



**Welcome  
We're Glad You're Here!**

**December 17, 2017**

**9:00 AM**

Worship in the Sanctuary  
KidZone for infant thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
KidZone 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
Adult Class in room 106

**10:30 AM**

Worship in the Sanctuary  
KidZone for infant thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Adult Class in room 105  
Women Cup of Tea in room 106  
Class with LK Jordan room 212  
Class with Jeff Lampl, Bob Reich  
Room 220  
Outdoorsmen in 2<sup>nd</sup> floor alcove



### **Week 3: Joy**

#### **Luke 2**

**8** And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. **9** An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. **10** But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. **11** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. **12** This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

#### **Philippians 4**

**4** Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! **5** Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. **6** Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. **7** And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**8** Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. **9** Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. **10** I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it.

**11** I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. **12** I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. **13** I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

*Hope - Trusting God with your future.  
 Peace - Trusting God with your present.  
 Joy - The evidence of hope and peace in your life.*

### **Good News**

*Creation | Fall | Redemption | Restoration*

### **Great Joy**

*Joy is the opposite of anxiety.  
 Anxiety - failing in advance  
 Joy - succeeding in advance*

*Joy is not a victim of circumstances.  
 Joy doesn't erase pain, but it does give us a way to embrace it.*

### **For All People**

*This Good News is for \_\_\_\_\_  
 (insert name here)*

### **Town of David**

*Providence - God sees all things and is bending and  
 shaping them for our good & His glory.*

### **Savior**

*sôtér: One who rescues, a savior, deliverer*

### **Messiah**

*Christos: the Anointed One, Messiah, Christ*

### **Lord**

*kurios: lord, master*

### **This will be a sign to you**

*December 17, 2017*

# The Kid Zone



Love God. Love Others. Light Your World.

## Today in Kid Zone:

**The Bible Story:** Jesus Was Born

**Bible Passage:** Luke 2:1-20

**The Main Point:** Jesus was born to be God's promised Savior.

**The Big Picture Question:** Why was Jesus born?  
Jesus was born to rescue us from sin.

**December Memory Verse:** Luke 1:68 "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them."

### Family Discussion Starters:

- What are some things about Jesus' birth that were strange?
- Do you think many people expected the Messiah to be born like this?
- As you exchange gifts with your family, talk about the difference between the world's idea of Christmas (be good to earn good gifts) and God's idea of Christmas (sending Jesus to save us though we cannot earn His good favor.)



**Make sure to  
thank a  
Volunteer today!**

**If you are a volunteer in the  
children's ministry, make sure to  
stop by Kid Zone for a special treat!**



# 6 Ways to Love Your Neighbor

[& invite them to CLC for Christmas]



## All week long

1. **Be Generous** [to strangers]
2. **Give Gifts** [to those who serve us]
3. **Embrace the Awkward** [by inviting folks to church]

## Wednesday, Dec. 20th

[during COW]

1. **Eat Out** [clean up after yourselves & leave a BIG tip]
2. **Bake Goodies** [and deliver them]
3. **Invite people over** [and help strangers become friends]

CHRISTMAS  
Advent[ure]

All this week, we want you to do something Advent[urous]. We are asking the whole church, teens included, to share God's love with others. Above we have 6 different ways you can do that. Three ways that you can focus on all week long. And three things you can do during the normal time you would be meeting for Outbreak at C.O.W. (connect on Wednesdays). All week you can **be generous to strangers, give gifts to those who serve us, and embrace the awkward by inviting folks to church.** On Wednesday instead of C.O.W. Maybe **Eat out and leave a HUGE tip, Bake Goodies and deliver them, and/or invite people over.** We want to love God and love others well this Christmas season, so we hope you will be part of the 6 ways you can love others! Have a Merry Christmas Everyone!



# WINTER

WINTER BREAK 2017

## DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> - JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>

SEE YOU AT THE JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> KICKOFF!

December 20<sup>th</sup> - No Outbreak - Join us as we serve our community!

December 27<sup>th</sup> - No Outbreak - Merry Christmas!

January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 - No Outbreak - Happy New Year!

## COFFEE HOUSE &

# GAME NIGHT

6:30PM-7:45PM.  
DOORS OPEN @ 6:00PM.

# NIGHT

## JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2018.



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# Celebrate Recovery<sup>®</sup>

Kicks off January 10, 2018 at 6PM!

Come and find out what is going on!



