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Let's Be More Discerning

**MARY, EXHAUSTED,
HAVING JUST
GOTTEN JESUS
TO SLEEP, IS
APPROACHED BY
A YOUNG MAN
WHO THINKS TO
HIMSELF; WHAT
THIS GIRL NEEDS
IS A DRUM SOLO**

One of the favorite Christmas songs for many is the “**Little Drummer Boy.**” It is a story that is not Biblical, but it does drive home a Biblical message. **We come to worship God and serve him with the gifts and talents that we have.** We are not to compare our ability to worship and serve with what others can do. We, of course, recognize that every gift, drumming, singing, teaching, serving is from God. And so, when we worship and serve him in ministry, we are giving back to God that which he has given to us.

But I found this picture that put a different twist on the song that I thought at first was funny, and secondly also gave to us a message that we need to read and take to heart. Sometimes we are not as discerning and sensitive as we should be. This does not mean that our intentions or motivation are faulty. Sometimes those are well-meaning. But they are not always sensitive to the situation. Therefore, we can do and say and give things that are not needed, necessary or helpful.

The little drummer boy was thinking about what might be needed, what might be helpful, what might be good at this time. But in this twist, what Mary needed was silence and a chance to rest and even to take a little nap.

We encounter many people at this time of the year in a variety of situations. What we don't often know what is the situation which they are in and what they really need. We may guess, but what we need to do is to be discerning, sensitive, and even ask. Maybe they need a break. Maybe they need you to just to be present. Maybe they need a simple “thank you.” Let us not push our own agenda or ideas or opinions onto their situation. This encouragement is not just good during the Christmas season, but throughout the year.

Paul wrote, “Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” (Philippians 2.4) Let us help make this a great Christmas season for everyone as we try harder to be sensitive and discerning to the needs and interests of others.

In Christ Alone



CBC WEEKLY PRAYER POINT

Please pray for the Gethsemane Congregation in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa, and Pastor Zihinaula Mulemi Dieudonne. Also, pray for the Gitega Congregation in Burundi, Africa, and Pastor Nishimwe Zeblon.

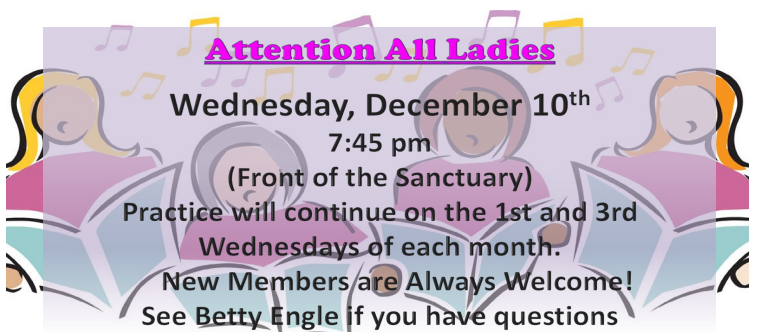
The Prophet Isaiah tells of the coming of an individual who will have the "Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him." We read in part.

Isaiah 11:1-10. (KJV) "There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse...." The world and even the Gentiles will know the power of our God.

Please pray for these congregations and pastors:

- Pray for Melinda Little's cousin Julie for recovery from surgery relating to her thyroid cancer.
- Kathy McWilliams is asking us to pray for her father, Lester Laughman who is facing several health decisions. Also be in prayer for Kathy and the whole family as they give support to Lester during this time of discernment and answers for the health issues he is facing.
- Please pray for Sue Smeltzer's cousin, Kathy, for recovery from a double mastectomy.
- Colin Staples requested prayer for the Dick Lehman Family. Dick, who is a co-worker of Colin's had a heart attack and passed away. Pray for his wife, Linda and the entire family.
- Pray for the family of Mary Stover as they go through this difficult time after her passing.
- Joanne Miller requested prayer for Wayne and Pat Miller, as they are both really declining, also pray for the family.
- Joanne Miller requested prayer for 2 biopsies of thyroid nodules on 12/16. Prayers for good results.
- Foy Stambaugh is still in York Hospital recovering from a stroke.

Women's Fellowship thanks the congregation for all the baked goods and crafts for their stand at the Community Center, which was a big success.



