



The Rolling Stone

December 2016



CHRISTMAS 2016

It's the time of the year when you all hear me say

Christmas is only a few weeks away

The older I get the faster it goes

One day it's summer, the next day it snows

There's so much to do and no time to prepare

I'm falling behind now, does anyone care?

Yes, there is one and He is my King

He is the reason for everything

He cared so much He left His throne

Came to earth for awhile but this wasn't His home

He walked with men to show them His love

The kind that comes from Heaven above

He saved us from sin and that is the truth

He gave His own life that we might have proof

So I'll celebrate on Christmas day

That love arrived as a new born babe.

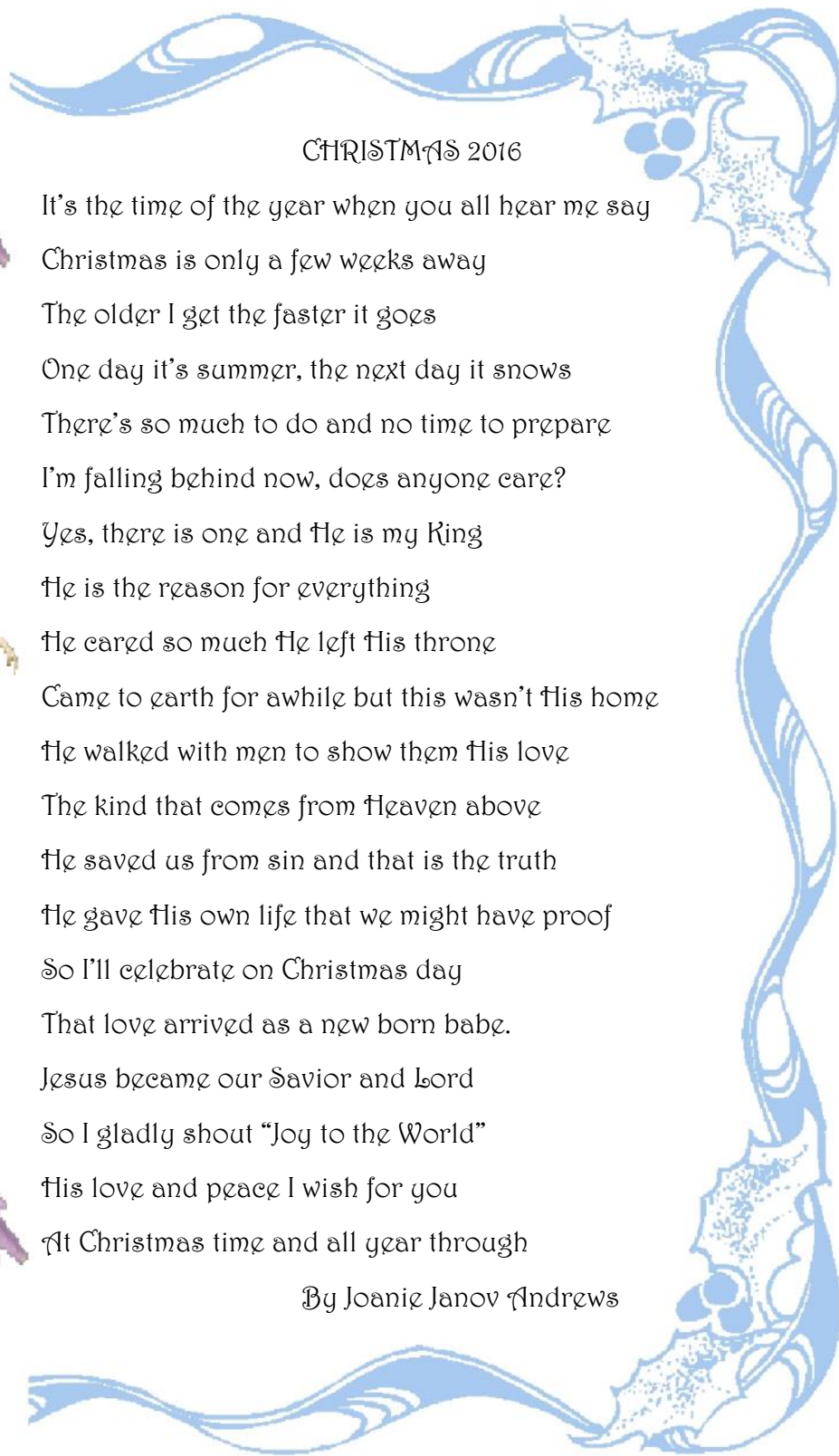
Jesus became our Savior and Lord

So I gladly shout "Joy to the World"

His love and peace I wish for you

At Christmas time and all year through

By Joanie Janov Andrews





Join us this Christmas Eve at 7 o'clock PM for an evening of worship, prayer, and celebration as we honor the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We encourage you to invite a friend and to bring the family.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11.



