

# Joy

The joy of the LORD is your strength.

NEHEMIAH 8:10



**Summit Church of the Brethren  
Third Sunday of Advent**

December 14, 2025

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Worship 11:00 AM

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"Say to those with fearful hearts, 'Be strong, do not fear; your  
God will come... He will come to save you.'" – Isaiah 35:4

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP – Isaiah 35:3-10**

\*HYMN: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #201 B

CHILDREN'S STORY Susan Schuckman

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Sing We the Song of Emmanuel"

**PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS**

Invitation to Give – Isaiah 61:10-11

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Acolyte: Leah Slaven

Reader: Marshall Slaven

\*HYMN: "What Child is This" #215 B

MESSAGE: "God Does the Impossible"  
Luke 1:26-38

\*HYMN: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" – vv. 1,2,4,5 #195 B

\*BENEDICTION – Luke 1:78-79

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*Indicates standing for those who are able.

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Welcome to all who have come to worship our Lord! We ask  
our visitors to fill out a visitor card found in the back of the  
pew and place it in the offering plate. Also, please use these  
cards for prayer requests.

**SERVING TODAY**

**NEXT WEEK**

Organist: Judy Stoddard.....Cindy Farrish

Pianist: Cindy Farrish.....Brenda Showalter

Greeter Today: Susan Schuckman

Greeter Next Sunday: Delphos Howard

Nursery: Nora & Anita.....Nora & Anita

Offering Counter: Greg & Jolene.....Joe & Ellen

Altar: Advent.....Advent

**PRAYER LIST:** Jack Albert, Betty Cramer, Midge Craun, Roger  
Eutsler, Brent Knicely, Don & Sandy Knicely, Kim Meadows,  
John Paul Miller, Margaret Monk, Brenda Morris, Chad Pettit,  
Wilma Fifer Ryman, Buck and Barb Schuckman, Charles  
Schultz, John Senger, Ellen Shank, the situation in Ukraine, and  
Audrey Wright.

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board for anyone who would be willing to provide a children's story on an upcoming Sunday. We appreciate all who are willing to help!

Jars of apple butter are still available for sale! Quarts are \$12 and pints are \$8.

Summit's website has a new design! It can be seen at [www.summitcob.org](http://www.summitcob.org).

Thank you for the cards, visits, prayers and other acts of love during my recent hospitalization and recuperation. I am so blessed to be part of such a caring church family. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and safe New Year. – Rick Stoddard

Thank you for the love gift we received during the Family Christmas Meal last Sunday. We love you all and wish you a Merry Christmas! – Pastor Tim and family

**Offering for December 7<sup>th</sup>:**

Regular:	\$4,403.70
Use of Fellowship Hall	<u>\$ 150</u>
Total:	\$4,553.70

Weekly amount needed to make budget: \$2,875

**Bulletin information** can be given to Pastor Tim at 540-828-6262 or you can email [tcraver01@gmail.com](mailto:tcraver01@gmail.com). Please have information to him by Friday morning.

**Happy Birthday** to Anita Shank and Cindy Farrish!

**Bible Study** will meet on Thursday at 7 pm in the library.

**Kingdom Kids** will have a Christmas party on Saturday from 10:00 until 11:30. Join us for a Christmas story, crafts, games, and a snack. Please let us know if you plan to join us so that we have enough supplies for everyone. Thank you!

Gifts for Operation Santa Project for Western State Hospital patients are due today. Items need to be new and unwrapped. Thank you!

To support those dealing with grief during the holidays, we are sponsoring a group study for continued support along your journey. Whether your loss was a parent, spouse or other – or your loss was recent or years ago – this video study program is designed to provide direction, tips, understanding and encouragement from grief recovery professionals. Class will be held on Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

Thank you to all who have taken tags for gifts for Bridgewater Home Assisted Living residents. Please wrap the gift and write the name on the outside of the packages. Gifts are due next Sunday. Thanks for helping the BRC residents have a Merry Christmas!

**Christmas Eve Service** will be held on Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Please plan to join us as we celebrate Jesus' birth!

The **Christmas Card Box** is in the narthex and we encourage you to use it to exchange Christmas cards with others who attend Summit. If you would like to send a card to someone who is not currently attending, we ask that you send it to them in the mail.

The December newsletter is available in the basket next to the bulletin board in the foyer for those who did not request an email copy.

A signup sheet for greeters for the months of January and February is on the bulletin board. Please sign up today!



## *In Memory of*

**Kenny Rodeffer and Harry and Helen Hill given by Clooney and family**

**Our parents, Henry and Gladys Craun and Harry and Clara Slaven  
given by Audrey Slaven**

**Lynn Slaven given by his wife Audrey**

**Our parents, Leland and Ruth Cramer and Roy and Reba Lutz given  
by Keith and Mary Cramer**

**Our parents, Herbert and Vada Armstrong and Minor and Madeline  
Poag given by Eldon and Sandy Armstrong**

**Our daughter-in-law, Amanda Armstrong, given by Eldon and Sandy  
Armstrong**

**Clara and C.R. Jameson, Jr. and Charles Jameson III given by Linda  
Jameson**

**Sandra Shull given by Kevin Shull**

**Dad, Mom, and my Brother given by Charlotte Waller**

**Leroy Harsh given by John Harsh**

**Orvin and Esther Cline and Bud Cramer given by LeRoy and Doris**

**Judy Simmons given by John Simmons**

**Lennon Farley given by Marshall and Joy Slaven**

**Grandpa Leonard Estep, Grandpa Walton Gordon, Grandpa Denson  
and Grandma Winona Wimer, and Nan Carpenter given by The  
Gordon Family**



## *In Memory of*

**Our parents, Henry and Gladys Craun and Vernon and Mabel  
Humphries given by Stanley and Midge Craun**

**Our parents, Gilbert and Carolyne Schuckman given by Buck, Barb  
and Susan Schuckman**

**Charlie Timmons and Scott Timmons given by Jeff and Dana Slaven**

**Dwight Showalter given by Brenda Showalter and family**

**Our parents, O. G. Farrar and Martin and Betty Jo Cline given by Greg  
and Jolene Farrar**

**Our parents, Eldon and Virginia Shull and Raymond and Lucy Landes  
given by Gary Shull**

**My wife, Sandra Shull, given by Gary Shull**

**Clarence and Gay Botkin (Grandparents) and Tommy Wrenn (Dad)  
given by Robbie and Laura Wrenn**

**Matthew Shobe - Love Always - given by Mom, Laura, Aaron, and  
Violet**

**Helen and Joyce Craun given by Wayne Craun and family**

**Amanda Armstrong, given by Wayne and Austin Armstrong**

**Orven and Frances Knicely, Lennie and Thelma Guthrie, Gene  
Knicely, and Naomi Knicely given by Don and Sandy**



*In Honor of*

**Richard and Maxine Craver given by Tim and Diana Craver**

**Roger and Carol Wyant given by Tim and Diana Craver**

**The Knicely and Moyers Families given by Don and Sandy Knicely**

**Sandy and Don Knicely's first great-grandchild, Malakai Moyers,  
given by Don and Sandy**

**Marilyn Evers given by Linda Jameson**

**Louis and Carolyn Marshall given by Linda Jameson**

**Audrey Slaven given by Charlotte Waller**

**Gary Shull given by Kevin Shull**

**Doris Harsh given by John Harsh**

**Betty Cramer given by Leroy and Doris**

**Lynn and Audrey Slaven, given by Jeff and Dana Slaven**