



News From

# The MOUNT

December 2022



## CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2022

PLEASE JOIN US ANY TIME  
BETWEEN  
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

AT MOUNT MORIAH CHURCH



*"And she will bring forth a Son, and  
you shall call His name JESUS, for  
He will save His people from their  
sins." ~ Matthew 1:22-23 (NKJV)*

## HAPPENINGS

- Dec. 14 Family Night Christmas Caroling  
6:30 - 8:00 PM
- Dec. 16 MMCS Christmas Program  
2 Performances  
10:00 - 11:00 AM  
1:15 - 2:15 PM
- Dec. 18 Tree of Hope Gift Collection Deadline
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Communion Service  
5:00 - 7:00 PM  
(in the sanctuary)

## GATHERINGS

- 9:30 AM Sunday School In-person
- 10:45 AM Sunday Worship In-person & ONLINE  
via Facebook
- 7:00 PM Wednesday Night In-person Bible Study
- 7:00 PM MMYOL Wednesday Night Bible Study
- 8:00 PM Wednesday Night ONLINE Bible Study

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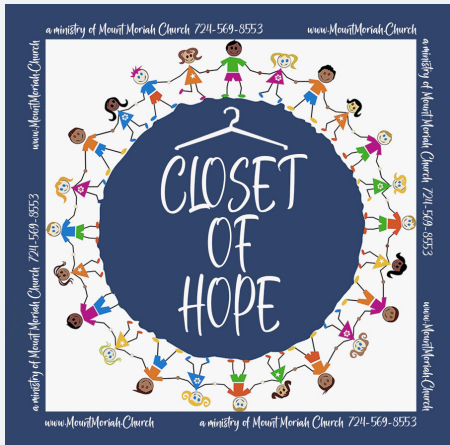
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# CLOSET OF HOPE



*Our Closet of Hope mission collaborates with the local Children and Youth Services (CYS), Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), and other resources who identify and refer children to our ministry. We serve children, ages birth through teens, and offer a FREE shopping experience to provide them with a basic wardrobe and essentials. Most importantly, we share the love of Jesus with these children and their families.*

Many children we serve have nothing but a garbage bag with a few items. We are very pleased that fifty-two children have come to The Closet of Hope to do free shopping. They are able to pick out their own clothing and shop for other items—they especially love to choose a stuffed animal to take with them!

Teens from the Promise House in Uniontown can also shop at the **Closet of Hope**. These teens live in apartments without parents or foster parents. They are supervised through City Mission and must learn how to live independently. They are in need of clothing, shoes, and household items, such as pots and pans, for their apartments.

Mrs. DuBois and the Mount Moriah Christian School have been very supportive and extremely generous to the Closet of Hope. The school staff and students brought in so many clothing items to share—they inspired us to start the foster closet which helps so many needy children. Mrs. Dubois and her sister donated a storefront in Uniontown so that the Closet of Hope would have enough space and an actual store where children can shop. The school donated food that was left over from the Thanksgiving feast preparations, filling the pantries and helping the shelters get through until Christmas. Mrs. Dubois also sponsors an angel “Light Bulb” tree for the Closet of Hope. We are very grateful for the Christian School working hand-in-hand with us to spread the love of Christ to those in need in our community.



We are now scheduling volunteers to assist with clothing sorting and store organization at both the store and church. You can volunteer at either location.

Please contact Director Jen Diamond at 724-550-6768 if you would like to help.

CLOSET OF HOPE  
219 Pittsburgh Street, Uniontown, PA 15401

## WE ARE GROWING!

Other churches and organizations have joined us in volunteering and donating necessary items, which has been a huge blessing. County 4-H clubs have adopted the Closet of Hope as their community service project. We are praying for growth to reach the tri-county area (Greene, Washington, and Fayette).

## OPERATION BLESSING BAG

**Operation Blessing Bag** continues to receive donations for the Men's, Women's, and Veterans' Shelters which serve the local homeless community. **Closet of Hope** is under the same umbrella of Mount Moriah missions as Operation Blessing Bag, and both are Gospel-based. We give everyone an age-appropriate Bible, and we make sure that the recipients get to see Jesus through the actions of our love—it's one of the ways we can share the gospel.

