

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

November 11, 2018

*In preparation for worship, please take time to silence all electronic devices, and quiet our thoughts, so that we all may focus our hearts and minds on the Lord.*

**Extended Prelude**

**Sherry Beebe, Organ**

**Welcome and Call To Worship**

**Hymn #735**

***One Race, One Gospel, One Task***

***Lobe Den Herren***

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Scripture Reading**

John 17:15-18; Matthew 28:16-20

(p.1680, 1550)

9:00am Jean McIntire

10:45am Mark Wenger

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All the people: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, you call us to live in this world, but also to be different. We confess that too often we are conformed to the ways of this world, instead of being transformed by the renewing of our minds. Forgive us for how quickly we choose the way of comfort and ease instead of being your servants. Re-establish our identity in Christ, and our calling to be ministers of reconciliation. We pray in the Name of Jesus, who bore our sins to make us right with God. Amen.

**Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

**Testimony: The Philadelphia Project**

**Lucy Fleischauer and Ian Kauffman**

**The Greeting**

**Worship Song**

***Jesus, All For Jesus***

***Mark***

**Worship Song**

***Build My Life (New)***

***Younker***

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**John Kennedy,  
Elder**

**Passing of Friendship Pads**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**





# FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

## **“What On Earth Am I Here For?” – Children’s Curriculum!**

Our Sunday School children age 2 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be discovering the purpose for their own lives through Rick Warren’s “God’s Big Plans for Me Storybook Bible”.

**2 year olds & 3 year olds** meet in The Blue Door Room (during the 9:00am service only and meet in The Red Door Room at 10:45am).

**4 year olds & 5 year olds (PreK)** meet in The Red Door Room.

**K - 5th** begin in the sanctuary and are dismissed to the Gym after our worship songs.

Our **Nursery** is available at the 9:00am and 10:45am worship services. This room is best for infants through 23 months. Please sign your child in and out of the Nursery.

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## **Family Worship on First Sundays!**

Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade will worship with their family at 9:00 and 10:45.

Sunday School for age 2 – 5 (PreK) will take place in the Red Door Room.

Our Nursery is available at the 9:00 and 10:45 worship services.

## **Wednesday Night Programming for ALL Children!**

Join Miss Danielle & Miss Sharon as we dig more into God’s Big Plans for our lives! We will have fun activities for children of all ages and each week we will focus on that very big question: “How does God want me to live my life?” Programs begin at 7:00 but dinner begins at 5:45. Hope to see many of you there!

## **Nov 18: ONE SERVICE beginning at 10:00am**

We will conclude our ALL church study “What On Earth Am I Here For?”, on Sunday, November 18th with one service beginning at 10:00am! There is NO Sunday School for children in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Instead, we will worship as a church family! Children will have special opportunities during service with a “Pew Scavenger Hunt” and Children’s Message. Following this service please join us in the gym for **Gifts of Hope** - a wonderful Christmas gift alternative! Childcare for Infants through Preschool will be available during service and during Gifts of Hope.

## **Nov 21: Wednesday, November 21st - Soup, Supper & Worship!**

Plan to be with your church family as we eat, fellowship, and worship together! This event is great for ALL families and is VERY kid friendly. We will have a light dinner of soup, chili, salad and worship with praise and thanksgiving to our Lord who continually blesses us each day! This event will take place from 6:30pm-8:00pm in the gym, but we will have seating upstairs for those who cannot get to the gym. Hope to see many of you there!

## **Looking ahead:**

- **Parents’ Night Out:** Friday, Dec. 7th. We meet in the gym from 6:30pm-9:00pm.
- **ALL Church Caroling:** Saturday, December 8th (details soon)
- **Children’s Christmas Pageant:** Sunday, December 16th taking place between services (10:15) in the gym.

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## YOUTH

### Upcoming things to keep on the radar!

- **Youth Committee Meeting - Monday, November 12th @ 7-8pm** - An open meeting to recap past events, to look forward to upcoming events, and even to dreamcast what we want the youth min to look like in a year (or even further out).
- **Middle School Fun Night - Friday, November 16th @ 6-9pm** - We want to continue building friendships and disciples at NPC, and one of the ways is to have a night set apart specifically for our Middle Schoolers. We had a great turnout last time and would love to have another great evening in November. Join us for ice breakers, games, food, talking through the "I AM" statements of Jesus, and more!
- **Gifts of Hope - Sunday, November 18th after the service** - Back again for another year is our bazaar/festival/what-do-we-call-it? As an alternative to buying expensive gifts, spend that same money in honor of loved ones by giving to particular causes that do good work in the world! This will take place immediately after service on that Sunday and is a highlight of the fall!
- **"Pre-Thanksgiving" Soup Dinner - Wednesday, November 21st @ 6:30-8pm** - This is not the final name of the event, but we just want to make you aware that we will be having a gathering that Wednesday night and we would love to see our college students who may be home on break! More details will come about as we get closer to the date.
- **Youth Christmas Party - Sunday, December 16th @ around dinnertime** - We have a few ideas for this year's Christmas Party, which will likely be held off site. Info will come out soon, but for now just mark off the date on your calendar!

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Treasurer's Update:

Through the end of October, giving totals \$760,466, which equals 65% of our \$1,175,000 operating budget for 2018. This compares with \$823,060 and 71% of budget through October 2017.

Over 55% of our budget goes towards the salaries and benefits of our excellent staff, and 20% goes to mission causes near and far. The balance covers program (ministry) costs, and administration and building expenses. We are a very active church, and your tithes and offerings are critically important in allowing many vital ministries to occur.

