

# BVLP News

Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish

November  
2019

From Our Pastor...

## THE BIRTH OF JESUS: MATTHEW'S TAKE

As with you, the seasons of Advent and Christmas are a personal favorite. God taking on human flesh in the baby Jesus-Emmanuel, God with us. We are deeply moved upon hearing and singing the lyrics of our favorite Christmas hymns. "Hark! The herald angels sing, 'Glory to the newborn king; peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.'" And, "Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay." Our joyful and hopeful expectations are filled with the images presented in these hymns, often borrowed from Luke's version of the events of Jesus' birth.

But in this liturgical year, beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>, the first Sunday of Advent, our attention is directed to Matthew's depiction of Jesus' birth and the surrounding events. I warn you: the tone is dark and somber. The narrative is replete with fear and potential shame and

embarrassment, deceptions and terror, and tragically the death of many innocents. Here I give you Matthew's version. I would like you to imagine yourself being back there in that time and place, and reflect upon the feelings you might have had in witnessing these events. From Matthew:

*"Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:*

*'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.'"*

An unexpected and not easily explained pregnancy. What would their families have thought? What about the community's reaction to what they might have believed to be upright and proper? How might have you responded—with acceptance and support or shame and embarrassment?

Matthew continues:

*"In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'Bethlehem of Judea...'"*

Fear on the part of the authorities. Does this indicate that power is (continued on page 2)

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(continued) about to change hands? Has God had some part in issuing this possible change? Would any of this have any effect on your life or expectations? Would Herod's concerned fear impact your life? Could you have been implicated as party to these events? Would you have retreated and stayed silent, hoping that attention would not be drawn to you?

The wise men did reach their destination in Bethlehem, the house of Joseph and Mary, giving homage to the baby and presenting gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew continues:

*"And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. Now after they left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of*

*Herod."*

Having to flee your home with a new baby under the cover of darkness because of a threat upon his life by one who has a great deal of power in this world. How would you feel? Frightened? At wit's end? Would you have helped them in their escape plan? What if you were caught by Herod? Matthew continues:

*"When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men."*

The death of innocent children. Maybe a relative's or neighbor's child. Despair and extreme sadness, not unlike that of Rachel. How would you deal with this pain and suffering? What questions would you ask? Where is God in all this? How or why did God let this happen? Can you feel Joseph's and Mary's anxiety as they escape to Egypt? Children still die today at the hands of those like Herod. What is or should be our response?

Joseph, Mary, and Jesus were able to return to the land of Israel, but not to their home but to a different territory because a descendent of Herod was still ruling over Judea. A new home, a new start. But does the danger ever cease? As Matthew notes, God takes God's place here in a world of fear and foreboding, danger and deceit.

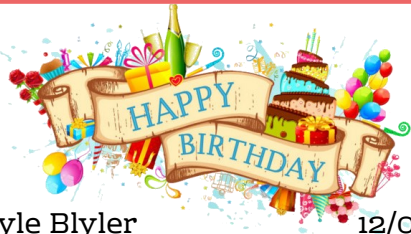
As we settle into this year's Advent and Christmas, may we pause and reflect upon Matthew's story of Jesus' birth. How it has affected the world in which we live; how it has impacted our faith and perspective of the role of the church in addressing the misuse of power; how it challenges us to seek and honor the presence of Jesus in our time and place and to live in a way that truly reflects the way Jesus himself lived in a world of Herod's and Pilate's, of Peter's and Judas's.

All so that we might get to that time when all may join us in song, "The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight."

Blessings,  
Pr. John



*The office staff at FELC, wishes you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas and a healthy and safe 2020.*



Kyle Blyler	12/01
Edward Henry	12/02
Nicholas Hornig	12/02
Clayton Reed	12/04
Clara Conrad	12/05
Thomas Orren	12/06
Adam Gemberling	12/07
Sebrena Confer	12/08
James Adams	12/11

John Schnure	12/15
Chuck Spurr	12/15
Jennifer Keister	12/16
Donna Culp	12/17
Garrett Girton	12/19
Gaven Girton	12/19
John Watson Jr.	12/19
Jeffrey Crossland	12/20
Kevin Shuck	12/20
Judy Moyer	12/23
Dave Weaver	12/23
Jason Fritz	12/24
Peggy Kron	12/25
Logan Mensch	12/27

