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WORSHIP:

In-Sanctuary Worship on Sundays at **10:00 a.m.**

MINISTERS:

ALL THE MEMBERS EVERYDAY

PARISH SECRETARY:

Korinne Hotzman, (610) 790-7195 (cell)
Office Hours: Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

MUSIC DIRECTOR:

Jane Battaglieri, Phone: 610-370-0965

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Michael Braucher, President
Richard Gruber, Vice President
Theresa Shurr, Secretary
Pat Yocum, Financial Secretary
David Hartman, Treasurer
Jane Battaglieri
Christopher Becker
Matthew Kasisky
Linda Lash
Dianne Leininger
Erin Readinger

BUILDING PRINCIPLES:

- Devotion to Jesus as Lord and Savior
- Compassionate Sharing and Community Service
- Persistent Faithfulness
- Courageous Witness
- Flexible Leadership

PURPOSE STATEMENT:

God's purpose for our congregation is to:

Learn God's mission

Share God's love

Witness through Word and Service

Welcome all to a fellowship of forgiveness and thankful praise

BERN BUGLE NEWSLETTER SPONSOR

The *Bern Bugle* for December is sponsored in memory of Steven Roth by Sally Koch.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The following discussions took place and decisions made at our Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 20:

- The minutes from the February 20 Congregational Meeting were approved.
- The minutes from the Special Congregational Meeting on August 14 were approved.
- The 2023 Proposed Budget were voted on and approved by the congregation.
- Christopher Becker and Linda Lash will begin their first 3-year term on council.
- Theresa Shurr and Richard Gruber have both completed their first 3-year term and have agreed to stay on council.
- David Hartman and Matthew Kasisky have both agreed to serve 1 year in a vacant seat.
- The 2023 Nominating Committee consists of Dianne Leininger, David Hartman, and Matthew Kasisky.
- Awaiting bids for the sound system.
- The sinkhole repair has been completed.
- The church computers have been updated.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The following discussions took place and decisions made at our council meeting on Monday, November 21:

- A collection of Christmas cards for our shut-in members is being taken the beginning of December.
- A get-well card will be sent to Bishop Christopher deForest from the congregation.
- Council Installation has been scheduled for Sunday, January 8, 2023.

OUR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING will be on **December 19 at 7:00 p.m.**

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY AT EPLER'S UCC: FOOD & FAITH

You are invited to join with the congregation of Epler's UCC for worship on **Friday, December 2**. Everyone will join together for a meal at 6:00 p.m. followed by worship at 7:00 p.m. The worship service will be less formal and will focus on current events and how our faith allows us to still find hope in a conflicted world. The music will be on a rotating basis of various styles and instruments. Dress is casual and membership is not required to attend. For a schedule of meals, topics, and special music, check out Epler's UCC website at www.eplerschurch.org.



Join us on Sunday, December 4,
between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
for coffee, Christmas cookies,
and fellowship.

Hope to see you there!

-Worship & Music Committee



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles for the January *Bern Bugle* are due by **Tuesday, December 20**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We invite all children to join us for Sunday School. We meet from 11:00-11:30 a.m. **PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Sunday School on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, or New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1.**

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Classes meet on Sunday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 9:55 a.m. **There will be no Confirmation classes on Sunday, December 25, and Sunday, January 1.**

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed the week of December 5. Our Secretary, Korinne, will be taking vacation. She will be back in the office on Tuesday, December 13. Phone messages will be checked daily.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS

We will be adorning our sanctuary with red and white poinsettias for our Christmas Eve service. If you would like to order any plants, please return the enclosed form with your payment and place in the offering plate or mail to the church office by **Sunday, December 11**. The price for each plant is \$5.50. A minimum of 60 plants are needed in order to decorate the poinsettia tree. Thank you!



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Thank you to everyone who supported Bern Cemetery Company in honoring our veterans by purchasing a wreath. The wreaths will be placed in the cemetery on Saturday, December 17. A service will be held before in Bern UCC at 1:00 p.m. Wreaths will be laid after the service. If you would like to help with the laying of the wreaths, please contact Barry Shurr at 610-372-7229.

