

NEW STREET NEWS



OVER
Coffee



When December rolls around, life begins to change: Decorations come out of storage. A tree goes up in the living room. Wish lists are shared. Shopping trips begin in earnest. Lights brighten up the neighborhood. The church lights more candles than usual. Christmas songs fill the air. And then, on one Holy Night: all is calm; all is bright.

When does Christmas begin for you?

When our daughters danced *The Nutcracker*, we'd hear folks say that Christmas began with the ballet. I could understand that. When music lessons filled my life, Christmas seemed to begin after the school holiday concert. Here in Glen Rock, no Christmas is complete without the carolers.

For some folks, Christmas is a time of caring and sharing. I've heard some people say a Dickens Christmas Carol begins their Christmas. I've heard others say it begins with the Christmas Party at The Well, visiting a homebound friend, or dropping the cards off at the Post Office.

Some of us may remember Christmas beginning with the arrival of a department store Christmas catalog, or a parade featuring Santa in his sleigh, or maybe that first coating of snow.

In Matthew's gospel, Christmas begins with a whispered rumor in Joseph's ear, and the appearing of an angel in a dream who announces the birth of a child who will save God's people from their sins.

In Luke's gospel, Christmas begins with an angel's visit, and Mary letting God be with her according to his word.

In Mark's gospel, Christmas begins with a John the Baptist preparing the way of the Lord, and preaching people into being ready for the coming of the Christ.

In John's gospel, Christmas begins with the word, who was with God from the beginning, and who is God, becoming flesh and dwelling among us.

In these, and many ways more, Christmas begins with the preparing and waiting for a promised child who brings the unexpected grace of angels singing peace on earth and shepherds going to see a child laying in manger.

I wonder when Christmas might begin for you this year.

Perhaps it will begin as you prepare your heart for the gift only Christ can give by making time to refresh yourself with the promises of God, or maybe in the light of a candle flickering in the night, or with the beauty of a song that promises of a new and glorious morn. However Christmas begins for you this year, I pray that it will grace you with a peace brought by a child whose love makes us and all things new.

Pastor Skip

November/December 2025

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**Sunday Service
9:30AM Worship
10:30AM Sunday School**

**Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 9AM - 3PM**



Check us out on Facebook!



THE WELL, IMMANUEL'S OUTREACH MINISTRY

The Well, an outreach mission of IUMC, continues to serve our community by offering a "kids' place" every Tuesday after school for 20-30 children, providing Grab 'n Go meals, averaging 125, every Wednesday and operating a client choice food pantry for 30+ registered families the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

None of this would be possible without the dedication and support of its volunteers, monetary donations from other churches, organizations, individuals, Immanuel's members and God's direction.

Costs for food for the weekly meals and food pantry items have been increasing with limited free or low cost food supplies available from the York County Food Bank. The Well has been fortunate in receiving donations from the local Chamber of Ravens Nest (\$1,700), a donation from Smiles for Life from Dr. Steven Haywood, dentist in Shrewsbury (\$1,054) and Immanuel's members.

Twelve families registered at the food pantry will be receiving free Thanksgiving meal food boxes with donations of items from Zion, Trinity and New Hope churches. Ten (10) turkeys (10-16lbs each) are needed for the boxes which will be picked up Monday, November 24 at The Well from 4:00pm-6:00pm. If you can donate a turkey, please contact Judy. Monetary donations to purchase food items for the boxes can also be given to the church or Judy.

The Well is planning to offer Christmas meal food boxes to food pantry clients also. Additional information will be placed in the Sunday bulletins.

