Saw Him"

Sunday, January 6–Sunday, February 3, 9:15 am

Dr. John David Bowman presents, for the first time, his fresh translation of the Gospel of Mark

Volunteer Reminders Change for 2019

Starting on the last Friday of December for January 2019, email reminders will be sent out once a month on the Friday before the new month and a monthly list will be on a poster beside the bulletin board outside the church office. Please check your email or the poster for your assignments and mark them on your personal calendar.

Thank You

Many thanks to the families who led the candle lighting during Advent.

BY THE NUMBERS

Last Sunday Attendance:

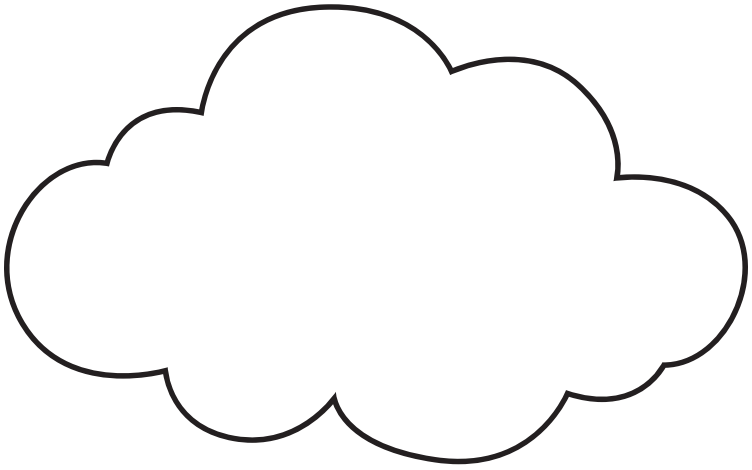
Sunday School — 106 Worship — 298

Gifts Given to our Church Ministries:

General Fund — $8,243.10
Designated Gifts — $768.75
Disaster Response Team — $1,500

Dream Building
Dreaming about ministry

This dream cloud is a way to share our ideas for the new spaces we're building together. Please write out your dreams, tear off the cloud, and paste it in the circle on the bulletin board in the narthex.
We're currently focusing on the new
Blaze Area, Grade School,
Jr. & Sr. High Classrooms.



Blaze Area, Grade School,
Jr. & Sr. High Classrooms

IN THE COMMUNITY...

An Epiphany Concert

Sunday, January 6, 3 pm
Palmyra Church of the Brethren
Featuring Seasonal Holiday Favorites
A good will offering will be taken to benefit the band and church music ministry. Visit www.palmyracob.org for more information.

The entire worship service is streamed-live and is available on YouTube for our partner congregations, shut-ins, absentee members & friends.

Next Sunday, December 30

Children's Faith Formation—Ages 0–5th Grade

Nursery	0 to 2 years	9:15–11:30 am	*RM. 107*
Session 1			9:15–10:30 am
Shine	2 to 5 years		*RM. 2 (LL)*
Session 2 (2 Classes Offered)			10:30–11:30 am
Shine	18 months to 3 years		*RM. 8/10 (LL)*
Shine	4 to 5 years		*RM. 2 (LL)*
Blaze	Grades K–5	9:15–10:15 am	*RM. 101*

Children's Church (K–3) dismisses from worship every 3rd Sunday to room 102

Youth Faith Formation		**9:15–10:15 am**
Jr. High	Grades 6–8	*RM. 102*
Sr. High	Grades 9–12	*RM. 108*

Adult Faith Formation **9:15–10:15 am**

Fifth Sunday Forum *Fellowship Hall*
Bob Eiseman, District Disaster Coordinator, will discuss Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM).

20/30 Somethings *Parlor*
Living the Questions 2.0

Intersections *RM. 110*
Wired Word

New Discoveries
Please join in the Fifth Sunday Forum

Seekers
Please join in the Fifth Sunday Forum

Good Shepherd *Pastor Pam's Study*
Our Love for God: ***Modeling God's Love***

Worship **10:30 am**

Lessons & Carols Pastoral Team

Following Worship:
Recycling (by shed)
5:30 pm Jr. High Youth Christmas Party (102)

Volunteers for Today, Sunday, December 23

Ushers: A Team: Capt. Michael Nolt, Asst. Capt. Greg Epps
Sound, Lighting & Video: Herb Hockley & Kirk Kreider
Worship Center: Lilli Ann Kopp & Ann Royer
Deacon Visitors: Gussie & Ron Good (H), Deb & Dale Ziegler (RH)
Lay Visitors: Mark & Michelle Clapper

Missed a Sermon? Sermons, bulletins & newsletters are available in the literature racks or on our website www.etowncob.org.