

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Eblast

December 12, 2024



GREENING OF THE CHURCH



Will take place immediately after our worship service on Sunday, **December 22nd**. In addition, instead of having “Coffee Time” prior to our third Sunday worship, we will have Breakfast Pizza after we have decorated the church. Please make your calendar!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: 4:00 PM

(Or Join us at St. John at 7:30 PM or Trinity Athens at 7:00 PM)

YOUTH GROUP

Meets this Sunday at noon in the Parish Hall of the Church of the Redeemer. There are a number of scheduling conflicts that prevent us from going Christmas caroling. Instead we will be watching a Christmas themed movie and enjoy some snacks.

Canon Melinda is away on retreat this weekend at Holy Cross Monastery in West Park New York. The retreat is a guided retreat lead by the Rev. Martin Smith. Smith is well known for his explorations of contemporary spirituality through workshops, retreats and preaching, and widely read books, including *The Word is Very Near You*, *A Season for the Spirit*, *Reconciliation*, *Compass and Stars*, *Love Set Free*, and recently, with the Rev. Julia Gatta, *Go in Peace: the Art of Hearing Confessions*. He has over thirty years of experience in training and supervising preachers and spiritual directors. Now retired, he makes Washington, DC his base for a roving ministry of spiritual formation and teaching. Martin presented Pastor Melinda for ordination to the priesthood in the Diocese of Washington. In her absence, Hazel Hunt will be presiding at Eucharist on Saturday and Alice Bennett will lead Morning Prayer on Sunday.

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CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA



The Episcopal
Diocese of Bethlehem

December 6, 2024

Diocese of Bethlehem, Diocese of Central Pennsylvania
Reunification Transition Leadership News
December 2024

Bishop Kevin Nichols of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem and Bishop Audrey Scanlan of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, along with their Standing Committees, announce the next steps in the transition to one reunited diocese.

The Transition Leadership Committee (TLC) has been appointed and will begin its formal work with a two-day retreat in mid-January 2025.

Those appointed to the TLC are:

Bishops: Kevin Nichols (DioBeth), Audrey Scanlan (CPA)

Chancellors: Wiley Parker (DioBeth), Michale Miller (CPA)

At Large: Sidnie Crawford and Steve Baker (DioBeth)

Jim Strader-Sasserr and Lisa Work (CPA)

Reunification Discernment Committee: Rodney Conn (DioBeth),

Drew Dorgan (CPA)

Standing Committee: Doug Moyer (DioBeth), Barb Cross (CPA)

Staff: Sandy Milien (DioBeth), Nichol Free (CPA)

Chaplains: Chris Sutton (DioBeth), Jane Miron (CPA)

The TLC will offer oversight to 10 Working Groups who will work out the details of our reunification as we move through 2025, our “Year of Transition.” The TLC will create a timeline for the work that is to be accomplished, serve to support the Working Groups, and assist in

communicating the progress of the transition to the dioceses. They will appoint the co-chairs of the Working Groups. The 10 Working Groups will consist of 5-15 people each, and include clergy, lay and staff from both dioceses, drawing on the considerable talent and expertise within our two dioceses. The Working Groups will be in these areas: Constitution and Canons, Title IV Disciplinary Board, Joint Finance, Legal Processes, Shield and Branding, Offices for the new diocese, Commission on Ministry, Clergy Life and Ministry, Social Justice Ministries, Granting Processes. The bishops will convene a group to vision episcopal ministry. The Working Groups will convene in February.

Please keep the work of the Transition Leadership Committee and the Working Groups in your prayers as we work to come together for the glory of God and to strengthen our participation in God's mission.



Readings for December 14 & 15

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

The First Song of Isaiah (*Canticle 9*)

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

Scripture Reflection

Reflection for December 12

Imagine that you are in the crowd listening to John the Baptizer. You hear people in the crowd asking him, "What should we do to prepare?" How might John instruct you, or our church, to prepare for the coming of God's reign?

Sometimes wealthy people worry that God or the church is requiring them to be poor. What is the difference between being poor and being fair? How do you feel about sharing?



Serving in Worship at Redeemer

December 15

Reader: Rose Carpenter

Usher: Bruce Carpenter

Greeter: Rose Carpenter

December 22

Diane Siebecker

Rick Rhodes

Mary Rhodes

Stephanie Sullivan	12/14
Glenda Hinsman	12/15
Zachary Cole	12/16
Sid Ranck	12/16
John Storelli	12/20
Mary Storelli	12/20



Ed & Bonnie Garrity 12/17

The Wildcat closet continues to collect donations of Sweat pants, Sweat shirts, socks and toiletries. The box is located in the atrium . Linda Murrelle will pick up your donations and make sure they are delivered to the proper locations.



