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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Team



Our Saturday morning online prayer gathering is held each Saturday at 8:30 am. The Zoom link is provided in the online schedule emailed each week.

Our adult **Fellowship Hall Sunday School class** will continue to meet **in person** at **9:00 am** and is taught by Carol-Joyce Anton. The class uses the *Guide for Biblical Studies* by Brethren Press.



Our **Youth Sunday school class** meets on Zoom at 9:00 a.m. The Zoom link is provided in the online schedule emailed each week.

Our children's **20-minute zoom Sunday school class for Pre-School through Grade 2** is at **9:30 a.m.** and is taught by Naomi Piatek using our regular Sunday school curriculum. If you would like your children to participate, please contact Jane Spigel, jespigel@yahoo.com.

Our **online/Library class** will continue a hybrid in-person class this Sunday! The topic of study or discussion for this week is yet to be determined. Sharing joys, concerns, and reasons for gratitude are always in season. Join us in person if you are able.

Our current policy regarding masks: Masks are optional for worship, class, or meeting settings.

Please join us on **Sunday, December 4 at 2 p.m.** for an **all-church Christmas activity!** We will have cookie decorating, crafts, games, and refreshments. Please sign-up in the Narthex, thank you!



Thank you for your cards and prayers as I grieve the passing of my dear friend, Sanford Alderfer.

Love, Marge Hendricks

We want to extend our thanks and appreciation for all of the cards we received. It means a lot to us that the church took time out of the service to encourage us!

Loss and Longing Mom's Support Group



Advent Devotionals are now available in the Narthex. Be sure to pick up a copy of "Simple Gifts," Brethren Press's Advent Devotionals for adults; "It's About Time" devotions for teens; and "Come! Lord Jesus" devotions coloring book for children. If you would like any mailed to you or your family, please contact the church office.

December Challenge

In **December** we are thankful for the gift of Jesus, and also for the gift of our fellow believers. The December challenge is to leave a **small surprise gift** for someone (or several someones) in the congregation. Gifts can be placed in the person's church mailbox, or delivered to their home. Your choice! Gifts could be a Christmas card, some cookies, an ornament, some candy, or a small trinket. Surprise someone and let them know you are thinking of them.



Thinking about gifts for family and friends this holiday season? Keep in mind our **Holiday Giving Tree** with gift tags for animals and services for **Heifer International!** Watch for the tree in the Narthex with giving tags on it for you to select. It's a gift anyone will enjoy!



Indian Creek's annual **Christmas Carol Sing at Klein Meetinghouse** will be held on **Sunday, December 11th at 4:00 p.m.** Please join us for an old-fashioned gathering to celebrate the Christmas season through song.



Advent Offering Sunday is December 11th. The Advent Offering highlights our passion in the Church of the Brethren to live out the holistic peace of Jesus. It supports the Office of Peacebuilding and Policy, Discipleship Ministries, International partnerships, and much more. To give, write "Advent Offering" on your regular giving envelope or contribute directly online at www.brethren.org/giveoffering.

The Women's Fellowship will be working at the **Mennonite Resource Center on Thursday, December 15th from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.** All are welcome! Please sign up in the Narthex or contact Pat Bub.



Our **Senior Adult Fellowship** will meet on Friday, **December 16th** at Peter Becker Community in the Ridgeview Craft Room at 2:00 p.m.

The Deacons will host a **Christmas morning breakfast** here at the church from **8:30 to 9:45 am** for anyone who is available and interested in a **time of festive fellowship**. Please sign up in the Narthex or call the church office to indicate your interest in helping and/or attending. (Note: We will have a worship service but no Sunday school on Christmas Day.)

Organ Donation Awareness



From a grateful recipient: "We are thanking God for our organ donor. What gave one family utter despair gave us great joy." ~ Rachel Thurston, wife of Tom

Thurston (Tom received a new kidney March 8, 2017).

The **Mennonite Central Committee** is holding a **Christmas Open House** at their resource center (737 Hagey Center Drive, Unit C, Souderton) on December 1, 2, 3, and December 5-10. Shop for unique handmade and re-purposed items and gifts! All proceeds benefit the Mennonite Central Committee. See the poster in the Narthex for daily times of this event.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun:	Second Sunday of Advent	
	Fellowship Hall SS Class in person	9:00 am
	Library Hybrid Class	9:00 am
	Children's Sunday School on Zoom	9:30 am
	Youth SS Class on Zoom	9:00 am
	Worship Service	10:00 am
	<i>(Posted later on our website, www.iccob.org)</i>	
	All-Church Christmas Activity	2:00 pm
Weds:	Boy Scouts	6:00 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Thurs:	Deacon Meeting	7:00 am
Fri:	Knit2gether	1:00 pm
Sat:	Weekly Zoom Sharing and Prayer	8:30 am
Sun:	Advent Offering Sunday	
	Fellowship Hall SS Class in person	9:00 am
	Library Hybrid Class	9:00 am
	Youth SS Class on Zoom	9:00 am
	Children's Sunday School on Zoom	9:30 am
	Worship Service	10:00 am
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	Klein Meetinghouse Carol Sing	4:00 pm

Note: Facebook Live events are on our ICCOB Facebook page, www.facebook.com/indiancreekcob/live/

UPCOMING EVENTS

Loss and Longing Mom's Support Group	Dec 15
Women's Fellowship Work @ MRC	Dec 15
Wee Folk Christmas Programs	Dec 15 & 16
Senior Adult Fellowship @ Peter Becker	Dec 16
All Church Caroling	Dec 18
Christmas Eve Service	Dec 24
CHRISTMAS MORNING BREAKFAST	Dec 25
No Sunday school	Dec 25
CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE	Dec 25
Jubilee Breakfast	Dec 27

OFFERING REMINDERS

Offering plates are in the back of the sanctuary each week for your financial support. Online giving is also available.