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A.V.: Jamey Sullivan

NEXT SUNDAY Dec.20, 2015 (worship at 9:30 am)

Freedom Bound

Worship Leader: Evie Shellenberger
Music Leader: Marlene Beachy
Meditation Rebecca Kauffman
Greeters: Dave & Debbie Heinz
Nursery: Trish Moore/Luke Mosemann
AV: Jamey Sullivan

TODAY

How often do you find yourself entangled and paralyzed by fear? On this third Sunday of Advent, we are invited to bring our fears to God who has power to free us from fear's power over our lives. As we place our trust in God, we are more able to live lives of courage and joy.

NEXT SUNDAY

Although both Elizabeth and Mary have their lives turned upside down, they recognize and celebrate God’s loving intervention in the world.

This Week

Mon. Dec. 14, Finance Comm. mtg. 5:00 pm

Wed. Dec. 16, Small Groups

Friday Dec. 18, 6:30 pm. PMF Children’s Christmas Program, family and friends are invited to come experience the Christmas story through the voices of children.

UPCOMING

Keep the date of **December 30** open on your calendars so you can attend an important congregational meeting to discuss our grant proposal for youth, families and all of us. We will meet at 7 p.m. and your presence is highly desired as we take the next step in making the proposal a reality.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jubilee Christmas - please assist our area children by buying new clothing or new toys! We have a Jubilee tree in Save A Lot with trumpets that list ages, size and gender of Throop elementary students and this will ensure we have what we need! You can leave your purchase at Save A Lot where a committee member will pick it up, or bring to PMF. Thank you! Mary Beth Gibbons.

On the bulletin board: “reunion” newsletter.

The **church office will be closed** on Christmas and New Years Day. Announcements for the bulletin should be submitted on Wed. Dec. 23 and Wed. Dec. 30.

If you have not written your cards or letters of encouragement for **Audrey Thill** please do that before Wednesday and give them to either Curtis or Yolanda. Thank you!

Over the past year we have experienced loss and grief. On December 21, **the longest night**, you are invited to attend a worship service of lament, trust and hope as we remember Jesus' words to "come, bring your burdens to me." The service will begin at 7 p.m. Please invite friends who grief this Christmas season to attend.

For Prayer

Pray for Curtis, Yolanda, Leah and Hannah as they travel this Wed to Cambodia to visit Audrey. May they have safe travel, good health, and peace of mind as they take a break from responsibilities here. May God bless their interactions and adventures.

Pray for comfort and healing for those who are facing health concerns:

- for Gail Brown as she continues treatment for cancer
- for Liliann Woodsmall as her broken leg heals & she goes back to school
- for Julie Harrison as she deals with pain from a torn meniscus in her knee.
- prayers of gratitude as Sherry has felt healing in her heart-physically and emotionally.

Ask for the Holy Spirit's wisdom to direct our conversations with others, so that we might express our convictions with both humility and clarity. "Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone." ~ Col 4:6