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

If you would like to contribute towards monetary Christmas gifts for our Designated Pastor, Gary Rarick, our organist, Jane Battaglieri, or our Secretary, Korinne Hotzman, please place your donation in an envelope (envelopes can be found on the round table in the narthex) and clearly mark the amount you are contributing to each staff member's gift. If nothing is noted on the envelope, your contribution will be divided evenly between the staff members. Contributions may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. **All contributions must be received by Sunday, December 18.** Thank you!

HOLY BAPTISM

On Sunday, November 13, we welcomed Millie Louise Schuler as our new sister in Christ through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Millie was born on March 7, 2022 to Brent and Kate Schuler. Millie's siblings are Hattie and Adam and her grandparents are David and Beth Hartman and David and Eileen Schuler. Her sponsor, Anne Spieker, is her aunt. Let us welcome Millie into the family of Bern Lutheran Church.



CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR OUR SHUT-IN MEMBERS

You may have noticed a table with a basket on it in the hallway on your way into church. We are collecting cards to send warm wishes to our homebound members for Christmas and to let them know we are thinking about them. All you have to do is sign the card, put the member's name(s) on the envelope, place it in the basket, and we will take care of the rest. You can also mail your own card. Member's addresses are in your directory. If you need a current director, please contact the church office. Please have your cards to church by **Sunday, December 11**. Thank you!

Bern's homebound members are:

- Robert Frey
- E. Berry and Margaret Hey
- Beatrice Kauffman
- Ruth Keeney
- Jack and June Kochan
- Arlene Lengel
- Ann Myers
- George and Jane Schaeffer
- Pauline Shuman
- Ronald and Phyllis Stonefelt
- Doris Supplee



SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH OUR COMMUNITY

Berks Children and Youth Services has reached out again this year to see if we are interested in providing gifts for children that are in their program. We had a tremendous response to this last year and know the joy that it brought to those who provided the gifts as well as those that received them. We have received a list of names of children and some gift suggestions. This information can be found on a tree in the narthex. If you would like to participate, please choose a name from the tree that you would like to shop for. **Wrapped gifts must be returned to the church no later than Wednesday, December 14**, so that they can be picked up and delivered to the children for Christmas.

THANK YOU to Bob and Tina Hissinger for the Nativity set they donated to our church. This looks absolutely beautiful with our other Christmas decorations.

“Bless us, Lord, this Christmas, with quietness of mind; teach us to be patient and always to be kind.”
—Helen Steiner Rice

Join us on December 24 for our Christmas Eve service at 7:00 p.m. where we will be celebrating the birth of the baby Jesus. Pastor Kenneth Gould will leading our worship service. It will include Candlelight, Holy Communion and a Children's Sermon.

PORK 'N SAUERKRAUT DINNER

Epler's UCC, 1151 West Leesport Road, is holding Pork 'n Sauerkraut dinner on New Year's Day, **January 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** Cost is \$12.00 per person. Children age 6-12 is \$6.00. Take out is available upon request.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

With Senior Berners disbanding, if you would like to have your blood pressure checked, please call Terri Shurr at 610-372-7229 to set up a time.

ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

It is once again time to begin preparing the Annual Book of Reports for 2022. Please submit all reports to the church office no later than **Sunday, January 8**, so that they can be assembled and available prior to the February Congregational Meeting.

BISHOP CHRISTOPHER DEFOREST

We received word that the Bishop has been hospitalized and receiving treatment for a systemic strep infection. Doctors will also replace one of his heart valves in the very near future. Thanks to the gifts of antibiotics and modern medicine, he intends to be recuperating at home during December. We will be sending a card from the entire congregation of Bern to let him know that we are thinking of him and are praying for him.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Just a reminder to consider designating your "Choice Dollars" to Bern Lutheran Church. This program continues to benefit our church through your quarterly designations. Thrivent's phone number is 800-847-4836. When you hear the menu of options, simply say "Choice Dollars" and you will be connected to an operator to conduct the transaction. To make your designation by email, go to www.Thrivent.com and fill in the necessary information.