Food Pantry Item of the Month

We will be collecting peanut butter during the month of December for our local food pantries. The need is great and your support is greatly appreciated.

Hello Churches,

My Brother's Keeper is busier than ever so we are low on some materials used for the homeless.

WE NEED ADULT SIZE MITTENS/GLOVES. They don't have to be new, just gently used and clean. We have yarn plus some crochet hooks and knitting needles if anyone wants to make mittens for us. They also can be sewn out of fleece or wool, several patterns / YouTube videos available online. we can provide fabric.



We work at the Athens Methodist church 118 S. Main St Athens, PA. Items can be dropped there, (around back, ramp door M-F 9-1). Up ramp into gym, turn right past kitchen, leave things in our storage closet labeled Thelma's Room. We are ongoing so no timeframe/deadline.

The only other need is more volunteers. We recently had two move away and just this week had a going away party for another volunteer that will be starting her new life in OR.

All are welcome. It is true only skill needed is to tie a knot.

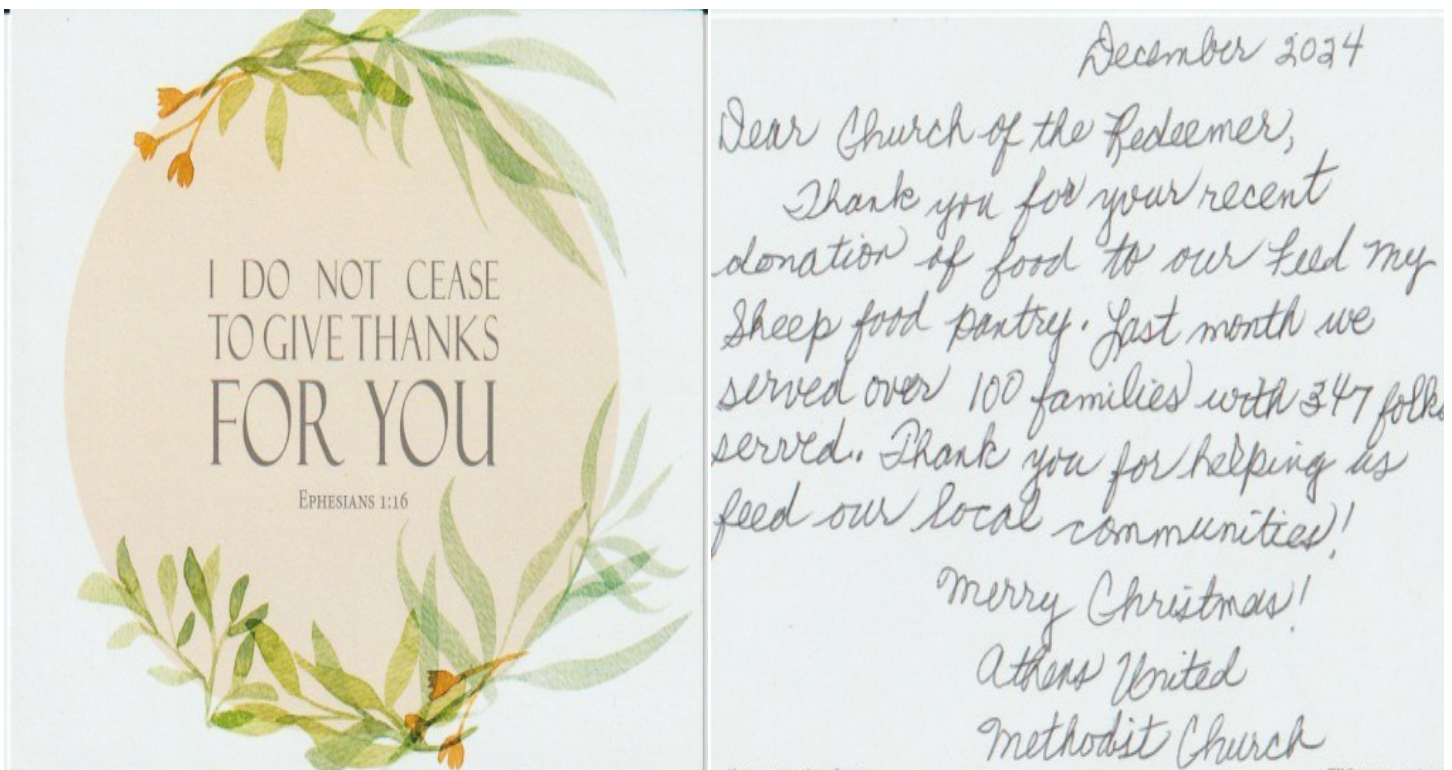
Questions? Call Gloria at 607-857-7731 or Pat at 570-867- 1949.

