

## Pastor's Pen

### Re-Igniting Sunday School for all Ages in the New Year

Dear Congregation,

In the fall newsletter, I wrote about our plans to revitalize Christian Education for all ages. I am pleased to announce that we are re-igniting our **Sunday School program**, kickoff date scheduled for January 25, 2026, 10:30 AM. The new program will offer Christian ed and discipleship classed for all ages, with something for everyone, including children's and contemporary worship opening program, refreshments, and coffeehouse and other small group opportunities for spiritual growth, including a new members class. Here is the new Sunday morning schedule beginning 1/25/2026:

- **9:00 AM** -Celebration worship service in the sanctuary
- **10-10:30** -Fellowship and refreshments in Fellowship Hall
- **10:30 AM** -Opening Coffeehouse "All-ages" worship for combined Sunday School and Coffeehouse group in Fellowship Hall
- **10:45 AM** – Christian Ed/Sunday School classes for all ages begin, scattered throughout the church building
- **11:45 AM** – Morning programs conclude

Many thanks to those who have answered the call to lead and teach in the new program. We will very likely need more volunteers. **Please prayerfully consider helping** if you are at all able and sign up. Jesus loves all ages, including the little children, and it is a privilege and blessing to serve him by training the next generation of disciples, beginning with those children.

**Important TRAINING reminder:** All volunteers in children and youth ministry must be trained or retrained in the "Safe-Sanctuary" Policy of the church. The training is **required** by the church and must be renewed for all leaders, volunteers and staff every three years. The next training is scheduled for **two Sundays, January 11 & 18, 2026, at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall**. Free lunch included. More details can be found in the pages that follow. Let's serve God's children together with excitement, joy, and committed love!

Yours in the love of Christ! Dr. Chris Fisher





## Worship Schedule January – February 2026

**Sunday Worship: 9:00AM Live & Online**

**10:30AM Coffeehouse Worship & Sunday School**

**Saturday Worship: Live at 6:00 PM**

**9 AM Theme: *Genesis, God and Science***

<b>Dec 21</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent</b> 9:00 AM – Special Christmas Cantata Program 11:30 AM – <b>“CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHOSEN”</b> Potluck Lunch. Chicken & popcorn provided!
<b>Dec 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Worship (Wednesday evening)</b> 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Carols & Candlelight Service
<b>Dec 27</b>	(No Saturday night worship service tonight)
<b>Dec 28</b>	<b>First Sunday After Christmas</b> <b>10:00 AM – Only One Worship Service</b> Guest preacher: Mr. Brian Reading
<b>Jan 1</b>	<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!!</b>
<b>Jan 4</b>	<b>Epiphany Sunday w/ Holy Communion</b> 10:00 – Combined single worship service Topic: <i>Genesis 4 – Cain and Able</i>
<b>Jan 11</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> 9:00 AM Worship – <i>Genesis 5-6 Adam to Noah</i> 10:30 AM –Leadership & Safe Sanctuary Training I
<b>Jan 18</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany/ Sanctity of Life Sunday</b> 9:00 AM – Topic: <i>Genesis 6-8 – The Great Flood</i> 10:30 AM -Leadership Training Session II
<b>Jan 25</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> 9:00 AM – <i>Genesis 9 God’s promises &amp; Noah’s sons</i> 10:30 – Combined Coffeehouse worship & Sunday School Kickoff for all ages!
<b>Feb 1</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany w/ Holy Communion</b> 9:00 AM – <i>Genesis 10-11 The Tower of Babel</i> 10:30 AM – Coffeehouse worship & Sunday School
<b>Feb 8</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> 9:00 AM – <i>Genesis 11 From Shem to Abram</i> 10:30 AM – Coffeehouse worship & Sunday School

<b>Feb 15</b>	<b><i>Transfiguration Sunday</i></b> 9:00 AM – Topic TBD 10:30 AM – Coffeehouse worship & Sunday School
Feb 18	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> 6:00 Supper 7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship Service 2026 Theme: “Old Testament heroes who prefigure Christ”
<b>Feb 22</b>	<b><i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</i></b> 9:00 AM – Topic TBD 10:30 AM – Coffeehouse worship & Sunday School

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**Communion Offerings**

Jan 4	<i>Jewel Women’s Center, Schuylkill Haven</i>
Feb 1	<i>Pastor’s Discretionary “Crisis Aid” Fund</i>

