

The Shepherd's Staff

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Christmas Stocking Project Ends

Christmas Stockings for the children served by Metro Ministries, mainly in Harlem and Brooklyn, New York, will be accepted until Sunday, November 4.

Last year we sent a total of 188 filled stockings, 113 for girls and 75 for boys. These stockings go to children who get little or nothing for Christmas.

Many thanks to Gerri Reardon who makes it easy for the rest of us by sewing the felt stockings in huge quantities. Pick up a stocking or two from the display in the foyer and fill it as you would for your own children or grandchildren.

Return it to church by Nov. 4. The stockings will be boxed and shipped the following Monday.

Please be sure the stockings are able to be closed and contain no perishable items or glitter.



Saturday, Nov. 3

8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

**Held at St. Paul's Lutheran
Church, Sassamansville**

**Make an appointment with Gail Berger or at
GIVEaPINT.org, code 4816**

Local History Presentation
**"Annie Funk: A Life That Made a
Difference"**

Wednesday, Nov. 7

1:00 p.m.

Parlor, SOTH

Chalk Talk by Pastor Bob Gerhart

Annie grew up in Bally, PA. She spent time as missionary in India, and was a passenger on the ill-fated Titanic.

This presentation is sponsored by the Prime Timers and is free and open to all.



Current Sermon Series: Revelation

Recent Topics

October 7: "Witness Protection"

October 14: "A Divine Destiny"

October 21: "Tips for Tribulation:

5 Things To Know About Enduring
Hardship"

October 28: "Marks of a Faithful Christian"



Prime Timer Activities

Montco-Berks Golden Age

Thursday, Nov. 8
Holiday Dinner
Calvary UCC, Barto



Food Collection

Our November Food Dives

Scouting for Food

Nov. 10-17

Bring donations and place in tent.

Salvation Army

Nov. 1—19

Place donations in
labeled boxes

Little word, big difference

God says to give thanks in everything. That doesn't mean you need to give thanks *for* everything. You don't need to give thanks *for* that bad day. Or *for* that bad relationship. Or being passed over at work. Financial hardship. Whatever it is — you are not to give thanks *for* the difficulties but rather *in* the difficulties.

That is a very important distinction, and one I think we often miss. Giving thanks *in* everything shows a heart of faith that God is bigger than the difficulties and that he can use them, if you approach him with the right heart and spirit, for your good and his glory.

—Tony Evans



Sunday

November 4

Coming Events

Helping Hands
Holiday Dance
December 7

Congregational
Meeting
December 9

Preschool
Christmas Program
December 14

Missions Commitment

The Mission Commitment Project for November is the Jay and Briana Stokes family who are serving with Ethnos360 (formerly called New Tribes Mission) on the Papua Island of Indonesia. They work with the Dem tribe.

Through Ethnos360, Christian missionaries do Bible translation and evangelism to plant churches among unreached people groups around the world.

Learning the Dem language, which is unwritten, has been a major challenge for Jay, although he reports making slow and steady progress. Dem people are at their house every day. The language difficulty prevents them from much verbal communication but they show them love and provide simple medications such as Aspirin and Tylenol.



Briana and Jay The Stokes

The **Vision Project** for November is Jay and Jill Vincent who are preparing for a mission assignment with Cadence International. They will be assigned to Spang Dahlem U.S. Air Force Base in Germany as house directors. This involves providing and open door, home-cooked meals, weekly Bible study and Christian mentoring to the soldiers and their



Did You Know. . . ???

The Upper Room devotional is available at the literature rack in the sanctuary and fellowship hall foyers. It is published bimonthly. The November/December issue is available now. A donation is suggested.

Looking for a way to honor or remember someone special?



Consider sponsoring the podium flowers and/or bulletins on their special day. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin recognizing the occasion. Sponsor-ship charts are posted outside the church office door.

The cost to sponsor the podium flowers is \$25.00 per vase and to sponsor the bulletins \$10.00. Checks should be made out to Shepherd of the Hills Church. There are still a number of available dates in 2018

Youth Club

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

4 years to Grade 6

Term 1 will conclude on Dec. 5

The format this year is for everyone to gather in the fellowship hall for worship at 6:15 p.m. This is followed by a lesson, craft time, game time, and snack at 8:15 p.m.

Dismissal is from the lower level at 8:30 p.m.

H2O Youth

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

Shepherd's Den

Children's Church

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



Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Toddler—2 years—Room 14

3 years—K—Room 12

Grades 1-6—Room 24

Grades 9—12—Den

Confirmation Class (Grades 7-8) Library

Adult—Room 22

Discussion—Parlor East

Spiritual growth—FH



Zion Choral presented their season-opening concert to a full house on October 14.

Winter weather cancellations will be announced on WBYN (FM 107.5) and Channel 69 (WFMZ and www.wfmz.com). As a general rule we follow the closures of the Boyertown Schools. If they are closed, we cancel also.

The 2019 Membership Directory is in preparation. If you have any changes to your current listing please bring it to the attention of administrator Janet Smithson.

Mail addresses for Shepherd members currently in college or the military are needed for the shipment of holiday care boxes. Use the special section of the Welcome card in the Sunday bulletin or call the church office.

**SPOT-
LIGHT
ON...**

The Visitation Ministry

1st Corinthians 12 describes the Church as the body of Christ; each member functioning with a specific purpose from God. Sadly, there comes a time in some people's lives when they may be unable to continue meeting regularly with the body. When this happens we, as believers, do not cast them aside but must intentionally seek them out in fellowship. Our visitation team is designed to purposely engage these individuals and share life together.

If you'd like to be a part of the visitation team, dedicating time to visit with members who cannot always come to church, please contact Pastor Jim Jessum or the church office. If God puts it on your heart to visit a brother or sister in need respond! Expect God to work through you to bring them comfort and encouragement while allowing God to speak through them as well. Also, if you or someone you know would like to be visited please contact the church office.



Visitation Team (l to r): Karen Potts, Sherry Jessum, Karen Parke, John Kochev, Debbie Mink, Dolly Kline, Jim Jessum, Suellen McCann, Roger Lightcap. Missing from the photo: Keith Leonard, John Oister, Jeff Beck, Linda Saul, Patti Wilkins, Shirley Lightcap, Charles Rowdon, Ken Sauppe, Bill Greiner, Barbara Berger and Jeff Moser.

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m.

Traditional Service

10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Service

Wednesday Service

7:00 p.m.

Magnify!



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