

# THE FRIENDLY VOICE

## DECEMBER 2017



LANGHORNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

301 E. Maple Ave.,

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December 1, 2017



*Greetings in the Name of the One Born In a Stable, Yet Present  
In the Beginning As the Word, Present Now as  
Emmanuel, and Ever Our Hope for the Future!!!*

Happy New Year!! - - The Advent season always begins what we refer to as the "liturgical" calendar of the Christian year. The calendar is designed around the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, and ends with the observation of Christ the King Sunday (also known as Reign of Christ Sunday) and his second coming.

And while we prepare for and celebrate Christmas as the anniversary of Christ's birth – his first coming – we must remember that we also prepare for Christ's second coming: lamps ready because we do NOT know when Christ will arrive (Matt. 25:1-13); and accountable for our actions. Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matt. 25:40 NRSV)

We have SO MUCH to look forward to with Jesus Christ now, as Emmanuel (Christ with us), and with Christ to come!

We look to our future with the children and youth of the church in mind. We help to secure that future by living our lives based on a couple things: the Two Greatest Commandments (Matt. 22:34-40); and our covenant of membership and baptism, "faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ." (UM Hymnal, p. 38)

These are the greatest gifts to give God and each other. And yet, they do not compare to the gift God gave to us - - the Baby Jesus, the Child Teacher, the Living Water, the Healer, Fellow Sufferer, Raboni, Savior, King of Kings, Messiah, the Son of God.

So don't tuck Jesus away someplace hidden and not "used." Like the talents, we must take this Word, this Love and multiply it by sharing it with others so that they know what you know. Wear the Gift of Christ everywhere so that it is seen. Take in Christ so that you are built up and energized... empowered to do his work. Keep the Gift out on the table and bed stand so that the Word may be read, and read, and read. Keep the Gift plugged in so that you are always ready to call God through prayer and have those vital and frequent dialogues. Water and nurture the Word to bear fruit. Keep the Gift in your glove compartment to guide you when lost... and hang the Gift on the door to welcome you home.

May you all have a Merry and Blessed Christmas Season remembering how blessed we are with the greatest Gift of all, Jesus Christ!!

With much love,

Laurie, your pastor  
Rev. Laurie J. Pfahler





## December 2017 Sanctuary Servants



December 3

Worship Assistant, 9:30.....	Erika Paton
Greeters, 9:30.....	Audrey Kent
Ushers, 9:30.....	Paul & Jackie Hansen
Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 .....	Tyler Family

December 10

Worship Assistant, 9:30.....	Linda Rutledge
Greeters, 9:30 .....	Babs Wiley & George Jenca
Ushers, 9:30 .....	The Smigiel Family
Contemporary Assistants, 11:00.....	Bev Eick & Carol Annucci

December 17

Worship Assistant, 9:30.....	Barbara Jordan
Greeters, 9:30.....	Ken MacAlister
Ushers 9:30 .....	Paul & Jackie Hansen
Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 .....	RaabFamily

December 24 - Morning/Advent

Worship Assistant, 9:30.....	Erika Paton
Greeters, 9:30.....	MaryBeth States
Ushers 9:30 .....	Paul & Jackie Hansen
Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 .....	Curtin Family

December 31

Worship Assistant, 9:30.....	Jerry Hill
Greeters, 9:30.....	June & Bill Gill
Ushers 9:30 .....	Paul & Jackie Hansen
Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 .....	Daeche Family



## Meet Our Staff

**Hugh Green, Youth Director**

**Langhorne United Methodist Church**

My name is Hugh Green and I am the Youth Director at Langhorne United Methodist Church. I would like to briefly introduce myself to you, even though many of you have known me for many years.

I am devout Christian. I am married to my lovely wife, Julie Green for going on 25 years. I have two sons, Zach who is a 21-year-old senior at Penn State and Travis who at 19 is starting in the working world with an eye on continuing his education a little later in life. I am a teacher in a public school in New Jersey. I have been a Scoutmaster for 5 years and an assistant scoutmaster for another 5 in Langhorne's only Boy Scout troop. I have taught Sunday school here at LUMC (where Julie and I have been members since we were married here in 1993) in the past, worked at vacation Bible School here at LUMC for many years, and have helped with the youth group at various times over the years.