	Open	Close	Offering Counters	Greeters
December 4	C. Graham	B. Kissel	R. Peters, K. Tomko, F. Gilchrist	B. Ekaitis, N. Carroll, S. Staszak, G. Hillmar
December 11	B. Andrews	M. Keefer	R. Peters, K. Tomko, F. Gilchrist	B. Ekaitis, T. Hillmar, S. Staszak, G. Hillmar
December 18	B. Rhodes	S. Lawrence	B. Andrews, B. James	B. Ekaitis, N. Carroll, T. Hillmar
December 24	volunteer needed	volunteer needed	B. James, S. Lawrence	B. Ekaitis, T. Hillmar, G. Hillmar, B. Reagan
December 25	volunteer needed	volunteer needed	B. James, S. Lawrence	B. Ekaitis, T. Hillmar

COMMUNITY AND MISSION MINISTRY TEAM NEWS

Co-Chairs Bill Rhodes & Billie Kissel; Gary Hillmar, Kathy Peters, Rich Peters, Nancy Swanson, Beverly Ekaitis, Bekah Little

It is our responsibility to respond to the needs of our community, our country and the world that seems to grow smaller each year. All the ministries we donate to, participate in God's mission of salvation, peace, and justice for all.

Crestfield Camp and Conference Center Summer Camp for youth. \$ 2,000.00

Intersection - McKeesport based, serving meals and providing medical aid for the needy. \$ 1,000.00

Sonshine Ministries – McKeesport based, they support the needy. In addition the Mission Team serves dinner on a quarterly basis. \$ 2,500.00

Salvation Army McKeesport - Serving McKeesport families. \$ 2,500.00

Brother's Brother Foundation – supplies medicine, equipment, agricultural needs worldwide. They are always ready to assist disaster victims. \$ 2,000.00

Coalition for Christian Outreach CCO, John McEwain, director. A ministry that calls college students to serve Jesus Christ. \$ 1,000.00

SMPC / Christian Education – Campers \$ 300.00

SMPC Cupboard Stretchers – Serves White Oak with a monthly food bank. Jolene Keefer and Kathy Peters, directors. It is self supporting with contributions from the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, Tips for Cops and free will donations.

Gracious and loving God, you have blessed us with abundant resources. Help us to be mindful of those in need and inspire us to share with the less fortunate.

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM NEWS

We were able to purchase the Popcorn Maker thanks to a few donations and the dessert sale at the Chili Cook-Off.

On December 4 there will be a Luncheon / wrap Salvation Army Christmas Presents / Candy and Bake Sale. If you would like to donate home made candy or a baked item please bring it in on Sunday morning. The Candy sale will be ongoing until Christmas.

Bob had 12 people attending his cheese cake class. He may have more classes in the future. Stay tuned!

Chair, Carol Rost, Bob Levkus, Valerie Pompe, Brian Reagan and Ben Seiler.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS MINISTRY TEAM MEETING

"All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty."

Building and Grounds news:

- If any members of the congregation has experience in installing security systems please see Chris Graham.
- Mon Yough Chorale are beginning to move their supplies up to room 17 on the second floor
- Devin replaced the hot water tank with assistance from Russ Kengle, with additional supplies donated by Devin.
- Everyone is very satisfied with the results of the parking lot project. Devin donated and applied Prosoco Consolideck® Saltguard® WB to the new concrete. Only calcium chloride based ice melt should be applied to new and existing exterior concrete surfaces.
- Devin repaired and donated the parts to the heating system.
- Devin serviced the shutoff valve on the utility sink
- Dish Sanitizer should now finally work since the water will heat properly, further investigation is necessary to determine if an auxiliary heater is necessary.
- Devin corrected the water pressure in the handicapped bathroom.
- Sanctuary fan coils units were cleaned and new filters installed by Val Pompe, Carol Rost, Brian Reagan, Butch Andrews and Devin Tomko. Devin made additional needed repairs.
- LaVerne Dobos, Val Pompe, Carol Rost, Brian Reagan and Devin held a special meeting to discuss budget which was presented to Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team for review.
- New business: Devin discussed with Gary Hillmar the deacon's purchase of air conditioning for the kitchen, exterior lighting has non functional fixtures which need replaced, a boiler fund will be added to the Capital Projects Campaign, and the storage room adjacent to the outdoor A/C unit is in dire need of cleaning/purging. All groups that store "stuff" in this room will need to provide at least one representative to assist with cleaning. Date to be determined.