You all recently received our updated brochure . Please let us know if you did not.

Help us start the new year with extra needles flashing !

Thanks for past and continued support!

My Brother's Keeper



COME ONE
COME ALL

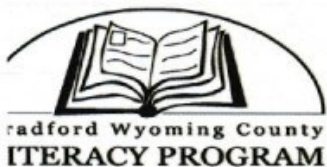


TO
An Informational Seminar
Presented by
Bradford Wyoming County Literacy Program

WHEN: Thursday, January 16TH 12pm-1pm

WHERE: Sayre Library

WHY:



From the Endless mountain Mission Center

For more information or to donate please call the number below or email.

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Philippians 2:3-6 (NIV) - Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.

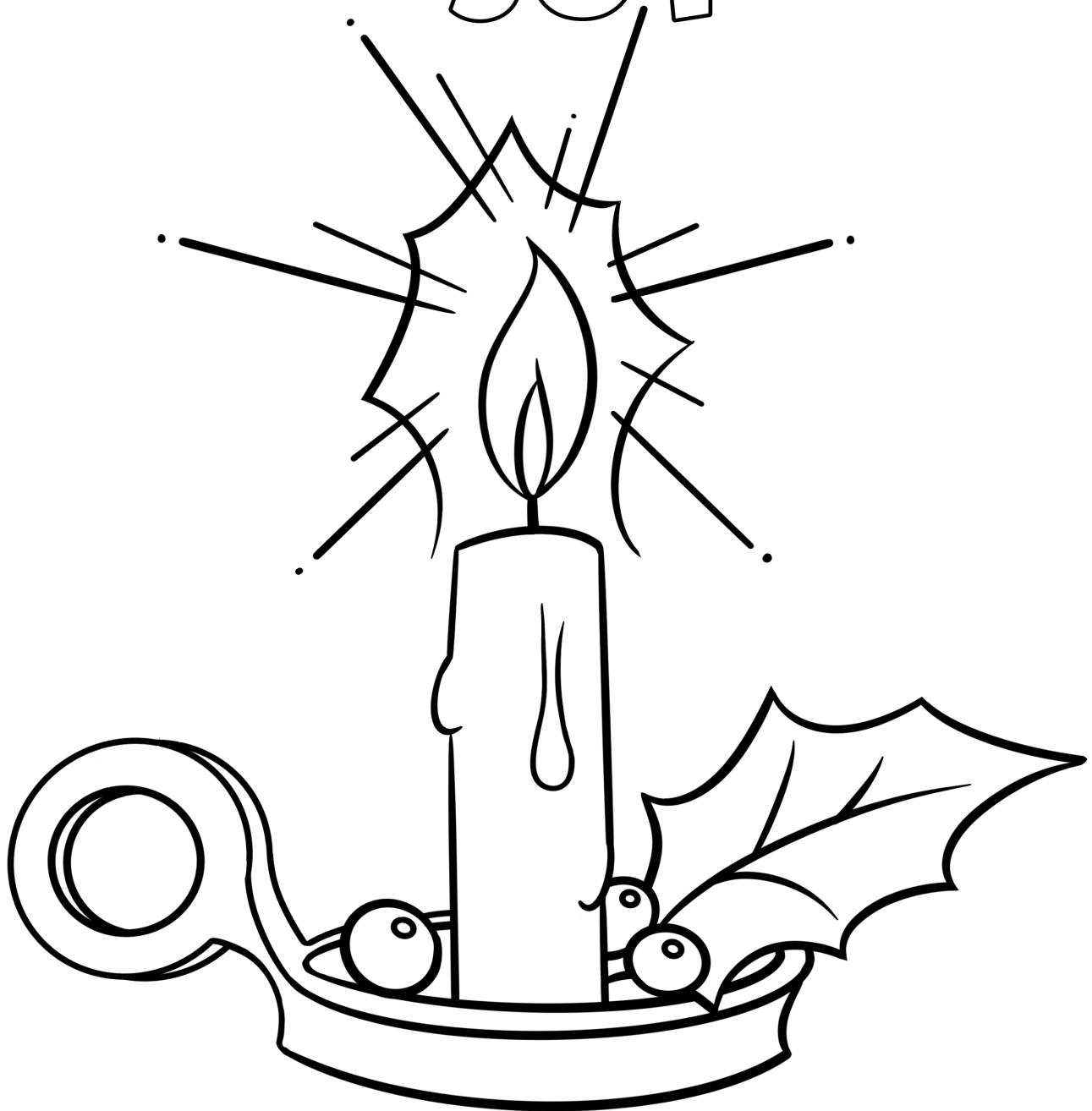
Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage.

