

WELCOME



If you are a first time visitor please fill out one of our **Information Cards** available at the Information Center or in the Sanctuary. We want to thank you for joining us today as we celebrate God's grace and goodness together. Please be sure to introduce yourself to us and thanks again for coming.

TODAY:

From Sunday, Nov. 30-Dec. 24, we will be celebrating **"Immanuel... God with us."** (Matt. 1: 23b) Last week we looked at the **HOPE** we have in Christ's coming. Today our focus is His abiding **PEACE**.

Advent means **"Coming"** or **"Arrival"** The emphasis for us as believers is the true meaning of Christmas; Christ's birth and God being with us. It is also a focus on His Second-Advent. We live in **anticipation** of His glorious appearing. **"I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, 'who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."** (Rev. 1: 8)

Wed. night Prayer Meeting Dec.10, at 7:00 PM. (Fellowship, Worship, the Word, and Prayer make a BIG difference!)

Thursday, Dec. 11, Worship team Practice, 7:30 PM

English/German Christmas Carol-Sing, Friday Dec. 19, 7:00 PM @ ROCC

*****Special Christmas Eve Service, Wed. Dec. 24, 7:00-8:00 PM*****



JUST FOR KIDS

Our children join us for worship in the main Sanctuary until they are called to the altar area for prayer. They will then attend Sunday School and will be supervised by our capable workers. Their special Bible lesson will conclude at the same time as the adult service.

Nursery is also supervised and available when the children are dismissed from the sanctuary.

Parents please note that your child needs to be signed-in and signed-out every Sunday.

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Something very unique happened during the First World War in 1914. Silence fell upon a thirty mile expanse at the Western Front; it was Christmas Eve. The guns hushed and it was reported that soldiers came out of the trenches and buried their dead. Christmas-Carols were heard in German, French, and English as the men shook hands and expressed Christmas greetings. They set lanterns up as darkness fell, exchanged gifts, and shared their food. It came to be known as **"The Christmas Truce"**. This Christmas marks the centenary anniversary of that remarkable moment; a battlefield transformed into a place of peace at Christmas! The soldiers that survived to tell about the event never forgot how significant that Christmas was.

The account is a reflection of how influential the life and gift of Christ is to this world. He comes into war-torn, weary souls transforming them into believers of quiet, calm, and confidence. Christ came to give us a personal peace; a peace the world can't give, nor can this world take it away. **"He himself is our peace who has...broken down the middle wall of separation."** (Eph. 2:14)When the Christ of Christmas is truly birthed in our own hearts, His Spirit establishes a harmony with our spirits that is durable and enduring. Consequently, we have peace even in the midst of turmoil.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God." (Matt. 5: 9)

COMING:



Deacon Board Meeting: Tuesday Dec. 9, 2014.

New Window Blinds for the church have been ordered in our ongoing commitment to improve God's house. If you would like to contribute, above your regular tithes and offerings towards the cost of the new blinds and the new paint please indicate that on an offering envelope. Thank you!