## ITEMS WE NEED

(For ages infants through teens)

**Toiletries:** body wash, deodorant, adult and children's shampoos and conditioners (ethnic hair too), body lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, new makeup, girls' hygiene products, shavers, hairbrushes, combs, hair ties and accessories, baby shampoo, wipes, diapers, pull ups, diaper cream, baby lotion.

**Urgent Needs:** NEW socks, NEW underwear, of any size. Boxer-briefs style for boys.

**Household:** laundry detergent, dryer sheets, fabric softener, towels, washcloths, hangers, cleaning supplies.



## TREE OF HOPE

Our Tree of Hope is in the foyer to provide an opportunity for each of us to bless the most needy in the community. Each Angel tag on the tree represents a specific recipient and items that can be purchased to meet specific needs. These items may be placed in a gift bag\* with the Angel tag and must be returned to the church foyer by December 18th.

*\*If you are unable to provide a gift bag, volunteers will wrap the gifts for you.*







**WE ARE  
GRATEFUL  
FOR OUR  
VOLUNTEERS!**



*If you feel led to connect with  
or have any questions about  
**Operation Blessing Bag** or  
**Closet of Hope**, please reach  
out to us!*

*In Christ's love,  
Jen Diamond  
724-550-6768*



WE ARE GOING  
**CHRISTMAS**  
*Caroling!*

PLEASE COME AND SING ALONG!

DECEMBER 14TH  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

WE WILL MEET AT THE CHURCH AND TAKE A BUS  
COOKIES AND HOT CHOCOLATE AFTERWARD!



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you for helping to bring the Good News about Jesus and great joy to children around the world through Operation Christmas Child! We collected 640 shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items to deliver with the gospel message to children in need and demonstrate God's love for them in a tangible way.



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

COMING IN JANUARY 2023!

A 10-Session Study by Jen Wilkin

Please join us for this study of Exodus 19 – 40 to revisit the familiar scenes of the giving of the Ten Commandments, the idolatrous worship of a golden calf, and the intricate details of the tabernacle. With fresh perspective, we'll learn to trace the promise of Christ throughout and ask what these stories teach us today about how to live as those set free.

You can purchase a copy of the Bible study book, *God of Freedom: A Study of Exodus 19-40*, through [Christianbook.com](http://Christianbook.com), [Lifeway.com](http://Lifeway.com), or Amazon.

Please don't miss this great opportunity to fellowship with other women and be encouraged in your walk with the Lord.

We look forward to seeing you!



### JOIN US IF YOU WANT TO:

- Learn the deeper theological implications of stories you may have known for years.
- Understand how the freedom God gives His children is meant to lead us to lives of glad service to God and our communities of faith.
- Explore how we understand the character of Christ, even through Old Testament accounts.



December 2022

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

What is it that gets you singing, "It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas"?

Meredith Wilson's iconic song was published in 1951 and has been recorded and used by many artists ever since. He writes of all the things that cause him to recognize that Christmas is right around the corner. For me, it is many different things. It's the cold weather. It's the falling leaves. It's the packing of Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. It's the preparations that we make for Thanksgiving. Of course, along with these things come the decorations, lights, and trees. What is it for you?

What I try very hard to do, however, is to never allow these things to distract me from the true meaning of Christmas. I can only imagine what the true anticipation of the coming of the Messiah would have felt like to the Israelites. Just think of all the prophecies that they would have heard from their childhood. Do you think it may have been like our children's anticipation of a Christmas morning?

I always want my kids to look forward to the celebration of Jesus' birthday. But more importantly, I want them to be excited about and eagerly anticipating Jesus coming again. I don't want them to be afraid of this event. I don't want them to be unaware of this event. And I certainly don't want them to become discouraged if it doesn't seem to be happening according to their time frame. In Matthew 24: 36-44, Jesus told His disciples that no one knows the day or the hour, and then proceeds to give them some signs to watch for and realize that He will be coming soon.

So yes, it is beginning to look a lot like Christmas. But for me, it's beginning to look more and more like Jesus is coming again soon. My Christmas prayer is that you will be ready.

Merry Christmas to you all,  
Pastor D

*"Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."  
-Matthew 24:44*