

COGS
Weekly News!
November 21, 2021
Sunday Worship Services
8:30—Contemporary Worship
9:45—Contemporary Worship
11:00—Traditional Worship
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.



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"connecting to broken and hurting people"

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Christmas Eve Contemporary Worship Services

We have already started planning for our Christmas Eve services this year! There will be so many opportunities to serve and share in the different area ministries throughout the church and in our community during this blessed season.

The Contemporary Christmas Eve services will be at 6PM and 8PM this year. Hopefully allowing better timing of parking and movement of people from one place to another.

If you play an instrument or enjoy singing we are looking for people to take part in both of these services. (rehearsal time to be announced) It is a full evening but very rewarding being able to serve and celebrate with one another. (and we have food and snacks available between the services for all those participating! 😊)

We are also planning something extravagantly special and we are looking for drummers of "all ages" We would like to perform a special number with a variety of drums and drummers at the beginning (and possibly the end) of each of our services. If you would like to be a part of our "drum line" please let Mary Smith know at msmith@umcogs.org This would be a **BIG** commitment but very fun and rewarding one!



Our Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held at

Bethany United Methodist

510 N. Hanover Street, Lebanon

6:00 pm, November 24, 2021

Please car pool as the parking lot is small.

We may park in the business across the street.



ONLY 1 WEEK LEFT
.....SMILE

We are down to the last 2 weeks (Nov. 14 and 21) for our COGS friends and families to have their updated photos taken.

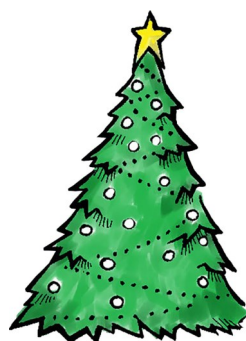
You do not need to be a member of COGS to be pictured in our directory.

Just stop by the table in the gathering area, check the contact information we have for you, and SMILE!

Our hopes are to have a new, updated directory for all to enjoy by the end of the year .

Christmas Eve Ministry is back!

Details available in the Gathering Area beginning Sunday, December 5th.





Celebrate Recovery

A CHRIST CENTERED Recovery Program

Join us Wednesday, Nov. 24 as we talk about the timely topic of gratitude, the day before Thanksgiving!

We invite you to Celebrate Recovery, held at 7 pm every Wednesday. CR is a biblically-based 12 step ministry based on the actual words of Jesus Christ. It is a safe, confidential place at **Church of the Good Shepherd** where you can begin to address these hurts, habits, and hang-ups. By trusting in Christ completely and allowing the Holy Spirit to confront our deeply held beliefs and confront sin, we can begin to find freedom from the beliefs, hurts, habits and hang-ups that may be hurting us and others.

What is a hurt?

A hurt is a life experience that has damaged your heart. More often than not, this occurs in childhood. A hurt is an offense that crippled your ability to cope in healthy ways. It's something that twisted your view of yourself, God and others.

Examples:

- Abandonment
- Abuse (mental, emotional, physical, sexual)
- Neglect
- Betrayal
- Dysfunctional Family
- Divorce
- Neglect
- Rejection

What is a habit?

Habits are unhealthy patterns that start as "remedies." Bad habits are things that constantly lead to trouble in your life. They are repeat, default scripts that you may run to.

Examples:

- Abusive behaviors
- Alcohol
- Bitterness
- Affairs
- Critical spirit
- Drugs
- Eating disorder
- Gambling
- Isolation
- Lying
- Pornography
- Unforgiveness
- Workaholism

What is a hang-up?

A hang-up is a roadblock that keeps you from progressing forward with God's plan. It's using an unhealthy attitude as a coping skill.

Examples:

- Anger/rage
- Anxiety/worry
- Arrogance
- Body image issues
- Codependency (your mood, happiness and identity is defined by another person)
- Control
- Depression
- Fear
- Greed or envy
- Guilt or shame
- Impatience
- Perfectionism
- Self-condemnation



Christmas Stockings for Cornwall Manor Health Care Center

Reminder...

Stockings need to be filled, returned and placed in the box provided by **Sunday, November 28th.**

Thank you!



Our Youth from the lock-in scavenger hunt brought in 529 pounds of food and necessities to Lebanon County Christian Ministries.



Bell Ringers for The Salvation Army

Good Shepherd has been asked to be bell ringers for The Salvation Army again this year at Walmart, Lebanon on December 11.

You can ring as individuals, families or a group of friends.

A sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center.

Contact Guie Lebo or the church office [717-272-7741] with questions



Our *Fun, Fellowship & Service Committee* would like you to mark your calendars for the next event coming soon!

Sunday, November 28th at 6pm

Doors open at 5:40pm

Family Movie Night

Bring a canned good for LCCM as your admission.

Popcorn will be provided.

Sign up at the Welcome Center OR on the Signup Genius.

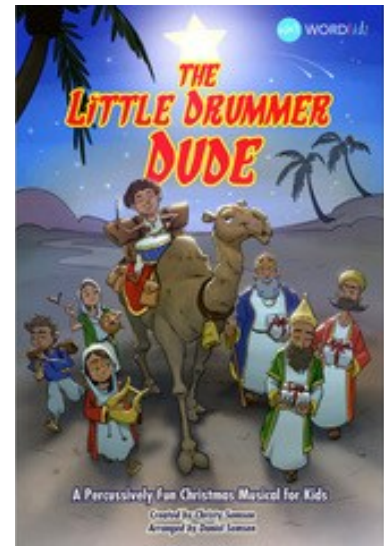
Christmas Pageant — *The Little Drummer Dude*

December 18th at 3:30pm (last rehearsal-you can come and watch but it will not be the entire performance.)

December 19th at 5pm (entire performance)

Our Children's Christmas Musical, "*The Little Drummer Dude*" will be presented on Sunday, December 19th at 5:00 p.m. in the Worship Center.

Please come out and support our preschool through 6th grade cast as they share the news that we are never too little to do great big things!



Christmas with Jesus Mission

Please stop by the tabletop Christmas tree in the Gathering Area next Sunday, November 21 and Sunday November 28.

You may choose a Christmas ornament from the tree with a child's name and age and purchase a gift for them. The suggested gift amount is between \$25-\$30.

Our sister church, Church of the New Birth, hosts a yearly *Christmas with Jesus Celebration* for families in their congregation and others in the community.

Please return the gift, wrapped or in a gift bag, to the table in the gathering area no later than Sunday, December 5.



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