



This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”
(Luke 2:12)

Advent is a journey and along the way we are in need of reflection, rest, and refreshment. It is easy to get weary on this journey with all that has to get done. We are at the very least easily distracted. We can be distracted by bills to pay, purchases to make, cards to prepare and gatherings to attend. Such things can lead us off the journey of Advent if we let it. But a loving God provides a foolproof route and way through which the angel of the story calls a “sign.” That is just what we needed.

In the dark we need lighted signs, in the fog we seek light to show us the way forward. The sign is not a palace or an inn. It is not power or praise that is the sign that shows us the way. It is a baby wrapped in cloth. All we have is a glimmer of light but it is enough to guide us to the manger and to help us celebrate the presence of the one who is in it.

Winter Events & Happenings

VINEYOUTH EVENINGS (GRADES 6-12)

We will not be having a 9am Youth Class or 6pm VineYouth meeting on Sunday, 12/24 or 12/31 so that we can celebrate the holidays with family.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING UPDATE

We want to update you on the December 10th Congregational Meetings. Both the land sale and budget passed. Thank you to all those who participated.

ENCOUNTER will be held every Tuesday from 7-8:30pm in the sanctuary. Bring your Bible and a notebook for this time of prayer and worship.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Two unique services, both equally meaningful. Sunday, December 24 Worship Service at 10am and Christmas Eve Candlelight Celebration at 4pm. Childcare will be provided for children Birth-3 years old.

YOUTH MALL HUNT (GRADES 6-12)

Join the hunt! Can you find everyone on the wanted list? Meet at the Walden Galleria Mall near DSW on the 2nd floor at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, December 27. Students under 17 must be with an adult. Then join us at Sonic after the hunt for milkshakes and snacks! See Pastor Tammy for more info.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SUNDAY SERVICE

On December 31 we will have one worship service at 10am. Childcare provided for children Birth-3 years.

REFRESHED WOMEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST

Ladies, our next Women's breakfast will be held Saturday morning, January 20, 9am, in Baldwin Hall. Please join us for food, fellowship and an inspirational message. Circle **WOMEN'S BREAKFAST** on your connection card or sign up at the Welcome Center on Sunday morning. Please bring a breakfast dish to share.

WELCOME LUNCH

Sunday, January 21, following the 11 am service in the Ministry Center. This is a place to quickly and simply connect with what happens at the Vine. We will discuss the story of the Vine along with the vision God has given us to pursue. Please circle **WELCOME LUNCH** on your connection card by 1/14 so that we can plan accordingly.

SIGHT & SOUND THEATER-JESUS

Tuesday, April 3-Friday, April 6. Travel with The Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church's Young at Heart Group (55+) to Gettysburg & Lancaster, PA, through Maestro Tours. The itinerary includes stops at Hershey Museum, Gettysburg National Military Park & Museum and the Sight & Sound Theater where you will experience, *Jesus*, the musical stage adventure about the most famous person ever to walk the earth and the everyday people whose lives he changed forever. If you would like to learn more, please contact Bill at Maestro Tours LLC (716) 235-7165.

MORNING PRAYER

The first Thursday of each month from 10-11am, please join Pastor Tammy in the Prayer Room as we pray for our church and region.

CHURCH CALENDAR Check out our Vine calendar <http://vinewc.org/calendar/> for more upcoming events.