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Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Article Deadline for the Shoreline:
Wednesday morning by 9 a.m.



Sign up in the lobby today to feed the youth who meet on Wednesday evenings at the cabin. It is so nice for them to sit down to a meal together after a busy day at school, practices and after school activities. What a blessing that we can serve them in this way.

Meals need to be dropped off by 5:45 p.m. and there should be enough prepared to serve 20-25 people. Please use disposable dishes or pick up your dishes in the library the next Sunday.

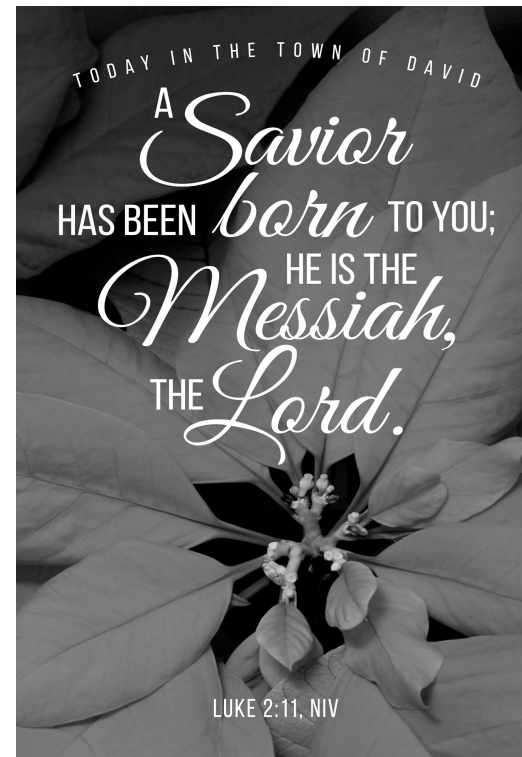
The youth begin meeting again January 11, 2023.

If you have questions please contact Heidi Stoltzfus.



Shoreline

Loving God - Loving Others



- **Pete Amstutz** - cancer - healing
- **Rod Bontrager** - cancer - healing
- **Dorothy Hooley** - continued healing
- **Local family** - loved one with cancer
- **RYLM expansion project**
- **Search for Associate Pastor**



Stewardship Report December 18, 2022	
General:	\$7190.00
Class #20	\$160.00
Class #22	\$350.00
Class #25	\$225.00
Pilgrim's Class	\$50.00
Sharing One Hope	\$11.00
Attendance:	183
Primary Dept.	38
Adult SS:	103

HE *Went* FIRST

The year 2023 is nearly upon us! In the new year, we will turn our focus to a new theme of **He Went First**. The idea behind this theme is that Jesus is our example for all things. Anything that we face in life, Jesus did it first! The theme verse comes from 1 John 2:6 and reminds us to live as Jesus did. In 2023, we want to challenge ourselves to live more and more like Jesus!

Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.
-1 John 2:6 (NLT)

Pastor Nic

JOYFUL
Merry
AND
Blessed

COME AS YOU ARE

If you sometimes have a “love-hate” attitude toward Christmas, you’re not alone. Theologian Charles Spurgeon bemoaned the “gluttony and drunkenness” that often marked the holiday in 19th-century England. “If there be any day in the year of which we may be pretty sure that it was not the day on which the Savior was born,” he said, “it is the 25th of December.”

Yet Spurgeon also wished “there were 20 Christmas Days in the year,” because Christ’s birth represents “supreme joy.” In his writings and sermons, Spurgeon urges people to honor Jesus’ birthday “all year round,” reminding them that they can come “just as you are” because “no forms of etiquette are required in entering a stable.” God offers everyone total acceptance, Spurgeon adds, “for he puts himself into that manger that you may approach him.”



After the first of the year you will have a pew mate sharing the pew with you! You will notice that we will be adding a bible to the pews (one on each end).

We hope that you and our guests will use the bibles in the pews. Remember, if you do not have a bible of your own or if you know of someone who is need of a bible, please let Pastor Nic or Kim know and we will get one for you.

God’s word is readily available!

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)
For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.



