

## *Welcome to Advent and the New Liturgical Year!*

Dear Friends,

As we begin Advent 2025 and celebrate the start of a new liturgical year, I invite you to join me in praising God and expressing heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has contributed to our vibrant faith community. This season brings a wealth of opportunities to worship, learn, and grow together as we prepare our hearts and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

### Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Our calendar is filled with meaningful events designed to enrich your spiritual journey and foster fellowship:

- **Worship Services:** Join us midweek and on Sundays for uplifting worship.
- **Concert & Art Show:** Experience the talents within our congregation and community.
- **Christmas Day Meal:** Celebrate together with a festive meal.
- **Lessons and Carols:** Enjoy a cherished tradition of music and scripture.
- **Wellness Activities:** Start your New Year's resolutions with our yoga and 'Move and Groove' classes.

We are blessed to offer such a diverse array of activities - proof that even a small church can make a big impact!

**Advent Devotional:** This year's Advent devotional, mailed to you and available online, is a special offering from our congregation. Each submission reflects the voices and experiences of our members. As you read, listen for God's guidance and the influence of our worship, witness, learning, service, and support ministries. Let these daily reflections inspire you to light a candle, find a quiet space, and pray along with us. Prepare your heart to receive Jesus - both now and in the days to come.



### The Meaning of Advent and Christmas

Every Advent is not only a time of preparation for remembering the birth of Jesus, the first coming, but also a reminder to keep watch for His second coming. Remember too that while the world may think Christmas can be put back in boxes to be stored in a closet on December 26, followers of Christ BEGIN the celebration with the Nativity of our Lord on December 24 and continue until January 6 when we celebrate the epiphany of our Lord. After Jesus' birth, the Church was empowered to fulfill the "Great Commission": making disciples, baptizing believers, and teaching obedience to Christ's commands. This mission calls us to fellowship, teaching, worship, and sharing the message of faith and salvation with all nations.

### Looking Ahead: Mission and Alignment

As we approach 2026, I find myself reflecting on our congregation's mission and how we can best serve the Kingdom of God. What are the essentials we should focus on? What is my personal contribution? Together, we periodically revisit our mission statement to ensure our work aligns with God's purpose for us. Through prayer and teamwork, we strive to become more effective partners in accomplishing the Great Commission. I love how this fits our understanding that stewardship is everything we do after we say 'yes' to Jesus.

Jesus said, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (*Matthew 28:18-20*)

Some of my favorite moments are the meetings where we discuss how, given our unique context and culture, we can help each other succeed in what God has called us to do—both individually and collectively.

May this Advent and Christmas season be filled with hope, joy, and a renewed sense of purpose. Let us move forward together, aligned in mission and faith, ready to embrace the opportunities God places before us.

Be blessed!  
Pastor Bob

## UPCOMING WORSHIP



**Wednesday, December 3, 10, 17 @ 7:00 pm**  
**Holden Evening Prayer**  
Simple soup supper 6:00 pm (Lower Level)

**Thursday, December 18 @ 7:00 pm**  
**Blue Christmas Worship**

**Wednesday, December 24 @ 3:00 & 8:00 pm**  
**Christmas Eve Worship**

**Thursday, December 25 @ 10:30 am**  
**Christmas Day Worship**  
Christmas Day Meal 11:30 am - 1:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)

**Sunday, December 28 @ 9:30 am**  
**Lessons & Carols**

**Sunday, January 4 @ 9:30 am**  
*We'll celebrate Epiphany,*  
*which technically falls on Tuesday, January 6.*

The feast of Epiphany ("manifestation") concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.

**Sunday, January 11 @ 9:30 am**  
**Baptism of Our Lord**

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.



## ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, December 7**

**immediately following 9:30 am worship**

In accordance with Article C.10.01.01 of our constitution, the Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2025, immediately following 9:30 am worship. The agenda consists of the following items:

- accept the reports of the church
- present and approve the budget (Ministry Action Plan) for the next calendar year
- elect members to the Congregation Council

