

Footprints

A graphic featuring the word "Footprints" in a large, stylized, black font. The letters are set against a background of horizontal black lines, resembling a musical staff. To the right of the text, a series of black footprints leads from the end of the word towards the right edge of the page.

Jarrettown United Methodist Church

December 2011



"Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Prince of Peace..."

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A graphic for the month of December. It features a circular logo with a white Christmas tree and snowflakes on a black background. Below the logo, the word "DECEMBER" is written in a large, bold, black font with a white outline.

The poster features a festive background with a green and blue gradient, white snowflakes, and several large, ornate Christmas ornaments in red and black with gold patterns. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical layout.

JARRETTOWN CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Invite your friends to worship on Christmas Eve!

December 24

5:00 Family & Children

This is a perfect service for grandparents & families with small children

6:00 Friend's Welcoming*

Bring your guests to meet the pastoral staff at 6:15 or 8:15 p.m. and enjoy some delicious Christmas cookies and something warm to drink.

7:00 Family Carols & Praise

This special service will appeal to young and old alike. Music for all ages including Carols, Choirs, Special Music and the Praise Band.

This will be a celebration to remember!

Bring a friend after the service to the friendship center to meet the pastors.

10:00 Family Candlelight & Carols

Join us in a special celebration of the birth of Christ

Bring "new guests and visiting friends" for a social just for them!

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Advent/Christmas Worship Schedule

November 27, 2011

God is the Potter, We are the Clay

1st Sunday in Advent (Peace)

Rev. Dr. Sharon Barley

December 4, 2011

The Glory of the Lord Shall Be Revealed

2nd Sunday in Advent (Hope)

Pastor Nick

December 11, 2011

The Lord Has Done Great Things

3rd Sunday in Advent (Joy)

Rev. Dr. Sharon Barley

December 18, 2011

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

All Services at 10:00 A.M.

December 24, 2011

Christmas Eve Services

5:00 Family & Children

6:00 Friend's Welcoming in Friendship Center

7:00 Family Carols & Praise

8:15 Friend's Welcoming in Friendship Center

10:00 Family Candlelight & Carols

January 1, 2012

Kneel Before Him

Pastor Walt

Spiritual Reflection

Listening for the Heart of God

by Rev. Dr. Sharon Barley

The Advent Journey

The season of Advent has begun!

Each year the lectionary juxtaposes the prophetic apocalypse of the returning Messiah with a dramatic interlude of anticipation and waiting. Jesus came and he will come again.

Our first Sunday disturbs us with

Mark's text announcing Christ's surprising return to earth.

The prophecies foretold his first coming. He came into an obscure village, unknown and unnoticed at first. The second and third Sunday call us to wait and to listen for the voice that cries in the wilderness announcing that the Son of God has come! We will hear of the circumstances leading to the birth of Jesus and the grace of God appearing in the incarnation of Jesus Christ. This gift of grace cleanses us from all sin and sets us free from those things that have held us bound in cycles of destruction and self-reliance. Have you noticed? Are you listening? Do you see God moving in your life in new ways? Just as so many religious and non-religious folks missed seeing Jesus as the Messiah, many more today will miss the messenger of God among them and fail to open their hearts to the new thing that God is doing.

Take a few small steps to change your Christmas into the spiritual focus it is meant to be in our lives : 1) Practice the discipline of reading and sharing the Christmas story throughout Advent. 2) Start an Advent calendar. 3) Choose to read, listen, and pray for insight and spiritual renewal. 4) Finally, as we worship throughout the Advent season, let it be known that at Jarrettown Church we keep Christ in Christmas: Create Something. Give it to Someone. In addition, Love Everyone in name of Jesus, extravagantly!





Saturday Morning Men's Devotions Continue

Please join our men's group for fellowship and reflection as we discuss Paul's writings and their relevance to men today. Our schedule continues December 3rd and December 17th, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. in the Friendship Center. This is a BYOC event (Bring Your Own Coffee). No prior reading is required. If you have any questions, contact Dave Filer at 215-887-2018.



