**Sunday School – 9:30**

**Worship Service – 10:30**

Worship Leader: Greg Dunlap

*“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”* **(blue #201)**

*“What Child is this”*  **(blue #215)**

**Welcome to Worship**

Leader: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for God

 with us is coming to set things right!

**People: The proud will be scattered and the humble lifted up.**

Leader: The hungry will be filled and the prisoners set free.

**People:**  He will guide us in the way of peace and proclaim salvation,

***All: Let us rejoice, for our God comes to bring wholeness***

 ***and new life to the world.***

**Offertory:** Please tear off your “Response Sheet” and drop it in

 In the offering basket.

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Sunday School Kids Christmas Program**

Monday, December 17 – Gordon’s day off

Wednesday, December 19 – JH Grounded Youth Christmas party

 at Youth Center 7-8:30

 NO HS Grounded Youth

Thursday, December 20 – A.A. & Alanon – 7:30

Taric vacation – 21 - 23

HS Grounded Youth will meet at Taric and Katie’s home this evening

for their Christmas party at 7:00. Please remember your White Elephant gift to exchange. There will be snacks and games to enjoy.

The JH Grounded Youth Christmas party will be December 19 from 7-8:30 at the Youth Center. There will be games and snacks as we have some fun celebrating Jesus’ birth! Friends are welcome!

Bellwood would like to give our members the opportunity of making Christmas a little more special this year for individuals or families that need a little extra financial help. We will be handing out envelopes with a $50 bill inside (today and next Sunday) to any church family that would like to participate in this outreach mission. All you need to do is “GO BLESS someone who YOU think NEEDS this $50”. All those who blessed someone will be encouraged to respond via E-mail to bell606@windstream.net with what YOUR mission was. GOD BLESS THE GIVER AND THE RECEIVER!!!

We are still in need of three people to read scripture for our Christmas Eve Service. If you would be willing to do this, please sign the clipboard in the overflow.

If you are taking new pictures for Christmas and would like to update yours in the foyer, please turn into the office.

**How far to Christmas?**

 How far is it to Christmas Day?

 The journey’s just as long

 as taking time to listen

 To a joyful angel song.

 It’s just as far as one can go

 in doing a loving deed

 that helps someone feel better

 or that meets their special need.

 For Christmas is a journey

 that the heart makes every year.

 It starts right with your family

 and those you hold so dear.

 It travels on to strangers

 round the world to everyone

 with the message that God loves us

 and that’s why he’s sent his Son!

**Last Week:** Worship Attendance – 100, Budget - $6,896

Daisha Scholarship - $200

**Birthday’s this week:** Craig Bontrager (Mon.), Gage Dunlap (Tues.)

John Stauffer (Thurs.)

**Activity Room:** NO Activity Room today

We are in need of volunteers next Sunday through the end of January.

Please sign the clipboard in the overflow if you are willing to help.

**Worship Leader, Music, Singers & Greeters:**

December 23 – Worship Leader – Peg Burkey

 Piano – Peg Burkey

 Singers – Sid Burkey, Jeni Bogenreif & Josh Miller

 Children’s Moment – Jessica Dunlap

 Greeters – Sharon Stutzman & Janet Newton

December 30 – Worship Leader – Katie Leichty

 Piano – Pam Erb

 Offertory – Jessica Dunlap

 Singers – Nick Glanzer & Shani Mach

 Children’s Moment – Shelly Troyer

 Greeters – need 2 volunteers

**Remember in Prayer:**

* Cliff Irwin and family
* Those traveling for Christmas
* Darcy Friedli for continued recovery

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***3rd Sunday of Advent***

**December 16, 2018**