



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, December 15, 2024

Office hours: Mon / Wed / Fri 9:00am-3:00pm.

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The Hope of Christmas

Christmas is a season that shines brightly with the promise of hope. At its heart lies the birth of Jesus Christ, a moment that changed the world forever and continues to bring peace and joy to all who embrace it.

Long before that sacred night in Bethlehem, the prophets foretold the coming of a Savior. Isaiah 9:6 declares, “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given... And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” The birth of Jesus was the fulfillment of God’s promise, offering hope to a world in darkness.

What makes the Christmas story so compelling is its humility. Jesus, the King of Kings, entered the world not in a palace but in a stable, laid in a manger. This humble beginning reminds us that hope is for everyone—rich or poor, broken or whole. The shepherds, lowly and often overlooked, were the first to hear the angel’s announcement: “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people” (Luke 2:10).

The hope of Christmas extends beyond the manger. It points to Jesus’ mission to save and redeem. This season, let us remember that God’s love entered the world to give us hope—hope that sustains us in every trial and reassures us of the eternal joy found in Christ. That is the true meaning of Christmas.

Domingo Reyes

Praise and Prayer Requests

Pray for those whose loved ones have died: We have lost several members, former members and loved ones this year. Please keep all those who are grieving in your prayers.

Jeannette Connor: Seth's mom was hospitalized and had surgery. She will need another surgery when she recovers.

Chrissi Steiner: Darlene F- recent car crash, minor injuries and full recovery.

Patty Conway: Brother King.

Marcia Johnson: pray for me as a wife, mother, sister and daughter. Pray for Marlin, all tests (cleared) are done now awaiting a kidney.

Jenn Ring-Martin: praying for all those who lost a loved one during this year.

Barbara Wallace: continued prayers for the Wallace family.

Dawn Dorrell: pray for her family to come to Jesus.

Clark Family: continued prayers for Virginia who is recovering from surgery.

Ron Cox: continue to keep Liz in your prayers.

Sick and Shut In: pray for all members who are sick, battling serious medical issues and those who are unable to attend due to illness.

Greenbank church: Pray for godly wisdom and guidance for our leaders and congregation.

Greenbank missions: Eduar Morales (Oxford, PA), Chad Westerholm (Mozambique), Edmund Borfay (Liberia), Samuel Agbeta (Ghana), Camp Manatawny, Reflect Campus Missions/BHC.

If you have an item for prayer or praise, please email it to office@greenbankcoc.org for inclusion in our weekly list. To view previous prayer requests and those on our ongoing lists, please visit the Weekly Bulletins page on our website www.greenbankcoc.org.

Note of Thanks from the Jennings Family

We are deeply touched by the generous and thoughtful baby shower basket and gifts from all of you. It means the world to know that our little one is already surrounded by love and support from this amazing church family...Thank you for being such a blessing to us! Hope to see you soon!

[Announcements and Events](#)

Wednesday Night Bible Class

There will be no Bible Class December 25th or January 1st. Class will resume Wednesday, January 8th.

2025 Communion Schedule

We need your help to prepare communion for our worship services next year. Stop by the large bulletin board to sign up for a month to provide this service to our congregation. If you have not prepared communion before, but are interested, contact Susan Johnson.

Clothed In Love

The clothes closet is open and full. Stop by to find something for yourself or someone you know is in need. There are men, women and children's items available.

Ladies Cookie Exchange-December 20th 6-8 pm

Jessica Ice will be hosting our first cookie exchange. Ladies, please sign up on the bulletin board no later than December 16th. Join us for fellowship and yummy treats. More details to come.

Youth Ministry Meeting-December 21st 10 am

The Youth ministry team is seeking all hands to help strengthen our youth program. To learn more, join us as we discuss the theme for 2025 "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made". See the Greenbank Youth Ministry Meeting email for more details. Youth are encouraged to attend.

Children's Toy Shop-December 22nd

A Toy Shop will be open for children to stop in to choose one toy immediately following Children's church. Any questions, see Shelley Irwin.

[Sunday Meeting Times](#)

In-Person Bible Classes @ 9:30 a.m. – including a Spanish-speakers class for adults.

In-Person Worship Services @ 10:30 a.m. – English & Spanish

The English service is livestreamed with 3 ways to connect:

1) **Facebook Live:** <http://www.facebook.com/greenbankchurchofchrist>

2) **Greenbank Website:** www.greenbankcoc.org Click on the Facebook Live tab on the menu bar at the top of the page. You will need to log in to Facebook to join the live feed.

3) **Zoom:** Meeting ID: 862 5363 5838 Passcode: 123456; Phone In: (301) 715-8592

[Bible Studies](#)

English Mid-Week – Wednesdays @ 7pm – hybrid class (in person & online) on Facebook Live or Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98664842526?pwd=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWNjd1djNpQT09>

Spanish Mid-Week – Thursdays @ 6:30pm at Greenbank. Contact Arturo Gallegos for information.

Ladies – 2nd Saturday each month @ 9am via Zoom – led by Crystal Reyes. Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88946018992> or dial in (301) 715-8592. Enter Meeting ID 889 4601 8992.

Men – 3rd Saturday each month @ 10am at Greenbank led by Mark Ray.

Youth – Thursdays @6:30pm at Greenbank – led by Eileen Hence

[SMALL GROUPS](#)

Bear/Newark – 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 2pm – hosted by George Kirkland/Walter Johnson

Greenbank – 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 12:30 pm in the building after services– hosted by Kamal Wall

North Wilmington – 1st & 3rd Sundays @ 3pm – hosted by Chrissi Steiner.

Married Couples – 1st Tuesday each month @ 7pm in the teen room – led by Domingo & Crystal Reyes.

Teens – 1st Friday each month @ 7pm in the chapel – led by Domingo Reyes.

[3 Ways to Give](#)

1) **In Person:** Place your offering in the collection plate as it is passed during our service.

2) **By Mail:** Send your contribution to 511 Greenbank Road, Wilmington, DE 19808.

3) **Online:** PayPal has been set up on our website www.greenbankcoc.org. Click on the "Donate" button and follow the instructions. (Note: there is a small fee assessed from each donation.)

Last Week: Attendance: 140 Contribution: \$5,899 Weekly Average: \$5,461 Weekly Budget: \$5,435