Torey Showalter	12/27
Brennan Snyder	12/27
James Bailey	12/30
Georgie Linke	12/30
Carol Schwartz	12/31

## Birthday Shut-Ins

Georgie Linke 12/30  
 3201 River Road, Riverwoods  
 Apt. 433B, E-Wing  
 Lewisburg, PA 17837



## Happy Anniversary



John & Mindy Yost	12/05	32 years
Lance & Janice Wagner	12/06	33 years
Randy & Laurie Harvey	12/15	40 years
Rick & Darlene Endy	12/16	42 years

Gary & Janet Hackenberg	12/20	50 years
Jim & Barb Randecker	12/27	52 years
Jim & Carol Shipton	12/30	53 years

### In Our Prayers:

The Baker Family  
 Jan Beckley  
 Dennis Boop  
 Jim & Florence Boop  
 Bev Catherman  
 Roger Dunkle  
 Mike Flickinger  
 Doug & Pearl  
 Gemberling  
 Barbara Grimooris  
 Hackenberg Family -  
 CULC  
 Pete Henninger  
 Dustin Kline  
 Jerry Mickel  
 Dr. Bill & Ethel Musser  
 Eric Powell & Family  
 Bob Rantz  
 Sam & Ethel Schnure  
 Delight Showalter  
 Kevin Shuck  
 Ken Smith  
 John Snook  
 Wanda Stamm  
 Meda Struble  
 Helen Troup  
 Bethany Umholtz  
 Ed Wagner

#### In Our Military:

Brandi Gemberling  
 Thaddeus Miller  
 Zachary Miller  
 Cora Reed

#### Our Shut-Ins:

Jim & Jan Beckley  
 Jim & Florence Boop  
 Carolyn Bowersox  
 Shirley Diehl  
 Barbara Grimooris  
 Pat Korman  
 Betty Lauf  
 Dr. Bill & Ethel Musser  
 Eugene Phillips  
 Helen Pirone  
 Richard Schnure  
 Marie VonNeida  
 Connie Wagner

### Worship Service

#### Time Change For CULC

Effective Sunday, December 1st, Christ's United's regular Sunday Worship Service will start at 8:30AM .

## Heartfelt Thanks

Thank you to everyone who sent cards and prayers. ~Delight Showalter

Thank you to all those who made college/military care boxes. ~Kim Sawyer

### December Bible Study Schedule

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
<u>CULC</u>	<u>FELC</u>	<u>CULC</u>
Dec 2 (1:00)	Dec 3	-----
Dec 9	Dec 10	Dec 11
Dec 16 (1:00)	Dec 17	Dec 18
Dec 23	-----	-----
Dec 30	-----	





### Parish Holiday Worship Service Schedule

December 22nd - 10:00 AM at First Lutheran  
 Christmas Eve - 4:00 PM at First Lutheran  
 Christmas Eve - 8:00 PM at Christ's United  
 December 29th - 10:00 AM at Christ's United



### Christmas Caroling

There will be a parish Christmas Caroling event on Sunday, December 22, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The plans are to visit members of our parish who are in nursing homes and shut-in. More details will be forthcoming.



### Volunteers

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for a scheduled volunteer position within our church. A new year is beginning and it is time to update our volunteer lists. Scheduled positions include:

- Chief Usher
- Acolytes
- Altar/ Communion
- Announcements
- Lay Readers
- Children's Church
- Offering Envelopes
- Ushers
- Communion Tray Helpers (Children)

If you would be interested in being added to one or more of these volunteer positions, please email [clgirton@gmail.com](mailto:clgirton@gmail.com) or let the office staff know. If you are currently on the volunteer list, you will remain on the list for 2020. If there are certain days or months you are not able to volunteer, please let the office know before the beginning of the month.



### Congregational Meeting at Christ's United

At the November 10th congregational meeting, the following actions were taken:

1. Approval of the 2020 budget proposal
2. Approved the change of service time to begin at 8:30 a.m. and retaining Matt Wagner as organist
3. Approved the purchase of a new copier from Topp Copy
4. Elected Doug Gemberling, David Murray & Lee Spangler to a three year term on council beginning January 2020.



### Help Wanted

Sam & Ethel Schnure are looking for some help with light housework. If you or someone you know would be willing to help, contact them at 570-217-3280.



