

**December 18, 2016**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love!**

**This morning,** Pastor Charlie will be preaching in the 9:00am service and Pastor Melia will be preaching in the 10:30am service on today's Advent theme, Love.

**Missionaries of the Week:** Roman & Janice Stefaniw, Wycliffe – Asia Pacific.

**MINISTRIES**

**Young Adults Ministry at The Barn**

- ❖ Today, in The Barn, Pastor Dan will be concluding the Advent Series with a sermon from Romans 1:1–7 called “Promised Through the Prophets.”

**ET Youth Ministry**

- ❖ Parents wanting to be on the ETY monthly newsletter distribution list may email [youth@etchurch.org](mailto:youth@etchurch.org) and put **NEWSLETTER** in the subject line.

**ET Kids Ministry**

- ❖ Today in the Kids Church Room, all kids K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be decorating and packaging sugar cookies at 9:00am for delivery to the Waterford Nursing Home later this afternoon, and then all kids will join their families in the 10:30am service for Family Sunday.

**Developmental Learning Center**

- ❖ This week, DLC Pre-K students will be hearing about The Nativity in story, drama, and song and the Kindergarten students will celebrate Polar Express PJ day, have “Show and Tell” and build gingerbread houses.

**2017 Giving Envelopes Made to Order** In an effort to reduce waste and cost, we are updating our numbered giving envelope procedure. If you would like to receive numbered envelopes, please call the church office at 417-883-0676 or email the office at [office@etchurch.org](mailto:office@etchurch.org) and give us your name and current envelope number. We will print whatever you need for the giving year, so please let us know when you contact us how many envelopes you would like. Thanks!

**EOH Christmas Outreach** Many thanks to all who gave gifts to the Embassy of Hope children for Christmas. We collected enough for many children to enjoy this season of giving!

**Men's Ministry Event** Who's up for the latest Star Wars Movie? Men, if you are interested in going to see ***Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*** on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, contact Jim LaVallee at 417-849-6682 for details.

**Proposed Budgeted Weekly Income:** \$22,438    **Last Week's Giving:** \$37,731  
**Proposed Budgeted YTD:** \$1,121,900    **Giving Received YTD:** \$1,181,722  
**Capital Campaign Total:** \$983,027

**Wednesday Evening Fellowship Meal**

Serving Time: 5:15-6:15 pm    Place: ET Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$4 (Adults); \$2 (Children); \$12 (Family)

**Dinner:** Taco Bar    **Dessert:** Oreo Cookie Dessert

**Upcoming Sunday Holiday Events at ET**

- ❖ Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve and Communion Service 5:00pm
- ❖ Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day Service 10:30 am (One Service Only)
- ❖ Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Day Service 10:30 am (One Service Only)

**Christmas Eve Service** In an effort to make all guests feel welcomed, please do not save seats. If you are expecting guests, please wait for them in the lobby so you can all be seated at the same time. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**Parking Challenges** Please consider parking in the neighboring office parking lot just west of the church parking lot across Greenbrier St. on Sundays. Your kindness will allow guests and those who need closer access to park near the church building.

**Royal Rangers** Please stop by the Resource Center and place your order for delicious smoked meats for your holiday dining from our Royal Rangers. Your order can be picked up at the Corner House at 4:00pm on Christmas Eve or after the Christmas Eve service. What an awesome way to support the Best mentoring ministry for boys and young men!

**Year-end Giving and Holiday Office Hours** Please be mindful that 2016 contributions must be in the office by 4:30pm on Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> or postmarked by midnight on Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, to meet the 2016 deadline for tax credit. The church office will be closed Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. The office will be open Wednesday through Friday, from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Online giving is also available at [www.etchurch.org](http://www.etchurch.org). Thank you for your faithfulness!

**2016 Giving Statements** Our accountant will be mailing 2016 giving statements out in January, 2017. If you have had a change of address this year, please contact the church office to verify that we have your correct contact information. The office phone number is 417-883-0676 and the email address is [office@etchurch.org](mailto:office@etchurch.org). Thanks!

**NOW HIRING!** We are currently hiring for nursery/preschool paid staff positions to work an average of two Sundays and one or two Wednesday evenings per month. If you are interested or would like more information, please stop by the nursery or email Amy Sutton at [amy@etchurch.org](mailto:amy@etchurch.org). We would love to talk to you about joining our team!

***“We love because He first loved us”. 1 John 4:19 (NIV)***