PURSUE JESUS - AND YOUR PASSIONS

If you struggle with making and keeping resolutions, you're not alone. It can be discouraging to focus on what you're doing "wrong" and all the difficult changes in store. Yet January offers great opportunities to listen to God's direction. After all, Jesus came to give us abundant life and wants us to pursue him.

As you review the previous year, ask: What brought me joy? How did I grow? How did I help others? What did I do that no one else could have done? Whether your list includes spending time outside, mentoring or coaching young people or making crafts to give away or sell, continue doing what brings you joy. God gives us each unique gifts and circumstances, so live passionately for him this year!

Janna Firestone

Just a reminder as we close out the year: If you wish to have a donation included on your "Official 2022 Receipt for Income tax Purposes", the amounts given must be received by the church by December 31st. Please contact Kim or Jeff Mowery if you need to make arrangements to make a 2022 donation after Sunday December 25th (the last Sunday of the year).



TASTY CREATIONS

Make this yummy treat to remember what happened on each day of Creation.

What you need:

- 6 large pretzel rods
- Candy melts (white, chocolate and blue)
- Green sprinkles
- White or star-shaped sprinkles
- Fish crackers
- Animal crackers
- Adult help



What you do:

1. With help, melt the three colors of candy melts in separate dishes. Microwave for 30 seconds at a time, stirring until soft.
2. Decorate one pretzel for each day of Creation:
 - Dip half in white and half in chocolate to show light and darkness.
 - Dip half in white and half in blue to show separation of the atmosphere.
 - Dip half in chocolate, add green sprinkles and dip half in blue to show land, plants and water.
 - Dip in chocolate and add white or star sprinkles to show the stars.
 - Dip in blue and add fish crackers to show sea life.
 - Dip in chocolate and add animal crackers to show land animals.
3. Share the Creation story – and the snack – with a friend!

Puzzle!

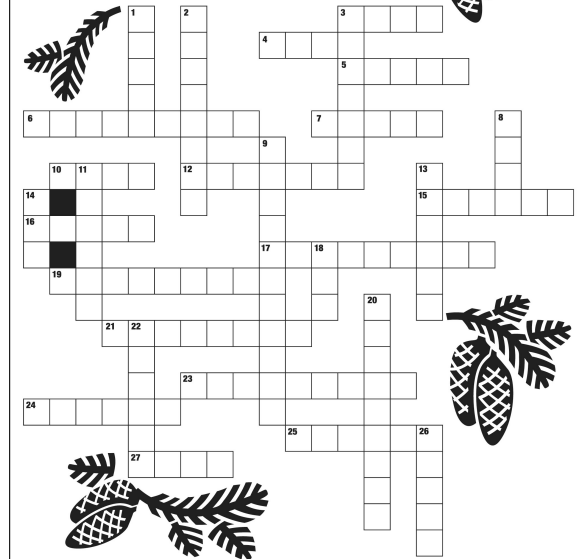
Take a break from Christmas preparations to complete this seasonal crossword.

DOWN

1. song
2. keeper of sheep
3. Anointed One
8. a gift of the magi
9. red plants
11. coming
13. Jesus _____
14. 12th month (abbrev.)
18. B&B
20. a form of holly
22. heavenly messengers
26. he ordered the slaughter of the innocents

ACROSS

3. wise men
4. author of the most famous Christmas account
5. red-suited gift-giver
6. of Ephrathah
7. presents
10. Gabriel came to her
12. has a red nose
15. "Messiah" composer
16. northern little helpers
19. made flesh
21. home for Mary
23. tree decorations
24. crib
25. he was a carpenter
27. a nova



Answer: DOWN 1. carol, 2. shepherd, 3. Messiah, 8. gold, 9. poinsettias, 11. Advent, 13. Christ, 14. dec, 18. inn, 20. mistletoe, 22. angels, 26. Herod; ACROSS 3. magi, 4. Luke, 5. Santa, 6. Bethlehem, 7. gifts, 10. Mary, 12. Rudolph, 15. Handel, 16. elves, 17. Saint Nick, 19. incarnate, 21. Nazareth, 23. ornaments, 24. manger, 25. Joseph, 27. star