



WEST SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH

UPDATE

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FROM THE PASTOR



The end of this month will mark a half a year since Sue and I joined you, and it has been a wonderful time together. I believe we are no longer worrying about the past, but are excited about the future of West Shore Baptist Church. Hudson Taylor, the pioneering missionary to China, said, "The future is as bright as the promises of God." My purpose as your interim is to prepare us for the coming of your next pastor. I sense the spirit of our family almost ready for that very important step as we celebrate the 60th year of ministry.

When we began, I immediately found a great team to work with. Greg, with his deep devotion to Christ and his ability to perceive God's direction for us, is incredible. We have become close partners together in serving you. Bonnie, our Office Manager, in her quiet but very effective and efficient way, has been an extremely valuable servant to the Lord and to this ministry. Carol, with her exuberant spirit, has led us wonderfully in the vital area of worship and music. Gary's superb musical skills add to meaningful worship in both the morning service and the LifeHouse service.

As we enjoy this Christmas season, celebrating again the coming of our Lord's coming to give us hope and salvation, we, as your leadership team, want to wish you all the joy and thanksgiving of the greatest gift God could ever give that we could have LIFE and have it abundantly.

Pastor Paul



*from our house
...to yours!*

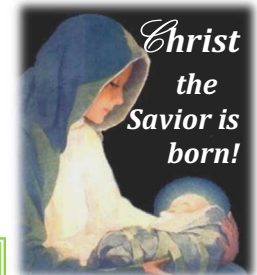
The staff at West Shore Baptist Church wishes you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas! We give thanks for the privilege of sharing ministry with you.

*Blessings,
Pastor Paul Thompson, Pastor Greg Kabakjian,
Carol Saltzer, Gary Stefanic, & Bonnie Prior*

DECEMBER 2017
NEWSLETTER

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*Christ
the
Savior is
born!*

Please note:

The church office will be closed on Monday, December 25, and Monday, January 1.

A Message From the Diaconate



FOR UNTO US
a child is born,
 unto us a son is given:
 and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
 and his name shall be called
 ✨ **WONDERFUL,** ✨
COUNSELLOR,
THE MIGHTY GOD,
The everlasting Father,
THE PRINCE OF PEACE.
 Isaiah 9:6

From the Diaconate
 Have a very Merry Christmas!

Russ Miller
Cheryl Montgomery
Art Nixon
Ida Rhone
Carol Saltzer
Milan Vulich
Pat Zulaica



Saturday, December 16

6:00 p.m. Christmas Musical
 "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"

Sunday, December 17

10:30 a.m. Christmas Musical
 "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"

Thursday, December 21

6:30 p.m. Special Advent Service
 LifeHouse Advent Worship
 In Davidson Chapel

Sunday, December 24

10:30 a.m. Unity Worship Service
 In the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 24

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve
 Carols & Candlelight Service
 In the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 31

10:30 a.m. Unity Worship Service
 In Davidson Chapel





From the Mission Board



“Toys for Tots” Parade Outreach on December 2

The Mission Board invites you to participate in a community outreach event, the “Toys for Tots” parade on *Saturday, December 2*, at 4:00 p.m. Meet on the front lawn where we will be providing refreshments for parade goers, along with flyers with information about WSBC. We would love to see you there being a “LIGHT” in our Camp Hill community. If you would like, you can bring a NEW unwrapped toy for a needy child. Please sign up on your bulletin insert.



Thanksgiving Offering Update

This year’s Thanksgiving Offering will support church home improvements. As of November 26, **\$2,445** has been contributed. Thanks for giving!



Operation Christmas Child

Many thanks to all who participated in this year’s Operation Christmas Child Shoebox collection. The total number of shoeboxes collected will be published soon. You’ve helped to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to children around the world!

