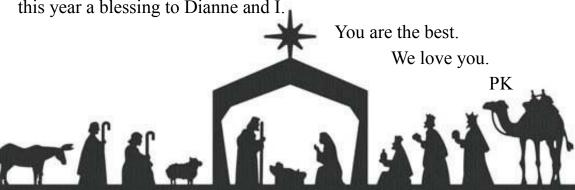


### **KEITH'S QUILL**

<sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. (Luke 2:10 &11)

So goes the first announcement of the Lord's birth. It was meant to be a comfort to shepherds. They could now stop being afraid. Their fear could be replaced with joy. It wasn't just a message to Judean shepherds but to all people everywhere. As we approach this Christmas season I am wondering what might be scaring us. Is it all the political turmoil in our own country? Might it be the threats from terrorism or rogue countries with nuclear arms? Or is it something more personal like a physical issue or a relationship on the brink? Some of us may be afraid of the future or concerned about the past. Our world is filled with negative possibilities. To any of us who find ourselves with fear there is this message of hope. We are all invited to stop being afraid and recognize the blessing that has come to us. It is good news. A Savior has been born. And even better He has been born to us. He is for us. He comes not to condemn us or judge us but to rescue us. He can do it to. He can because He is the Messiah. He is the promised and anointed one of God. We may not even know it but He is the one who brings with Him the answers to our problems. Not an eraser so much as a helper who gives us assurance in the darkness that there is light ahead. The angels identify Him further as the Lord. He can change how we look at things. Sometimes He will even change the things we are looking at. His control of our world is what allows us to have peace and joy. It is what makes Christmas and every other season of our lives a time of hope and love. So this season we will light the candles that represent these amazing gifts from God that took on flesh and lived among us. Despite the dangers and anxieties of our modern day we look to the one who has us in His hands and never lets us go. Have a wonderful Christmas! May the joy that God intended you to receive at his coming balance out all the stress of the season. Thank you each one who has made this year a blessing to Dianne and I.



THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF MOAB SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES:

10:00 a.m. -Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. -Fellowship Time 11:15: Connection Classes

GREETERS FOR DECEMBER Dec 3rd Verna Butcher, Jordana & Nicole

**Dec 10th** Gary and Jill Jacobson

**Dec 17th** Karisa Larson & Amy Welling

**Dec 24th** Mac & Janet McLean

**Dec 31st** Cricket Green & Terri Archer





Meeting for Children' Church on Dec 10th after Worship Service, in the Youth Room. Parents and teachers are encouraged to attend

> "ADVENT" " means "coming," of course, and the promise of Advent is that what is coming is an unimaginable invasion. The mythology of our age has to do with flying saucers and invasions from outer space, and that is unimaginable enough. But what is upon us now is even more so - a close encounter not of the third kind but of a different kind altogether. An invasion of Holiness. That is what Advent is about.

- Frederick Buechnew, The Clown in the Belfry

You are invited to our annual "Cookie Exchange Party"! Wednesday, Dec. 13th at 1 p.m. Please bring a dozen ( or more) of your favorite cookies to the church. We'll assemble and deliver cookie plates to those in our church and our neighbors to add some Christmas Blessing! AND yes, Linda Warren will be back to read us a special Christmas story! Join us and share the True meaning of Christmas with others.

A Party for Josus

You are invited to the Happiest, most wonderful, Birthday Party of all time! Come celebrate the *Birthday of Jesus*, on December, 17th after our Worship Service! A light lunch will be served.



DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3.</b> Communion	4.	5.	6:00 a.m. Men's Prayer breakfast	7. Daniel Plan Meeting	Christmas Church Decorating	9.
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Children's Church Meeting after Service			6:00 a.m. Men's Prayer breakfast	Daniel Plan Meeting 7 p.m.		
17. Happy Birthday Jesus Party after Service	18.	19.	20.	21.	22.	23.
24. CHRISTMAS EVE Security of the state Peace	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.

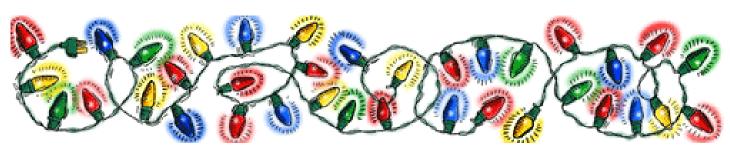


12/1) Samantha Campbell, Ken Erbes, Elijah Jonas, Matt Smith 12/3) Shane Renn 12/6) Neal West 12/10) Jayden Dowd, Nicholas Hren, Rhiannon Hren, Jed Lawley 12/12) Sue Batchelder, Deloris Erbes, Mylee Oliver, Annie Relph 12/15) Cora Johnston 12/16) Tiffany Johnston

12/17) Zuri Hughes, James Ritchey 12/18) Stephanie Haycock, Christopher Hren, Paula Radcliffe 12/20) Kinsey Larsen 12/25) Colby Figeley 12/29) Lane Berry 12/31) Michael Diem, Ross Tabberer & Jon Weisbecker The Community Church of Moab 544 MiVida Drive Moab, UT 84532 Phone: 435-259-7319 Email: mcchurch@frontiernet.net

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## Community Church News



Thursday nights 7 PM in the Church Library! "The Daniel Plan", teaches simple ways to incorporate healthy choices into your current lifestyle and helps you to understand the kind of foods God created to keep you fit and strong. The class is categorized around five key concepts for optimal health that promote success:

#### Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus and Friends.

These Concepts encourage people to deepen their relationship with God and offer inspiration as they make positive choices each and every day.

Susie Johnston will be leading this class. You may text Susie for additional details at: 435-260-0681 Classes end on December 14th, but if there is still interest there will be another class starting in January! Also this group is open to anyone in the community that would like to attend! Hope to see you there!!!





Come Join Us for some fun,

Fellowship, encouragement, and the pursuit of creating our own works of art. Whatever you do is GOOD, because God has given you this gift! Next meeting is at Darlene Nelson's home,

> Dec 18th at 6:30 p.m. 571 East, 200 South. 435-259-7495

## KIDZ CHURCH

<u>"The Gospel Project"</u> by LifeWay Church Resources, is the curriculum we will be using during next year's "Kids Church". LifeWay believes that the Bible has God for it's author; Salvation for its end; and Truth, without any mixture of error, for it's matter and that all Scripture is totally True and Trustworthy. To review LifeWay's doctrinal guidelines, please visit:

www.lifeway.com/doctrinalguideline