FIVE FORKS BIC CHURCH
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December 4, 2016

A Growing Community of Disciple Makers
~ Worshipping God Wholeheartedly As A Way Of Life ~ Sharing The Good News Of Jesus Everywhere ~ Being Transformed Through the Word of God ~ Caring Compassionately For The Needs Of Others ~

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES
Traditional Service: 8:00 AM *(Auditorium)* & 11:00 AM *(Chapel)*
Contemporary Service: 9:30 AM &11:00 AM *(Auditorium)*
Café: 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Sunday School for Children & Adults – 9:30 AM
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES (September – April)
Bible Study 7:00 – 8:00 PM; Children & Youth 6:45 – 8:15 PM

Pastor Brian to Begin 3-Week Chapel Series

How's this for a sermon title? "I'm Just Not Sure."

I know. It doesn't exactly inspire confidence, right? Yet, the Bible's story of Zechariah, John the Baptist's father, describes this very same expression of his heart as the pivot point of the account. "How can I know for sure?" is the exact question Zechariah asks in response to God's revelation. Perhaps, then, there is something for us to learn here about our own response to God's Word.

"I'm Just Not Sure" is the first in a three-part Christmas series I'm preaching in the Chapel, starting December 11th, and continuing through Christmas Day. On the 18th, we will look at Mary, and her response to the Lord. And on Christmas Day, the focus will be Christ Himself - and how He is the One who is both the foundation and the framework for how we should both react and then act when coming face-to-face with the Bible. Hope you can join with us! - Pastor Brian

Meanwhile, in the Auditorium….

We continue our sermon series called "Come Stand Amazed." Each week we are looking at the Advent Themes of Peace, Hope, Love and Joy from different perspectives such as the shepherds, Elizabeth, Joseph and on Christmas Eve, Mary. Pastor Bill brings the message on Christmas Day where our focus will be on the Christ.

Note: Two services will be held on Sunday morning, Christmas Day. One in the Auditorium, one in the Chapel. **Both at 9:30.**

This Week at Five Forks

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4
-Prayer Hour…6:45am (C2)
-Express Café, coffee and donuts only…7-11am

Morning Messages
Aud. (8am, 9:30 & 11:00) – Pastor Bill
Scripture: Luke 2:8-20

Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Shaun
Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 2:8&13-14

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5
-Men's Prayer Group…5:45-6:30am (Chapel)
-Parish Nurse

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6
-Men's Prayer Group…6:30-7:30am (Chapel)
-Christmas Dinner…6:30pm (MP)
***reservation required*
-Celebrate Recovery…7-9pm (Chapel)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7
-AWANA…6:45 – 8:15pm
-Youth…6:45 – 8:15pm (Chapel)
-Bible Study, Pastor Brian…7pm (Aud.)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8
-Ladies Prayer Hour…6:30-7:30am (Chapel)
-Christmas Dinner…6:30pm (MP)
***reservation required*
-Bible Study, Pastor Brian…7pm (Chapel)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9
-Christmas Dinner…6:30pm (MP)
***reservation required*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10
-Mark Schultz Concert…doors open at 5pm, concert at 6pm (Aud.)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11
-Prayer Hour…6:45am (C2)
-Express Café, coffee and donuts only…7-11am
-Blood Pressure Screening

Morning Messages
Aud. (8am, 9:30 & 11:00) – Pastor Ray

Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Brian

Upcoming Community Christmas Dinners

Here is an opportunity to invite your unchurched family and friends to your church and have them join us for a delicious meal consisting of turkey, filling, mashed potatoes and more. You'll have the opportunity to show them around the church, introduce them to the staff and other friends in the church.

Dinner begins at 6:30 each evening. Below are the dates and the latest count (the numbers are changing rapidly)…be aware that we can seat up to 320 each evening, so if you haven't made your reservations yet, don't delay.

- Tues, Dec 6 – 163 (157 open)
- Thurs, Dec 8 – 258 (62 open)
- Friday, Dec 9 – Full
- Tues, Dec 13 – 164 (156 open)
- Thurs, Dec 15 – 222 (98 open)

When you arrive for dinner, you will need to go to the check in table in the foyer just outside the mailroom to receive your designated table and seat numbers.

If you are a regular attender of Five Forks Church, we ask you to please bring a platter of your favorite cookies to share.

You will be contacted if the amount of your seating requests exceeds the 320 limit. If you or someone in your party is unable to attend, please notify the church office so those seats can be made available to others.

The meal is free, however we will make donation baskets available and any monies received will go toward the cost of next year's Christmas dinners.