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**ALL CHURCH MOVIE EXPERIENCE  
THE CHOSEN’S CHRISTMAS SPECIAL:  
“HOLY NIGHT” on DECEMBER 21**



**Everyone is invited to enjoy this church family Christmas experience of The Chosen’s “Holy Night” on Sunday, Dec. 21, 11:30 AM, in Fellowship Hall. Free admission. Bring a potluck dish to share. Fried chicken, drinks, and movie popcorn will be provided.**



## Lent 2026 Wednesday Night Worship Series

6 PM supper, 7:00 Worship service

### "OLD TESTAMENT HEROES WHO PREFIGURE CHRIST":

- 2/18) Adam and Jesus** (Ash Wednesday): First and last man
- 2/25) Abraham and Jesus** - Father of the faith
- 3/4) Isaac and Jesus** - Only Son and willing sacrifice
- 3/11) Joseph and Jesus** - Beloved Son and rejected brother who becomes the savior
- 3/18) Moses and Jesus** - Deliverer and Prophet of God
- 3/25) David and Jesus** - Shepherd King
- 4/2) Holy Thursday** - Program TBD (*no supper this night*)

### What's Happening in the Lawsuit

Still nothing new to report. The trial is still set to run from **March 30 – April 6, 2026**. To support the 50+ churches in the lawsuit, there are periodic live and online gatherings, the latest on December 13 at Hempfield UMC, Lancaster County.

In the meantime, let's keep on being faithful disciples, following Christ, staying in constant prayer, loving God and others faithfully, deeply, fervently, sharing the good news, and doing whatever good works God has given you to do. Let's trust God for the future and keep our eyes on him while we keep doing the work of the Kingdom!



### REQUIRED "SAFE SANCTUARY & LEADERS" TRAINING (FIRST-TIME & RENEWAL)

**For All Leaders, Staff, Teachers, & Volunteers in  
Children's, Youth and Vulnerable Adult Ministry  
Sunday, January 11 and 18, 10:30 AM**

**Lunch provided**

It is time to renew and/or receive first-time "Safe-Sanctuary" AND Leaders training. This is mandatory for all leaders, professional staff, teachers, and for all volunteers in children's and youth ministry, and volunteers working with vulnerable adults, required whether you are new to volunteering or have had the training before (it must be renewed every three years). **All leaders, staff, teachers,**

**and anyone who wishes to begin or continue volunteering or working with children or youth ministry or with vulnerable adults MUST TAKE THIS TRAINING!** Small Groups leaders are also strongly encouraged to attend.

Because of the amount of material we need to cover, we are scheduling **two Sundays on January 11 & 18 for these sessions.** **Begins at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall.** Light lunch included. The training covers:

- Safe Sanctuary training mandated by the EPA Annual Conference
- Leadership Ethics Expectations
- Training for safe personal boundaries for ministry
- State mandated reporting requirements concerning discovery of various types of harm, including suspected abuse and threat of suicide
- Background check requirements
- Internet safety standards and new risks and safety protocols in the church context
- HIPPA Privacy Act awareness in ministry and confidentiality
- Reporting procedures for ministry crisis events
- Power dynamics and leadership dating standards
- Conflict resolution best practices
- Review of “armed shooter” safety protocol

Please make every effort to attend this vital training if you wish to be involved in any way in leadership or helping in ministry with children, youth, or vulnerable adults. The training will be recorded. Thank you.



### **Please Help Us with Your Online Worship**

Dear Friends, if you are watching our Sunday worship services online, we're glad you are tuning in. Drop a comment from time to time to let us know you tuned in. If you can get here, please try to come. Online worship is a lovely supplement to being part of the church, but it should not be a long-term replacement for meeting together live. Being together is sometimes the *only* way our loneliness and need for relationship can be met.

If you are blessed by the church, kindly consider giving to support the ministry. You can give at our website ([www.havencfc.org](http://www.havencfc.org)), or through the QR code in this newsletter.