With the Love of the Lord,

**Hugh**

Hugh Green, Youth Director

Langhorne United Methodist Church

[hugh@langhornechurch.org](mailto:hugh@langhornechurch.org)

**What is your favorite bible verse and why?**

Favorite Bible verse is hard, but I guess I have to go with the most important one for all Christians John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

The 23rd Psalm gives me strength in times of trouble.

I have a particular affinity for the 33rd Psalm verse 6, the creation of the Universe, and the Beatitudes.

***What is your favorite Christmas hymn/song?***

My favorite Christmas Carol is Silent Night.

***What are your hobbies or interests?***

My hobbies are camping, watching sports (since I am too old to actually participate in anything other than golf, although I ski a little), especially football (Eagles, Penn State and Neshaminy) and ice hockey (Flyers!), reading (historical fiction, action thrillers, Spenser novels, Math books, Histories, Historical biographies), and I enjoy painting military models and playing wargames - odd for a devout Christian yes, but I love history), and playing strategy games like Chess and Go.

***What would be your “Jeopardy Fact” – an unusual fact?***

An unusual fact about me is that while I spent almost my entire childhood school career in the Neshaminy School District, I went to school in Florida my Junior year before returning for my senior year. Consequently, this rabid Neshaminy Redskins football fan has a Falcon on his class ring (the Dunedin Falcons, not Pennsylvania!).

***If you could visit anywhere in the world that you have not been to where would you go?***

If I could visit anywhere in the world that I have never been, I would visit Rome.

***What is your favorite Christmas tradition?***

My favorite family Christmas tradition is watching the boys open their presents. I still get a kick out of that.



Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with  
The Langhorne Praise Band  
as they present

*Michael Card's*

# “The Promise”



11:00 a.m. Sunday  
December 24th  
Christmas Eve Day

Langhorne  
United Methodist Church

301 East Maple Ave. Langhorne, PA 19047



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

2nd Tuesday every month - 7:00 P.M. – Fellowship Hall

Please come join us Tuesday December 12th at 7pm for our annual Christmas UMW get together - bring a friend! We will be caroling and eating - sharing faith, fun and fellowship! If you would like to bring a treat to share, we would love to sample all the goodies! We will pray over and write cards for our persons of concern.

Our mission giving donation will be financial help for a church family - if you are able, please bring an ornament with a monetary donation attached, they will be given to Pastor Laurie to help a family in need...

Come join us in this most festive time when we celebrate that we have been given the greatest gift of all - the Prince of Peace - Jesus - born for our Grace - to bring us home eternally to be with our Father... Merry Christmas!

"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2

**LANGHORNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**61ST ANNUAL LIVING NATIVITY**



**December 22, 23 - 6-9 pm**

**December 24 5 - 9 pm**

Each year our Living Nativity brings the love of the Christmas Story to our community. This annual event is much loved and anticipated.

So that we may continue to provide this outreach this year we are asking for donations to cover the expense of the live animals. Baskets will be placed at the back of the church for your donations or you may include it in your giving envelope, (please be sure to note on your envelope that it is for the Living Nativity).

The sign-up sheet for volunteers for the Living Nativity for the nights of **December 22, 23 6-9:00 pm**, and **December 24, 5:00—9:00 pm**.is posted in Fellowship Hall, or you can call the Church Office at 215 757-4984.



## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2017

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to order Poinsettias (6" pot; 4-6 flowers) @ \$9.00 ea.**  
**(indicate # of each type):**

Red

White

Pink



**Total # Poinsettias: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$9.00 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

I will pick up my poinsettia(s) on Christmas Eve:

- After the 5 p.m. Contemporary Service
- After the 7 p.m. Children's Service
- After the 9 p.m. Service

All order forms along with payment must be received in the church office by

**Sunday, December 10, 2017**

Please do not put your order form in the offering plate where it may get overlooked; put it in the Secretary's mailbox or mail your order form and payment to the church Office. Thank You.

# LUMC Christmas Cookie~Walk

## Sunday December 17, 2017



For this Christmas Stewardship will again offer Christmas Cookies to the members and friends of LUMC through our annual Cookie Walk. We are asking for volunteers to bake Christmas Cookies to be offered for sale on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, between 8:30 and 11:00am. If you bake cookies, can you please bring your cookies to the church on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, between 9am and 12pm?

Of course, we also need members and friends to help by purchasing the cookies. The cost would be \$7.00 per pound. We are also offering pre-ordered cookie packages for gift giving. The cost would be: small- 1lb. \$9.00, medium- 1½ lbs. \$13.00 and large-2 lbs. \$16.00.