GLOSSY MAGAZINE RECYCLING PROGRAM for Ronald McDonald House

UPDATE: Due to the lack of sites in Berks County that do magazine recycling, Toni Sweitzer is trying to come up with new ideas to continue this program. There are several sites in the Lancaster area, where Toni lives, that continues to do recycling of magazines. If someone would be willing to meet her half-way to collect the magazines, or if someone travels to Hershey Medical Center, the magazines could be dropped off there. If you would like to volunteer to help, or if you have other suggestions, please contact Toni at 610-781-4315 or adsweitzer@comcast.net. Thank you!

ALTAR FLOWER, BULLETIN, AND NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIPS

In order to provide high quality weekly bulletins and cover mailing costs, we invite you to become an Altar Flower sponsor for \$35.00/week or a Bulletin sponsor for only \$20.00/week. You can also sponsor our monthly Newsletter for \$40.00/month. You are welcome to sponsor any of these items in honor of important birthdays/anniversaries, in honor of or in memory of someone, or to the Glory of God. Sign-up sheets for 2023 are now available on the bulletin board in the hallway.

ABOUT THE ADVENT WREATH

One of the best-known customs for the season is the Advent wreath. The wreath and winter candle-lighting amid growing darkness strengthen some of the Advent images found in the Bible. The unbroken circle of greens is clearly an image of everlasting life, a victory wreath, the crown of Christ, or the wheel of time itself. Christians use the wreath as a sign that Christ reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. The four candles mark the progress of the four weeks of Advent and the growth of light. Sometimes the wreath is embellished with natural dried flowers or fruit. Its evergreen branches lead the household and the congregation to the evergreen Christmas tree. In many homes, the family gathers for prayers around the wreath.



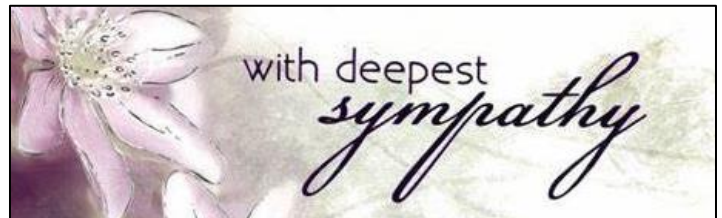
IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

MEMBERS:

Lisa Miller, Family and friends of Kenneth Beissel, Sr., Tina Hissinger, George Schaeffer, Barbara Speicher, Tim Moyer, Jane Schaeffer, Myra Bernhart, Bob Frey, and Ruth Keeney

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Paul, Bishop Christopher deForest, Eleanor, Shannon Helms, Austin Kennedy, Ann Spinner, Glenva, Warren, Courtney Davis, Giselle Davis, Joanne King, Tim Brown, Robin Brown, Matt DeLeon, Judy Claycomb, Marcia Stoudt, Pastor Joyce Seip, Peter and wife, Bill and Joan Carpenter, Arthur W. Zimmerman, Natalie, Charles Trophe, Michael and Troy, Bob Stoner, Ashley, Philip Triantis, Mike, Peggy Deemer, Joe and Karen Young, Brian, Jamie Hey, Glenn Jones, Kailey, Renee Fullmer, Patrick, Susan, Owen Hey, Joyce, Rev. Fred Foerster, Brenda Frey, and Lesley Wegman



Kenneth R. Beissel, Sr., 91, of Bern Twp., passed away Thursday, November 3, 2022, in his residence. He was the husband of the late Faye E. (Green) Beissel, who passed away March 27, 2021. He was a US Army Veteran during the Korean War and received the rank of Corporal; and had previously served 6 years in the PA National Guard. Kenneth is survived by three sons: James M. Beissel, Kenneth R. Beissel, Jr., and Jeff L. Beissel, ten grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, November 9, at Leibensperger Funeral Home, Leesport, with Pastor Gary Rarick officiating.