# Church Prayer Ministry Updates

## 8 Things to Pray about in Jan – Feb 2026

- 1) Pray for those in authority everywhere, in the church and among the nations, for peace for the sake of the Gospel.
- 2) Pray for the spread of the Gospel, including in hostile countries. Pray for persecuted Christians around the world, and for the peace of Jerusalem.
- 3) Pray for your brothers and sisters in the church, for strength and endurance in faith, for help, encouragement, and healing. Pray for the sick, those in prison, for our nursing home and shut-in members, for those who are in trouble or in need.
- 4) Pray for our outreach ministries, for our church leaders, and for the missionaries and outside ministries we support.
- 5) Pray for our new members group, our confirmands, and for the newly revitalized Sunday School ministry targeting all ages.
- 6) Pray for salvation for the people of our county who do not know the Lord. Pray we will be faithful and bold in sharing the Gospel!
- 7) Pray for the judge and legal representatives in the lawsuit seeking disaffiliation from the UMC.
- 8) Ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit, grow the fruit of the Spirit in you, and shine his light of love through you to others.

**Weekly prayer team ministry continues.** We continue to call our members to join the prayer rotation of praying for a week, one hour each day. We ask you to pray for the Kingdom of God to come more fully in our church and community. Consider spending serious time alone with God each day in prayer and searching the scripture. Your whole day will be blessed.

**Prayer Chain.** If you have a prayer request, email it to the Prayer Coordinator Darlene Beers at [prayer@havenfirstumc.org](mailto:prayer@havenfirstumc.org). She will send it to the prayer chain. Many prayers lifted by the prayer chain have been answered!

**Do you have a testimony to share?** We are happy to make time in our morning worship for testimonies about what God is doing in our lives. If you have a testimony, please contact the church office at [office@havenfirstumc.org](mailto:office@havenfirstumc.org) and someone will be in touch.



## Through the Bible in a year (2026)

Next year we will be reading the @YouVersion Bible App plan 'Eat this Book: One Year Bible with Daily Psalm'. You can check out the plan at: <https://www.bible.com/en/reading-plans/206>. If you would like to be part of the church's joint reading group, email the pastor at [pastor@havenfirstumc.org](mailto:pastor@havenfirstumc.org), and he will send you an invitation.



## A Thank-you from our Anniversary Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Reid Thomas

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for the honor and privilege of joining you for the celebration of your 123<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary! Amy & I had so much fun being with you.

We thoroughly enjoyed lifting our voices with you in song and in prayer as we gave thanks to God for His faithfulness.

What a joy to get to talk with so many of you before and after the worship celebration. You blessed us as we had the opportunity to reminisce together and even see a few pictures of what we all looked like back in the early 1990s!

It was also great fun to celebrate with you the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ministry of your pastor, Rev. Dr. Chris Fisher, and his wife Lisi. That was especially meaningful for Amy and me to experience – the Fishers are very dear to us, as I know they are to you.

Thank you again for the chance to share in these special moments with you. We love you all. May the Lord continue to bless you and use you as a blessing!

With you in serving our Lord,

Reid & Amy Thomas

# **METHODIST WOMEN MINISTRIES**

## **UPCOMING**

**2026**

### **EVENTS**

**Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> – 1**

**pm We will be**

**hosting Jeanette**

**Sinn from “Our Father’s**  
**House” in Room 6. She will**

**be presenting a program on that**  
**charity.**

**We are doing a collection for them. We need:**

**Ready to eat meals- canned soups, pasta in cans,**  
**instant soups**

**Nuts, trail mix**

**Peanut butter crackers**

**Please place your contributions in one of the**  
**wooden containers in the Narthex by Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> – meet in room 6 to sign Valentine’s**  
**cards for shut ins. We will also deliver soup.**

## **Finance Committee Update**

So far, to date, 38 Statement of Intent cards were received offering approximately \$258,200 toward the 2026 budget. As a reference, our 2025 budget was \$469,159 and \$255,544 was pledged. We were able to come in below budget for 2025. The 2026 budget was set below the 2025 level. The final budget will be available for viewing in the office at the beginning of the New Year.

Thank you, all chairpersons, for your hard work on your budgets. We are very blessed to belong to a giving church. Envelope reminder- remember to write your check number in the appropriate space. If using one check to donate to several items, please label those categories on your envelope at “other”. Just doing this will help our counters expedite their process.