Bus Ministry

Van Drivers

Drivers for the months of December:

12/4 Bob Ewart	12/18 Dave Heacock
12/11 Burt Jones	12/25 Stu Gentry

If anyone else is interested in being a driver of the church bus, please contact Craig Fernsler (**we need more drivers**). You must have a Pennsylvania CDL (Commercial Driver's License). If you can't drive during the regular Sunday 11:00 service, we also need drivers for other special occasions as they occur.

Please call Craig Fernsler (215-646-3983) to arrange for the use of our church bus for any church-related function, or email cferns@aol.com.

— Craig Fernsler, Bus Coordinator



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Tuesday Morning Men's Devotional

Additional opportunities for men's devotions will continue on the following Tuesdays: December 6th and December 20th, at 6:00 a.m. in the Friendship Center. The focus will be on the Gospel of Mark. No prior reading is required. If you have any questions, contact Bill Hubbard at 215-542-1741.



Basket Auction Fundraiser

Come support the Jarrettown MOPS group's **Basket Auction fundraiser**. A portion of the proceeds will go to Bethany Christian Services of the Greater Delaware Valley which provides services such as adoption, foster care and post-adoption counseling.

<http://www.bethany.org/philadelphia>

There are a total of 12 baskets (for men, women and children) **valued at over \$1,800**; baskets range from \$85 to \$300 in value. Tickets will be on sale starting on Nov. 17th. The raffle drawing will be held during the Women's Tea at JUMC on Saturday, December 10th (need not be present to win). The detailed list of basket contents will be available in the church narthex. To purchase tickets, please contact Kathy at the church office #215-646-4129.



***Coming to Jarrettown United Methodist Church's
Common Grounds Coffee House
Friday, December 16th, 2011***

ROMANS ROAD (www.romansroadministry.com)

“As a Christian rock band from Philadelphia, these guys are using their gifts to bring glory to His Word. Pulling from their own trials and experiences, their music is their own personal testimony as to how the Lord has changed their lives. The music is a mix of classic rock jams to hard rock anthems.

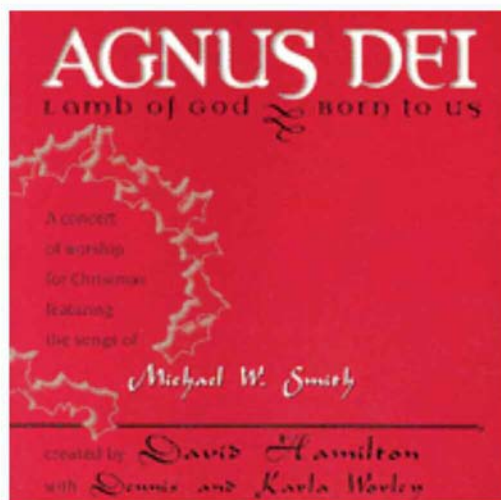
Fans of bands like Kutless, Pillar and Third Day will find a lot to enjoy in Romans Road. Even those who are not immediate fans of Christian rock should give this a listen. This rock band is redefining the genre, and making some great friends along the way.”

SPECIAL ADVENT SERVICE on
SUNDAY, DEC. 18th, 10am

*AGNUS DEI: LAMB OF GOD,
BORN TO US*

Presented by...
JUMC's ADULT CHOIR,
SOLOISTS and
MEMBERS of the INDEPENDENCE SINFONIA

*Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*



Like that first angel chorus, *Agnus Dei* heralds the Good News of Jesus Christ. The strong message of this work, along with its classic music style, draws the listener into the Christmas story while exploring the themes of man's sinfulness and God's triumph over it.

Children's Ministry

NURSERY CARE:

- Nursery Care is available for infants through 2 ½ during the 9:15 Sunday worship service. There is also a Sunday School class for preschoolers at 9:15 Sept-June. If you require nursery care during the 11am Sunday Service please contact the church office by the previous Friday and we will be happy to provide a qualified nursery staff person. Nursery care is also available for special worship services (holiday services, etc.) *Stop in the nursery for a brochure with nursery information and policies.*



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM:

- If you have questions about Sunday morning classes and/or which class is best for your child, please contact Jean Graber.*



Sunday School

Preschool Class

For Preschoolers who are about 2 ½ and ready to participate in a class (preferably potty-trained). If you are unsure if your child is ready, talk to the nursery staff or one of the preschool teachers.