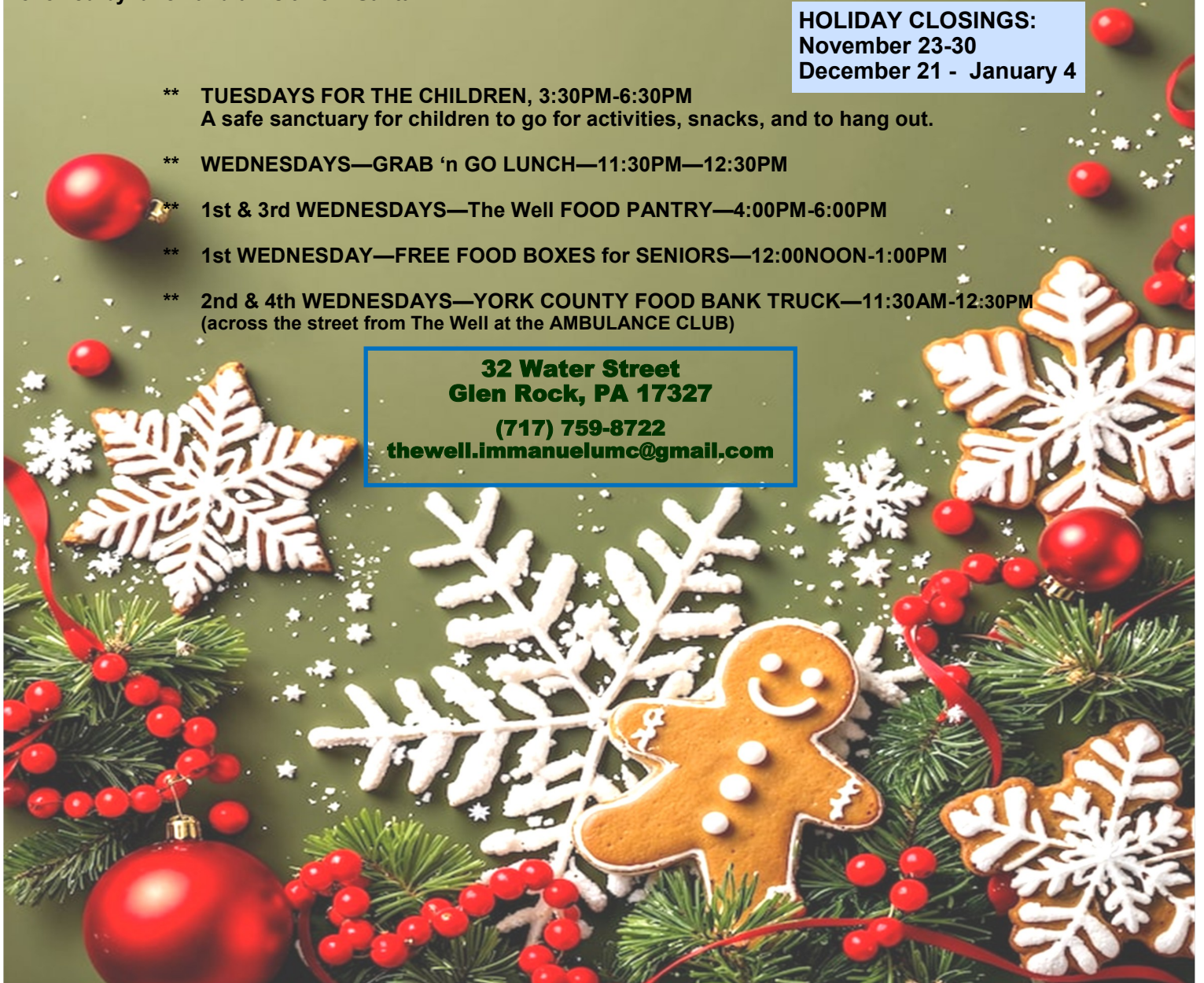
American Legion Riders will, again, collaborate with The Well and purchase gifts for the Annual Christmas Party for the children attending The Well. The party will be held Saturday, December 6 with the retelling of the Nativity, followed by lunch and a visit from Santa.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:
November 23-30
December 21 - January 4

- ** TUESDAYS FOR THE CHILDREN, 3:30PM-6:30PM**
A safe sanctuary for children to go for activities, snacks, and to hang out.
- ** WEDNESDAYS—GRAB 'n GO LUNCH—11:30PM—12:30PM**
- ** 1st & 3rd WEDNESDAYS—The Well FOOD PANTRY—4:00PM-6:00PM**
- ** 1st WEDNESDAY—FREE FOOD BOXES for SENIORS—12:00NOON-1:00PM**
- ** 2nd & 4th WEDNESDAYS—YORK COUNTY FOOD BANK TRUCK—11:30AM-12:30PM**
(across the street from The Well at the AMBULANCE CLUB)

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December 15th

Articles and information for the January/February 2026 newsletter are due by December 15th.



Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on November 1st.



\$14.00 each (6" pot) (6+ blooms)

Order forms available in the Roser Entrance.