## Parish Newsletter

### **All Parish Members:**

Please take note the change in the newsletter submission deadline. Starting with the January newsletter, to be sure any information is included in the newsletter, it MUST be submitted to the office by the **10th** of the month prior to the month of the newsletter. (Example: Requests for January's Newsletter must be received by December 10th.) This change is allow more time to assemble the newsletter and have it out by the last Sunday of the previous month. We realize last minute things do come up. Please submit them to the office and they will be taken into consideration when finalizing the newsletter. If we are unable to include that information, it will be placed in the next bulletin or run in the next month's newsletter.

### **FELC Members:**

Due to many newsletters not being picked up from individual mailboxes, it has been decided by the council to place newsletters within the church to make available for those who wish to keep up to date on church news. Starting with January's newsletter, you will now be able to pick up your newsletter in the back of the church, in the mailbox marked "Newsletter" in the hallway or in the church office. If you would prefer to receive the newsletter emailed to you, (the emailed copy is in color), please provide the office with your current email address.



## Hospital Items

Christ's United has some hospital items for loan to anyone who has a need...1 shower chair, 1 wheel chair, 1 claw foot cane, 2 pair medal crutches, 4 walkers--2 with wheels and 2 without wheels. To borrow these Items contact Eugene Hassinger (570-966-6209) or Maurice Clouser (570-966-4091).

## Reverse Advent Calendar Page 5

The reverse Advent calendar encourages us to think of others as we wait to celebrate Jesus' birthday. The idea behind a reverse Advent calendar is simple.

Pick out a sturdy basket, box or bag and place an item in the container each day beginning December 1st thru Christmas Day. Suggestions are canned vegetables, fruits, stews, soups, black beans, chicken broth, beef broth, tuna, spaghetti sauce, salsa, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, fabric softener, tooth paste (not brushes) body wash, shampoo, hand soap, deodorant, pony tail holders, combs, brushes, FEMININE PRODUCTS. Bring the container with 25 items to your church on January 5th and the youth will be working with Joanne Troutman at the United Way to share with individuals who truly need these items. Whatever you bring...will be priceless!



## Food For The Needy

The Kiwanis Club of Mifflinburg would greatly appreciate your assistance in helping needy families in the Mifflinburg School District this Christmas season. They ask that you bring canned or boxed foods to the church, Christ's United and First Lutheran. Christ United, please place the food on the table in the hallway inside the church and First Lutheran please place the food on the pews in the hallway outside of the office. Kiwanians will be collecting the food on Sunday, the 15th of December in preparation for the food distribution on the 20th. They thank you for your support of this program.

# Volunteers and Donations Needed

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## December Community Meal

First Lutheran will again be giving each family that attends our December Community Meal a plate of Christmas cookies.

We are looking for donations of 3 dozen cookies. (Please do not arrange them on a plate as we will be making assorted plates.)

They can be dropped off between 10 and noon on Friday, December 6th. Please put them in the kitchen.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the hallway bulletin board. Thank you.



## Advent Fellowship Day

Advent Fellowship Day at CULC will be held on **Sunday, December 8, right after worship.** Plans are to decorate the church and sanctuary for the Christmas Season. Those interested in helping are encouraged to bring sandwiches and/or desserts to share.



## Advent By Candlelight

The 6th Annual Advent by Candlelight will be held on Sunday, December 8th. Doors will open at 6:00 PM and the event will start at 6:30 PM. We look forward to this wonderful opportunity to relax, meet new friends, enjoy a delicious dessert, and meditate with our sisters in Christ as we focus our hearts on the true meaning of Christmas, the celebration of Jesus' birth. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending this event.

## Youth Christkindl Cookie Stand

The youth group is asking for volunteers to donate Christmas cookies for their stand at the Christkindl Market. They are accepting any kind of homemade cookies and as many as you would like to donate.

For the past two years, your donations were so popular they ran out of cookies early! Many people plan to return this year to purchase more cookies! Bake now and freeze them until Christkindl.

Sign up sheets for cookie donations, packing cookies and stand volunteers, are posted in the church hallway. Money raised will benefit youth group activities and trips.



## CULC Bon Bons

Bon Bons will be made on Monday **December 16<sup>th</sup>.** They will be made to order **ONLY**, so if you would like to get some, please order in advance.

Order forms will be on the bulletin stand for your use in obtaining orders from family and friends. There will also be a sign-up form on the bulletin board for those who would like to place an individual order.