*Holden Evening  
Prayer*

**mid-week Advent service**

**Wed, Dec 3, 10, 17**  
**7:00 PM**

**Join us for soup  
beforehand at 6:00  
in the Lower Level**



**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Wednesday, December 24 –**

**Thursday, January 1**





CELEBRATE

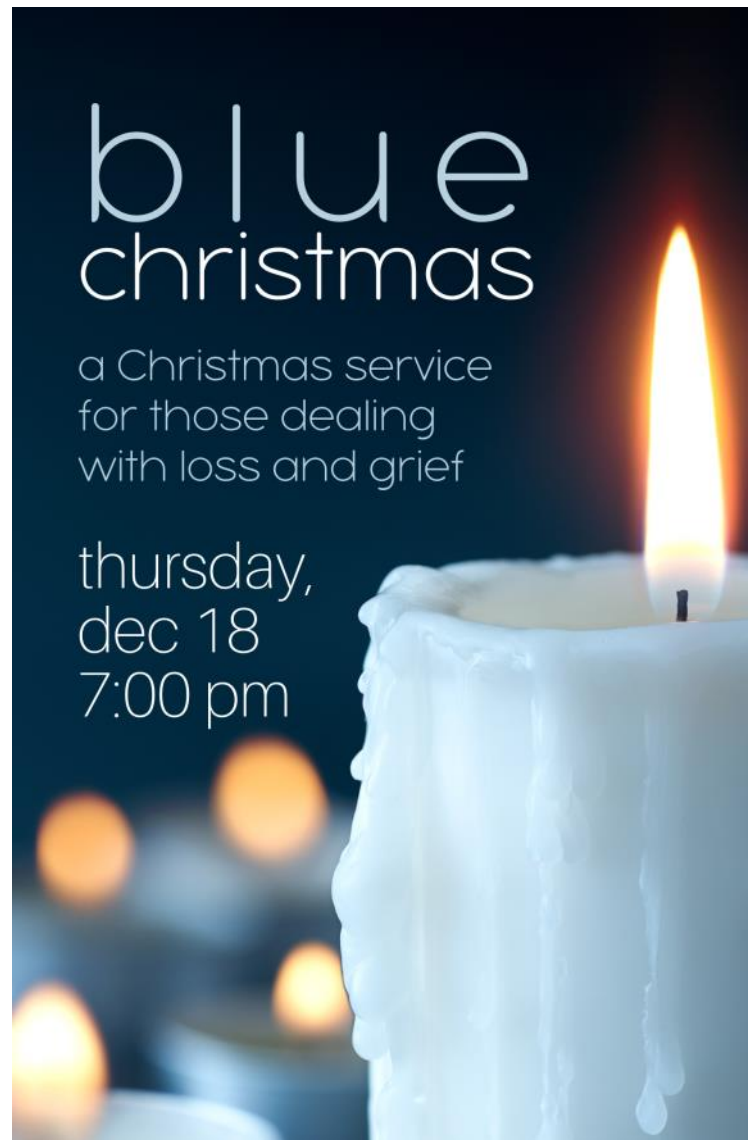
*Christmas*

AT ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN, BOYERTOWN

Christmas Eve Worship  
December 24 3:00pm & 8:00pm

Christmas Day Worship  
December 25 10:30am

*kneel at the side  
of a manger*



blue  
christmas

a Christmas service  
for those dealing  
with loss and grief

thursday,  
dec 18  
7:00 pm



Christmas Day Meal

DECEMBER 25

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Volunteers needed - Sign up online!  
Monetary donations for the purchase  
of food and supplies is appreciated.  
Checks noting "Christmas Day Meal"  
can be mailed to the office.



SCAN TO  
VOLUNTEER!



Saturday  
**13 TH**  
December  
**7 PM**

**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
45 N. Reading Avenue  
Boyertown

## DIRECTOR'S BIG BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Local Fine Artist

## Julie Longacre

Art Exhibit Opens Dec 13  
before the concert at 5pm

Art Available to View & Purchase:

December 13 - 5:00-9:00pm

December 14, 20 & 21 - 10:00am-12:00pm

December 15-19 - 5:00pm-7:00pm

20% of artwork proceeds donated to  
Boyertown Community Library

[stjohnsboyertown.org](http://stjohnsboyertown.org)

## REGARDING CONTRIBUTIONS

The IRS provides clear guidelines with regard to the date of posting contributions, which we follow carefully. All contributions received or postmarked by December 31 will be included in that year's contribution statement. If the contribution is received or postmarked after December 31, it will be included in the contribution statement of the year in which it is received/postmarked, regardless of the date on the check.



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

STARTING

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14 @ 6:30PM**  
**IN THE WELL**

CONTINUING THE 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH

## Fitness Classes

**Monday** - Yoga

**Wednesday** - Move & Groove

10:00am-11:30am

Room 205

St. John's Lutheran Church  
45 N. Reading Ave, Boyertown

\$5 per class



## LESSONS & CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28  
9:30 AM





## THE BUILDER

By: Bethany Calderwood

*Heb 3:4 "For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything."*

Did you ever think of God as a builder? God is building slowly—what he started building with Creation, so many years ago, he continues to add, improve, and perfect as history marches on. God is building both large-scale and small-scale projects.