Kindergarten Class

Children in Pre-K and Kindergarten will feel loved while learning about Jesus' love and the wonderful world God has created for us.

1st-4th Grade Class

Meet in the 1st & 2nd grade classroom (Children's wing).

5th & 6th Grade Class

Meet in the 5th & 6th grade classroom (hallway under sanctuary).

11:00 AM CREATION STATION:

- Children in grades K-4th grade are invited to attend during the 11:00 am service. This second-hour Junior church will have many creative projects with a focus on missions.



LOCAL MISSIONS

CHILDREN ON A MISSION!

Jarrettown children participated in:

- Collecting for UNICEF
- Making Angels for the "Angel Tree"
- Making Christmas crafts to sell – to support "Compassion International"
- Making gifts for the shut-ins we visit while caroling
- Attending "Welcome Church" and giving out socks to homeless there



ACTIVITY BAGS

- Activity bags are available for use during services. Look for the rack next to the Welcome Center in the lobby or ask an usher. Each bag contains stories, crayons, games, puzzles with scriptures, etc. to help children who attend the service.

FUN FRIDAYS:

- Themed events for children in 1st -4th grade take place monthly on Friday nights from October through May. Contact Jean Graber for more information or for currently scheduled events. The Next Fun Fridays will be a Christmas party on December 9th from 7-8:30 pm.

EXPLORERS:

- During the month of October the Explorer's (5th & 6th graders) collected new or used (but clean and in good shape) socks. They will be collecting socks on an ongoing basis in marked collection box in the mission area. Thank you for your support! If you have questions contact Jean at jumckids@comcast.net.
- On October 30th our group attended a "Welcome Church" service in Philadelphia and gave out the socks afterwards. It was an awesome experience! 14 of us joined a larger group that participates in an outdoor "Welcome Church" service in Logan Circle every month. We gave out socks & blankets to the homeless who attended. We shared in communion with them and visited with people who shared their stories with us and were very appreciative of the chance to worship God and to be given warm clothes.

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Children's Ministry

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★ Thank You! ★
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THANKS TO:

- October's MOPS volunteers: Carol Moffatt, Maxine Tyree, Diana Gribbling, Carole McClumphy, Aleen Kradzinski, Lori Banchemo, & Ericka Garrison.
- Stu Gentry for driving us on the bus to Welcome Church on Oct 30th!
- Everyone from Jarrettown that donated to "Socks for Shelters"

CHRISTMAS CAROLING & POTLUCK DINNER
Sunday, December 11th 4-7 pm

• Join us for our annual Christmas Caroling! Our smiling faces and cheerful voices will surely bring some joy and hope in a season that celebrates our greatest hope – Jesus Christ. We will meet at church at 4pm and travel by bus or car to our area Estates. We will return to the church for a Potluck dinner in fellowship hall. If you would like to join us for dinner please bring a side dish or main dish (to serve 6) to share. If you would like to bring a plate of cookies in addition that would be wonderful! Drinks will be provided. Please plan to join us in this meaningful ministry. Sign up in the lobby please.



Montgomery County Community College Lively Arts Series presents

GEORGE FREDERIC HANDEL'S

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THE CHORAL SOCIETY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

LOUIS SCAGLIONE, Artistic Director & Conductor
SHERI SEGAL MELCHER, Associate Artistic Director

featuring the PHILADELPHIA YOUTH ORCHESTRA

JACQUELINE DUNLEAVY, soprano
SANDRA CARNEY, alto
STEVEN BRENNFLECK, tenor
BRIAN MING CHU, bass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2011, 7:30 P.M.
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SCIENCE CENTER THEATER, Dekalb Pike, Blue Bell (Morris Road entrance)
Adults \$15 • Seniors (62+) \$12 • Children (<12) \$5 (appropriate for 8-adult)

RESERVED SEATING • For tickets, directions & information, call the MCCC Cultural Affairs Box Office at 215-641-6518 or visit www.mc3.edu

