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## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:15 AM WORSHIP TEAM REHEARSAL – SANCTUARY  
8:45 AM NURSERY CARE – ROOM F115  
9:00 AM CONTACT CONTEMPORARY SERVICE – SANCTUARY  
9:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHURCH – MACDONALD ROOM  
10:00 AM REFRESHMENTS FELLOWSHIP HALL  
10:15 AM CORNERSTONE CLASS - CITY VIEW ROOM  
LAMPLIGHTERS CLASS - SHARING CENTER  
WELCOME CLASS - FELLOWSHIP HALL  
MOM2MOM WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP - ROOM 303  
WORKING TOWARD WISDOM WOMEN'S GROUP - PARLOR  
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL – THE WELL  
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL – MACDONALD ROOM  
HERITAGE TRADITIONAL SERVICE – SANCTUARY  
11:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHURCH – MACDONALD ROOM  
11:30 AM HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RETURN FROM LAURELVILLE RETREAT  
1:00 PM CHRISTMAS CANTATA - SANCTUARY  
3:30 PM CANTATA RECEPTION - FELLOWSHIP HALL  
4:30 PM SUNDAYS@SEVEN PRAYER GATHERING – ROOM 203  
7:00 PM

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

1:30 PM OA MEETING - LIBRARY  
7:00 PM AA BEGINNERS MEETING – MACDONALD ROOM 3  
7:00 PM WOMEN'S CRAFT ADVANCE PREPARATION - FELLOWSHIP HALL  
7:15 PM ADULT MINISTRY TEAM MEETING  
8:30 PM AA SPEAKERS MEETING – MACDONALD ROOM 1

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 AM KINGDOM KIDS AND MOM'S MORNING OUT - VARIOUS ROOMS  
7:00 PM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM MEETING - ROOM F101  
7:00 PM YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM MEETING - THE WELL  
7:30 PM NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETING - MACDONALD ROOMS 1 & 2

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:00 AM COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY - VARIOUS ROOMS  
12:00 PM SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY HYMN SING - CITY VIEW ROOM  
6:30 PM STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING - ROOM 203  
7:00 PM HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH STUDY - THE WELL

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND WORK GROUP – MACDONALD ROOM  
9:00 AM KINGDOM KIDS AND MOM'S MORNING OUT - VARIOUS ROOMS  
6:15 PM WORSHIP TEAM REHEARSAL - SANCTUARY  
7:00 PM CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL - CHOIR ROOM

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:00 AM KINGDOM KIDS AND MOM'S MORNING OUT - VARIOUS ROOMS  
1:00 PM AA MEETING – MACDONALD ROOM  
4:15 PM CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM MEETING - ROOM F101  
6:30 PM YOUTH GROUP NIGHT - FELLOWSHIP HALL

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

10:00 AM DEACON'S SHOPPING WITH SINGLE PARENTS' KIDS - OFF SITE  
10:00 AM YOUTH MINISTRY WITH WILKINSBURG CHURCH - OFF SITE

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:15 AM WORSHIP TEAM REHEARSAL – SANCTUARY  
8:45 AM NURSERY CARE – ROOM F115  
9:00 AM CONTACT CONTEMPORARY SERVICE – SANCTUARY  
9:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHURCH – MACDONALD ROOM  
10:00 AM REFRESHMENTS FELLOWSHIP HALL  
10:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES & SMALL GROUPS - VARIOUS ROOMS  
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL – THE WELL  
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL – VARIOUS ROOMS AS POSTED  
HERITAGE TRADITIONAL SERVICE – SANCTUARY  
11:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHURCH – MACDONALD ROOM  
11:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHURCH – MACDONALD ROOM  
4:00 PM WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CRAFT EVENT - VARIOUS ROOMS  
7:00 PM SUNDAYS@SEVEN PRAYER GATHERING – ROOM 203

# Welcome and Announcements

Sunday, December 3, 2017

REACHING UPWARD ❖ REACHING OUTWARD ❖ REACHING INWARD ❖ TO THE GLORY OF GOD

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 9:2, 9:6-7, and 7:14  
Romans 8:18-24

p. 722  
p. 1184

### SERMON

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”  
Sermon Series: Lessons in Carols

Rev. Carolyn Poteet

[To access sermons online, please visit HisWordPreached.blogspot.com.]

**WELCOME** ❖ A warm welcome is extended to our visitors. We hope you will find our service uplifting to the Lord, and our church a place of comfort and peace. Our pastors, ushers, greeters and members will be happy to answer any questions you might have.



**FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS** ❖ Please let us know of your attendance by signing the friendship register at the end of the pew. After signing, pass the book along the row and back so you might get to know those around you in worship this morning. If you are visiting, please provide the additional information that would help us get to know and serve you better.



**CELL PHONES** ❖ Please remember to silence your cell phone during the service.



**FOR CHILDREN** ❖ During the time of greeting, children age 4 through third grade will be invited forward to attend Children's Church in the MacDonald Room and Children's Library. Fourth and fifth graders are encouraged to take a children's bulletin at the front and back doors of the sanctuary.



**FOR MOTHERS** ❖ The Parlor is available during the services for mothers who want to continue to hear the service as they feed their little ones or otherwise attend to young children.



**LET US PRAY** ❖ If you desire prayer for yourself or for someone you love, elders will be available in the parlor after the service to pray for your concerns.