Here, at St. John's Preschool, we are part of one of God's smaller buildings. What are the latest pieces we added? In November, we talked about thankfulness, nutrition (all those thanksgiving meals!), and turkeys (everyone's favorite goofy November bird). We learned about pieces of God's building that happened in history—David, Esther, and Dan-

iel. We shared art class, gym class, chapel, and a special Thanksgiving snacktime. We built empathy by collecting food for neighbors in our Preston's Pantry food drive.

When you're building something, you want a GOOD builder. In preschool, we build with a stunning variety of materials. Our preschool builders are creative and curious. They can also be capricious and clumsy. They build with joyful abandon. They also smash and crash on a whim, leaving shreds and chaos in their wake. Preschoolers are not always good builders.

These preschool builders are made in the image of God, our Builder. From God, they gain those traits of creativity and curiosity. From living in a fallen world, they accrue the traits of capricious, clumsy chaos.

God our Builder is infinitely creative and curious. To those traits, he adds perfect compassion, wisdom, and the ability to see the First and the Last. End to end, God knows exactly what he is building in your life. While you may not trust our preschool builders much further than the school blocks box, you can trust our God with the building of your life. If the design doesn't seem to make sense, remember your view is that of the tiny Lego person standing beside the giant block complex—you can't see the whole thing. God can.

We are thankful for what God is building in preschool. We are grateful with you for what God is building in each of your lives, too.



## UPDATE ON 2026 STATEMENT OF INTENTION CARDS

Since Kay Christman recorded the exciting news that we had received 42 completed 2026 Statement of Intention Cards in the first request on Sunday, November 9, the finance team has updated the count to report that an additional 10 responses were received during the next week ending Sunday, November 16. Completion of these cards serves two purposes. First, it allows the congregation to stop, reflect, and prayerfully consider what their individual contributions of time, talent, and treasures will be for the upcoming year. Also, it gives the finance team validation that the projected amount of giving that is shown in the 2026 Ministry Action Plan is backed by numbers entered on the returned cards. This is the continued effort of the staff and volunteers to have EVERYONE involved in the preparation of the Ministry Action Plan. It's not just the finance team using estimates based on history or hopefulness of giving amounts, but it helps to present a more accurate planning tool for the next year. We, the finance team, gratefully thank everyone who filled out a Statement of Intention card. If you have not yet completed a Statement of Intention card, it is never too late! If you are able to return them shortly, it will continue to reinforce what will be included in the 2026 Ministry Action plan presented on December 7.

-Finance Team

**MILLER KEYSTONE BLOOD DRIVE**  
Tuesday, January 27 | 2:00pm-7:00pm  
Fellowship Hall

**MEN'S RETREAT**  
January 30 - February 1  
Sullivan County



## SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS

St. John's was honored to once again host the 25th Annual Salute to Our Veterans on the afternoon of Sunday, November 9.

Event sponsor, the Rotary Club of Boyertown, was joined by Boyertown Middle School Combined Show Choir, Eagle Scout, Jackson Gonzalez, and keynote speaker, Sgt. William D. Knaup, U.S. Air Force Retired.

"This event honors and recognizes our local veterans and also serves to educate our community about military service and the history of Veterans Day," Stephanie L. Landis, event chairperson and Boyertown Rotary Club past president, said in a statement.

Approximately 160 guests attended. Each veteran in attendance received thank you cards handmade by Boyertown students.



Welcome Lainey Elizabeth,  
baptized on November 9, 2025.  
Pictured with  
parents, Lauren and Justin Jones.

### WEATHER RELATED CLOSINGS

Our 'Inclement Weather' policy at St. John's states that when the Boyertown Area School District is closed, we follow their lead and cancel all meetings and events.

For weather related closings, check Channel 69 News or [www.wfmz.com](http://www.wfmz.com).



### Eagle Messenger Article Deadlines

**Monday, December 8** for January issue

**Monday, January 12** for February issue

**Monday, February 9** for March issue

# ABIGAIL'S STORY – I SAMUEL 25

By: Cathy Krause

Do you know Abigail? Have you heard what she did and what the consequences were? Well, read on for some background and her story.