Order deadline is **November 16th**. Please take poinsettias home after the service on Christmas Eve.

GOOD SHEPHERD DAYCARE

Fellow church members, thank you for the beautiful space that is provided to the daycare children throughout each week. There are 50 children and their families that get to walk through the doors of Immanuel Church. Prayers are said within the building, as well as scripture verses spoken and worship songs sung. What a blessing to have an opportunity to experience faith and biblical teachings that are integrated into daily activities, with kindness and compassion. Plus, getting to practice the 66 books of the Bible...with motions or sung as a rap. The unique benefits that are available to the children at Good Shepherd are endless.

The church building is a safe space which allows staff to provide nurturing, secure, and supportive practices for the children. Our small group sizes, individualized attention, and overall positive environment is a blessing. Many families appreciate the "family like atmosphere" that is present, allowing relationships to grow and offering a supportive network for parents. Often times when families graduate from the program, that is when we hear how much the daycare meant to a family. Here are a few words that were shared this fall...

"I just wanted to take a moment to extend my deepest gratitude to you and your amazing, talented staff. Today, Rebel officially started Kindergarten, and it was clear to me that she was more than ready. She was clearly enthusiastic, confident, and even up an hour before the bus arrived, eager to begin this new chapter. The care, dedication, and thoughtful preparation she received at Good Shepherd gave her the strong foundation she needed to take this big step with excitement instead of hesitation. It's a true testament to the nurturing environment and high-quality education you and your team provide every day. Thank you for pouring so much heart, patience, and skill into your work. It has made all the difference for Rebel, and for us as her family. We are so grateful for the role you played in her early learning journey."

"I just want to say, again, how much we've appreciated the staff at Good Shepherd and that is most definitely what we are going to miss the most about our time here in PA."

"We have absolutely loved your program and all the teachers there who have taught our kids. It saddens me to withdraw her after how much she absolutely loves the Preschool group, teachers and friends."

"We've had the absolute best experience with both CJ and Cora at Good Shepherd, and would recommend a million times over to anyone who is searching for an amazing program with caring staff! It will definitely be weird picking Cora up on Friday, knowing this chapter has come to a close for her and us, but we know she's more than prepared for everything that lies ahead thanks to everyone there!"

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

We aim to meet the needs of parents and children by providing exceptionally high quality daycare with an emphasis on learning, to meet the needs of all children through a daycare ministry where children are nurtured through developmentally appropriate practices and to provide opportunities for each child to experience an openness to Jesus Christ and the sense of His great love for them.

Thank you for allowing the space for the staff to have an opportunity to reach our mission statement, with the enrolled families and children. Praising God that He is in control, having ultimate authority and a purpose for everything. My prayer is that God guides the future of Good Shepherd with God-fearing, qualified staff and eager families ready for the experience of their lives.

Blessings, Pamela Prowell



Bible Studies

Dig Deeper with Friends



ONLINE
Tuesday evenings
at 7:00pm

Please let Pastor Skip know if you would like to receive the link to join.

In-Person
Thursday Morning Bible Study
10:30am
In the Herbst Parlor at the church

All are welcome to join us.
(Please knock on the church office door to be let in).



SATURDAY—November 15
And
SATURDAY—December 20
(at J & B's Grill, Shrewsbury)

8:00am

Please join us!

ANNUAL COMMUNITY
Thanksgiving Service



TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 25
7:00pm

At New Hope Fissel's UCC
(3426 Fissel's Church Rd., Glen Rock)

Everyone is invited to come and give thanks!



CHRISTMAS DECORATING DAY
SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 29, 2025
9:00 a.m.

Immanuel always looks so beautiful when it is decorated for the Christmas Season! Can you spare a little time the Saturday after Thanksgiving to help us put up the Christmas decorations at the church?

UPCOMING DATES:

November 11th – Deadline to order wreaths

November 15th - at GR Legion—placing flag markers at 1:00pm

December 13th - at GR Ambulance Building - Ceremony and then wreath laying at 11:00am

January 17, 2026 - at GR Legion for wreath removal at 1:00pm

If you'd like to sponsor a wreath, please complete the form (located on the table in the Roser Entrance) and send it, along with payment to:

Sharon Krout, 1415 Church St., Glen Rock, PA 17327

