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**OUR MISSION: Impacting The Kingdom Of
God One Person At A Time**

USBC NEWS

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**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

**For God so loved the
world that he gave his
one and only Son, that
whoever believes in
him shall not perish
but have eternal life.**

John 3:16

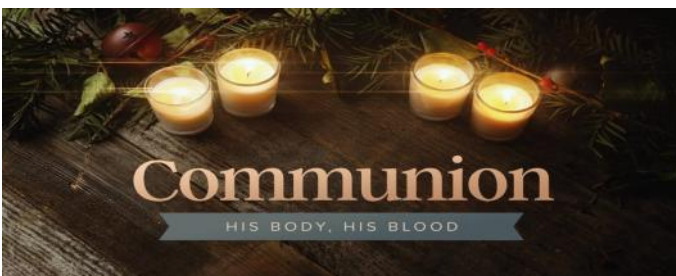


On Sunday, December 21st, our church will be having our special **Christmas Service** at 11 a.m. Our **Christmas Service** will include a special time for the children to share the Christmas story, spirited Christmas music performed by our Praise Team, and we will top it off by singing Christmas songs that have been enjoyed by generations. It is guaranteed to be an encouraging, uplifting, and memorable service as we celebrate the birth of Christ.

Also on December 21st, we are inviting you to wear a festive Christmas outfit, sweater, or clothing that brings Christmas cheer.



During the month of December, **USBC** will have special **Christmas Ornaments** available for a donation. All donations will be placed in the Benevolence Fund to help people in need throughout the year. The ornaments can be picked up from the table, located across from the church's office. There will also be a small box to put your donation in.



On Sunday, December 7th I ask that you prepare your heart as we celebrate **communion** during our Sunday morning worship. Let this be a special time of self-reflection and change as you recall the great sacrifice that Christ made for you. He gave His all so that you could experience the true meaning of life.



What is a **Christmas Eve, Eve Service**? As you know, Christmas Eve is the night before Christmas. Christmas Eve, Eve is two nights before Christmas. So, in the spirit of Christmas, **USBC** will be having a **Christmas Eve, Eve Service** on December 23rd at 7 p.m.

For our special celebration, we will gather in the sanctuary for a time to honor and reflect upon the birth of Christ. We will have a special candlelight service that will include song and Scripture. Therefore, come with a sincere heart, ready to worship the newborn King.



I love a good Christmas Party and we will be having such a celebration. We invite all to attend **USBC church's Christmas Party** on Sunday, December 14, 2025 following church. This festive celebration will take place at the IHop in Mount Airy, MD. During our time together we will have some fun activities and prizes.

Everyone is invited and if you are planning to attend the Christmas Party at IHop, please signup in the foyer. Each one will be responsible for the purchase of their meal and tip.



On Thursday, December 18th at 6:00 p.m., the Women's Thursday Night Bible Study will be having their

Christmas Party at the church. All women are invited to this special Christmas celebration for fun, food, and fellowship. This year, there is no need to bring gifts. Your presence is what is needed. For more information, please contact Connie Harding.



Christmas Sermons

Pastor Dennis Felder

In December, each message will center on the **Christmas story** surrounding Jesus' birth. Although Christmas should be a joyous occasion, for some however, it can bring about disappoint for various reasons. So, each Sunday, we will talk about Jesus' miraculous birth, but also how to keep the merry in Christmas.

Dec. 7th

Sermon Title: *"Promise in the Silence"*

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2, 6

Synopsis: The story of Christmas begins not with angels and shepherds, but with silence. For 400 years after Malachi, there was no prophetic word. But God's promise still stood. God's delays are not His denials—and His promises always arrive right on time.

Dec. 14th

Sermon Title: *"He is Lord"*

Scripture: Luke 2:10-17

Synopsis: When the heavenly angel appeared, the shepherds were "terrified." However, the reassuring angel helped overcome the shepherd's anxieties by proclaiming great news that the Lord would soon be born. What a wonderful and exhilarating message that was shared with these shepherds. The LORD is coming!

Dec. 21st – Special Christmas Service

Dec. 28th

Sermon Title: *"Wise People Still Seek Jesus"*

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Synopsis: Although the wisemen arrived weeks or months after Jesus' birth, they still continued their pursuit to find Jesus and to worship the newborn King. This endless search is a reminder for all, to keep seeking Jesus, even after December 25th.