The name Abigail in Hebrew means “my father’s joy.” Abigail was a beautiful, gracious, and intelligent woman who was full of faith. As a woman she had no power, but she was wise. Women in biblical times could not choose their partners. She was married to Nabal, whose name means “fool.” He had great wealth (probably why she was married to him); was possibly an alcoholic; and, as most alcoholics can be, he was cruel.

In the days that David was running from King Saul, he and his men provided security to various shepherds and flocks. Among those was Nabal’s shepherds and flock. David sent a messenger to Nabal asking for food and shelter for providing this protection. This was a common practice at this time in history. However, Nabal insulted and ridiculed David for asking. Remember, please, that David had an impulsive streak. He was not impressed with Nabal’s response and vowed to kill Nabal and his family.

A servant alerted Abigail to the situation. She quickly assembled gifts of wine, bread, roasted grain, prepared meat, clusters of raisins, and cakes of figs, and had the donkeys saddled. She intercepted David and his men on their way to Nabal. At great risk to herself, she entreated David to forgive Nabal’s bad behavior, advocating for her husband. Abigail humbly asked David to not confront Nabal, but to accept the gifts she brought. She convinced David that God would handle this situation if David would wait on the Lord’s timing. She reminded David that his life was in God’s hands and that God would destroy David’s enemies. David, impressed, sent Abigail home in peace.

Upon arriving home, Abigail found her husband hosting a feast and very drunk and, so, waited until morning to tell him what she did. Nabal was not pleased, not pleased enough to become ill. Ten days later he died. When David heard this news, he gave thanks to God for staying his hand. He then sent a servant to Abigail to take her as his wife. (Remember: David was already married to Michal, Saul’s daughter, and to Ahinoam. Multiple wives were common during this period of the Old Testament.) And, thus chapter 25 of I Samuel ends.

Abigail displayed the importance of godly wisdom, the power of intercession and belief in divine timing and justice. She acted as God’s messenger, showing wisdom, discretion, courage, humility, servanthood, generosity, peacemaking, and faithfulness. Despite being a marginalized woman, Abigail affected this event. In faith, she relied on God’s providence and protection.

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## A HISTORY OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The ritual of the advent wreath began in Germany in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. The wreath helps us center the presence of Christ in our lives – he came and he will come again. The circle of the wreath reminds us of God’s unending love for us. The evergreens remind us that there is eternal life in the hope of Christ Jesus. And the candles are a visible reminder that light shines in the darkness. Indeed we are called to let our own lights shine before others so that they may see our good works and glorify God in heaven (Matthew 5:16). The candles also help us mark the weeks until we celebrate the coming of the Son of God into the world!

Follow the outline of Bible verses and prayers on the next page during your Advent wreath lighting!



<https://www.immanuel.us/adults/advent-prayers>

prayer throughout Advent, alternative prayers, and questions for reflection from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie, Minnesota

# PRAYING THROUGH ADVENT

## WEEK 1: NOV 30 – DEC 6 HOPE

### Romans 15:13

May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Prayers

These prayers can be shared while lighting the candle of Hope.

Dear God of Hope, we place our hope in you as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth on Christmas. Amen.

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.

### Reflection

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it. Once you light your candle, reflect on the week's question by candlelight. *Hope: What does it mean to have hope as we wait for Jesus' birth?*

## WEEK 2: DECEMBER 7 – 13 PEACE

### Isaiah 9:6

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

### Prayers

These prayers can be shared while lighting the candles of Hope and Peace.

Dear Prince of Peace, as we await Christmas, fill us with your peace and help us share your peace with everyone we meet, especially those who need it most. Amen.

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the best-versions-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those that need it most. Amen.

### Reflection

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it. Once you light your candles, reflect on the week's question by candlelight. *Peace: What does it mean to have peace as we wait for Jesus' birth?*

## WEEK 3: DECEMBER 14 – 20 JOY

### Philippians 4:4-7

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near! Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

### Prayers

These prayers can be shared while lighting the candles of Hope, Peace, and Joy.

Dear God, we thank you for the gift of Joy. Help us share your joy with others so like this candle, others may see it and be brightened by it. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

### Reflection

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it. Once you light your candles, reflect on the week's question by candlelight. *Joy: What does it mean to have joy as we wait for Jesus' birth?*

## WEEK 4: DECEMBER 21 – 24 LOVE

### Matthew 22:36-40

Jesus replied [to the Pharisee], "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

### Prayers

These prayers can be shared while lighting the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

Dear God of Love, we thank you for loving us so much that you sent us Jesus. And we thank you for Jesus being the greatest teacher. Make our hearts strong so we can better love you and all people this day and all days. Amen.