Celebrate Recovery is a Christ Centered ministry where people can find God's healing and strength to face and move beyond their hurts, habits, or hang ups. CR is for anyone struggling with past or current dysfunctions or

compulsions, whether they are affecting their own life or the lives of those around them. Celebrate Recovery ministers to people facing a variety of life's difficulties and struggles. At Celebrate Recovery you will find a community of people working their way along the road to recovery, sharing their lives, experiences, hopes and fears with one another, and finding God's grace and forgiveness in solving their problems.

Like to know more? Email pastor Gary [garntessoni@gmail.com](mailto:garntessoni@gmail.com)

**COMING IN JANUARY 2018 for Those who are new at CLC and/or considering joining in...**

## **Starting Point: Finding Your Place in the Story**

Whether you are new to the Christian faith, simply curious about it, or reexamining it after time away from church, you'll appreciate this accepting, conversational, small group environment. Come as you are, be who you are, and build connections with fellow travelers as you explore who God is and what Christianity is really about. God's story is a story of relationship, and your name is in it.



**Interested in connecting in Adult classes and Ministries? contact Pastor Gary at [garntessoni@gmail.com](mailto:garntessoni@gmail.com)**

***Use the Response Card page for questions or Sign Ups!***

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES** Join us for our 291<sup>st</sup> year celebrating Christmas!! Sunday, morning, Dec. 24 at the Christian Life Center: 9:00 & 10:30 (childcare 0-4 yrs.) **Christmas Eve at the CLC 5:00pm; New London Presbyterian Church on Rt. 896: traditional candlelight services at 7:00 & 9:00pm!** Everyone is welcome – please come and join us as we celebrate Christ’s birth!

**New London Christian Preschool Registration!** Current Families-Jan. 24; Alumni – Jan. 29, General Public – Jan. 31. Call 610-869-7979 or email Michelle at [maheavener@yahoo.com](mailto:maheavener@yahoo.com) for a tour! Registration is on-line, visit [newlondonchristianpreschool.com](http://newlondonchristianpreschool.com).

**Family Promise Dec. 31-Jan. 7!** We are looking for help to prepare meals, be dinner hosts, be overnight hosts, set up and take down. Please consider helping, indicate your interest on the back page and you will be contacted! (Please note: there have been incidents where students in Family Promise know the youth who are volunteering and it has become very upsetting to them during this crisis in their lives. So unfortunately, no youths, 5yrs. thru teens will be able to accompany their parents volunteering. We are sorry for this and thank you for your understanding.) Information at the Family Promise table in the café or visit: <https://familypromise.org>

**4 WOMEN, 4 MONTHS! Calling all ladies of all ages:** Christian Life Center is planning to organize a random group of FOUR women to meet FOUR days in FOUR months. From generation to generation, we all have something to offer. After the first four months of the year, we will rotate groups to meet the other women of this church family. You may check your interest on the response portion of the bulletin or email us at: [4x4clcfamily@gmail.com](mailto:4x4clcfamily@gmail.com)

**Christmas at Ware Presbyterian Village.** How can you help make it brighter for a resident at Ware? Visit... yourself, your family, or small group. Several members of CLC are living at Ware, (check with Karen in the office) or drop in and say hello to residents in the lounges. Just sign in at the visitors’ desk at the health center and get a visitor’s tag. Also you can give to the Sweater Fund to cover gifts for the residents. A collection box is at the Visitors' Center and in the Café. Make checks payable to CLC.

**Do You Have Extra 2018 Calendars?** Bring them in (you may drop them by the office) so we can distribute them to the residents at Twin Pines. Thank you!

Please drop this in the baskets at the doors or turn it in at the Welcome Center.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check all that apply:**

- This is my first time at the CLC
- I would like to talk with someone about my relationship with Jesus
- Please change my contact info
- Sign me up to receive Pastor's Blog
- Becoming a member of the CLC
- Serving at the CLC
- Family Promise** \_\_\_\_\_
- Finding a Small Group
- Men's Group
- Women's Group
- Parents of Young Children Group
- Senior's Group
- Youth Ministry
- Children's Ministry
- Adult Bible Classes
- I am interested in 4 x 4 Women's Group**

**CLC's Care Ministry is available to communicate God's love and care.**  
**\*\*If you need prayer you may go to the Library area following either of the two services, fill out above or submit prayer requests to: [CLCFamily125@gmail.com](mailto:CLCFamily125@gmail.com)**

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**Today's Songs:** O Come Let Us Adore Him – Hillsong, Joyful – Brenton Brown, Joy to the World/Unspeakable Joy – Chris Tomlin, Go Tell It – Lee McDerment