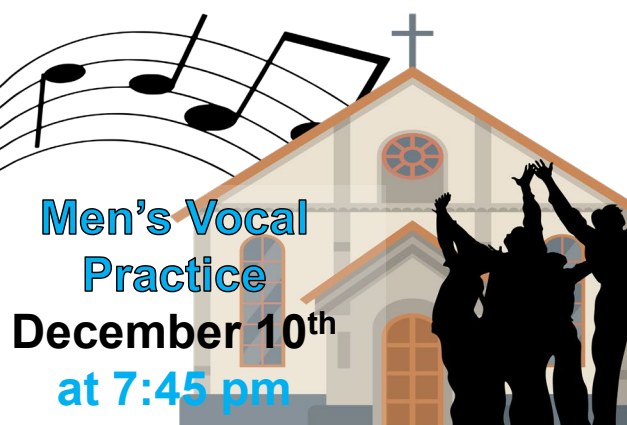
Attention All Ladies
Wednesday, December 10th
7:45 pm
(Front of the Sanctuary)
Practice will continue on the 1st and 3rd
Wednesdays of each month.
New Members are Always Welcome!
See Betty Engle if you have questions

Women's Choir

Mary Stover's Memorial Service

will be held on Saturday, December 13th
at 1:30 pm.

Visitation with the family will follow the service with a luncheon in the Gathering Place.



Men's Vocal Practice
December 10th
at 7:45 pm

Thank
you

Nurture Commission would like to thank everyone who came out to support our Movie Night. Also a big thank you to those who helped clean up. It was all greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

5 pm – Bermudian Church

279 Bermudian Church Road, East Berlin, PA

7 pm & 10 pm

Altland Meeting House

Meeting House Road, Thomasville, PA

MEN'S BREAKFAST

FOOD × FELLOWSHIP × FAITH

NEXT MEETING
December 20th, 7 am
Dover Valley Restaurant

Widow and Widowers Luncheon

Sunday
December 14th, 2025
At Noon

At Brenda
Eisenhour's house

Please See Nancy
Smith to RSVP



Wednesdays
December 10th, & 17th
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm with Pastor Gary

Life Group

Highlights on the book of Daniel

Save the Date!

Holiday Dinner
January 10th, 2026
at 5:30 pm
The Gathering Place
RSVP by December 28th

CARLISLE TRUCK STOP MINISTRY HOLIDAY COOKIES



HELP SUPPORT THE
TRUCK STOP MINISTRY
COOKIE DISTRIBUTIONS
BY BAKING SOME OF
YOUR FAVORITE
COOKIES TO SHARE
WITH OTHERS.

We have already prepared the gift bags with small gift items. All we ask is that you place 5 to 6 of your fresh baked cookies in zip-lock style bags.

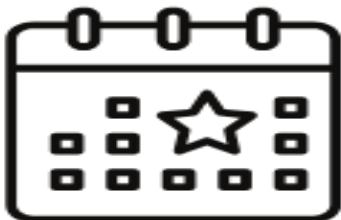
NOTE: Truck Stop ministry ask that you wear gloves (masks are optional) while preparing & packaging cookies.

PLACE YOUR COOKIE BAGS IN THE GATHERING PLACE, ON THE KITCHEN CENTER ISLAND

***ALL COOKIES ARE DUE IN NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14th. ***

IF ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT YOUR WITNESS COMMISSION.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
BLESSED BAKING!**
from your *Witness Commission*





Reminders

Wednesday 12/10

6:30 pm – Life Group 
7:45 pm – Women's/Men's Choir

Thursday 12/11

 Justin Kauffman's Birthday
 Mike & Ashley Frantz's Anniversary

Friday 12/12

 Jonathon Wells' Birthday

Saturday 12/13

 Troy & Brenda Grim's Anniversary

Sunday 12/14

Bring Truck Stop Cookies
09:00 am – Come Worship
10:00 am – Intersection's Café
10:20 am – Sunday School
12:00 pm – Widows and Widowers Luncheon
At Brenda Eisenhower's house


Tuesday 12/16

 Richard Jacob's Birthday

Wednesday 12/17

6:30 pm – Life Group 
7:45 pm – Women's/Men's Choir Practice

Sunday 12/21

 Merv Good's Birthday
09:00 am – Come Worship
10:00 am – Intersection's Café
10:20 am – Sunday School


Monday 12/22

 Brett Miller's Birthday

Wednesday 12/24

5:00 pm – Christmas Eve Service at Bermudian
7:00 pm – Christmas Eve Service at Altland
Meeting House, Thomasville
10:00 pm – Christmas Eve Service at Altland
Meeting House, Thomasville


Thursday 12/25

 Jesus' Birthday! Merry Christmas

Saturday 12/27

 Lucille Meyer's Birthday

Sunday 12/28

 Fred & Connie Shultz's Anniversary
09:00 am – Come Worship
10:00 am – Intersection's Café
10:20 am – Sunday School




Wednesday 12/31

Youth

Thursday 01/01/2026

Happy New Year



Saturday 01/03

 Amy Staples' Birthday
 Dave Titzell's Birthday
 Bill & Tricia O'Bryan's Anniversary


Sunday 01/04

09:00 am – Come Worship
10:00 am – Intersection's Café
10:20 am – Sunday School

Tuesday 01/06

 James Kauffman's Birthday
 Charlotte Little's Birthday

Wednesday 01/07

 Tina Good's Birthday
6:30 pm – Life Group 