While we have dipped into our endowment to fund the current shortfall, the endowment is meant to be reserved for major building projects, new ministry initiatives or special situations like our transition to ECO. Special bequest gifts into the endowment have allowed us to complete major property projects in recent years including the new gym, sanctuary improvements, and parlor renovations without a capital campaign.

As you are able, please consider how you might excel at the grace of giving as we look to bridge the gap in funding our operating expenses as we get closer to the end of 2018.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## † **Choir Alert!** 🎵

Singers of all ages and abilities are invited to participate in a special Christmas Musical on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> during morning worship services.

Rehearsals are **Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm** in the choir room. You may sign up in the Chapel or see me up by the organ. Sherry Beebe

## † **Cookie Time! It's time!** It's that time of year when we begin to prepare for our Great Cookie Giveaway and Narberth Dicken's Festival.

Start baking those cookies and freeze them. Or freeze the cookie dough so it's ready to bake when needed. We need 7,500 cookies to bag and give away to our neighbors on Dec 1st and at the Dickens Festival on Dec 2nd.

Volunteers are needed to distribute cookies, if interested please contact Betsy Hayden ([bhayden126@comcast.net](mailto:bhayden126@comcast.net)) or Marilyn Reed ([mjareed5@hotmail.com](mailto:mjareed5@hotmail.com)). We appreciate your help!

## † **Lower Merion High School Blood Drive-** come out to donate blood at Lower Merion High School on **November 13th from 7:30am-1:15pm!** All over 16 are welcome. One donation saves 3 lives, and we would really appreciate your donation. (Donors will receive a free t-shirt!) Email Izzy Bowser ([thebowsergirls@gmail.com](mailto:thebowsergirls@gmail.com)) or Rissa Howard ([s014509@students.lmsd.org](mailto:s014509@students.lmsd.org)) for more details/information about how to sign up!

## † **Dr. Janet Moore has been serving in our Counseling Ministry** for over 13 years, working with individuals struggling with a wide range of personal and psychological challenges. Dr. Moore's perspective is that addressing mental health issues is essential to opening our hearts and minds, thereby enabling a closer relationship with God that can sustain us in an imperfect world. You may reach Dr. Moore by leaving a message on her church extension, 610-664-4880 (ext. 121), or at 484-686-6630.



### On the Web:

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# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## **Sunday, November 11**

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office  
8:00am Sunday School Class, Parlor  
**9:00am Worship Service**  
9:30am Adult Sunday School Class, Parlor  
9:30am Youth Sunday School  
**10:15am Volunteer "Fair" in Chapel**  
**10:45am Worship Service**  
**12:00pm Volunteer "Fair" in Chapel**

## **Monday, November 12**

7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve's Office  
7:00pm MBR-Bible Study, Music office  
7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting, Youth Room  
7:30pm Men's Bible Study, Parlor

## **Tuesday, November 13**

7:00am Men's small group, Parlor  
7:00am Men-Sponsored Prayer Breakfast, at Narberth Diner  
11:00am Praying with the Bible group, Parlor

## **Wednesday, November 14**

**5:45-6:45pm Wed Night Supper**  
Menu: Roast Chicken, salad, ice cream treats  
**Small groups "What On Earth Am I Here For?" 6-week study**

## **Thursday, November 15**

3:40pm Kickball for pre-schoolers to age 5 (older children welcome as helpers)  
4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, (K-6<sup>th</sup>)Gym  
7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal  
**7:30pm Young Adult Group with Pastor Steve, Parlor**

## **Friday, November 16**

**9:30am Moms' Group, Parlor**  
**10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel**  
**6-9pm Middle School Youth Group, Youth Room**

## **Saturday, November 17**

## **Sunday, November 18**

**Celebration Sunday**  
**9-10:00am Extended Worship Time**  
**10:00am Combined Worship Service**  
**11:45am-2:00pm Gifts of Hope Gallery, Gym**

## **Each Week**

**Christian Nursery School** – 610-664-8890

2, 3 & 5 Day Programs 9:00am to 11:30am & 11:30am to 3:30pm Extended Day Program, Sept.-May

**AA** meets 12:30pm, Monday–Saturday & Sunday at 4:30pm

**Counseling:** Dr. Janet Moore: cell: 484-686-6630 email: [jlmpsych@hotmail.com](mailto:jlmpsych@hotmail.com)

**Planning Ahead**-Information and calendar updates 24/7 [www.narberthpres.org](http://www.narberthpres.org)

Nov 19 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel  
Nov 20 7:00pm Justice & Mercy Team Meeting, Resource Room  
Nov 20 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor  
Nov 21 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service, Sanctuary (Soup & Chili Dinner @ 5:45pm)  
Nov 22-23 Office Closed for Thanksgiving holiday  
Nov 27 7:00pm Missions Committee Meeting, Parlor  
Nov 28 9:30am Staff Meeting, Parlor  
Nov 28 5:30pm Dinner and 6:30pm Movie: "Mr. Rogers"  
Nov 29 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor  
Nov 29 5:30-8:00pm Heritage East MAG meeting, Parlor  
Nov 30 9:30am Moms' Group, Parlor  
Nov 30 1:30pm Sr. Slide Show, Parlor  
Dec 1 9:00-1:00pm Great Cookie Give-away! Bag @ 9:00am in Gym, Distribute @ 11:00am