“Each of us is an innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus.” —Neal A. Maxwell



(* Denotes 80 years young)

- 3 Andrew Kasisky
- 5 Marlies Goetz
- 7 Margaret Hey *
- 12 Owen Steiger
- 13 Makayla Riegel
- 15 Terri Shurr
- 17 JoAnn Ketz
- 18 Nicholas Braucher
- 20 Corrine Bender
- 20 Nancy Malandra *
- 21 Fawn Fix
- 21 Matthew Reichart
- 23 Jeffrey Shurr
- 27 Beverly Moyer
- 27 Barbara Speicher
- 27 Brooke Steiger
- 28 Richard Schoener *
- 31 Marke Wismer



- 7 Richard and Christine Gruber (48 years)
- 7 Jeffrey and Sandra Schucker (48 years)
- 14 Richard and YuYun Greener (27 years)
- 26 Michael and Brenda Reichart (41 years)



ALTAR FLOWER, BULLETIN, AND NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIPS

You can sponsor Altar Flowers for \$35.00/week, Bulletins for \$20.00/week, or our monthly Newsletter for \$40.00/month. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway with your name and dedication next to the date(s) you want to sponsor. Thank you!

If you wish to sponsor Altar Flowers, but don't want to pay the cost for both vases, you can split the cost with another member. Each vase would cost \$17.50 and each sponsor could still include a dedication in the bulletin.

Altar Flower sponsors for December:

- December 4 – Rick and Chris Gruber
- December 11 – Phil Ketz
- December 18 – Tina and Bob Hissinger
- December 24 - Poinsettias
- December 25 – NO WORSHIP SERVICE

Bulletin sponsors for December:

- December 4 – Rick and Chris Gruber
- December 11 – Barry Shurr
- December 18 – Nancy Malandra
- December 24 – Barbara Auchenbach
- December 25 – NO WORSHIP SERVICE

Church Openers for December:

- December 4 – Richard Gruber
- December 11 – Linda Lash
- December 18 – Patricia Yocum
- December 24 – Theresa Shurr
- December 25 – NO WORSHIP SERVICE

Church Greeters for December:

- December 4 – Barbara Auchenbach
- December 11 – Nancy Malandra
- December 18 – Barbara Auchenbach
- December 24 – Barbara Auchenbach
- December 25 – NO WORSHIP SERVICE

Lectors for December:

- December 4 – Donna Marks
- December 11 – Brenda Reichart
- December 18 – Barbara Braucher
- December 24 – Richard Gruber
- December 25 – NO WORSHIP SERVICE

Supply Pastor Schedule:

- December 4 – Pastor William Fryer
- December 11 – Pastor Kenneth Gould
- December 18 – Pastor Kenneth Gould
- December 24 (Christmas Eve) – Pastor Kenneth Gould
- December 25 – NO WORSHIP SERVICE

HAVE YOURSELF A HOLY LITTLE CHRISTMAS

The “Christmas season” seems to begin earlier every year. Some stores had Christmas stuff on the shelves weeks before Halloween. What madness! We go dashing through the stores to the beat of *Jingle Bells*; and we go “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree” until we crash from exhaustion.

Revelry and gift-giving are fine and fun, but if we’re not careful they can snowball out of control.

Stewarding a Holy and meaningful Christmas means balancing the commercial with the spiritual. Here are some tips:

Observe Advent: The four weeks *before* Christmas Day comprise the Advent Season, a time to *prepare* for Christmas through prayer, song, worship, and spiritual disciplines. Lean into the spirit of Advent. Advent devotionals can help (I recommend Richard Rohr’s *Preparing for Christmas*).

Observe the Christmas season: The church calendar lists the *season* of Christmas from Dec. 24 to the feast of Epiphany on Jan. 6. Until the 20th century, these 12 Days of Christmas were the time for celebration and partying. Make them special in your life and family.