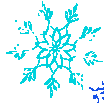


The Annual Christmas Mission Offering

The Annual Christmas Mission offering will be received during the Advent season. This special offering is shared equally by two important mission concerns: Our retired American Baptist ministers and missionaries (RMMO) and our region – American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware (ABCOPAD). Offerings will be received beginning *Sunday, December 3*, and will run through *Sunday, December 31*. Our congregational goal is \$5,000. Thanks for caring and sharing!



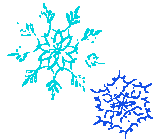
One small child . . . One King bringing us life!



Birthdays:

- 1 Esther Bruland
- 7 Ron Barth
- 8 Mary Hartman
- 9 Nathan Born
Louise Norris
Jean Phillips
- 11 Rebekah Mulcahey
- 13 Maelynn Gifford
- 14 John Bihl
- 15 Richard Wolf
- 16 Steve Curry
- 17 Beverly Whitcomb
- 19 Ashley Kennedy
Holly Kindig
Charles McCown, Jr.
E.J. Stevens
- 20 Jeff Waring
- 22 Carol Keeney
- 23 Jim Phillips
- 26 Michael Goldman
- 27 Gloria Boyer
- 28 Al Sweigard

December



Anniversaries:

- 1 Ken & Jo Wise
- 11 Robert & Jean Phillips
- 14 Richard & Pat Zulaica
- 23 Don & Louise Norris
- 28 Jim & Ann Phillips



Childcare Schedule



DATE	NURSERY 9:00 AM	NURSERY 10:30 AM
December 3	Patty McCown Kristin Born	Edie Kennerly Mary Hartman
December 10	Jayne Metz Rose Sleboda	Linda Fleming Lisa Fleming
December 17	Cheryl Montgomery	Gayle Campbell Becky Gentzler
December 24	Judy Brouse	Kristin Born
December 31	Kristin Born Patty McCown	Edie Kennerly Mary Hartman

Note: Scheduled nursery workers and children's Sunday School teachers are asked to arrive in their designated rooms **10 minutes** ahead of schedule. If you are unable to make your assigned Sunday, please attempt to switch with another volunteer and let the church office know. Contact Kristin Born, at (717) 743-4586, if you are unable to meet your obligation.

Happenings and Highlights

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Advisory Council Meeting

The Advisory Council *will not meet* in December.

Board of Christian Education Meeting

The Board of Christian Education will meet on **Tuesday, December 5**, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-2.

Missions Board Meeting

The Missions Board will meet on **Monday, December 11**, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-4.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet on **Monday, December 11**, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-2.

Diaconate Board Meeting

The Diaconate Board will meet on **Tuesday, December 19**, at 6:45 p.m. in Room G-4.

GLORY
TO
GOD
IN THE
HIGHEST!



Faith In Action



The Faith in Action LIGHT Team will meet on **Tuesday, December 5**, at 9:00 a.m. to do general building and grounds maintenance. If you would like to join them, call Richard Zulaica at (717) 255-9085.



Deadline for January UPDATE

The deadline for the submission of articles and announcements for the January UPDATE is **Friday, December 22**. You may forward your input to Bonnie Prior via hard copy or by email to b.prior@wsbc.org.

Men's Breakfast Fellowship

The next meeting of the Men's Breakfast Fellowship will be at 8:00 a.m. on **Saturday, December 16**, at the Front Street Diner in Harrisburg. All men are invited!



Ladies Breakfast Fellowship

The next meeting of the Women's Breakfast Fellowship will be at 8:00 a.m. on **Saturday, December 16**, at Friendly's in Camp Hill. All women are invited! Please sign up on your bulletin insert.

Prayer Meetings Continue On Wednesdays

You are invited and encouraged to come to Prayer Meetings at **6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings** in Davidson Chapel. Led by Pastor Thompson, these meetings are to pray for our Pastoral Search Committee and the next WSBC Pastor of God's choosing.