Help is needed at **9:00 a.m. on Monday December 16<sup>th</sup>** when the Bon Bons will be mixed and shaped. This is an easy and fun project. Please come out to help.

Then starting between **5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.** the Bon Bons will be dipped and packaged. This also is a lot of fun. Just show up.

Any and all help you can give will be greatly appreciated.



## Christkindl Meal Sign-Ups



Sign-up sheets for items needed for the ham, green bean and potatoes Christkindl meal being served on Friday, December 13th, are on the bulletin board. The preparation for the meal will begin at 9:00 on Thursday, Dec. 12th. Any help to peel potatoes and set up would be appreciated.





# Volunteers and Donations Needed

## Banquet Help Wanted

We will soon be serving banquets once again. What you may not be aware of is **'Help is always needed'**.

Help is needed in the dining room to serve the meals. We serve family style, so it is a matter of getting the dishes of food to each table. Once they have eaten, cake is served. Someone is needed to serve coffee at larger banquets as well. At smaller banquets, each server will cover their own tables. Servers are usually asked to arrive 45 minutes before serving time.

Help is needed in the kitchen as well. Some people are needed to come early, sometimes as early as 7:00 a.m. or 8:00 a.m. to start cooking the meat. Others are needed to come about 3 hours before serving time to cut meat. Several are needed about 2 hours before serving time to dish up the pickles, olives, and applesauce. About an hour before serving time, others are needed to dish up the foods that will be taken to the tables.

All are encouraged to stay for dishwashing and clean-up!

**Everyone** is welcome! Experience not necessary! Training provided!

Donations of cakes are also appreciated. If you are a cake baker, please consider donating.

Please talk to one of these people to volunteer your help.

To help in the Kitchen: contact Kim Blyler

To help in the Dining Room: contact Bev Catherman

To donate a cake: contact Darlene Ulrich

## Gifts for the Kids

Santa needs help from his "elves" to provide the children who come to Hope's Haven with some gifts at Christmas, so we ask you once again for donations of toys of \$5.00 or under. They can be for either a boy or girl.

Unwrapped donations can be put in Margie's office where they will be collected and stored until they can be given to the children. Thank you all in advance for helping us brighten the day for the kids.

If you want more information, talk to Bev Catherman, Kim Blyler or Gary Hackenberg.



## Christkindl Market

December 12th, 13th, & 14th are important days at First Lutheran. It is an opportunity to showcase the Church to visitors and locals alike, as the Christkindl Market takes place right outside the front doors. In order to welcome all the visitors, hall monitors are needed to provide a warm hello as well as keep order in the building. Each monitor team will volunteer for a 2 hour shift in a warm building with comfy seats. All necessary information will be provided so that you will know exactly what your responsibilities are. There will be reserved parking in the alley for you. Please sign up on the hall bulletin board for one or more shifts. We want to be sure that our church is respected by all visitors, and we need you to volunteer to be sure this happens. Thank you.





## **MINISTERIUM BACKPACK PROGRAM**

The churches of the Mifflinburg Ministerium are providing backpacks of food for students in the Mifflinburg School District for weekends when they may not have a hot meal.

The Ministerium is asking for help with this program through donations of the following items:

Single Serving Pudding Cups  
 Single Serving cereals  
 Peanut Butter or Cheese Cracker Packs  
 Single Serving Applesauce or Fruit Cups  
 Individual Microwavable Macaroni & Cheese  
 Gummies - Dried Fruit - Granola or Protein Bars  
 Individual Microwavable Chef Boy R Dee Products  
 Microwavable Individual Pasta Meals (e.g.: Chef Boy-R-Dee, Mac & Cheese)

***No Pop Tarts or Canned Goods please.***

We will be in charge of filling and distributing backpacks in December for Christ's United and April, for First Lutheran.