Cut the consumerism: Limit your shopping and spending by setting a strict budget or gifting the people in your life with homemade presents, favors, or ways to spend time together.

Party hardly: For some, Christmas is an excuse to overeat and drink to excess. Moderate your consumption.

Most importantly, pray: Ask God to help you and your family craft a meaningful and joyful Advent and Christmas. Ask God to send you wisdom, resources, and people who can journey through the spiritual season with you.

By carefully stewarding your faith life, Advent and Christmas can be a time for real spiritual growth.

--Rob Blezard

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INCOME AND ATTENDANCE

<u>For the Week Ending</u>	<u>Income toward Budget Expenses</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
11/06/22	\$ 3,238.00	54
11/13/22	2,408.00	61
11/20/22	1,310.00	49
11/27/22	4,334.00	32

\$3,259.19 is needed per week to meet 100% of the Budgeted Expenses

Budget Report – Year to Date

	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$12,648.00	\$143,796.00
Congregational Fund Raising	<u>135.70</u>	<u>3,539.70</u>
Total Funds	<u>\$12,783.70</u>	<u>\$147,335.70</u>

<u>Actual Income / Expenses</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budgeted Income	\$11,229.00	\$93,858.00
Non-Budgeted Income	1,554.70	40,695.00
Budgeted Expenses	6,542.50	84,673.00
Non-Budgeted Expenses (Sinkhole Repair)	22,994.50	10,006.00
Benevolence to be Paid	413.00	872.00
Surplus / (Deficit)	- \$16,753.00	\$39,002.00

<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>2022 Pledge</u>
Synod and ELCA	\$1,938.50	\$3,000.00
World Hunger	758.00	1,500.00
Mission Field	708.50	1,300.00
W.B.M.D.	395.00	600.00
Other (Food for the Poor)	665.00	.00

<u>Capital Improvement Acct.</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Member Contributions	\$.00	\$1,275.00
Interest	.00	5.60
Expense	<u>.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		<u>\$42,123.07</u>

<u>Savings Account</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$1,221.00
Interest	32.89
Expenses	
(Festival of Faith -\$1,000.00)	
(Piano Tuning-\$145.00)	<u>\$1,145.00</u>
	<u>\$131,838.06</u>

BERN CEMETERY COMPANY
RULES AND REGULATIONS
(Revised October 11, 2022)

1. There will be no planting of trees, shrubs, or plants.
2. No enclosures of any nature such as fences, coping, railings, or hedges will be permitted around any grave or lot.
3. All grading and excavation will be done by the employees of the cemetery company.
4. The Bern Cemetery Company will not be responsible for any articles, decorations, etc. which are placed on cemetery lots.
5. All waste, rubbish of any kind, shall be deposited in the proper receptacles located throughout the cemetery.
6. No signs are permitted on the lots.
7. Cremation digging is only done by authorized employees.
8. Digging of any grave is decided between the funeral director and the cemetery maintenance superintendent.
9. Flowers, figures, structural designs, and other temporary markers on a grave will be removed when they become unsightly by cemetery employees.
10. All plants and flowers are to be removed 20 days after the holiday. Also to be removed are any pins, wires, and rods. No glass containers should be used at any time.
11. Tombstones are to be placed on the center line of a lot.
12. No tombstone may be placed without consulting Bern Cemetery Company.
13. No rights of burial may be transferred or reassigned without written consent of the Board of Trustees of Bern Cemetery Company.
14. No one may resell a lot. The Bern Cemetery Company must be notified if a lot holder wishes to sell.
15. Burial in the cemetery is for humans only.
16. Only two cremations are permitted per grave site.
17. No burials are permitted in the Historic Graveyard.
18. No two vaults may be stacked on one grave site.
19. No illumination devices or fixtures are allowed.
20. Foundations are needed under all monuments including flush mounts.
21. NO plastic, silk, or artificial flowers may be at the monuments during mowing season (May 1st to October 1st).
22. If a customer requests to have funds returned for a newly purchased lot, a 25% administrative fee will be deducted and retained by Bern Cemetery Company from the sale of the lot.
23. Only one double urn per grave.
24. Cremation ashes must be in a McKenzie urn and the opening grave no larger than 15" by 15".