The money raised from the Cookie Walk will go towards the luncheon for Stewardship Sunday in February 2018.

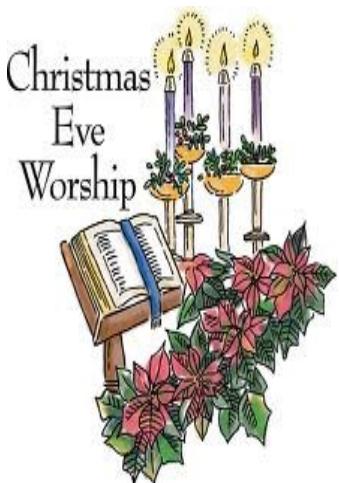
Any questions or if you would like to help please contact one of the following people;

Jackie Hansen at [jhansen597a@hotmail.com](mailto:jhansen597a@hotmail.com) or Holly Rogerson at [hcrogerson@gmail.com](mailto:hcrogerson@gmail.com)

## **Wawa Coupons are back!!**



The youth group will be selling Wawa Shorti Hoagie Coupons from now until the Super Bowl. They make great stocking stuffers or gifts for the mail person, paper deliverer or whoever you'd like. The cost is \$4.00 per coupon. Please visit us in Fellowship Hall between the services to get your coupons or you can drop a note in the youth mailbox and we'll get them to you! Thanks for your continued support of our youth!!



## **Sunday December 24, 2017**

9:30 am Traditional Service

11:00 am Special Contemporary Service  
“The Promise”

## **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**

5:00 pm Contemporary Service  
(with communion)

7:00 pm Children’s Service

9:00 pm Service (with communion)

## **New Years Day Services**

Sunday December 31, 2017

10:00 am Combined Church Service



## Help LUMC earn up to 15% this holiday season!

Purchase gift cards from Langhorne United Methodist Church at face value; the church purchases the gift card at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate to the church. It's really that simple!

When you spend the gift cards at your favorite retailers, you're fundraising while you shop. Over 300 of the country's biggest brands, including grocery, department stores, gas stations to pay for your normal weekly purchases or give as gifts this holiday season.

Gift cards will be sold primarily on a presold basis. Only a limited number of cards will be available for purchase without being preordered. Gift card orders can be picked up the Sunday after you place your order. You can start placing your orders October 29th!

Order forms are available at the gift card table, at the church office or on the LUMC website (<http://www.lumc-online.org/>). For the full list of retailers available go to <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/>. Orders can be paid for using cash or by checks made out to LUMC.

***THE LAST DAY TO ORDER GIFT CARDS TO BE RECEIVED IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS WOULD BE DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>. THE CARDS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP ON DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>.***

For more information contact Jackie Hansen; [jhansen597a@hotmail.com](mailto:jhansen597a@hotmail.com) or call 215-932-1594.



## Help LUMC earn 5% just by going Grocery Shopping!

In 2016 we made over \$2,300! We are trying to reach our goal of \$2,300 again for 2017 and we know we can make it with your help!

Cards can be used for your regular grocery shopping or as a holiday gift.

Stop by the gift card table today to pick up your Acme, Giant, Redner's, or ShopRite cards.

Cards are available in \$25, \$50 and \$100. Payment can be made in both cash and check (LUMC).