Attendance

ATTENDANCE (November 27)

Sunday's Worship Total = 739
8:00 Auditorium = 169
9:30 Auditorium = 334
11:00 Auditorium = 169
11:00 Chapel = 34
Bible Connection = 16
Nursery (9:30 & 11:00) = 17

Total Sunday School = 273

Adult Education Attendance = 116
Berean = 11
Golden Link = 37
Through the Bible = 17
The Christian Family Life Class = 36
8:00AM Café Class = 10
Alpha Omega Discussion = 2
Men's Resolution Class = 3

Wednesday Eve. (Nov. 30) = 321

Our Church's Financial Health

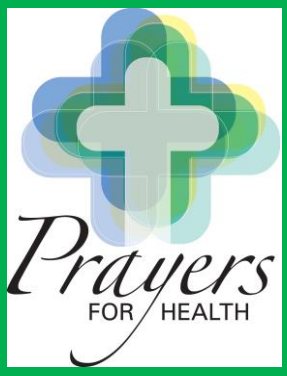
GIVING (November 27)…

Offering = $18,248.00
Weekly Goal = $22,040.00
Total Giving 2016 = $1,000,957.00
Above/Behind 2016 Goal = ($56,963.00)
Building Fund = $920.00

Food Pantry "Item of the Month" for DECEMBER:

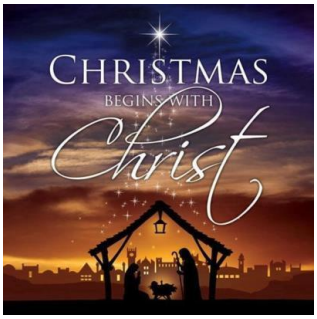
Peanut Butter

Place donations in the orange tub in the lower lobby.



Rick Lininger
Kyleigh Powers
Lee Showalter
Lee Yoder

Christmas Sunday Services



We are celebrating the Birthday of our Savior and Best Friend on December 25th.

Note: Two services will be held on Sunday morning, Christmas Day. One in the Auditorium, one in the Chapel. **Both at 9:30.**

Come and Worship in the Chapel (traditional) or in the Auditorium (contemporary). Make plans now with your family and friends to be a part of one of these services for an hour and set as families. Knowing the world is more eager to drop "Christ" out of "Christmas", please let us use this time to show each other how important Christ is in our lives.

Isaiah 9:6 -
For to us a child is born,
To us a son is given,
And the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

I would like to thank the church body for the generous gifts of food dropped off last week. Thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness.
Thanking Him,
Chris Layton

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our church family and friends for the support that was given following Mike's unexpected hospital stay. Words cannot adequately express how extremely humbled and blessed we are by the generosity, both financially and prayerfully, extended to us during this time. Also, thank you to Pastor Ray for visiting with us in the hospital. Thank you so very much.
-Mike and Dawn Hawbecker

Dear Five Forks Family,
We wish to extend our deepest thanks and gratitude for the generous love shown to our family these past several weeks. We sincerely thank you for each meal prepared, for flowers received, for each card, phone call, and visit. For each and every hug. Thank you for grieving for us and with us. Most importantly, thank you for carrying us to our Father in prayer. His love, and yours, has sustained us each day and we are eternally grateful.
-Daniel, Tricia, Sadie and Sophie Bland

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Adults & teens 13 & up are needed to work in the nursery. Help is needed in the 9:30 & 11:00 services on Sunday morning and on Wednesday evenings.

Please consider helping, starting in January. You can volunteer to serve monthly, bi-monthly or quarterly.

Contact Kim Helman at 717-709-0815 if you have questions about the responsibilities involved or to volunteer. My list of volunteers is dwindling and I could really use your help!

Thank you!

Christmas Caroling

Downtown Waynesboro, Sunday, December 11th…2pm – 3pm at the Christmas Tree on the square.

Everyone welcome!

Song sheets provided

Followed by – 4:00pm "A Holiday Choral Concert" at the Evangelical Lutheran Church

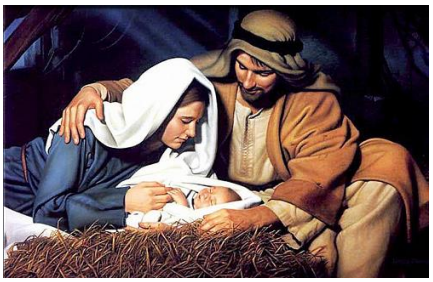
Sponsored by Destination ARTS!

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is looking for additional volunteers. This is an important ministry of our church and community. Please consider getting involved. Volunteers usually work one or two shifts a month. Shifts are available Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 12 – 2pm and Wednesday evenings from 6 -7pm.

For more information, contact Bonnie Yoder at 597-5984 or foodpantry@fiveforkschurch.org.

Live Nativity



December 21 – 24… 4 nights… 6-8pm

Mountain Top Ministries

Between Gettysburg and Chambersburg in beautiful Buchanan Valley off Rt. 30 at 200 Church Rd.