WE ARE:

The Endless Mountain Mission Center is a Christian, non-profit, Community Benefit Organization, which means, a nonprofit, charitable organization that is tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Our Mission is to work with local churches, small businesses, human service organizations, legal organizations and surrounding communities to benefit and encourage one another, with the ultimate result of assisting our neighbors in time of trouble. We provide safe, temporary housing to the homeless population (which includes but is not limited to: Victims of sexual/physical/emotional abuse; Victims of domestic violence; People struggling with mental health and/or alcohol/drug addictions; The Elderly; Veterans; Unemployed and evicted population.) During their stay at EMMC, Guests will be provided with a safe environment where they can work on their individual 'Exit Plan', which can include such things as: seeking employment, obtaining housing, health care followup, counseling, resolving legal issues, case management with Human Services Agencies, Childcare, etc.

EMMC relies on Grants, Tangible and Monetary donations in providing Services to the Homeless Community. Volunteers (Community Organizations, Churches, and Individuals (Including EMMC Board Members and Director) giving their precious gift of 'time' to help in 'Work Bees'; Transporting our Residents to appointments; Simply conversing or listening to those who desperately want to be heard; and Above all sharing the Word of God to those who are willing to listen. We, the Staff, Board of Directors, and Volunteers at EMMC are committed to Jesus Christ, inspired by His message to love unconditionally, and to be His hands and feet.

Candle of JOY



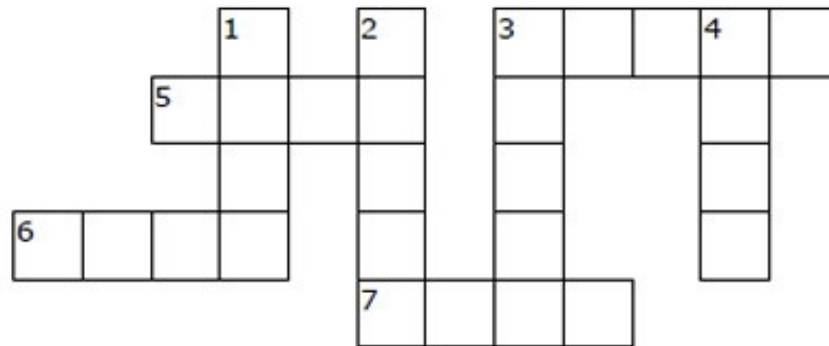
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They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads.
Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.
Isaiah 35:10 (NIV)

Christmas Joy

John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same." Luke 3:11 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Luke 3:7-11



ACROSS

3. An item of clothing that is worn on the upper half of the body
5. To have very little money or possessions
6. The opposite of bad
7. A tall plant that has a trunk, branches, and leaves

DOWN

1. What we eat
2. The sweet food that grows on a tree
3. To give part of what you have to someone else
4. The part of a tree that grows under the ground

ROOT	TREE	POOR	SHARE
FOOD	GOOD	FRUIT	SHIRT

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V H Z L G N E R T T R E E W X
K Y P D M M R Y H R L B E W T
Q A N S H L K I H U S L B K O
I I W T N P M X B A C N W B Y
M C M O S D E F C R O W D U M
R V M N L H E G Y U G V F J G
O S O E S G S F I W V O O J Z
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W L D P A F N Y M F C T K D O
I S R B C H I L D R E N B R M

FIRE	CROWD	TREE	FOOD	CHILDREN
ROOT	SHARE	STONES	SHIRTS	BAPTIZED
VIPERS	NONE	TWO	FRUIT	BROOD