Story stones



Share the good news of Jesus' birth in a creative way.



What you need:

- Newspaper
- Bible
- Smooth, clean stones
- Pencil
- Oil paint pens
- Adult help



What you do:

1. In a well-ventilated area, cover a work surface with newspaper.
2. Read Luke 2:1-20 and choose key people and places to draw.
3. In pencil, sketch one drawing on each stone.
4. Follow directions on paint pens to fill drawings with color. Let dry.
5. Hide stones for younger siblings to find, set out a new stone each day or order them in a row and tell the Nativity story.

PUZZLE

Seeking the story
 Angels joyfully announced a special arrival in Bethlehem at Christmas.

Directions: Find the words listed below. Then unscramble the intersecting letters to complete Luke 2:11, NIV.



WORD BANK

Shepherds
 Child
 Nazareth
 Census
 Baby
 David
 Mary
 Travel
 Town
 Register
 Born
 Night

T	B	W	Y	A	Z	K	E	S	H	N	G	D	J	K
Q	O	Y	A	P	R	A	L	B	F	P	I	C	Q	L
N	R	W	X	B	E	Y	R	M	B	D	M	O	E	E
S	N	O	N	W	G	A	I	B	A	C	D	O	T	D
R	G	X	J	F	I	W	M	V	B	R	R	C	E	O
P	S	C	E	N	S	U	S	H	Y	U	Y	F	P	N
O	T	P	I	G	T	Q	C	N	T	G	M	U	S	T
O	A	N	D	B	E	C	H	I	L	D	N	Z	F	A
A	T	B	A	U	R	W	H	G	F	V	A	B	U	M
T	R	A	V	E	L	J	C	H	V	O	Z	G	N	H
F	B	Q	I	W	D	X	P	T	E	N	A	O	L	Q
Z	C	R	D	Q	S	H	E	P	H	E	R	D	S	V
R	U	V	Y	K	N	I	R	T	K	G	E	Y	I	R
K	V	A	Z	X	L	S	H	Y	T	P	T	J	S	K
L	L	E	S	M	J	Z	L	Q	R	U	H	V	W	X

"Today in the town of David a _____
 has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."

LUKE 2:11, NIV

Answer: Savior

SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA



Merry Christmas

Dear Friends and Christ,

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Creator and from Jesus Christ! On behalf of the Northeastern PA Synod Staff and Bishop Christopher deForest we wish you the merriest Christmas and a blessed and fruitful new year!

This year the NEPA Synod accomplished a cornucopia of ministry in all corners of the NEPA territory. Your love for God in Christ fed the hungry, built relationships with the downtrodden and outcast, diapered babies, shared the love of God in Christ, and much more...

Christmas reminds us of the length God goes to build relationships with us. God comes all the way down to a dirty stable in Bethlehem... an unexpected, messy beginning for the Messiah. Jesus is exactly the Messiah we needed without understanding why we needed him.

Christmas is an opportunity to reflect on the ways God comes to us unexpectedly -- It's an opportunity to meditate on the reality that Christ comes to us as an infant, totally reliant on his parents... Christ comes in the most usual way, and yet he's the one foretold in the prophets of old, he saves the people from sin and death, and he keeps coming to us. Jesus comes to us in bread and wine, in baptism, through prayer and thanksgiving, and when we gather together around God's Word.

Continue to be the Body of Christ in the world. Keep serving, preaching, proclaiming, worshipping, and sharing the good news of what God has done for us!

Yours in Christ,
NEPA Synod Staff



Register Now!

Join us!