## Youth Ministry Ignite Winter/Spring 2026 Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location	Additional Info
January 8, 2026	6 – 8pm	Youth Worship		
January 13, 2026	6-8pm	Faith Over... Series	Youth Room	Special monthly series with Lisi Fisher on youth mental wellbeing & emotional healing
January 22, 2026	6 – 8pm	Youth Worship		
January 29, 2026	6 – 8pm	Youth Worship		
February 5, 2026	6 – 8pm	Youth Worship		
February 8, 2026	12pm – 3pm	Souper Bowl Food raiser	Haven Redner's Supermarket	Annual Food Drive to support the local Vineyard Pantry (Signup to support by Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup> )
February 10, 2026	6-8pm	Faith Over... Series	Youth Room	Special monthly series with Lisi Fisher on youth mental wellbeing & emotional healing
February 15, 2026	TBD	Father/Daughter Dance	Walk-in Center	Annual event for fathers to show their daughters the love they deserve.
February 19, 2026	6 – 8pm	Youth Worship		
February 26, 2026	5-10pm	Winter Jam	Reading, PA	<a href="#">WinterJam 2026 • Reading, PA</a> No overnight stay (For travel and attendance purpose, RSVP by Feb 5 <sup>th</sup> )
March 5, 2026	6 – 8pm	Youth Worship		
March 10, 2026	6-8pm	Faith Over... Series	Youth Room	Special monthly series with Lisi Fisher on youth mental wellbeing & emotional healing
March 19, 2026	6 – 8pm	Youth Worship		
March 21, 2026	TBD	Youth Outing	At the Works (Reading, PA)	Mini-Kart Racing, Arcades, and Food (Need advanced notice of attending – RSVP by Feb 10 <sup>th</sup> )
March 26, 2026	6 – 8pm	Youth Worship		
April 2, 2026		Maundy Thursday (No Youth Group)		
April 7, 2026	6-8pm	Faith Over... Series	Youth Room	Special monthly series with Lisi Fisher on youth mental wellbeing & emotional healing
April 17-18, 2026	TBD	Youth Lock-in	Fun and Games, Discussion and Sleep Over	

April 23, 2026	6 – 8pm	Youth Worship		
May 3, 2026	End of Year Gathering/Party			

Mid-March: Youth Council - Planning for summer events (i.e. Day at Knoebels?)



Turn of a new year in Christ! So, what has been happening these past few months? Our youth continues to gather though our numbers have balanced for the moment. We are small of about 6 to 9 on an average weekly basis,

but that gives us time to personalize in discussions. It also helps us with travelling for picking up and transporting us to events outside of the church. But what God provides, we will never turn away (just request more help in volunteers and vehicles).

In November, finished our series on Identity with God and moved forward in preparing for next year. One of the most personable things God loves is conversation. One of the ways we converse with Him is through prayer. He gave us the perfect template through the Lord's Prayer. So, starting January, we are going to break down in discussion about that prayer Jesus relayed to his disciples and one that we commonly used to speak with God.



We also gathered with Bethesda Church at the JAM Center in November for a little battling with NERF; or making ornaments for the upcoming season. We then had a long Thanksgiving break as the youth director and family took a vacation to rest and refocus for the next season.



In December, we gathered again to discuss the purpose of Christmas before having our Youth Christmas party before another Christmas break.

Along with the discussion in January, we are planning a few fun and service events in February and March. We will have our annual Souper Bowl Food Raiser at the Redner's Market in Schuylkill Haven (February 8<sup>th</sup> 12pm – 3pm). On February 26<sup>th</sup>, Winter Jam plays at the Reading location (Santander Arena). This will be an evening event (no sleepovers) since there is school the next day.

In March, we are planning to go to the Works (Reading) for some fun with go-karts, arcade and food. In April, we will have a lock-in event planned.

Updates to the calendar will be relayed both on the Youth Ministry's webpage

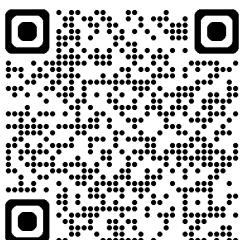
<https://www.havenfirstumc.org/youth-ministry> and via text or email.

Hope you have a very Merry Christmas and may God Bless you guidance and health in 2026!

David and Youth Ministry Support

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Want to participate in youth events? Do we have your emergency contact information? To help us be ready for anything (mostly positive), we need to have an updated permission/emergency contact/photo release form. Use the QR Code below to open and fill the form.