The following churches are participating in this year's Ministerium Backpack Program:

***Buffalo Valley Church Of The Brethren  
 Christ's United Lutheran Church  
 First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
 Mifflinburg Church of The Nazarene  
 Mifflinburg United Methodist***



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## **Buffalo Valley Conference Events**

**St John's Lutheran, 6590 Musser LN, Watsontown, PA 17777: Phone: 570-538-2015**

**Now through December 2019:** We are collecting for the Christmas-at-Sea (Seafarers International)

**United in Christ Lutheran, 1875 Churches RD, Lewisburg, PA 17837: Phone: 570-568-2254:**

**OAKS Senior Center Events (10:00 AM):**

Wednesday, December 11 – Christmas crafts





## MACY

**December 8th** – Baking cookies & Dinner & Devos led by Elli & Megan– starting @ 2:00 AT  
METHODIST CHURCH KITCHEN with Jen Harter & Vicki Hackenburg

**December 1-25** - Reverse Advent Calendar – United Way thanked us over & over

last year! Very simple! Remember the days you ate a piece of chocolate every day until Christmas from a calendar? You can still eat the chocolate daily but we are asking you to place an item each day in a cardboard box that can be used by families in need in our area. We will collect boxes from all the churches and asking postsecondary young adults to deliver to Joanne Troutman @ United Way! Suggested item list from United Way:

**Suggested food items:**

- canned vegetables
- canned fruit
- canned stews (such as Dinty Moore stew)
- canned soups that are as rounded a meal as possible (such as Chunky soups)
- canned beans (especially black beans)
- chicken broth
- beef broth
- spaghetti sauce
- salsa
- canned tuna
- other canned meats (chicken, etc.)

**If possible, prefer to avoid:**

- juices (too much sugar)
- candy and desserts
- rice/pasta (these are cheap, and the clients can use their money for this, allowing us to fill our more limited space with slightly more expensive stuff)
- anything perishable (we have no refrigeration or freezer)

**Toiletries we could use:**

- toilet paper
- paper towels laundry detergent (BIG need)
- fabric softener
- toothpaste (no brushes, as the dental clinic donated a ton of them to us)
- body wash
- shampoo
- hand soap
- deodorant
- lotions, diffusers and calming scents
- pony tail holders
- combs and brushes
- feminine products

**December 12th, 13th, 14th** – CHRISTKINDL MARKET: Cookie Stand & Nativity & Outreach with wooden inspirational signs

**Looking Ahead:**

**January 17-19** - Wesley Forest Retreat! Andy Harter is organizing this!



## Mini MACY

**December 15th** - Christmas Caroling: Meet at FELC at 3:15PM to go caroling in town Mifflinburg. Following the caroling there will be hot chocolate at FELC.



# Christmas Pageant

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Christmas Pageant 2019 is set for the Parish Service, at First Lutheran, on 12/22, at 10:00AM. Diane Scott has written both the script and compiled the music for the staging of the Christmas Story.

## Rehearsals for children are:

Saturday: 12/7 9:30 AM-11:30 AM at FELC (not all are needed for the entire 2 hours- detailed rehearsal TBA)

12/14 9:30 AM-11:30 AM at FELC (not all are needed for the entire 2 hours-detailed rehearsal TBA)

12/21 11:00 AM-12:30 PM at FELC (This is a dress rehearsal with costumes, choir, and cast! Call time is 11AM)

**PERFORMANCE:** Sunday, 12/22 -- 9:30 AM Call Time -- 10:00 AM Service Time

**Rehearsals for choir are:** Wed 12/11 - 7:15 PM - 8:15 PM

Wed 12/18 - 7:15 PM - 8:15 PM

Sat 12/21 - 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

## CULC Poinsettias

We have pre-ordered 20 poinsettias which will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you would like to provide a plant or two for our holiday services, fill out the following and return it to Janice Wagner or Margie.

### Poinsettia Order Form

Cost: \$4.00

**Order Deadline: until all have been purchased**

**Return with Payment to:**

**Janice Wagner or Margie Dunkle**

GIVEN BY \_\_\_\_\_

in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

to the Glory of God \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Plants Ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



## **Christmas Greetings**

**When sending out Christmas cards, please consider adding our shut-ins and service members to your list.**

Jim & Jan Beckley  
425 Market Street  
Mifflinburg, PA 17844

Ethel Bilger  
800 Broad Street  
Room 301  
Selinsgrove, PA 17870

Jim & Florence Boop  
1795 Swengel Rd  
Mifflinburg Pa 17844

Carolyn Bowersox  
Rolling Hills Manor  
17350 Old Turnpike Rd  
Millmont Pa 17845

Shirley Diehl  
105 Willowbrook Blvd  
Lewisburg Pa 17837

Barbara Grimooris  
Rolling Hills Manor  
17350 Old Turnpike Rd  
Millmont Pa 17845

