



***Wednesday, 12.9.2020***

**Wyomissing Church of the Brethren, 2200 State Hill Road**

**Office Hours: Tues.-Thurs. 9:30 -12:30**

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***Read on to find out more about :***

***Opportunities for the upcoming week and beyond:***

**Opportunities to grow in your faith:**

Zoom into Wednesday Evening Fellowship and Prayer.

Virtually meet to Worship on Sunday morning.

Understand more about the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Help provide ideas and participate in worship.

**Opportunities to share:**

Donate to the Family Promise Christmas.

Shop for homemade gifts at the CCC Christmas Shoppe.

Order homemade cookies online.

**Opportunities to learn:**

Join a S.S. group to find ways to open doors.

Zoom into a parenting class or a computer class.

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**Wednesday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m.**

*Join others in a time of prayer, fellowship and conversation.* Our website has the Zoom information. Hope to see you there.

**Sunday, December 13 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Don't miss out: Find All the Places to Go, when you join to explore the amazing adventure that God has waiting for you.**



*Come Worship with Us...*

**Sunday, December 13, 2020**

**The Candle of JOY!**

**I Thessalonians 5:16-24**

**Worship Leader – Brian Felker**

**A Skit - *What Must I Do?***

**Message – “God Is Coming”**

***Join us for Zoom Worship each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.***

***Check our website, [www.wcotb.org](http://www.wcotb.org) for the connecting link.***

***Please note:*** The Re-Opening Committee, appointed by the Leadership Team, regularly re-evaluates the current COVID situation for Berks County .At this time there is not a proposed re-opening date for meeting together in worship. When worship does resume in the sanctuary, the congregation will continue offering a “virtual connection” available to those who cannot be physically present.

## Mary's Song!

***Mary said: "With all my heart I praise the Lord,  
and I am glad because of God my Savior.  
He cares for me, his humble servant." Luke 1:46-48a***

Sweet Mary, singing praises to God for remembering her,  
*for remembering each one of us!*  
**Jesus is a gift to the whole world  
and with that gift comes the promise of salvation.**

There is much from which we need saving these days: hunger, disease,  
injustice, violence, loneliness, to begin a running, nearly endless list.  
**The message of Christmas is that God sent a Savior to "save us".**

Mary put it this way:

***He (God) always shows mercy to everyone who worships him.  
The Lord has used his powerful arm to scatter those who are proud.***

***He drags strong rulers from their thrones  
and puts humble people in places of power.***

***God gives the hungry good things to eat,  
and sends the rich away with nothing." Luke 1:50-53***

We join Mary in a song that plays in our hearts  
long after Christmas is celebrated!  
**God continues doing great things...the Good News is Living News...  
Jesus Christ has come to save us all!  
Pastor Jan**



## **Christmas Eve Worship**

Join with your church family on December 24 at 4:30 p.m.

for our Christmas Eve worship

featuring a children's performance, Christmas carols,

Scriptures and the celebration of Jesus' birth!

We invite each family (or members of each family) to have at the ready a candle/candles to light (battery operated are fine too!) during our traditional Candle Lighting Service.

## **Creche and Christmas Photos**

**Your help is needed!**

As you decorate be sure to send photos of your creches, your favorite decorated part of your home, and festive pictures of yourself, your pet and/or your family. We'll use these photos to create a visual Christmas Card to our congregation.

Decorative photo deadline: **Today, Wednesday, 12/9**

Christmas Card photos are due 12/16

Creche photos are due 12/20

Email all photos to [nancy.dotter@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.dotter@gmail.com)

## **Communion 2021**

We will celebrate Communion together on Sunday, January 6th during morning worship.

Please plan to bring your own bread and cup to our worship.



