

Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren

Long Green and Kanés Rds., near Glen Arm, MD

December 2, 2018

Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:10 am

Large print hymnals are available, please see an usher

This room is equipped with a sound loop for the hearing impaired

The First Sunday of Advent

*“The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made ... ’” (Jeremiah 33:14, NIV).
Thanks, God, that we can depend on your promises.*

Beginning with Praise (9:50 am) “My soul proclaims with wonder” 181

Announcements

Prelude

Lighting of the advent candle Jeff Wolf

*Hymn “Come, thou long-expected Jesus” 178

*Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

Sharing a joy, a concern, a word of testimony or praise
(please be brief, and aware of God’s listening presence)

Hymn “Lead me, Lord” 538

Prayer

Returning our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it on)

Offertory Prayer

Scripture

Message

Darlene Myers

*Hymn “Lift every voice and sing” 579

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Rise in body or in spirit

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sermon is embedded in/posted at
<http://rockhay.tripod.com/sermons/2018/18-12-02.htm>

The Family Crisis Center's Shelter Holiday Wish List



Thank you for your support! The Crisis Shelter is a busy place with lots of noise and energy. It's a place of tears and laughter as families leave their homes and the domestic violence that was there to start a new life. It's a place no one wants to come to, but at the same time, are grateful for. The Holidays often compound the worries of both the

moms and the children. Your help throughout the year and during the Holiday Season reaches out to hurting hearts and changes lives. It offers hope and builds courage as families are facing overwhelming conditions.

The following Wish List offers suggestions for gift ideas. Please feel free to be creative. During the Holidays, we can only accept new items. Please do not wrap them—family members are almost as excited to wrap presents for each other as they are to open their own gifts. This list contains all of the clothing and household items. All of the gifts and toys are printed onto ornaments and are located on the Christmas tree in the narthex. If you are willing to provide any of these items, please take the ornament off the tree and replace it with a regular ornament. Bring in the unwrapped gifts/toys and place them on the stage on or before December 9th ... Thanks!

Gifts for the Shelter:

Twin-sized sheets, blankets, bath towels, wash cloths, pillows, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotions, new underwear, new socks, cleaning supplies, paper products, \$45.00 (covers the cost of a night stay at the shelter)

Infants and Toddlers: sleepers, clothing, mittens, hats, nightlights, etc.

Children: Clothing, underwear, socks

Teenage Girls: Clothing, underwear, socks, coats, pajamas, slippers

Teenage Boys: Clothing, underwear, socks, slippers

Women: Clothing, underwear, socks, slippers, pajamas, sweat suits, bath towels, kitchen sets, suitcases, small household items

Announcements:

today:

Pantry Sunday

The first Sunday of every month is designated as Pantry Sunday. Please place your gift of nonperishable food to restock a local food pantry in the cabinet located in the entryway. A monetary gift is just as useful. Please place your well-marked monetary gift in the offering plate.

this week:

Book Club

Calling all readers! Our next book club selection is "Camino Island" written by John Gresham. The book club will gather at The Wolf's home to discuss and have a time of fellowship on **Friday, December 7th**. All are invited to this causal discussion.

Pancake Breakfast

The monthly community outreach pancake breakfast will be served on **Saturday, December 8th** from **8-11am** in the fellowship hall. Join us for a home cooked meal of pancakes, eggs, breakfast meats, hot & cold drinks and more. The cost of this meal is a free will offering. All are invited, bring a friend! Interested in helping out? Contact Mike Hanna.

deadline:

Christmas Flowers

Poinsettias from local area Whitehouse Nursery are on sale to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season. Final order and payment is due today, **Dec. 2nd**. Poinsettias (white, pink or marble) will be \$9.00 apiece. Please see Georgia Smith for more details and/or to provide payment.

Giving Tree Gifts

Please consider purchasing a gift from the giving tree located in the entryway to benefits those families that are spending Christmas at the Family Crisis Center. The deadline for donations is next **Sunday, December 9th**.

upcoming meeting:

Deacon

All deacons are asked to attend a deacon meeting next **Sunday, December 9th** following the Sunday School hour.