

## Sermon Notes

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**The View  
From My Window**  
WITH PASTOR JOEL

Recently, my wife & I had a chance to visit her Aunt Lois who moved into the Presbyterian Home in Oakmont, PA. She moved there after her son, whom she had been living with, died suddenly from a massive heart attack in October. I don't think I've ever been greeted so warmly & with such delight as she greeted us that day. We took her a butter star cookie & helped her get a small ceramic Christmas tree she had setting on her windowsill to light up. When we left we felt like a million bucks.

Some people just know how to make a person feel welcome. That wasn't the case for King Herod when Jesus was born. He had a chance to be a part of the greatest event in human history but chose to play for himself rather than consider what Jesus' birth would mean to all mankind. Don't focus on yourself this Christmas, light up someone else's world, then sit back & bask in their glow.

- Pastor Joel

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Welcome to New Life ...

# We're glad you're here!

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018**

### 7:00am - Prayer Meeting

Open prayer for all in Room 10

### 8:00am - First Service

### 9:00am - Self-Serve Café Open

Join us for coffee & treats off the main lobby!

### 9:15am - Sunday School

- Kids Wing: Kids age 3 - Grade 6
- Basement: Grades 7-12 Rangers
- Family Room: Parents of Kids under 12
- Sanctuary: Teens & Adults
- Rm 10: New Members Class

### 10:15am - Second Service (Kids Christmas Program following Worship)

- **Nursery:** newborns to age 3
- **Kids Church: age 3 to grade 6**

*Kids must be signed in & out of these programs by a parent or guardian.*

\* The Kids Christmas Program will take place after worship. Then all kids & Kids Church volunteers are invited back to the Kids Church Room for a party celebrating the birth of Christ.

### No Evening Service

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### TODAY'S MESSAGE:

### King Scrooge

Matthew 2

Rev. Joel Everhart

### THIS WEEK ...

#### MON, DECEMBER 24

7pm - Christmas Eve service & cookie social afterward.

#### TUE, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day

#### WED, DECEMBER 26

No Service or Programs

**Moms** A private room for nursing moms is located off the Main Lobby in Room 2.

**Families** We offer a live service stream & a play area for kids in the Family Room, by the self-serve café.

## Upcoming Events

12/30: *All Aboard the Titanic!* Presentation by the Kinards (first & second services), & No Adult Sunday School in the Sanctuary

### 1/2 - 2/10: 40 Days of Fasting & Prayer

1/4: Worship Team Practice (7pm)

1/6: Family Worship Sunday (no Kids Church)

1/12: Men's Breakfast (8am)

1/14: Board Meeting (6:30pm)

1/30: Coordinator Meeting (7pm)

2/1: Worship Team Practice (7pm)

2/3: Family Worship Sunday (no Kids Church)

2/9: Men's Breakfast (8am)

2/11: Board Meeting (6:30pm)



Please send van/room reservation requests to [calendar@nla.today](mailto:calendar@nla.today)

Please submit announcements to [hello@nla.today](mailto:hello@nla.today) one week in advance

# New to New Life?

**Thanks for being with us today!** One of our greeters would be happy to show you around the church & answer any questions you may have about New Life. You can also find out more on our website at [www.nla.today](http://www.nla.today) or by emailing our office at [hello@nla.today](mailto:hello@nla.today).

**Here at New Life,** we strive to be a spirit-empowered family of believers who **worship** the Lord, work together to **build** a body of believers, **reach** the lost, & **minister** to a hurting world. We **Expect Jesus** to meet us here & to use us beyond these walls.

# Worship

**4 Ways to Give.** There are several ways you can give to New Life: **1** cash or check in the offering, **2** via credit card online at [www.nla.today/give](http://www.nla.today/give), **3** by purchasing gift cards to Giant or Weis through our Business Office (New Life receives 5% of the proceeds at no extra cost to you), & **4** by shopping online via Amazon Smile using our direct link at [www.smile.amazon.com/ch/23-2500675](http://www.smile.amazon.com/ch/23-2500675) (a portion of the purchase price is donated to New Life at no extra cost to you). **Thank you** for investing in our mission to build a body of believers, reach the lost, & minister to a hurting world!