***Lord, Hear Our Prayers***

Please pray for: Scott Blatt, Nancy Custo, Tom Evans, Joan Hornberger, Linda Kauffman, Rebecca Markey, Bob Pettit, Betty Powell, Regina Zimmerman, Eleanor Robinson, Joyce Fidler, Mark Hallacher and wife Deb

***Family Promise Christmas***

**Our Witness Team is sponsoring a "Mitten Tree" for hats, gloves, scarves, both handmade or store bought, or socks to benefit Family Promise.**

We also ask that the congregation please donate some **cleaning supplies, toiletries, laundry soap, trash bags, paper towels, granola bars, water bottles. There are boxes outside of the church sanctuary marked "Family Promise" where you can place your donations.**



**Gift cards in any amount, cash, or check donations would be gratefully accepted by Family Promise** and used by the families to purchase sweaters and coats for the cold months ahead. **Checks should be payable to WCOTB with a note in the memo field for "Family Promise Christmas".** These may be taken to the Church Office. As you are aware, non-profit organizations such as Family Promise have had an especially tough year with very limited donations due to the Covid-19

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## Deacons Serving You This Week and Next

December 7 – December 12

Kirk and Ruth Ann Haas

717 866 3694

December 13 – December 19

Ray and Nancy Dotter

610 927 2175

Pastor Jan is also available by e-mail or cell phone.

## MESSANGER

### The Magazine of the Church of the Brethren

A twelve month subscription is \$14.50  
per year

**First Time Subscribers - \$7.25**

If you would like to subscribe,  
please contact Pastor Jan by  
December 15th.

## JUST IN! DROP BY!



**The December – February issue  
of “Our Daily Bread”  
devotional has arrived in the  
church office. You will find  
your copy on the small table  
outside the church office. *If you  
are unable to drop in to the  
church, please call or email the  
church office so that your copy  
can be mailed or delivered.***

**Thank you!**

## Staff Gifts

This year we won't gather in person to thank and show appreciation for our staff (Pastor Jan, Brenda Bechtel, Margaret Bauer, Darlene Dunn, and honorary employee Treasurer Ray Dotter). Please feel free to express appreciation for all that they do to keep our church running beautifully and smoothly.

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**PARENTING CLASS**  
**BRENDA BECHTEL - Facilitator**

**Open to Parents, Grandparents**  
**Families and Friends of the Church and Community**  
**Persons Interactive with Children**

**Zoom Session December 13, 2020 6:30 PM**

**Great Discussions**

**Parenting with a Long-Term View – Change is a Process not an Event**

**Helping Our Children Understand Their Responsibilities**

**Defining Role as Parents-14 Practical Gospel-Centered Principles.**

**Through Principles Change the Way We Interact with Our children**

**Our Role as Parents Through the Eyes of Grace**

**Join Us - Contact Doris 702-468-3332**

**Meeting ID: 562 579 8315**

**Passcode: 0pZXGv**

**Sunday Morning Discussion Group**  
**Beginning December 13, 2020**  
**9:00 AM**

**ALL THE PLACES TO GO!**  
**HOW WILL YOU KNOW?**

**By John Ortberg**

**THE PROMISE BEYOND ALL DOORS**

**GOD OF THE OPEN DOOR**

**DOOR #1 OR DOOR #2 ???**

**“If I want something badly enough, God has to open  
the door so I can get it”**

**Nope.....He doesn't!**

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## **Cookie Sale UPDATE**

**Cookie sale ends at noon on Friday.**

**But. . .**

**It is not too late to order or edit your existing order.**

Please check back ([wcotb.org](http://wcotb.org)) to see if we've added **more** cookies or goodies. Be sure you click the NEXT button to see all the offerings. There are breads, jams, and peanut brittle, which is the last item offered.

**Reminder: Cookie Pick Up is**

**Saturday, December 12 from 10 a.m. until Noon.**

**There is still time to find a handmade gift!**

**The CCC Christmas Shoppe is online at [www.wcotb.org](http://www.wcotb.org).**

**Visit now to see online photos of the crafters' creations.**

**To shop in person, contact Pat Gault or Nancy Dotter and make an appointment.**

**Please note and mark your calendar.**

The next **Computer Class with Brian Zimmerman**

**Tuesday, December 22.**