LEARNING MINISTRIES DAY

January 28, 2023

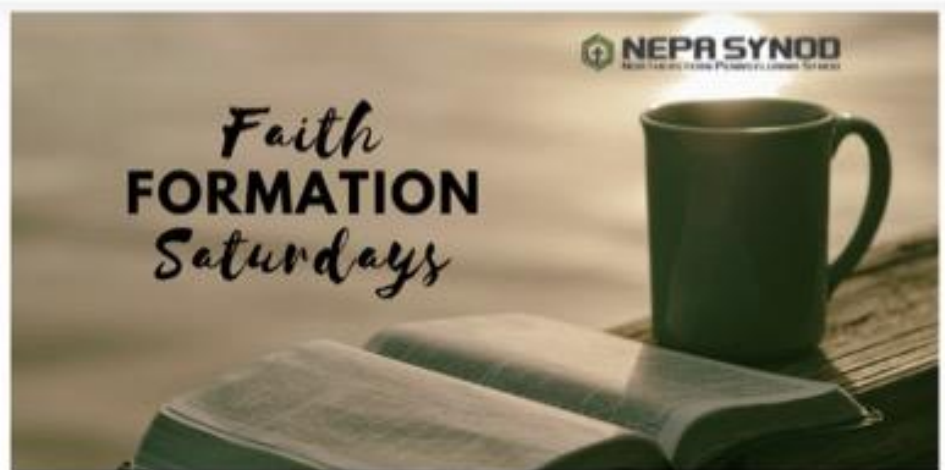
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**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**SYNOD
ASSEMBLY
2023**

**JUNE
1-3**



*Faith
FORMATION
Saturdays*

Faith Formation Saturdays

Date: Monthly (2nd Saturday)

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm EST



DECEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 6:00pm – Food and Faith Worship Service, Epler’s UCC 6:00-8:00pm – Frog Pond	3
4 2 nd Sunday of Advent 9:00am - Fellowship 10:00am – Worship with Holy Communion 11:00am – Sunday School Opener: Richard Gruber Lector: Donna Marks	5	6 Korinne – Vacation	7 Korinne – Vacation	8 Korinne - Vacation	9 6:00-8:00pm – Frog Pond	10
11 3 rd Sunday of Advent Pentecost 10:00am – Worship 11:00am – Sunday School -Poinsettia Orders Due -Cards for Shut-ins Due Opener: Linda Lash Lector: Brenda Reichart	12 1:00pm – Senior Berners	13	14 6:00pm – Hawk Mountain Boy Scouts -Angel Tree Gifts Due	15	16 6:00-8:00pm – Frog Pond	17 1:00pm – Wreaths Across America Service, Bern UCC
18 4 th Sunday of Advent Pentecost 10:00am – Worship 11:00am – Sunday School -Staff Christmas Gifts Due Opener: Patricia Yocum Lector: Barbara Braucher	19 7:00pm – Council Meeting	20 3:30pm – Berks Quilters Guild NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21	22	23 6:00-8:00pm – Frog Pond	24 Christmas Eve 7:00pm-Candlelight Communion Service Opener: Terri Shurr Lector: Richard Gruber
25 NO WORSHIP SERVICE 	26	27 3:00-8:00pm – Berks Festival of Faith	28	29	30 6:00-8:00pm – Frog Pond	31  NEW YEAR'S EVE



We are planning to adorn our sanctuary with red and white poinsettias for our Christmas Eve service. If you would like to order any plants, please return this form with your payment and place in the offering plate or mail to the church office by **Sunday, December 11th**. The price for each plant is \$5.50. Thank you!

Number of poinsettias at \$5.50 each: red _____ white _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

ENVELOPE #: _____

DEDICATIONS (*In Honor of, In Memory of, or To the Glory of God*):

In honor of:

In memory of:

Given to the Glory of God:

PLEASE NOTE: A minimum of 60 poinsettias are needed in order to decorate the poinsettia tree, with 25 of those being white for the cross in the middle. Thank you!