Different Kind of CHRISTMAS Tour

Featuring

MARK SCHULTZ

with Special Guest

JJ WEEKS BAND

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016

Five Forks Brethren in Christ Church

Waynesboro, PA

Doors 5:00 PM | Music 6:00 PM

$15 ADVANCE | $18 DOOR | $10 EARLY ACCESS (Online Only)

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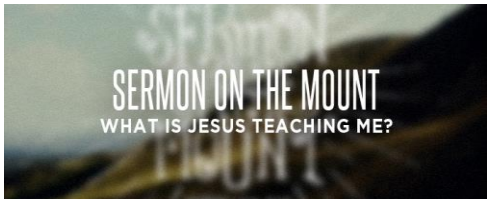
youth activities

Below is a list of events and activities that the youth are assisting with, participating in or will be invited to be part of:

"You can find more information about our events, including permission slips, on the church website or join us on Facebook; our group name is; Five Forks BIC Youth Group, or see Pastor Shaun."

****Please be aware that there is extra financial assistance available to any youth that may need it. Do not let money be the reason that you do not participate! (See Pastor Shaun)***



The Sermon on the Mount: "Knowing Jesus, so we can live like Jesus" - All Wednesday's this fall

We want to invite ALL TEENS (7th-12th grade) to join us starting this September as we kick off youth group with a series called "THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT". More than any other person, Jesus is the central figure of our faith. How we choose to live our lives all comes down to what we do with and believe about Jesus. So we invite you to join us each Wednesday night, in the chapel, from 7pm - 8:15pm this fall for a time of worship, games, small group discussions and challenging messages. We want to know Jesus so that we can live like Jesus.

Christmas Cheer & Hershey Park - All teens (7th - 12th grade) are invited to join us on Sunday, December 11th (9:30am - 6pm) as we take Sunday school on the road. We'll be heading to Quincy Home for the morning to spread some Christmas cheer to the residents. We'll sing some Christmas carols together (no, you don't have to be able to sing!) and read the Christmas story. We'll also have an opportunity to visit and talk with residents. It will be well worth your time. Following our time at Quincy Home, we'll be heading to Hershey Park for the afternoon, where we can enjoy the rides and the park will be decorated with Christmas lights. We'll stop by and visit Santa's reindeer and of course our trip wouldn't be complete without a visit to Chocolate world and the "Chocolate Ride"! You do need a permission slip and the cost for this event is $5. Also bring some money for a meal at the park.

Carry Trays at Christmas Dinners - All teens are encouraged to sign up to help carry trays at the Five Forks Christmas dinners; for families with children or for elderly who need an extra set of hands as they go through the food line. Each of our youth group small groups has selected an evening to help serve. Talk to your small group leader for details. (Christmas dinner dates are: December 6, 8, 9, 13, 15).

Youth Group Christmas Party - *"Rockin' around the Christmas tree, at the Christmas party hop..."* On Wednesday, December 14th (7pm - 8:15pm) during youth group we'll be having our annual Christmas party! We'll be meeting in the auditorium that night, we'll crank up the Christmas carols over the sounds system, play some crazy Christmas games, and enjoy some delicious holiday food. After all the craziness we'll settle down, turn down the lights and gather around on auditorium stage in front of a rocking chair as we read the Christmas story together, remembering the birth of our Savior who entered this world, because of his great love for us. It's gonna be a special night you don't want to miss!

Pedal to the Metal for the Kettle - The Five Forks youth group NEEDS YOUR COINS! You've seen them, standing at shopping malls during Christmas or outside of Walmart. They're standing by a red kettle, hanging from a stand. They're dressed in red, green and white, trying to stay warm...and usually ringing a bell. No, they're not Santa's elves:) They are the Salvation Army bell ringers, collecting loose change and coins which will be used for their outreach to people less fortunate. It's a thankless job and very cold. So the Five Forks teens want to cheer up these folks and bring them a HUGE Christmas surprise and we need the whole church to be involved. For four Sundays in a row: November 27, December 4, 11 and 18...EVERYONE at Five Forks (children, teens, adults) bring your loose change to church with you. Dig down in the deep cracks and crannies of your coats and jean pockets, your living room furniture, under your car seat, wherever you can think of. When you arrive at the church, located in the foyers outside each of the services you will find a large kettle...drop your coins in the kettle! We want as many coins as we can get. Then on Wednesday, December 21st the youth group will gather up all of the coins we have collected, we will load up the church bus, crank up the Christmas music and head out to the local shopping centers, where we will pay a visit our Salvation Army friends. At each location, we will offload from the bus and form a huge line with our whole group and create quite a scene as we overflow the bell-ringers buckets with handfuls of coins! We will put the "PEDAL TO THE METAL FOR THE KETTLE". Bring your coins and be a part of this awesome opportunity.

Floor Hockey Night - Feeling those holiday blues! Christmas break, no school, haven't seen your friends in a couple of weeks, getting kind of board...all teens (7th-12th grade) are invited to join us on Wednesday, December 28th (6 - 7:30pm) for our annual youth group floor hockey night. We'll even turn out the lights for part of the evening and play floor hockey in the dark "glow stick style"...it's a youth group tradition you don't want to miss!