## *Faith Community Nurse Notes*

### *Brought to you by Ann Moyer RN, FCN*

February is considered the heart month in the USA. The heart is a truly interesting part of our body. It starts beating at 5 weeks of fetal development and can be detected beating via an ultrasound at 6 to 7 weeks. The important work continues for the rest of life. Some interesting facts about the heart:

- It is a powerful muscle that beats 100,000 times a day.
- It pumps 2,000 gallons of blood daily (enough to fill a tanker truck).
- It has 4 chambers, 2 atria and 2 ventricles.
- It has 4 valves which function like a one way pump.
- The right side of the heart pumps blood to the lungs.
- The left side of the heart pumps oxygenated blood to the body.
- The heart has it's own electrical system which creates the impulses to beat.
- Adult resting heart rate is 60-100 per minute.
- An adult heart is the size of 2 hands clasped together.
- The heart is located behind the breast bone and it's tilted to the left.
- Laughing is good for your heart because the blood vessels relax during laughter and relaxed blood vessels allow the heart not to work as hard.

- The word “heart” appears in the Bible 700-1000 times depending on the translation.

Biblically, the heart is the core of your being. What you do, actions and reactions as well as what you say, think, and feel come from the heart. Matthew 12:34-35 (CEV) “Your words show what is in your hearts. Good people bring good things out of their hearts, but evil people bring evil out of their hearts.” What is in your heart becomes your life! It is also recognized as the part of a person that connects with God and other people. Proverbs 3:5 (NIV) “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.” Romans 10:10 (ESV) “For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life. Proverbs 5:23 (NIV)

Information from

<https://www.unitypoint.org>>news-and-articles>16surprising facts about your heart

<https://wwwtemplehealth.org>>blog>10 Interesting heart facts you

may not know

<https://activechristianity.africa>>what does it say about the heart in the bible

# COMING SOON TO CHRIST FELLOWSHIP!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION / SUNDAY SCHOOL

As many of you already know we have not had Sunday School classes for quite sometime, many of us, if not all have been praying for young families to return to Christ Fellowship and for our church to grow. God is listening and answering our prayers! He has been drawing younger families to our church. It is now time for us to add Sunday School to our Sunday morning worship offering. Planning for Sunday School is underway and beginning January 25, 2026, Sunday School will begin for children and youth. As Pastor described earlier in this newsletter, everyone will gather in Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. for a time of praise & worship and around 10:45 or so the children will be dismissed to their classrooms to learn more and begin to develop or deepen their relationship with God. This is also a time for Small groups and Adult Sunday School classes to meet.

At this time, we are planning on 2 classes for Sunday School. One class for little ones and one for the older children. We have quite a few children who are Nursery to early elementary age and then a few teens. We need folks to help with teaching, 2 adults/class. Safe Sanctuary Training and background clearances are a must have. Safe Sanctuary training will be held on January 11 & 18, led by Pastor Fisher, instructions on obtaining background clearances will be available at that time and someone will be available to help if needed. Lunch will also be provided.

If you have a heart to reach the children and introduce them to a relationship with our Lord, please let me know and I will be happy to talk to you more about the developing plans. This is an exciting time in our life as a church family as we have the opportunity once again to reach out and mentor young folks into our Christian community!

On His Service,  
JoAnn Daum

2026 Community Lunch @ Christ Fellowship Church

(also known as First United Methodist Church) 420 Saylor Street,  
Sch. Haven

Lunch is served at 12 noon on the 2nd Saturday of each month.  
Meals are planned ahead of time, but may be subject to change.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Main Dish</u>	<u>Sides</u>
<u>Jan 10</u>	<b>Shepherd's Pie</b>	applesauce
<u>Feb 14</u>	<b>Soup &amp; Sandwiches</b>	crackers
<u>March 14</u>	<b>Spaghetti</b>	Salad, garlic bread
<u>April 11</u>	<b>Baked Ham</b>	Potatoes, corn, broccoli salad
<u>May 9</u>	<b>Meatloaf</b>	Mashed, mixed veggies, cole slaw
<u>June 13</u>	<b>Baked Chicken</b>	Parsley potatoes, pasta salad
<u>July 11</u>	<b>Hot Dogs/Hamburgers</b>	Mac & potato salad, chips
<u>Aug 8</u>	<b>Halupkies</b>	Scalloped Potatoes, applesauce
<u>Sept 12</u>	<b>Stuffed Shells</b>	Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread
<u>Oct 10</u>	<b>Roast Beef</b>	Mashed, peas, corn
<u>Nov 14</u>	<b>Turkey</b>	All the fixings
<u>Dec 12</u>	<b>Vegetable Lasagna</b>	Lettuce with hot bacon dressing