Joan Herman  
Rolling Hills Manor  
17350 Old Turnpike Road  
Millmont, PA 17845

Alveretta (Pat) Korman  
c/o Ethel Schnure  
1990 Green Ridge Rd  
Mifflinburg Pa 17844

Betty Lauf  
11 Tee St  
Selinsgrove Pa 17870

Georgie Linke  
3201 River Road  
E-433B  
Lewisburg, PA 17837

Betty Loudenslager  
2421 Old Turnpike Road  
Room 136  
Lewisburg, PA 17837

Dr. Bill Musser & Ethel  
189 East Tressler Blvd.  
Room 407  
Lewisburg, PA

Eugene Phillips  
Maria Joseph Manor  
875 Montour Blvd  
Danville Pa 17821

Richard Schnure  
Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village  
889 Fairground Rd  
Lewisburg Pa 17837

Irene Shirk  
3365 Wildwood Drive  
Mifflinburg, PA 17844

Wayne & Nancy Shively  
2380 Green Ridge Road  
Mifflinburg, PA 17844

Delight Showalter  
53 Showman Farm Lane  
Millmont Pa 17845

Marie VonNeida  
Wynwood House  
122 Wynwood Dr  
Centre Hall, Pa 16828

Connie Wagner  
1135 Cold Run Rd  
Millmont Pa 17845

Leona Wagner  
674 North Third Street  
Mifflinburg, PA 17844

Rozella Walter  
800 Broad Street  
Room B-141  
Selinsgrove, PA 17870

Hertha Wehr  
189 East Tressler Blvd.  
Room 401  
Lewisburg, PA 17837

**Serving Our Country:**  
Brandi Gemberling  
130 Ent Road, Hanscom AFB  
MA 01731

Thaddeus Miller  
3332-ATG  
APO-AE  
09315

Zachary Miller  
(Moving to Fort Benning)

Cora Reed  
(Will be home in December)



## December Volunteers At Christ's United

	Dec. 1	Dec. 8	Dec. 15	Dec. 22	Dec. 24	Dec. 29
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Barbara & Maurice Clouser	Barbara & Maurice Clouser	Barbara & Maurice Clouser	Barbara & Maurice Clouser	Barbara & Maurice Clouser	Barbara & Maurice Clouser
<b>Greeters</b>	Darlene and Rick Endy	Joe Dressler	Becky Dunkle	Service At First Lutheran	Maurice & Barbara Clouser	Idella Zimmerman
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Greg Shuck	Bonnie Greeney	Mike Flickinger	Service At First Lutheran	Greg Shuck (8:00PM)	Janet Hackenberg
<b>Sound System</b>	Diane Shuck	Diane Shuck	Diane Shuck	Diane Shuck	Diane Shuck	Diane Shuck
<b>Ushers</b>	Cliff Valentine & Jim Zimmerman	Cliff Valentine & Jim Zimmerman	Cliff Valentine & Jim Zimmerman	Cliff Valentine & Jim Zimmerman	Cliff Valentine & Jim Zimmerman	Cliff Valentine & Jim Zimmerman
<b>Music Providers</b>	Barry Spangler	Diane Valentine	Dave Swartz	Service At First Lutheran		Dave Swartz
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Judy Mecouch	Janice Wagner	Dianne Shuck	Service At First Lutheran	Greg Shuck (8:00PM)	Janet Hackenberg