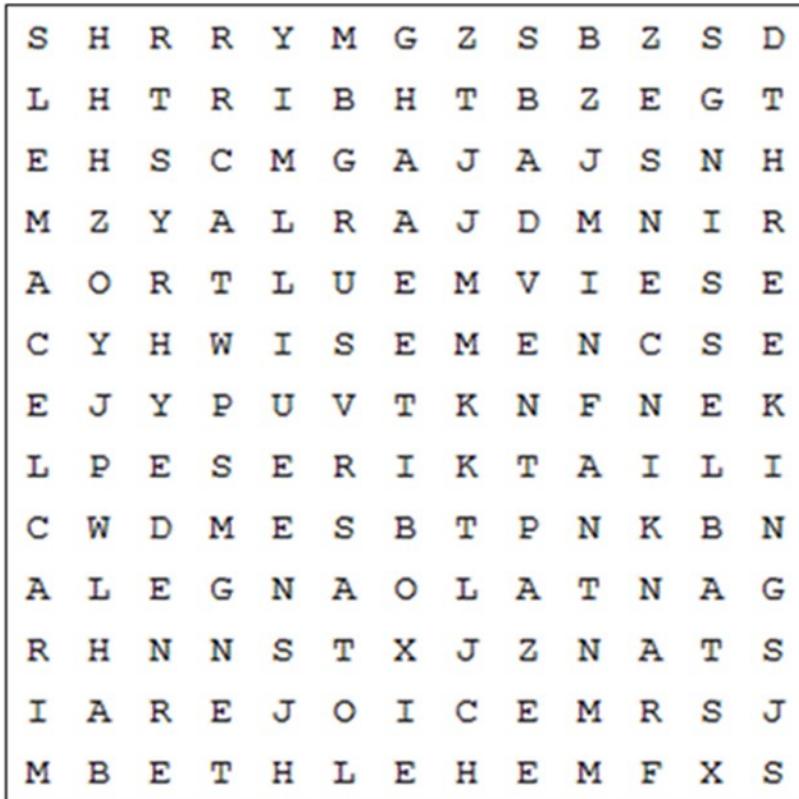
## Sunday's in December

- 12/3/17: Sunday School at 9:30am in Education Wing, Room 6  
Lesson: No Room in the Inn  
Communion: children will be escorted to the Sanctuary to partake in communion and then return to their classroom  
Music: Bells: Away in a Manger, Singing: The Friendly Beasts, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
- 12/10/17: Sunday School at 9:30am in Education Wing, Room 6  
Lesson: Of Shepherds and Angels  
Music: Bells: Away in a Manger, Singing: The Friendly Beasts, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
- 12/17/17: Children will participate in the Worship service by helping the Pastor light the Advent Candle, and then they will “ring” and “sing” during the worship service.  
Children should arrive at 9:15am in Room 6 in the Education Wing and then they will be escorted to the Sanctuary to participate in the Service. When they are done we will return to the classroom and celebrate Jesus’ birthday.
- 12/24/17: No Sunday School
- 12/31/17: No Sunday School
- 1/7/18: Sunday School resumes. Lesson: Wise Men from Afar



## Kid's Page

# Joy to the World



ADVENT  
ANGEL  
BETHLEHEM  
BIRTH  
BLESSINGS  
CAMELS  
FRANKINCENSE

INFANT  
JESUS  
JOSEPH  
MAGI  
MANGER  
MARY  
MIRACLE

MYRRH  
NATIVITY  
REJOICE  
STABLE  
STAR  
THREE KINGS  
WISE MEN



# Kids' Page



When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem, there was no place for them to stay. So they were given a spot in a stable with the animals. And then the Baby Jesus was born! They laid him in a feeding box, called a manger, with hay and blankets to keep him safe and warm. That was his very first bed! What happened after that?

## **Remember our Missionaries this Christmas!**

Aileen Agoncillo  
10304 Falcon Parc Blvd #101  
Orlando, FL 32832

Bill & Linda Henderson (retired)  
4080 Old Portman Rd  
Anderson, SC 29626

Neal & Shirley Hicks  
172 Hurricane Grove Rd  
Shelbyville, TN 37160

Dave & Sandel Livingstone  
84 Golf Club Dr  
Langhorne, PA 19047

Tony, Gwen, Jensina, & Jiana  
Martin  
Potatisvägen 12 B LGH 1001  
961 48 Boden  
SWEDEN