FOODBANK NEWS

The Food Bank served 72 people in November. Including all family members, we served 191 individuals. We received many donations, which helped to stretch our food order.

The Elders won the soup challenge!! Thanks so much to all who contributed!

All our clients received \$15 in gift cards, and will receive another one in December.

For December, we are collecting anything for a Christmas dinner. Paper products for the Holiday are always welcome.

Blessed Christmas to all of you. , Jolene and Kathy



DEACONS

Thanks to all friends of SMPC who made the election day soup and hoagie sale a success by donations of 134 quarts of soup and labor to fulfill 300 hoagie orders!

Our core may be small but it is mighty. Proceeds have been put into the capital projects fund for a kitchen air conditioner.

This advent season the deacons will provide presents for three families designated by the Salvation Army. This includes ten children and twenty-three adults. If you would like to contribute please place your donation in the white Christmas offering envelope, or call the church office.

The deacons are having a Christmas candy sale this season. White chocolate peppermint bark and milk chocolate heath crunch bark are available. 4 oz. Christmas bags are \$4 and an 8 oz. boxes are \$8. Please call the office if you would like to order by December 8 or complete an order form at the church. We will deliver if needed.

Poinsettias are available for \$6 this year to decorate the sanctuary. Please see any deacon or the church office by December 4.

Blessings for a healthy, happy advent and Christmas

Bev and Eva

OTHER NEWS

LADIES BREAKFAST CLUB ... Please join the Ladies Breakfast Club on the first Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at Denny's in North Versailles.

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP ... Please join the Men's Breakfast Fellowship on the first Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at King's Restaurant on Route 30. All are welcome.

THE MILLER'S DAUGHTERS BOOK CLUB ... The Miller's Daughters Book Club meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.. Call Linda Lawrence for more information.

CHURCH CALENDAR ... The church calendar can be viewed at any time on the church website

CHURCH POLICY ON FELLOWSHIP HALL USAGE: If a church member would like to use the Fellowship Hall for an event, personal or church related, you will need to contact the church office during office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am until 4:30 pm. If the date you request is available your request will be added to the calendar and you will be given a written confirmation.

YOU ARE INVITED...

**TO THE 13TH ANNUAL YOUTH CLUB
CHRISTMAS DRAMA AND
DINNER.**



Please join us on Wednesday,
December 14th at 5:30 for a wonderful Christmas drama.
After the play we would love for you to stay for dinner and
fellowship.

Youth Club starts again January 4th.

Bekah is looking for people who would like to teach Children's Worship
once a month. If you would like to teach or help please contact Bekah
(rebekahlynn.little@gmail.com or 412-580-5103).



Bekah would love to come see your children do
what they do best. Please let her know if your
children have sports games, choir/band concerts,
any performances, anything that you think she
should come and see!



12 Christmas... PRAYERS

- 1 Faith** Father God, it is by Your grace we have been saved, and through our faith - this is not from ourselves, but a gift from you - not by our works. Ephesians 2:8-9
- 2 Hope** May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in Hope. Romans 15:4
- 3 Love** Help us to love because You first loved us. 1 John 4:19
- 4 Forgiveness** Thank you for being faithful and just in forgiving us our sins and thus purifying us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9
- 5 Mercy** Let us be merciful, just as our Father is merciful. Luke 6:36
- 6 Kindness** Let us be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as through Jesus, You forgave us. Ephesians 4:32
- 7 Generosity** Let us be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, and to give the glory and thanks to you Lord! 2 Corinthians 9:11
- 8 Compassion** Let us live in harmony with one another, be sympathetic and compassionate, love as brothers, and be humble. 1 Peter 3:8
- 9 Joy** Let us be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12
- 10 Salvation** Thank you for providing Jesus who is the way, the truth, the life and the only way to You. John 14:6
- 11 Obedience** Help us to not merely listen to Your Word, and so deceive ourselves. Help us do what it says. James 1:22-25
- 12 Life** Thank you for coming that we may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10



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Sampson's Mills Presbyterian Church

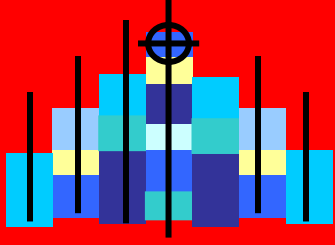
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Worship Sunday at 11:00 am
The Reverend Scott E. Dennis



Mission Statement

Continuing the mission of Jesus Christ,
Through the Holy Spirit,
We seek to cause God joy

By connecting people to Christ and to each other
in ways which display the Kingdom and give honor to God