Choral Society

OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

www.facebook.com/ChoralSociety



STAINED-GLASS STAR COOKIES

These star cookies will remind you of the star that led the Magi, or wise men, to our Lord Jesus. Enjoy these treats for yourself or give them as gifts.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- 3 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup (2 sticks) margarine or butter, softened
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- Plastic wrap
- Hard candy such as Life Savers in assorted colors
- Zippered baggies
- Rolling pin
- 2 star cookie cutters, one much smaller than the other
- Aluminum foil

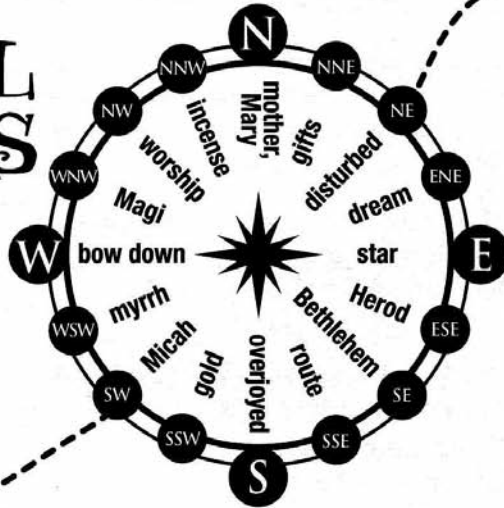
What you do:

1. Mix the flour, baking powder and salt together.
2. Cream the sugar and butter. Add the eggs and vanilla.
3. Add the flour mixture and beat until well blended.
4. Divide the dough into four equal pieces. Wrap each piece in plastic wrap and refrigerate for about 30 minutes.
5. Separate candies by color and place each color in a sealed, zippered baggie. With a rolling pin, crush candy into small pieces (not a fine powder).
6. One at a time, roll out each chilled dough piece on a well-floured surface.
7. Use the large cookie cutter to make stars, and then place them on a foil-lined cookie sheet. Then press the small star cookie cutter into each large star and remove the small piece of star-shaped dough.
8. Place some crushed candy in each star-shaped hole.
9. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. (The candy will melt and be translucent when cooled, like a stained-glass window.)



SPECIAL VISITORS

Matthew 2 tells of visitors who traveled to worship Jesus. Read that story, or see if you can answer the questions below from memory. Use the compass guide to fill in the correct answers.



1. Who was king during the time of Jesus' birth? _____ (ESE)
2. Who came from the East to worship the one born king of the Jews? _____ (WNW)
3. How was King Herod feeling about Jesus' birth? _____ (NE)
4. Which prophet did the chief priests and teachers of the law quote when King Herod asked where the Christ would be born? _____ (SW)
5. In what city would Christ be born? _____ (SE)
6. King Herod lied to the wise men and told them to search and report back so he, too, could do what to Christ? _____ (NW)
7. What did the Magi see in the east and follow to find Jesus? _____ (E)
8. When the star stopped, how did the Magi feel? _____ (S)
9. Who else did the Magi see with Jesus? His _____ (N)
10. What did the Magi do first before they worshiped the child? _____ (W)
11. Name the three treasures the Magi brought for Jesus. _____ (SSW)
 _____ (NNW) _____ (WSW)
12. These three treasures were all brought for Jesus as ... _____ (NNE)
13. What warned the Magi not to return to Herod? A _____ (ENE)
14. The Magi had to return to their country by another _____ (SSE)

Answers: 1. Herod, 2. Magi, 3. disturbed, 4. Micah, 5. Bethlehem, 6. worship, 7. star, 8. overjoyed, 9. mother, Mary, 10. bow down, 11. gold, incense, myrrh, 12. gifts, 13. dream, 14. route



JUMC YOUTH GROUP

To Bring Students to Christ
To Disciple Students in their Relationship with Christ



Christmas season is upon us! We have had a great fall schedule of events so far! On November 4 – November 6, fifteen of our students ventured down to West Philadelphia for a two day service retreat. We worked with a local organization called Center for Student Missions. Throughout the weekend, we worked on street cleanup crews, assisted in homeless shelters, fed the homeless in Love Park and worked with a church where our students cooked breakfast for the homeless. Our students had a great time and continued to be discipled as they were challenged to pray for others during the weekend. We also were able to explore some of the different ethnic restaurants in Philadelphia, as we enjoyed Indian as well as Middle Eastern cuisine.

