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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who worship today on this first Sunday of Advent. In this holy season we remember that God keeps his promises. Rejoice with us in the covenant of God's love. Visitors, please come again!

The December issue of Ripples is in your mailbox today!



The Nurture & Education Team has selected special Advent devotionals for children, teens and adults. Please find them in the Narthex this morning.

Nativity Advent Calendar – for Children! As you open each numbered door on the front this calendar you will find a picture and a Bible verse or song. Use those clues to discover and fill in the missing word each day as you prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth!

Seeing in Christmas – Devotions for Teens/Young Adults.

The Magnificent Story – For Adults - This Advent Devotional brings you moments of quiet and joy in the midst of activities and challenges during the Christmas season.



Please join us again **next Sunday for K.I.D.S. Church** for children age 4 through 4th grades on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month led by Sherry Ziegler in the church library! Guys or gals may sign up to assist Sherry next to an available date on the list in the Narthex.

The **Men's Fellowship is having breakfast out this Saturday, December 9th** at the Franconia Heritage at 8:00 a.m. Please contact Bob Lane to RSVP.

When ringing the church doorbell, please press the button **all the way in** to activate the chime. Thank you.

All are invited to the **annual Christmas Carol Sing at Klein Meetinghouse next Sunday, December 10th at 4:00 p.m.** Please join us for an old-fashioned gathering to celebrate the Christmas Season through song. Light refreshments will be served after the service!

Women's Fellowship is making **vegetable soup in the church kitchen on Tuesday, December 12th at 12:30 pm** to benefit Indian Creek members and friends. Please sign up in the Narthex to donate specific ingredients, help make and/or deliver the soup!



Indian Creek's **Live Nativity Experience** will take place **Saturday, December 16th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** This is a live action drama depicting the night Jesus was born. Come and register with the census taker, settle down in an Inn (if there's room!). See the miracle of the birth of Jesus unfold.



Our **Christmas Tree in the Narthex** is decorated with tags to purchase an animal (or gift a portion of an animal) to **Heifer International**. Each tag explains how that animal can help a family with health and prosperity. To give, take down a tag and include it with your donation in your regular giving envelope (or any envelope) during our regular Sunday offering. Note the amount that goes to Heifer International. We will collect through January 7th.

Join in the **All-church Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 17th starting at 4:30 p.m. at the church.** One or two groups will go caroling for sick and home-bound members and friends of the congregation. All will meet at Peter Becker by 7:00 p.m. to sing for the residents! We then head back to the church for supper and dessert. Please bring a soup or snack or dessert to share. If you would be willing to stay at the church during caroling to keep the soup warm, please speak to Pastor Mark.



Interfaith Hospitality Network housing continues all year long at different churches in the area. **The host church for December** is **Tabor United Methodist** in Woxall and **they are looking for some help** with hosting families. Indian Creek will provide volunteers for the **week of December 17th**. Dinner and overnight volunteers are needed. If you are willing to help, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Worship Leaders are needed throughout **2018**. A sign-up sheet is on the counter in the Narthex listing Sundays. Thank you to all who are willing to serve!

Indian Creek Church's Historical Committee is looking for new members. If you have an interest in serving on the committee, please contact Dennis Moyer or Lon Clemmer



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun:	First Sunday in Advent	
Mon:	Dulcimer Practice	7:00 pm
Tue:	Nurture Team Meeting	5:30 pm
	Stewardship Team Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed:	Daisy Troop Meeting	6:30 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thr:	Girl Scout Troop Meeting	6:30 pm
Fri:	Knit 2gether in Library	2:00 pm
	Wee Folk Family Night	7:00 pm
Sat:	Men's Fellowship Breakfast Out	8:30 am
Sun:	Second Sunday in Advent	
	Deacon's Meeting in Fellowship Hall	7:45 am
	KIDS Church	
	Klein Meetinghouse Carol Sing	4:00 pm

Church Directory Update

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If you are currently not using **church offering envelopes** and would like to do so in 2018, please let Carol-Joyce Anton know (mailbox #180). You do not have to be a member of the church to have a box of envelopes. The use of envelopes allows us to give you a receipt at year-end for your donations that can be used for tax purposes.

The Heidelberg COB (162 East Reistville Road, Myerstown) invites you to their **Annual Christmas Program** next Sunday, December 10th at 7:30 p.m. The program features a cappella singing, a children's story, Christmas reading and carols. Cookies and fellowship to follow. Everyone is welcome!

You are invited to the **Christmas Market Show & Sale at the Mennonite Heritage Center**, Harleysville from December 2nd to the 30th with fine crafts and art for purchasing. For hours and info: www.mhep.org.

Church Kitchen Helpers in December:
Elaine Seitz and Karlene DeRosa

UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's Fellowship Soup-Making in Kitchen	Dec 12
ICCOB Choir at Arbour Square	Dec 13
Wee Folk Christmas Programs	Dec 14-15
Live Nativity Experience	Dec 16
Advent Offering Sunday	Dec 17
All-Church Christmas Caroling	Dec 17
ICCOB Choir at PBC	Dec 20
Christmas Eve Service	Dec 24
Merry Christmas!	Dec 25
Fellowship Hall in use	Dec 31