## December Volunteers At First Lutheran

	Dec. 1	Dec. 8	Dec. 15	Dec. 22	Dec. 24	Dec. 29
<b>Chief Usher</b>	Sherri Neece	Jim Schwartz	Linda Skinner	Sue Jows	Jane Moore	Service At Christ's United
<b>Acolytes</b>	Paige Bartlett & Emily Seebold	Erica & Hannah Boyer	Jadyn & Sally Rothermel	Linda Lewis & Logan Bartlett	Quinton Bartlett & Calen Loss	Service At Christ's United
<b>Altar/ Communion</b>	Cindy Harvey	Cindy Harvey	Cindy Harvey	Cindy Harvey	Cindy Harvey	Service At Christ's United
<b>Announcements</b>	Jeff Mensch	Jeff Mensch	Jeff Mensch	Jeff Mensch	Jeff Mensch	Service At Christ's United
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Andy Long	Barb Randecker	Jane Moore	Linda Skinner	Jeff Mensch	Service At Christ's United
<b>Children's Church</b>	Liz Loss & Nicole Gessner	Jamie Bartlett & Jane Moore	Sherri Neece & Sally Rothermel	No Children's Church	No Children's Church	Service At Christ's United
<b>Offering Envelopes</b>	Sue Jows & Jane moore	Sue Jows & Jane moore	Sue Jows & Jane moore	Sue Jows & Jane moore	Sue Jows & Jane moore	Sue Jows & Jane moore
<b>Ushers</b>	Jeff Hacken-burg, Cindy Harvey, Shirley Heasley, Eric Hull	Brenda & Harvey Ilgen, Jane Moore, Tom Orren	Sheryl Fetter, Nicole Gessner, Dewey Reed, Don Seebold II	Sherri Neece, Kim Wagner, Dave Weaver, Max Zeller	Harry Boyer, Jeff Crossland, Sue Jows, Linda Lewis	Service At Christ's United
<b>Communion Tray Helpers</b>	Emma & Sara Gangloff	Lillee Casilla & Ava Gangloff	Aria Gessner & Colbie Loss	Connor & Marla Hicks	Jaydon Girtton & Brynn Umholtz	Service At Christ's United

# DECEMBER 2019

*Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish*  
*Mifflinburg, PA*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8:30AM: Worship - CULC 9:15AM: Adult SS-FELC 10:00AM: Koinonia Kafe - CULC 10:15AM: Sunday School - CULC 10:30 AM: Worship/HC - FELC 10:30 AM: Worship-FELC - SS-During Worship Cherubs rehearse after service- FELC	<b>2</b> 1:00PM: Bible Study - CULC	<b>3</b> 10:30AM: Bible Study -FELC	<b>4</b> 10:00 Hope's Haven 6:00PM: Council Meeting - at Carriage Corner - FELC 7:15PM: Chancel Choir - FELC	<b>5</b> 1:00PM - LCW Lunch-eon- FELC 7:00PM Men's Ministry MP Room - FELC	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8:00AM: Men's Breakfast--Old Turnpike 11AM-12:30PM: Community Meal - FELC
<b>8</b> 8:30AM Worship - CULC 9:15AM: Adult SS-FELC 10:15AM: Sunday School - CULC 10:30 AM: Worship/HC - FELC - SS-During Worship Cherubs rehearse after service- FELC	<b>9</b> 9:00AM: Bon-Bon Mixing 10:30AM: Bible Study-CULC 5:00PM: Clarity Prep-CULC	<b>10</b> 10:30AM: Bible Study-CULC	<b>11</b> 10:00 Hope's Haven 7:00PM: Bible Study - CULC 7:15PM: Chancel Choir - FELC	<b>12</b> Christkindl Market	<b>13</b> Christkindl Market Ham & Green Bean Dinner	<b>14</b> Christkindl Market 8:00AM: Men's Breakfast--Ard's
<b>15</b> 8:30AM: Worship - CULC 9:15AM: Adult SS-FELC 10:00 Annual Meeting SS CULC: TBA 10:30 AM: Worship/HC - Youth SS during service - FELC	<b>16</b> 1:00 PM: Bible Study-CULC 5:00PM: Clarity Prep-CULC 5:00PM: Bon-Bon Coating	<b>17</b> 10:30AM: Bible Study - FELC 7:00PM: Council Meeting - CULC	<b>18</b> 10:00AM: Hope's Haven CULC 7:00PM: Bible Study - CULC 7:15PM: Chancel Choir - FELC	<b>19</b> 7:00PM Men's Ministry MP Room - FELC	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 8:00AM: Men's Breakfast--Carriage Corner 
<b>22</b> 10:00 AM: Parish Worship/HC - FELC  No Children's Church 2:00PM: Caroling	<b>23</b> 10:30AM: Bible Study-CULC 5:00PM: Clarity Prep-CULC	<b>24 Christmas Eve</b> 4:00 PM: Parish Christmas Eve Service - HC - FELC 8:00 PM: Parish Christmas Eve Service - HC - CULC	<b>25 Christmas Day</b> 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 8:00AM: Men's Breakfast--Old Turnpike
<b>29</b> 10:00 AM: Parish Worship/HC - CULC No Children's Church	<b>30</b> 5:00PM: Clarity Prep-CULC	<b>31 New Year's Eve</b> 				