

# *The Shepherd's Staff*

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Christmas  
Eve  
Worship



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**7:00 P.M.—FAMILY SERVICE**

**SHEPHERD'S KIDS CHOIR**

**9:00 P.M.—CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

**SHEPHERD'S VOICE CHOIR**

**SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS  
CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14**

**7:00 P.M.**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED.**





Collin Monger

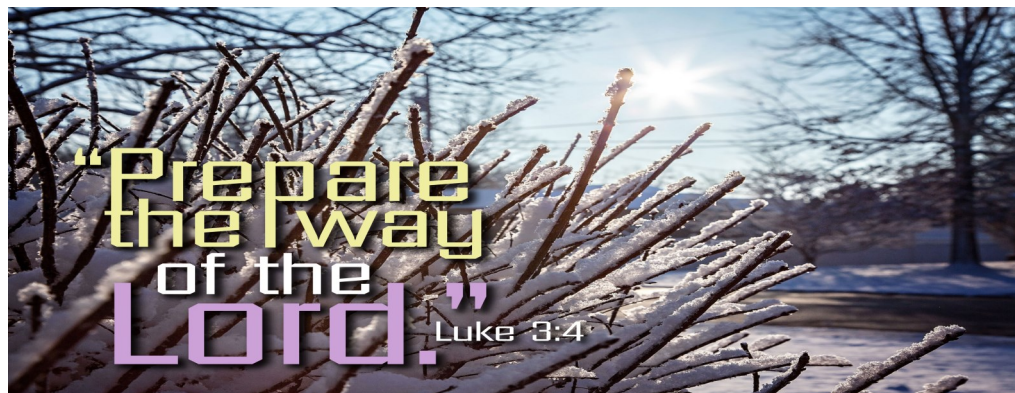


### Recent Sermon Topics:

Revelation Series  
 November 4: "How God Does Evangelism"  
 November 11: "The Bigger They Are the Harder They Fall"  
 November 18: "The Battle of God"  
 November 25: "It's the End of the World As We Know It"

### Current Sermon Topics:

December 9: "When God Gives A Gift"  
 December 16: "How God Gives A Gift"  
 December 23: The Nature of God's Gift  
 December 24: "Receiving God's Gift"



## Coming Events

Term 1  
 Youth Club  
**Ends December 5**  
 Preschool  
 Christmas Program  
**December 14**



Orders for poinsettia plants to beautify the sanctuary on Christmas Eve are being received until December 10.  
 \$8.75 per 5-bloom plant

### Prime Timer Lunch

Thursday, December 6.  
 Yoder's  
 Leaving SOTH at 10:30 a.m.  
 Register on the Welcome Card



Make this fun decoration as a reminder of the joy Jesus brings.



### What you need:

- Pencil
- Poster board
- Scissors
- Craft pompoms (red, white, green, silver, gold)
- Glue

### What you do:

1. Trace large capital block letters J, O and Y on the poster board.
2. Cut out the letters.
3. Glue pompoms on one side of each letter, completely covering it.
4. Share JOY by displaying the letters in your home.

# **December Missions Projects**

The **Mission Commitment Project** for December is Derrick Whitmore and the non-profit ministry called Shattered Studios. This ministry targets youth and young adults, using the creative and performing arts to share hope and faith in an effort to combat depression, low self-esteem and suicidal thoughts.

The **Vision Project** for December is Shepherd of the Hills Mission Escrow Fund. This fund is used for special missionary needs and other unbudgeted mis-



Derrick Whitmore



## **Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal schedule**

December 12, 6:15—8:30 p.m.

December 19, 6:15—8:30 p.m.

December 22, 10—1:00 p.m.

## **Youth Club**

Wednesdays, 6:15- 8:30 p.m.

4 years to Grade 6

Term 1 ends Dec. 5

## **H2O Youth**

Wednesdays

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Shepherd's Den

## **Many happy returns**



Somehow, not only for Christmas,  
But all the long year through,  
The joy that you give to others,  
Is the joy that comes back to you.  
And the more you spend in blessing  
The poor and lonely and sad,  
The more of your heart's possessing  
Returns to you glad.

—John Greenleaf Whittier



## **Sunday School**

9:15 a.m.

### **Children & Youth**

Toddler—2 yrs—Room 14

3 yrs—K—Room 12

Grades 1-6—Room 24

Grades 7-8—Library  
(Confirmation Class)

Grades 9—12—Den

### **Adults**

Adult—Music Room

Discussion—Parlor East

Spiritual growth—FH

### **Children's Church**

Pre-K to Grade 4—every Sunday  
during the 10:30 a.m. service.

Room 12



"Yes, it's beautiful — but can we  
talk about its placement?"

## **Preschool Jar Sale**

Chicken Soup and Chocolate

Chip Cookies

Ready to make

\$6.00 per jar

Available Dec. 2 and Dec. 9





**2019 Offering** Envelopes will be on a table in the foyer until December 23. After that date please see Janet Smithson in the church office to obtain your envelopes. No envelopes will be mailed.

**Reminder!** Please do not use your 2019 envelopes until January 2019. Your envelope number may have changed.

**2018 Statements of Giving** will be mailed to those who have contributed \$100 or more in 2018. Those who have contributed less than \$100 may obtain a statement by request.

**To receive credit for gifts in 2018** your contribution must be received by December 31. Gifts given after that date will be credited to 2019.

**188 Christmas** Stockings were sent to Metro Ministries in Brooklyn, NY on November 5. Many thanks to everyone who filled a stocking.

**Winter weather cancellations** will be announced on WBYN (FM 107.5) and Channel 69 (WFMZ) and [www.wfmz.com](http://www.wfmz.com). Please check these resources if weather is questionable.

**Remember!** We follow the Boyertown Area School District closings. If Boyertown Schools close all church events at Shepherd are also cancelled. (Note: Scouts and AA meetings are not church events and they make their own decisions.)

**A Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday, December 9 to approve the 2019 Budget and to elect William Willkins to the Consistory for a 3-year term.

**SPOT-  
LIGHT  
ON...**

## Friends for Life

Friends for Life (FFL) is our church's pro-life ministry. It is the conviction of our church that all life is sacred and, as such, we must be willing to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. Part of the work of FFL is educating men and women regarding alternative options to abortion as well as partnering with other likeminded groups such as PA Pro-Life Federation, Genesis Pregnancy Care Center, and The Pennsylvania Family Institute.

The group also encourages Christians to act on their faith through voting with pro-life efforts in mind, through prayer, and by attending the annual March for Life in Washington DC. The group meets regularly. If you would like to become involved with FFL speak to any member pictured below.



Marge Schiefer, Keith Leonard, Jeannette Korchowsky, Josiah Davis, Debbie Thompson, Julie Korchowsky, John Brown, Barbara Berger, Jenniffer Lantz

## Sunday Services

8:00 a.m.

Traditional Service

10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Service

## Wednesday Service

7:00 p.m.

Magnify!



## Pastoral Staff

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*Associate Pastor of Youth*

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