

# Monocacy Church of the Brethren

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## Why Christmas?

Christmas is the celebration of a momentous event—the birth of someone who claimed to be both God and human!

But why would God leave heaven and come to earth in the form of a man? Jesus answered that question by saying he “came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45). Essentially, he was proclaiming that he was born to die, and that his death would benefit all humankind.

So a cross cast its shadow over the manger at Bethlehem where the baby Jesus slept. All through his life, Jesus knew that ahead of him lay the certainty of a cruel death—a death at the hands of the people he came to save.

But at the same time, he also knew that his death would be the way for multitudes yet unborn to live forever with God. “This is how God loved the world: HE gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

As we give gifts this season, remember that Jesus gave everything, including himself, for others. He is God’s greatest gift to us, something no earthly present can compare to.

The result of receiving that gift is clearly expressed in the Bible: “To all who believed and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God” (John 1:12). Now that’s a reason to rejoice!

How do you become a child of God? Take a moment right now and say this simple prayer:

*Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite you to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Savior.*

When you sincerely offer that prayer to God, you become a new person, a beloved child of God. Find a Bible-teaching church that will help you grow closer to him. Christmas will be even more meaningful to you as you celebrate the priceless gift of Jesus.

*Jim Kraus*

I know Christmas is over and this is a little late—but to me, I think it needs to be remembered year –round!

HE loved/loves us everyday! We should believe in him and accept him EVERYDAY!

After 7 years at Monocacy, I begin my short break from preaching (“sabbatical”) and look forward to some time to read, study and pray more.

Working two jobs is like “burning the candle at both ends” so a break from preaching will give me a chance to rest a bit.

The concept of sabbatical comes from the practice in the Old Testament of the year of Jubilee. This is the best time, for the congregation, for me to take a break; being winter, this pandemic and saving on expenses.

May 2021 be a much better year full of health and peace for each of us.

God Bless you and yours!

Happy New Year!

Pastor Tracy

January Preaching Schedule

3rd Brother Paul Schildt

10th Brother Sam Martz

17th Brother Dylan Rinehart (Pipe Creek COB)

24th Brother Bob Free

31st Sister Deb Eyler

## **Sunday School News**

**With your donations for Heifer International, we were able to purchase the following items.**

**Share of Sheep**

**Garden Seeds**

**Honeybees**

**Flock of Chickens**

**And last but not least the balance went to where it was most needed.**

**Thank you for your donations.**

**Also be looking for an announcement for Souper Bowl Sunday!!! Start buying items for the Food Bank!**

## **7 Quotes, Sayings and Verses for January**

“The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time.”

“Never worry about what will happen tomorrow, next week, next month, next year. You can always trust the One who holds the future.”

“God is never in a hurry, but He’s always right on time.” - Amish sayings

“Procrastination is the thief of time.” - Unknown

"Time is a valuable asset which is multiplied when we give the first part back to God." - PTS, p.149

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." - Psalm 90:12 (Moses)

"Time is the passing of life. Redeeming the time means rescuing it from going to waste." - Rick Grubbs

## **Ladies Aid**

Do you have a High School OR College Senior graduating in 2021?

If so, please let any of the Ladies Aid members know.

Also get a senior picture to Lisa for the June Newsletter.

# JANUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes- day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 ISAIAH 50:10	2 HEBREWS 2:9
3 PSALM 31:3	4 MATTHEW 6:10	5 PROVERBS 25:25	6 JAMES 1:17	7 1 THESS 5:14	8 JOHN 17:23	9 ROMANS 1:20
10 PROVERBS 15:28	11 ISAIAH 40:30-31	12 EPHESIANS 1:3-4	13 PSALM 119:130	14 JOHN 1:14	15 PROVERBS 14:27	16 ISAIAH 49:10
17 EZEKIEL 18:23	18 JOHN 15:12	19 MATTHEW 11:29-30	20 PROVERBS 16:18	21 PSALM 119:75-76	22 JOHN 3:5	23 PSALM 103:1
24 1 TIMOTHY 4:12	25 PSALM 78:5-6	26 MARK 11:25	27 ISAIAH 42:10	28 PSALM 46:1-2	29 HEBREWS 4:15-16	30 11 COR. 4:15
31 ISAIAH 28:16						

Jeni Baker 1st  
 Deidre Haller 1st  
 Harold Lutz 4th  
 Sidney Moser 11th  
 Mary Beth Swanson 11th  
 Joelle Hartman 15th  
 Wanda Stover 15th  
 Landon Armiger 19th  
 Mary Webb 20th  
 Russell Moser 20th  
 Hannah Free Goellner 23rd  
 Larry Free 25th  
 Keith Boone 25th  
 Josh Eyler 26th  
 Aaron Shorb 26th  
 Terri Kelly Belanger 30th



**I want to wish everyone a  
 Happy and Healthy NEW YEAR!**

Rick & Sharon Free 12th  
 Russell & Sidney Moser 12th  
 Scott & Donna Ritchie 17th  
 Michael & Pam Kilcoyne 18th



**Elijah Moser**  
Air Force



**Caleb Peters**  
Marine



**Kyle Petrosky**  
Navy



**Matthew Stephens**  
Marine



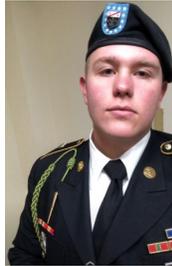
**James Updegraff III**  
Marine



**Joseph Speck**  
Navy



**Isaiah Fannin**  
Marine



**Jacob Fannin**  
Army



**Bryce Estell**  
Marine



**Ethan Pennington**  
Navy



If you know anyone in the service and would like to add them to our Military page, please send me their name and a service picture. It is nice to have the names associated with a face.

We need to keep praying for our Nation and those who decided ON THEIR OWN to protect us!

**Thank you for your service!**

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## **Military**

**Tyler Ramey, Marines**

**Alex Nee**

**Travis Smith**

**Michael Hobbs**

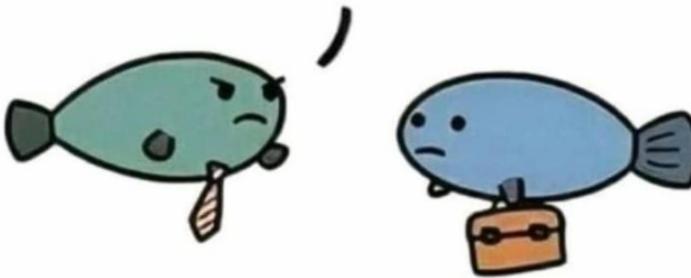
**Robert Wolfe, Air Force**

**Sgt. Kara Stambaugh**

**Sgt. Alexander Stambaugh**

## Shut-Ins

You're late again!  
What happened this time?



Donna Sinnott  
c/o Don & Pam Brant  
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Sir, you won't believe it.



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