Winter Break is upon us and the Christmas season has passed, do you need extra hands and feet to accomplish some of those odd jobs around the house? If so, Nigel Kuzanga may be available to help out with some of those tasks. He is hoping to earn some extra money to help with his school and other expenses. Nigel will be available to lend a hand until January 19<sup>th</sup> when his Spring Semester begins. If you would like to have Nigel help you with some of those chores, please see him or call the church office and we will be happy to contact Nigel for you.

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## HELP NEEDED!!!

### SUNDAY MEDIA COVERAGE

Do you enjoy being able to participate in the worship services on a Sunday morning when you are away from home but still want to connect with your church family here at Christ Fellowship? What a wonderful opportunity we have with the media ministry to be able to do so.

Help is needed in the Media Booth on Sunday mornings. We have 3 dedicated and faithful families who provide media coverage on a Sunday morning and they need our help to continue to provide such a valuable service for us all. If you would like to help with this ministry by learning to use the equipment in the sound booth to stream worship services, advance the worship slides or possibly help with creating the slides themselves, please see David Williams and he will be happy to tell you more about it and teach you how you can help. Thank you!

# WEEKLY PRAYER MINISTRY CONTINUES

We will continue to pray in pairs in 2026! Please consider signing up to pray for 1 hour/day for seven days. As you pray for others, you also will be blessed. Please let Darlene Beers know which week you would like to pray.

Dec 29-Jan 3 Cindy & Dwight Dros

Jan 4-10 Ann Moyer

Jan 11-17 Lisi Fisher

**Jan 18-24**

**Jan 25-31**

**Feb 1-7**

**Feb 8-14**

**Feb 15-21**

**Feb 22-28**

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Please remember the members of our Church Family who cannot be with us due to many different situations with your thoughts, prayers and perhaps a card or so:

Sandy Berger:

640 Clairmont, Schuylkill Haven, PA.

Barbara Brady:

5 Zerbe St., Cressona. PA.

Marga Conners:

118 Centre Ave., Schuylkill Haven, PA,

Shirley Emerich:

2200 First Ave. Apt.127, Pottsville, PA.

Eleanor Gicking;

216 Independence St. Apt. 108, Orwigsburg

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Shirley Yenilaitus:

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JoAnn Moyer:

2200 First Ave. Apt. 129, Pottsville, PA.

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## The Christmas Story

Unscramble each set of letters to form a word from the Christmas story. One letter in each set doesn't belong. Write each extra letter below, on the line above the correct number. Then answer the question: What did we all receive at Christmas?

(1) TGLBEHHEME \_\_\_\_\_

(2) NEAGLO \_\_\_\_\_

(3) NRMEDAG \_\_\_\_\_

(4) ODEKSNY \_\_\_\_\_

(5) AMGYR \_\_\_\_\_

(6) OHESJIP \_\_\_\_\_

(7) EFJSUS \_\_\_\_\_

(8) ITEENMSW \_\_\_\_\_

(9) SPHHDSREEO \_\_\_\_\_

(10) EMCFAL \_\_\_\_\_

(11) TLSRA \_\_\_\_\_

(12) CSSNUOE \_\_\_\_\_

(13) HEVSPE \_\_\_\_\_

(14) ENIN \_\_\_\_\_



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9 10 11 12 13 14

Wise men (T), Shepherds (O), Angel (O), Manger (D), Donkey (S), Mary (G), Joseph (I), Jesus (F),  
Answers: Bethlehem (G), Angel (O), Manger (D), Donkey (S), Mary (G), Joseph (I), Jesus (F),  
Sheep (V), Star (L), Census (O), Sheep (V), Inn (E), God's gift of love

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*The Circuit Writer*  
January / February 2026

*Christ Fellowship Church*

*"Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world"*

*In Person Sunday Service at 9:00 A.M. & Saturday Night at 6:00 p.m.*

*10:30 A.M. Coffeehouse Worship Service / Sunday School*

*You can also join us online at: [www.havenfirstumc.org](http://www.havenfirstumc.org) Or like us on Facebook and join us there.*