



The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

The baby Jesus did not come with royal proclamations, the firing of cannon in salute, or foreign affairs “Breaking News” items. All such trappings of the ordinarily important propels, such as celebrities, crumble, turn quiet or become “yesterday’s news.”

In the midst of a drab and weary world we are invited to gaze upon God’s glory, the glory of the one and only Son. We know there is a glory that accompanies Him for everyone he comes in contact with, even since birth, has been changed. This glory who comes from the Father is full of grace and truth. Now, if there is something lacking in our world today, isn’t grace and truth. In the day of protest, scandal, accusation, and fake news, grace and truth is what we need. We need people to extend grace to one another for we are all sinners. We need truth for it is the truth that sets us free. It is the truth that clears confusion and brings discernment.

What if we set out in the new year to always walk in grace and truth. How much drama would we save ourselves from? If we gave people grace because we know how much we need grace. What if we always sought the truth not drama, gossip, or fake news...oh, how different things may be. Grace and Truth...may these be the two rails we ride in 2018 and see where God may take us.

## ***Winter Events & Happenings***

### **NEW YEAR’S EVE SUNDAY SERVICE**

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

### **VINEYOUTH EVENINGS (GRADES 6-12)**

We will not be having a 9am Youth Class or 6pm VineYouth this Sunday so that we can celebrate the holiday with our families.

**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.

### **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.

### **GUY'S NIGHT OUT**

Wednesday, January 24 at 6:30pm, Baldwin Hall. Men, come join us for a fantastic evening with chili, soup, fellowship, a short message on how you can be all God wants you to be in 2018 and a cornhole tournament! If you would like to take part in helping with the food or by bringing soup or chili, please see or contact Steve Priola at 870-0903 or Bob Emser. Also, we would like to get an idea of how many will be playing in the tournament. If you would like to participate, please let Steve or Bob know. You can enter as a team or you will be paired up, if you would like. If you have a corn hole set that we can use, let us know as we will need multiple sets. This event is open to all gentlemen, teenage and above and we hope to see you there. Please circle **GUY'S NIGHT OUT** on your connection card on Sunday morning if you plan on attending.

### **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.