**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** ❖ The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Eileen and Bruce Tenenbaum in loving memory of her Uncle, Frank Hughey.



## PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- Please pray for those with new health concerns.
- Please pray for those with ongoing health concerns.



## ADVENT STUDY ~ LESSONS IN CAROLS

We'll be sharing an Advent series together of "Lessons in Carols," looking at some of the most beloved Christmas carols and studying the scripture and theology behind them. Study guides are available in the Lobby and in the Narthex. Please feel free to pick one up to use in your study groups, or as a family devotion during the holiday season. If you have questions, feel free to speak to one of the pastors or contact Adult Ministry Team Leader Kay Atman: kayatman@verizon.net or 412-835-1434.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ 10:15 A.M.

**Children** – MacDonald Room

**Youth Classes** – The Well

**Cornerstone Class** – City View Room

December 3 and 10 - "Comfort in Christ" taught by Denny Hutchinson

**Lamplighters Class** – Sharing Center

December 3 and 10 - "An Advent Journey Through the Gospels" taught by Linda Pokrajac

**Welcome Class** – Fellowship Hall

"Prince Joseph, King David, and the Lord Jesus" taught by Bruce Tenenbaum

### "LESSONS IN CAROLS" STUDY GROUPS

**Women's Mom2Mom Group** – Room 303

**Working Toward Wisdom Women's Group** - Parlor

**Couples Small Group** – Library

**Open Small Group** – Room F101

## SENIOR MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CAROL SING

**Wednesday, December 6 ~ 12:00 p.m.**



Seniors are invited to join us for a time of festive fellowship this week. Please join us in the City View Room, where we'll enjoy a soup and salad lunch followed by a time of singing many of our favorite Christmas carols. For more information contact Laura Duffy 412-531-3387 ext. 210.



## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

Please consider making a donation to the Christmas Memorial Poinsettia Fund in memory of a loved one. The poinsettias will be arranged into a lovely display for the services, and the names of the memorials and their donors will be printed in the bulletin. Checks payable to MLEPC, along with the names for the memorials and their donors may be sent to Financial Administrator Shannon Hohowski, MLEPC, 255 Washington Rd. 15216, by Monday, December 18. If you prefer, you may email this information to Shannon, and use the new "tithe.ly" mobile giving option by downloading the app on your phone or through the Donate tab on the website. You can contact Shannon at shohowski@mlepc.org or 412-531-3387 ext. 254.

## CHRISTMAS CANTATA

**This Afternoon ~ 3:30 p.m.**



You won't want to miss our 10th annual Christmas Cantata, this afternoon at 3:30 p.m. Bring your friends and family to this free concert presented by the Cantata Choir of 71 singers with a 42 piece orchestra. The overriding theme of this inspiring Christmas work is JOY; celebrating the promise of joy which comes to those who have waited through the long dark night for the fulfillment of God's promise. The music incorporates original melodies with familiar carols in a work ranging from contemplative to celebratory, and is narrated by Pastor Carolyn Poteet and Mr. Rob Anderson. A dessert reception will be held in Fellowship Hall following the concert.

To accommodate visitors unfamiliar with our church, please park off site if possible. St. Bernard's Church has allowed us to use their parking lots for this event.



## COOKIE DONATIONS FOR KINGDOM KIDS PROGRAM

Our Kingdom Kids Christian Preschool is asking for donations of cookies to bless our guests at the fellowship time after the Kingdom Kids Evening Christmas Program on Tuesday, December 12. Donations are requested before December 12, and can be brought to the church kitchen on the 2nd floor. Please pack your cookies in a container or bag that does not have to be returned to you. We invite everyone to attend our Christmas Program on Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, where the children will make a joyous noise in celebration of the birth of Jesus. Questions? Please contact Joyce Hannan-Story, Director, at 412 531-6227 ext. 103 or [JHannan-Story@MLEPC.org](mailto:JHannan-Story@MLEPC.org)



## YOUTH GROUP NIGHT

All youth, join us on Friday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for our last youth group night of 2017! Youth Group is a fun-filled night of fellowship, games, prayer, and worship. This night will be Christmas themed and feature our annual white elephant present exchange. Please keep white elephant presents to a \$10 maximum. There will be snacks, and a prize for anyone who dresses up as a Christmas Tree!

## SANTA'S OPEN HOUSE

On Saturday, December 9 the youth will be participating in the Wilkinsburg Santa's Open House service project. The event gives disadvantaged children the opportunity to receive Christmas presents through games and prizes. Our youth will help set up for the event, oversee the games, and tidy up afterwards. This is a great opportunity to help less fortunate families and make a special Christmas for an inner-city child. The youth will be meeting at the church at 10:00 a.m. and returning at 5:00 p.m. If you're interested in participating, please contact Brant Toulouse at [btoulouse@MLEPC.org](mailto:btoulouse@MLEPC.org).



## JOB OPENING

MLEPC is seeking to fill the full time position of Receptionist/Administrative Assistant. This position combines responsibilities of the receptionist and membership secretary as well as providing administrative assistance to the program staff. The ideal candidate is a mature, confessing Christian with an associate's degree or equivalent education. If you or someone you know may be interested in the position, please contact our Business Administrator, Jim Schuchman at 412 531-3387 ext. 206.