# Build

**40 Days of Fasting & Prayer** January 2 to February 10 our church will spend time fasting & focusing on prayer. The church will be open each morning from 8am-10am for prayer. *Sign up in the main lobby to lead prayer, 7pm-8:30pm on weeknights during the fast.*

**Monthly Men's Breakfast.** The next Men's Breakfast & Fellowship takes place **Saturday, January 12 at 8am** in the gym.

**2019 Tithe Envelopes** If you have an active tithe number, you may pick up 2019 envelopes in the main lobby. To register for a tithe number & weekly envelopes, please write your name & address on the tear-off request form provided below, & place it in the offering bag. A tithe number will be assigned to you and the box of envelopes will be ready for pick-up next week in the main lobby. You may also request a tithe number & box of envelopes in person at the Business Office.

**Request for Tithe Number/Envelopes**  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Christmas Eve Service** Join us Christmas Eve at 7pm for our annual candlelight service. We'll have a short message, Christmas carols, candlelighting, and cookies following the service in the gym.

**Sunday School Small Groups** Starting February 3, we're breaking up our adult Sunday School class into small groups that run for 6-week cycles. Group leaders can choose a topic or use Pastor's prompts to spur discussion related to that week's sermon. The goal is to build community in the church through common experiences & engaging discussion. Sign up in the main lobby to lead a group!

**CHURCH BOARD**  
If you need guidance in your ministry, reach out to a Board Member who serves in the area where you need help:  
**Jim Border, Jr:** Security, Ushering, & Treasurer  
**Larry Bray:** Grounds Care & Volunteer Relations  
**Alina Dusharm:** Secretary  
**Steve Gebhart, Sr:** Grounds Care  
**Dave Mickley:** Staff & Volunteer Relations  
**Andy Storm:** Indoor Maintenance

# Family Ministries

**Kids Christmas Program & Party Today** Kids ages 3-grade 6 will bless the church with a play & song during the second service **today** after worship. The kids & all Kids Church volunteers are invited back to the Kids Church Room for a Christmas party celebrating Christ's birth.

No Kids Programs or Service on Wed, Dec 26

**Family Room** We offer a live stream of the service & a play area for kids in the Family Room located by the self-serve café if you need to step out of the sanctuary with your child at any time during the service.

# Reach & Minister

**All Aboard the Titanic!** On Sunday, Dec. 30 during both morning services, Rene & Rommi Kinard will share a portrayal of Rev. Harper & Eva Hart's experiences on the Titanic. **There is no adult Sunday School in the Sanctuary on December 30.**

**125 Local Kids Need Food** We partner with local churches to provide a weekend's worth of meals for students in the Bermudian Springs School District who don't have enough food at home. Consider donating **single serving size** packages of **shelf-safe milk, cereal, & ravioli** in the main lobby.

**Volunteer Positions Open**  
You tell us your availability & we'll work with your schedule!

**Worship Team**  
**Substitute Drummer & Pianist**  
*As Needed*  
*See Melanie Storm*

**Nursery Helper**  
for Babies Age 0-3  
*Sun at 6pm & Wed at 7pm*  
*See Dara Womer*

# WE HAVE KIDS CHURCH!

During the second service, we offer a complete church service including worship, a Bible lesson, snack, craft & activity in the Kids Wing for kids ages 3-12. Still have some questions about our Kids Church program? Email **Dana Catania** at [kids@nla.today](mailto:kids@nla.today).

# Not Quite Ready for Kids Church?

That's ok! You're welcome to get up at any time during the service to grab a pack of crayons, some coloring sheets, & a picture book for your child to help them sit through the service today. These items are on the table at the back of the sanctuary.



**Christmas Cards** You may drop off Christmas cards for your church friends in the main lobby. Please sort your cards by name so families can retrieve them with ease. Cards must be picked up by Wed, January 2.

See the bulletin insert for a few shut-ins in our church who would love to receive a phone call or card in the mail!

# STEPHEN'S LEGACY

*A Hand Up for the Hurting*

Our Stephen's Legacy team has knowledgeable volunteers & trained nurses ready to help with health needs, home & car repairs, financial aid, errand running, meals, & transportation to doctor appointments. If you or someone you know is in crisis or would like to volunteer with this ministry, please see one of our Stephen's Legacy team members:

Angie Kline	Ray Mummert
Dave Mickley	Mark Hinkle
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Carolyn Brown	Wendy Wagner