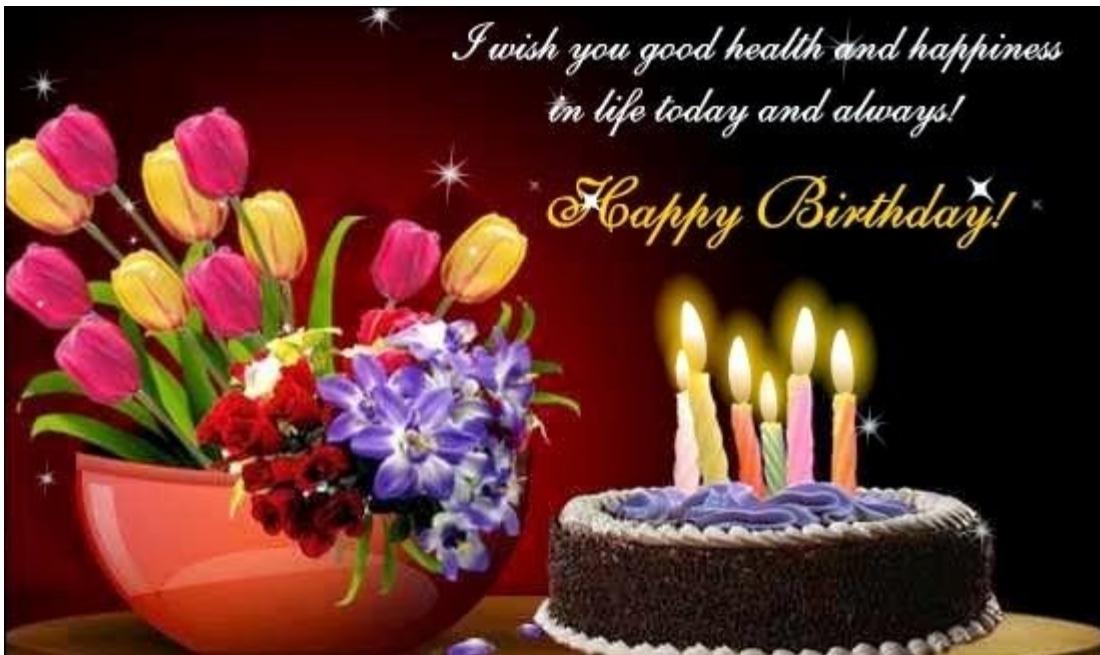
Chaplain Jack & Anne Nigro  
2754 Turner Ave  
Roslyn, PA 19001-2912

Steve & Gail Quigg  
2045 Water Crest Ln  
Columbus, OH 43209

Correen Russo  
516 South Locust St  
Lititz, PA 17543

Larry & Rita Sherbondy  
125 Coventry Dr  
Carlisle, PA 17015-4507

Paul & Donna Tocco  
P.O. Box 13593  
Nakuru, Kenya  
EAST AFRICA



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|-------|--|
| 12/1  | George Schmidt,<br>26 Tupelo Lane<br>Langhorne, PA 19047                 |
| 12/3  | Donna Goodwin<br>247 Thrush Circle<br>New Hope, Pa. 18938                |
| 12/7  | Harold Hacker,<br>290 E. Winchester Ave.<br>#314Y<br>Langhorne, PA 19047 |
| 12/20 | Lyn Wallace,<br>1975 Quarry Road<br>Yardley, PA 19067                    |
| 12/22 | Dotty Gannon,<br>7 E. Holland Road<br>Holland, PA 18966                  |
| 12/31 | Janis Goldman,<br>5 James Court<br>Langhorne PA 19047                    |



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## **JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP!**

### **Sunday Worship Hours:**

**9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship**

**9:30 a.m. Sunday School**

**10 -11:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday School \***

**11- 12:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday School \***

**11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship**

**\*2 Adult Sunday School Classes being held**

**pick which time is best for you.**

**Laurie J. Pfahler, Pastor, [laurie@langhornechurch.org](mailto:laurie@langhornechurch.org)**

**Bill Bryan, Director of Congregational Care, [bill@langhornechurch.org](mailto:bill@langhornechurch.org)**

**Erika Paton Lay Leader, [jerp1968@verizon.net](mailto:jerp1968@verizon.net)**

**Church Secretaries, [church@langhornechurch.org](mailto:church@langhornechurch.org)**

**Donna Goodwin (Mon.-Wed.) Carol Nielsen (Thur-Fri.)**

**Anthony Vigile, Contemporary Worship Leader, [Anthony@langhornechurch.org](mailto:Anthony@langhornechurch.org)**

**Kerry Fenton, Organist, [Kerry@langhornechurch.org](mailto:Kerry@langhornechurch.org)**

**Amy Hansen, Treasurer, [amy@langhornechurch.org](mailto:amy@langhornechurch.org)**

**Hugh Green, Youth Director, [Hugh@langhornechurch.org](mailto:Hugh@langhornechurch.org)**

**Mark Letham, Christ Servant Minister, [mrletham@comcast.net](mailto:mrletham@comcast.net)**

**Kim Stockberger, Bell Choir Director, [Gs5th@comcast.net](mailto:Gs5th@comcast.net)**

**Kurt Tommuscheit, Sexton**

**Amy Rodda, Steeple Kids Director, [steeplekids@comcast.net](mailto:steeplekids@comcast.net)**