In November at youth group, we studied "The Real World: JUMC." We looked at six topics that greatly impact the lives of our students: social media, bullying, parents, relationships, sex and living out your faith. We spent time in fellowship, had awesome games, spent time in worship, and then broke up into small groups to discuss these different issues.

December will be a jam packed month as we enjoy the Christmas season:

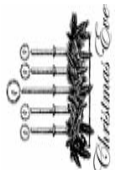
- YOUTH SERVICES: December 4 (See Nick to be a part of these services)
- ICE SKATING – River Rink at Penn's Landing: Friday, December 9
- SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 11AM: December 11 (Romans)
- YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY: Tuesday, December 13
- CANTATA SERVICE AT 10AM: December 18
- *No Youth Group December 20 – 27: Christmas Break*
- *No Sunday School December 18 – January 1: Christmas Break*

Blessings!
Nick Agazarian
Youth Pastor
jumcyouth@comcast.net
267 – 243 – 5490



December 2011

A = am
P = pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>*Sunday Schedule: 8:00A Nursery by Request-Toddler+ Rm 8:30A Praise Band-FH 9:30A Toddler& Infant Care-Toddler+ Rm Children's Wing: Preschool Sunday School - Reforming PreK/K Sunday School 1st/2nd Grade Sunday School 3rd/4th Grade Sunday School</p>	<p>Adult Ed. Wing: 5th/6th Grade Sunday School - 9:30A Small Group - BRC 11A Kids Care - (All Ages) Toddler+ Room/Playground Youth Sunday School - ARK</p>			6:30p Advent Series-FC		7a Men's Dev. 8a Men's Bkfst 8a Sat Sanctuary 9a Play-4-U Walk
<p>*Sunday Schedule 6p Youth Ldrs.</p>	7p Choir	6a Men's Dev. 7p Church Council 7p Youth Group 7:30p Praise Band	6p Orchestral Reh. 7:15p MW Service 7:15p Susannah's Sisters	6p Girl Scouts-L 6:30p Advent Series-FC	6p Ice Skating 7p Fun Friday	8a Sat. Sanctuary 9a Play-4-U Walk 11a UMW Christmas Tea
<p>*Sunday Schedule 4p Christmas Caroling 7:17 JPRN - FH</p>	7p Martha's Circle 7p Choir	6a Men's Dev. 11:30a Priscilla Cr. 12p Staff Meeting 7p Youth Group 7:30p Praise Band	7:15p Susannah's Sisters 7:15p Mid Week	9:15a MOPS-FC		7a Men's Dev. 8a Sat. Sanctuary 9a Play-4-U Walk 10a Cantata Reh. 1p Lunch for Musicians
<p>*Sunday Schedule 10a Christmas Cantata</p>	7p Choir	12p Staff Meeting 7:30p Praise Band		6:30p Advent Series-FC		 5:00p Family Svc. 7:00p Contemporary/Classic 10p Classic Service
<p>Christmas Day  Christmas Day</p>	7p Choir 7:30p Trustees-L	7:30p Praise Band	7:15p MW Service 7:15p Susannah's Sisters 28	6p Girl Scouts-L 6:30p- Advent Series-FC		8a Sat. Sanctuary 9a Play-4-U Walk



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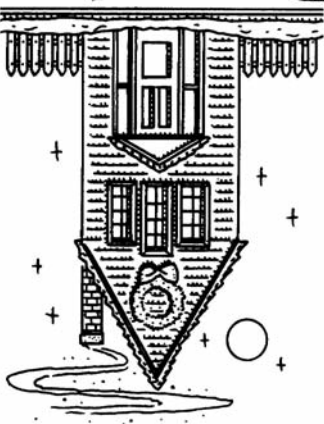
- *Making Disciples* • *Relieving Suffering* •
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Behold,
I bring you
good
tidings of
great joy...

Luke 2:10

December



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