Happenings and Highlights

Directory

UPDATE

Address & Phone Update:

Judy Maurer
1061 Allendale Rd., Apt. O
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
(717) 919-8699

Address Update:

James Mitchell
225 Boas Street, Apt. 1
Harrisburg, PA 17102

Address Correction:

Ellen Boyd
31 Edenview Road
Eisenlohr Bldg. Rm 256
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Church Leadership Strategic Planning

The Advisory Council, all officers, and staff members of the church will participate in a strategic planning and priorities retreat at WSBC on **Saturday, December 9**, at 8:30 a.m. If there are specific topics or ideas anyone would like to be considered for the 2018 church calendar, please contact a member of the Advisory Council. (The regularly scheduled December Advisory Council Meeting on December 5 will be cancelled due to the retreat.)

CWU Christmas Tea on Saturday, December 2

Church Women United of Harrisburg will hold a Christmas Tea on **Saturday morning, December 2**, at Colonial Park United Church of Christ, 5000 Devonshire Road, in Harrisburg. Following refreshments and devotions at 9:30 a.m., enjoy the church's annual Crèche Festival, which features hundreds of nativities of various sizes from around the world. For more information, contact Gayle Campbell at 774-4186 or gpcamp@verizon.net.



Hanging of the Greens

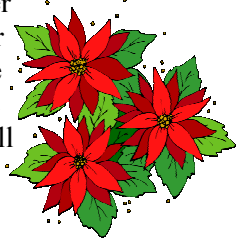
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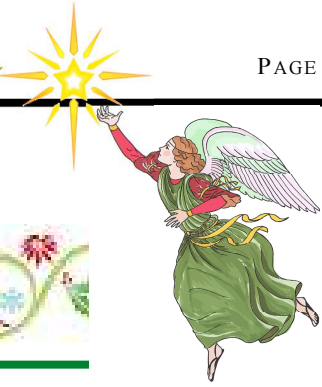
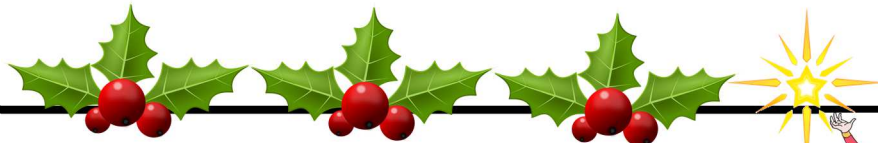
The Diaconate Board is looking for volunteers for the annual "Hanging of the Greens" here at WSBC. If you can lend a hand on **Saturday, December 2**, come to the church at 10:00 a.m. Join us for a chance to make our church festive and joyful this Christmas.

Questions?
Contact Milan Vulich.

Don't Forget to Order Your Poinsettias!

It's time once again to order beautiful poinsettias to decorate the church this Christmas. Please use the designated envelope in the pew rack and enclose your payment of \$9.00 per poinsettia ordered. Then place your order in the offering plate. The deadline for ordering poinsettias is **Monday, December 4**. Please call the church office at 761-0942 if you have any questions.





Happenings and Highlights



West Shore Baptist Church

PRESENTS

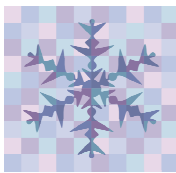


The Best Christmas Pageant Ever



Saturday, December 16— 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 17—10:30 a.m.

In this hilarious Christmas classic, a couple struggling to put on a church Christmas pageant is faced with casting the Herdman kids, probably the most inventively awful kids in history! You won't believe the mayhem—and fun—when the Herdmans collide with the Christmas story head on! So come to "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at WSBC! It's sure to be a fun event for the whole family.



January Annual Meeting

The January Annual Meeting will be held on *Sunday, January 21*. Details will be announced soon. All church officers and boards should submit their reports to the church office no later than *Tuesday, January 9*, by email to b.prior@wsbc.org or by hard copy. Thank you!

WSBC Family Picnic at Adams-Ricci Park, September 30





From the Christian Education Board

DECEMBER EVENTS



Special Holiday Craft Time for Children

In celebration of Advent, the Christian Education Board has planned a special holiday activity for the children on **Sunday, December 3**, at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.



