

3rd Sunday of
Advent



December 17,
2017

9:30 a.m. Bible Studies for All Ages

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

(Please mute cell phones)

Ted Cushing, Organist

Carolyn Abbott, Pianist

Welcome & Announcements

Tom Elbourn, Deacon

Preparation for Worship

“The Yearning,”

Bethany Sanctuary Choir (Words on screen)

Invocation

Tom Elbourn, Deacon

Worship Leader

Diane Cushing

* Christmas Carol

“God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen”

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candle

Joe and Pat Westerberry

Reading Matthew 2:1-6, 9b-11

* Christmas Carol #262

“Away in a Manger”

Offering

Worship in Song

Ushers

“Follow that Star” (Ensemble)

* Offering Response: Hymn #247

“Let’s Worship & Adore Him”

(Children are dismissed to Children’s Church)

Pastoral Prayer

Interim Pastor David Astolfi

* Christmas Song

“Midnight Clear”

The Preaching of God’s Word

Interim Pastor David Astolfi

Series: “What Child Is This?”

“The Wise Men Visit,” Matthew 2:1-18

(p. 849-50 in pew Bible)

* Christmas Carol #292

“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”

* Benediction

Postlude

* *Congregation Please Stand*

Deacon & Deaconess prayer partners are available at the front of the Sanctuary following the worship service to pray with anyone who has special concerns.

This Week at Bethany

Today	12/17	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Fellowship (2 nd floor lounge)
		12:15 p.m.	Missions Board Meeting (2 nd floor classroom)
		12:15 p.m.	Deaconess Board Meeting (2 nd floor classroom)
		2:45 p.m.	Christmas caroling to shut-ins (meet at church)
Mon.	12/18	2:30 p.m.	Women’s Bible study (Hubbardston)
		6:00 p.m.	Junior & Senior High Youth Group Xmas Party (3rd floor youth room)
Tues.	12/19	10:00 a.m.	Pastor Astolfi’s Office Hours
		7:00 p.m.	Prayer Fellowship (2 nd floor lounge)
Wed.	12/20	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
		10:00 a.m.	Pastor Astolfi’s Office Hours

* New activities or activities whose schedules vary are shown in bold type.

Nursery and Children’s Church Schedules

Nursery (Babies to Age 3)

Children’s church (Age 4 – Grade 6)

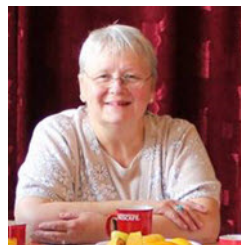
Today Joy St. Laurent

Today: Kyote Oxford & Hailie
Desmarais

12/24/17: No nursery

12/25/17: No children’s church

Missionary of the Week – Kaarina Ham, Armenia, HOPE Armenia Ministries

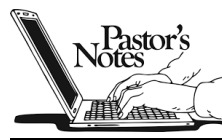


Kaarina is the founder and general director of HOPE Armenia Ministries, which focuses on youth evangelism and young adult discipleship in Yerevan, the capital of Armenia. They also provide biblical training seminars at the Lighthouse Training Center near Lake Sevan in North Central Armenia. They celebrated their 10th anniversary in February 2017.

View the website at

www.wayofhope.am/eng/1/Home.html

Schedule Change for Pastor Astolfi



Starting this week, Pastor Astolfi’s office hours will change from Tuesdays and Thursdays to **Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**