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.

### Reflection

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it. Once you light your candles, reflect on the week's question by candlelight. *Love: What does it mean to have Love as we wait for Jesus' birth?*



WORSHIP MINISTRY

Date	Day	Time	Liturgical Day (Special Service)	Acolyte	Altar Assistant	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Lector	Media	Prayers	Sound	Ushers	Video
12/3/2025	Wednesday	7:00 PM		Camryn Friz	NA	NA	NA	TBD	Jason Friz	NA	Myles Omlor	Ros & Brian Moatz	Scott Scheiry
12/7/2025	Sunday	9:30 AM	Advent 2	Delaney Hersperger	Jen & Jason Friz	Jodi Dykie, Nancy Edwards	Jason Friz	Sarah Eidle	Shannon Omlor	Sue Grofe	Ashley Gheer	Darrin Moyer, Kevin Moyer, Susan & Andy Varzally	Camryn Friz
12/10/2025	Wednesday	7:00 PM		Philip Derr	NA	NA	NA	TBD	Sarah Eidle	NA	Brianna Rohrbach	Mary Kay & Donnie Heimbach	Jason Eidle
12/14/2025	Sunday	9:30 AM	Advent 3	Grant Hersperger	George Hill, Mel Roth	Bonnie Moatz	Mel Roth	Sue Hill	Jason Friz	Michele Eidle	Melissa Eidle	Ashley Gheer, John Gheer, Sue & George Hill	Abbe Grofe
12/17/2025	Wednesday	7:00 PM		Tatum Friz	NA	NA	NA	TBD	Shannon Omlor	NA	Myles Omlor	Sandy & Terry Wade	Scott Scheiry
12/18/2025	Thursday	7:00 PM	Blue Christmas	Camryn Friz	NA	NA	Jennifer Schlegel	Mary Kay Heimbach	Sarah Eidle	Bonnie Moatz	Ashley Gheer	Ros & Brian Moatz	Camryn Friz
12/21/2025	Sunday	9:30 AM	Advent 4	Abby Torres	Melissa Eidle, Jennifer Schlegel	Mary Dierolf, Nancy Edwards	Mel Roth	Tom Engle	Jason Friz	Jean Machamer	Brianna Rohrbach	Phil Haddad, Jerry Krause, Ed Schaeffer	Jason Eidle
12/24/2025	Wednesday	3:00 PM	Christmas Eve	Delaney Hersperger	Shannon Omlor, Becky Schiery	Mary Kay Heimbach, Sue Hill	Amanda Ehst	Michele Eidle	Sarah Eidle	Bonnie Moatz	Myles Omlor	Martha Bentley, Jodie Dykie, Barbara Houpp, Josee Ruckebrod	Scott Scheiry
12/24/2025	Wednesday	8:00 PM	Christmas Eve	Tatum Friz	Shannon Omlor, Becky Schiery	Mary Kay Heimbach, Sue Hill	Jennifer Schlegel	Jen Friz	Jason Friz	Ros Moatz	Ashley Gheer	Mary Kay & Donnie Heimbach, Bonnie & Rick Moatz, Ros & Brian Moatz	Camryn Friz
12/25/2025	Thursday	10:30 AM	Christmas Day	Philip Derr	Bev Blake	Mary Kay Heimbach, Sue Hill	Bev Blake	NA	Shannon Omlor	Terry Wade	Melissa Eidle	Sandy & Terry Wade	Abbe Grofe
12/28/2025	Sunday	9:30 AM	First Sunday after Christmas	Grant Hersperger	Amanda Ehst, Tom Engle	Shirley Hartman	NA	Various	Shannon Omlor	NA	Brianna Rohrbach	Carol & Larry Angstadt, Scott Schiery, Jennifer Schlegel	Scott Scheiry
1/4/2026	Sunday	9:30 AM	Second Sunday of Christmas (celebrating Epiphany)	Delaney Hersperger	Jen & Jason Friz	Jodi Dykie, Mary Kay Heimbach	Jason Friz	Amy Moyer	Sarah Eidle	Mel Roth	Brianna Rohrbach	Ros & Brian Moatz, Sandy & Terry Wade	Jason Eidle
1/11/2026	Sunday	9:30 AM	Baptism of Our Lord	Abby Torres	Melissa Eidle, Jennifer Schlegel	Mary Dierolf, Nancy Edwards	Jennifer Schlegel	Mel Roth	Jason Friz	Karen Pollock	Myles Omlor	Becky & Barry Erb, Bunny & Ron Riffle	Camryn Friz
1/18/2026	Sunday	9:30 AM	Second Sunday after Epiphany	Grant Hersperger	Bonnie Moatz, Mel Roth	Shirley Hartman, Sue Hill	Mel Roth	Jennifer Schlegel	Shannon Omlor	Michele Eidle	Ashley Gheer	Carol Sematis, Susan & Andy Varzally, Terry Wadsworth	Abbe Grofe
1/25/2026	Sunday	9:30 AM	Third Sunday after Epiphany	Tatum Friz	Bev & Joe Blake	Amy Moyer	Amy Moyer	Dave Long	Sarah Eidle	Tom Engle	Melissa Eidle	Jerry Krause, Darrin Moyer, Kevin Moyer, Ed Schaeffer	Scott Scheiry

# DECEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Preschool Closed 10:00a Yoga Class 7:00p Joint Parking Lot Committee	<b>2</b> 6:30p Jr. Optimist Club 6:30p Worship Team	<b>3</b> Oley Cluster 10:00a Move & Groove Class 6:00p Soup Supper 7:00p Holden Evening Prayer	<b>4</b> 10:00a Chestnut Knoll 6:30p The Chosen Season 2 Small Group 8:00p Worship Broadcast	<b>5</b> 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study	<b>6</b> 4:30p Come to the Table
<b>7</b> 9:30a Worship Celebration 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Annual Meeting 11:30a Congregation Council 3:30p Shop with a Cop	<b>8</b> 10:00a Yoga Class 5:00 Newsletter Submission 6:30p Girl Scouts 6:30p Jr. Optimist Club 7:30p Optimist Club	<b>9</b> 9:30a Joyful Sisters of Service 6:30p The Chosen Season 2 Small Group	<b>10</b> 10:00a Move & Groove Class 6:00p Soup Supper 7:00p Holden Evening Prayer	<b>11</b> 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 8:00p Worship Broadcast	<b>12</b> 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study	<b>13</b> 4:30p Come to the Table 5:00p Julie Longacre Art Show 7:00p Director's Big Band Christmas Concert
<b>14</b> 9:30a Worship Celebration 9:30a Sunday School 10:00a Julie Longacre Art Show 10:45a Coffee & Conversation 11:15a Christmas Meal Walk-through 6:30p Girl Scout Leaders	<b>15</b> 10:00a Yoga Class 5:00p Julie Longacre Art Show 6:30p Girl Scouts	<b>16</b> 5:00p Julie Longacre Art Show 6:30p Finance Team 6:30p Building a Better Boyertown	<b>17</b> Preschool Chapel Time 9:30a Pottstown Soup Kitchen 10:00a Move & Groove Class 5:00p Julie Longacre Art Show 6:00p Soup Supper 7:00p Holden Evening Prayer	<b>18</b> 9:30 Community Leaders 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 5:00p Julie Longacre Art Show 7:00p Blue Christmas 8:00p Worship Broadcast	<b>19</b> 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study Preschool Christmas Party 5:00p Julie Longacre Art Show	<b>20</b> 10:00a Julie Longacre Art Show 4:30p Come to the Table
<b>21</b> 9:30a Worship Celebration 9:30a Sunday School 10:00a Julie Longacre Art Show Sanctuary Decorating	<b>22</b> 10:00a Yoga Class 6:30p Girl Scouts Holiday Party	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve Preschool & Office Closed 3:00p Worship Celebration 8:00p Candlelight Worship Celebration	<b>25</b> Christmas Day Preschool & Office Closed 10:30a Worship Celebration 11:30a Christmas Day Meal 8:00p Worship Broadcast	<b>26</b> Preschool & Office Closed 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study	<b>27</b> 4:30p Come to the Table
<b>28</b> 9:30a Worship Celebration, Lessons & Carols	<b>29</b> Preschool & Office Closed	<b>30</b> Preschool & Office Closed	<b>31</b> Preschool & Office Closed			



# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Terry Wade	<b>2</b> Joan Kessler	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Nathan Vogt	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Josee Ruckenbrod	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Evelyn Heimbach Sherry Mendez	<b>15</b> Connie Babb Noelle Erb Nathan Wanish Gloria Weller	<b>16</b> Shane Johnson	<b>17</b> Konah Freeman Sharon Leister	<b>18</b> Ros Moatz	<b>19</b> Becky Scheiry	<b>20</b>
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