Special Events for Children & Youth on December 17

On **Sunday, December 17**, all children are invited to join in a cookie decorating party at 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

At 6:00 p.m., the Youth will hold their annual **Christmas Party** in the Youth Room. Questions? Speak with Pastor Greg.



Children & Youth Ministry

From Pastor Greg







Immediately after the sin of Adam and Eve, there came a pronouncement from God. Adam, Eve, and all of creation fell under a curse. The cosmos was broken, fractured, and cut off from the fullness of the goodness of God. But more than a curse was uttered in Genesis 3. God also declared a promise. He promised that one day the seed of the woman, a future Messiah, would come to crush the head of the serpent and ultimately triumph over the darkness man had brought upon himself. The promise of the awaited Messiah is more than just a theme of the Old Testament, it is the point of the Old Testament. God filled the Old Testament with hundreds of types and shadows of the coming Messiah, all pointing toward the day when the second Adam would come to rescue those under the curse of the first Adam. The New Testament reveals the fulfillment of these types and shadows in the person of Christ. The Messiah promised to God's people has arrived in Jesus! He has finally come! The long-awaited Messiah, the God-man, has condescended to reverse the curse of Adam and set sinners free. It was the moment God's people, since Genesis 3, had been waiting and hoping for. The promised Messiah was the only hope for God's people in the Old Testament, and the Messiah who has come is the only hope for God's people today. This Christmas, as we celebrate His incarnation, let us remember to put our hope in Him. He is our Messiah. He is the One promised in Genesis 3, the One typified throughout Old Testament narrative, and the One who stooped to the lowliness of human flesh to redeem a people for Himself. Oh, come! Let us adore Him!

Soli Deo Gloria

Associate Pastor *Greg Kabakjian*

December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9am - Christian Ed Classes 9am - Morning Worship 10am - Children's Choir Practice 10am - Coffee Cafe 10:30am - Christian Ed Classes 10:30am - LifeHouse Worship	27	28	29 6:30pm - Prayer Meeting @ 7pm - Sonshine Singers	30 7pm - Christmas Pageant	1	2 9:30am - CWU Christmas Tea @ 10am - Hanging of the Greens 3pm - Christmas Pageant 
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17 9am - All Christian Ed Classes 10am - Coffee Cafe 10:30am - Christmas Pageant 11:45am - Children's Cookie 	18 7pm - Beacon Bell Ringers @	19 6:45pm - Diaconate Board Mtg @	20 2pm - Remembrance Service @ 6:30pm - Prayer Meeting @ 7pm - Sonshine Singers	21 6:30pm - LifeHouse Advent	22	23
24 9am - All Christian Ed Classes 10am - Children's Choir Practice 10am - Coffee Cafe 10:30am - Unity Worship Svc 11:45am - LifeHouse Band 11:45am - Prayer LIGHT Team @ 6pm - Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas Merry Christmas! 	26	27 5:45pm - Men's Bible Fellowship 6:30pm - Prayer Meeting @ 7pm - Sonshine Singers	28	29	30
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Calendar of Events





*West Shore Baptist Church
seeks to be a
L.I.G.H.T. to our Community by...*



Loving God in celebrative worship in order to *magnify* His wonderful name

Inviting Friends and sharing a caring witness as part of our life *mission*

Growing Together in uplifting fellowship encouraging faith and church *membership*

Helping Others and empowering growing disciples to engage in God-shaped *ministry*

Teaching Truth and equipping disciples to develop Christ-like spiritual *maturity*

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SUNDAY SERVICES:

Traditional Worship — 9:00 AM
Christian Education Hour — 9:00 AM
Coffee Café — 10:00 AM
LifeHouse Worship — 10:30 AM
Christian Education Hour — 10:30 AM



We're on the web!

Visit: www.wsbc.org