**OUR MISSION:** To make new disciples of Jesus Christ

**OUR VISION:** To reach out and invite our neighbors to Encounter God  $\cdot$  Grow in Faith  $\cdot$  Serve in Christ's Love

### **ENCOUNTER GOD**

**Christmas Pageant:** The pageant will be held on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Holiday Sunday School Schedule:** There will be no Sunday School the mornings of Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. All Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **GROW IN FAITH**

**Pastor Kris' Bible Study:** Pastor Kris is leading a Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm through December 20<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend.

**Ruth's Bible Study:** Pastor Ruth is leading a Bible study on Thursdays at 9:30am. Reference the bulletin or the calendar on the website for an update on a holiday break.

### **SERVE IN CHRIST'S LOVE**

**Christmas Poinsettias:** Money for the poinsettias is due by December 17<sup>th</sup>. If you sponsored flowers, the cost is \$7.00 each.

**Teachers:** All Sunday School teachers are asked to meet briefly after the service today.

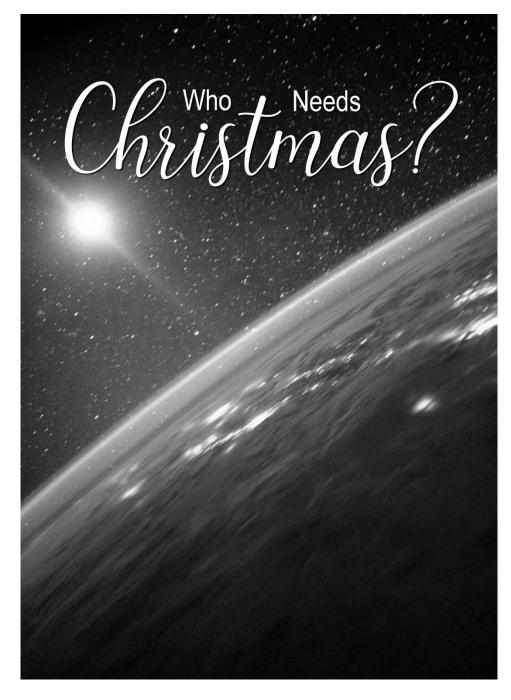
**Nursery:** Additional people are needed to serve in the nursery for the new year, approximately once every 4 to 6 weeks. Clearances are needed. Speak with Pastor Kris or Gwenelle Trivette if you are interested in this ministry.

**Welcoming Hosts:** On December 10th, immediately following worship, there will be a welcoming host conversation. All current welcoming hosts are asked to stay for this brief conversation.

**Christmas Party:** The church Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Meat will be provided. Please plan to bring a dish to share. The sign-up for this celebration is on the library table.

#### SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Assistant – Mark Semler; Praise Team Leader – Travis Ware
Pianist – Jeffrey Wine; Acolyte - Jacob; Sound Tech – Dale Hostetter
Welcoming Hosts – Matt Ellis & Judy Ellis
Nursery Care – Tabitha Ford-Yeager & Julia Socks



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 3, 2017

**Words of Welcome & Parish News** 

**Spirit Flame** 

\*\* Praise Songs

"10,000 Reasons"

"Joy to the World" ("Unspeakable Joy")

Praise Team Praise Team

"Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome"

Time of Prayer (ending with the Lord's Prayer)

Children's Chat

**Advent Candle Lighting** 

Ellen & Roger Kennedy

**Special Music** 

"Away in a Manger"

Giving of Our Tithes, Gifts & Offerings

\*\* Hymn and Prayer of Thanksgiving

"Glory Be to the Father"

Hymnal #71

**Hymn of Preparation** 

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel" x2 Hymnal #204

Scripture Reading Galatians 4:4-7

Message Pastor Kris

**Holy Communion** 

\*\*Closing Hymn

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Hymnal #211 (You are welcome at the altar for prayer or blessing during this song.)

\*\* Benediction

## MFSSAGE NOTES

Who Needs Christmas?
Part 1: God Did

Ask God to speak to you during worship. Listen to the music, listen to the Scripture, listen to the preaching, listen to the prayers and listen to the quiet of your heart. What thought, idea, challenge or invitation jumps out at you? Just one thing. Not five things. Just one. Write it down here, then spend this week praying about how you can live it out:

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** 9:00 a.m. **SUNDAY WORSHIP** 10:15 a.m.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Admin. Asst. Mary Thomas · 717-597-4217· statelineUMChurch@gmail.com

#### **OUR FAITHFULNESS LAST WEEK**

Attendance:60 Tithes & Offerings: \$1603.02

<sup>\*\*</sup> Please stand, as you are able in body and spirit.