

**PLEASANT VALLEY
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**
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10:30 AM **December 25, 2011**

Prelude

Welcome & Life of the church

The Advent Candle of Hope

Hymns	O come, O Come Emmanuel	172
	Come, thou long-expected Jesus	178

The Advent Candle of Peace

Hymns	Away In A Manger	194
	It Came Upon a Midnight Clear	195

The Advent Candle of Joy

Hymns	O Little Town of Bethlehem	191
	What Child is This?	215
	Silent Night	193

Giving our tithes and offerings

Offertory thought
Offertory

The Advent Candle of Love

Hymn	Good Christian Friends, Rejoice	210
	O Come, All Ye Faithful	212

Story Harold's song

The Advent Candle of Christ

One We re-light the candles of our Advent Display. The final candle represents Jesus the Christ.

All One candle remains, the white central candle...and central it must be.

One The history of God's people throughout the millennia reminds us that when God was pushed aside and the people relied only upon themselves, they lost sight of their identity and purpose. They wandered aimlessly as in a wilderness with no clear destination.

All To light the Christ Candle is to remind ourselves of the central role Jesus is willing to play in our lives. But we must let him. We must ask him. We must invite him for he does not come unwelcomed nor uninvited.

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One So today as we conclude our service with this Christ Candle lighting (Child lights that candle now) we make a statement that Christ will be OUR CENTER.

All He will be OUR HOPE. He will be OUR PEACE. He will be OUR JOY. He will be THE LOVE OF OUR LIFE. And this we must share. Thanks be to God for the Christ Light among us...a light that centers us, warms us, leads us, and grants us purpose. For Christ is born to save his people. Praise be the name of our Lord!

Hymn Hark! The herald angels sing 201

Benediction (Unison)

We go forth to bear the light of the Christ at work in us that all may know the Good News of God. And may the blessing of God be upon us to make of us a healing instrument for our world today. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Born to Save! Amen.

Postlude

Organist: Josh Randall

As we turn the final pages of 2011 and approach the new beginnings and challenges of 2012, Stacy, Emma, Jonas and I are grateful to our Pleasant Valley family for all the joy and love you share with us.

We wish you all the happiness and joy of the Christmas season and may your new year overflow with blessings.

Our love,
Matthew, Stacy, Emma and Jonas Fike



	<p>From January 8 - February 12, the Junior High (4-5pm) and Senior High Youth (5:30-6:30 pm) will be meeting each Sunday for a special series of lessons. There will be a meal provided (5-5:30 pm). We need parents to provide a meal. There are sign up sheets in the hallway. See Steve for more information.</p>
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<p>Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren Matthew Fike, Pastor Steve Spire, Associate Pastor of Children & Youth Ministries</p>
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Alice Roadcap
William Whetzel
Amanda Tomlinson Armstrong

Next Sunday, January 1, 2012, **New Year's Day**
single Combined Worship service at 10:30 am
with no Sunday School.

**Please pick up poinsettias after worship
at the front of the sanctuary.**



Back Pack Pals... a program to provide

weekend food for some Clymore students. If you are interested in helping, please sign up in the narthex. We need shoppers, deliverers and packers. Please indicate your preference of day or evening.



If you DID NOT have offering envelopes last year and would like to have envelopes this year, please see Evelyn Matthews or Angie Brittle in the narthex. New envelopes for 2012 will be in your mailbox soon.

Preliminary figures indicate that over \$12,000 was collected for the **Verona Community Food Pantry** from the **Jimmy Fortune Concert**.

Not only did the overflow crowd enjoy an evening of music and fellowship, but also gave generously. A special THANKS to ALL who worked so hard to make this a success and many, many **THANKS** for your generous donations!

**Dinner Theatre is coming....
March 16th, 17th, 23rd and 24th!**

Valley Mission 2012

Are you aware that our church members have been serving a meal once a month at Valley Mission for FOUR years?!

Valley Mission is the homeless shelter in Staunton. The shelter has grown over those four years, so we hope to continue this outreach ministry in our community.

Please consider signing up to help with one of the months in 2012. There will be a sheet in the narthex during the month of December.

Contact Teri Sumey or Carol Wilson if you have questions.

Our Church Today - Merry Christmas

10:30 am Combined worship



The altar flowers are given in memory of **Wilda F. Houff**, whose birthday is December 17, and in honor of **William A. Houff**, whose birthday is December 31 by their children and families.

Our Church this Week

Monday	Church Office closed on Mondays
Tuesday	Church Office will be closed today
Wednesday	DEADLINE for bulletin announcements
6:00 pm	Handbell Choir
7:00 pm	Adult Choir
8:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	
Friday	
8:00 pm	AA
Saturday	

Next Sunday - Happy New Year
10:30 am Combined worship

Last Sunday

Attendance: Worship: 262 Sunday School: 118
Offering: \$7,361.00 (Envelopes & Loose)
500.00 (Karis)
142.00 (Youth Life Development)
50.00 (Ball Park)
2,500.00 (NYC)
258.40 (Youth Mission)
2011 Weekly Budget Needs: \$ 6,191.00
2011 *Budget Deficit:* \$6,093.87