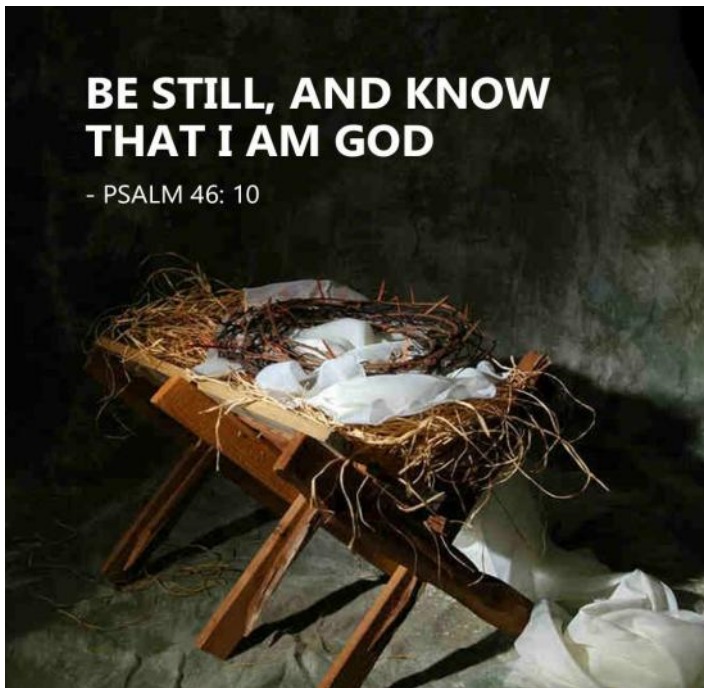


A big "shout out" to **Alandra D'Monte** for being obedient to Christ and following through with **Believer's Baptism**. On November 23rd, the entire church rejoiced with Alandra as she let the whole world know that she loves Jesus by being baptized. It was a great celebration! After that, Alandra received communion for the first time.



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God's Plan Of Salvation Trust Jesus Christ today! Here's what you must do:

1. Admit you are a sinner.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23)

2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent).

Jesus said: "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:5)

3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried, and rose from the dead.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your life to become your personal Savior.

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13)

What to pray:

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His **precious blood** and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart and life as my personal Savior.

Next Newsletter Deadline
December 21, 2025

Weather Policy

If the church cancels or postpones any service or activity due to inclement weather or wintery conditions, a cancellation notice will appear on the church's Facebook page, church's website, through church email, and on the church's voice recorder. To access the church's voice recorder, please dial (301) 972-3686. The church will only post a cancellation message if a service or activity is canceled or postponed.

Also, if you have something to be included in the newsletter, an announcement, an article, a birthday, we are always looking for information and new ideas!

Church Office: 301-972-3686

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Web Site: www.USBChurch.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/usbchurch/

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Together.

**We are able to do so much more together,
than if we were chasing this vision alone.**

Each year, USBC promotes the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**. This special mission offering is collected during the month of December. 100% of all funds that are collected will be given to help support our international missionaries that are faithfully sharing the gospel of Christ around the world.

If you would like to give to this worthy offering, there will be special envelopes provided each week in your Sunday's bulletin or it can be given online on the church's website (<http://www.usbchurch.org/Online%20Giving>).



It has been USBC's custom to give our pastor a **Christmas love offering**. As a special thanks for all of the work and sacrifice given by him and his family as they minister to us in our

times of need and times of joy. This gives each person an opportunity to give from their own hearts and share their love in a very personal and meaningful way and our means to remember Pastor Dennis, his wife, Lana, their son Lucas and daughter Laney for all the love they share with us.

If you wish to contribute to this special offering, please make sure to identify the purpose of your gift on your envelope, check or through Tithe.ly. You may place it in the offering plate on Sunday or send it in the mail to the church. If you need an envelope for a cash gift, see one of the ushers. Please have your gift in place by Wednesday, December 31st.



Join USBC for the **Sidewalk Prophets Great Big Family Christmas** at Covenant Life Church on December 19th at 7 p.m. Sidewalk Prophets is a Dove award winning Christian band that will be performing a Christmas concert for all ages. The tickets are \$15 each. If you would like to attend, please see the Pastor for more information. (**Covenant Life Church** – 7501 Muncaster Mill Rd., Gaithersburg, MD 20877)



USBC is participating in **Toys For Tots** this year. Make a child really happy for Christmas. Bring an unwrapped toy to church for a toddler to teen by Sunday, December 14th so they can have a joyful Christmas.



USBC is planning a **cookie swap** and want to invite everyone to bring cookies to share and exchange on December 14th following the church service. Cookies will be displayed at the coffee shop and containers will be available.

USBC has been active in spreading Christmas cheer to people in need. Below are listed two (2) **mission events** that our church family participated in.



Thanksgiving Food Drive (Collected foods which were donated to "**Damascus Help**").



Samaritan's Purse (Packed about 40 shoeboxes for "**Operation Christmas Child**").

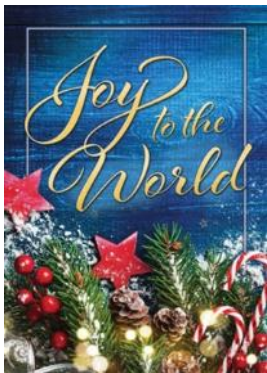


Memorial Christmas Tree

Christmas is considered to be a joyous time of year. However, for some, who have a loved one that has died, it can be a time of loneliness and grief. So, to help keep their wonderful memory alive during the Christmas season, we will have a **Christmas Memorial Tree** in the church foyer. If you have a loved one who has passed, we invite you to place a Christmas ball on the *Christmas Memorial Tree* to remember them.

When you walk into the church's foyer the **Christmas Memorial Tree** will be standing in place. Beside the tree will be colorful Christmas balls. If you would like to honor or remember your loved one(s), take one of the Christmas balls and write their name(s) on it with markers provided. Then hang it on the **Christmas Memorial Tree**.

On Sunday, December 21st, following our worship service, we will gather in the foyer for a special remembrance prayer. Then on Sunday, December 28th, we ask that you take home your *Remembrance Christmas Ball* and place them in safe keeping.



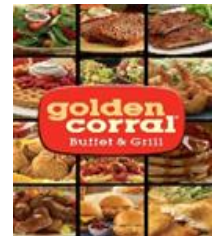
If you would like to give **Christmas Cards** to members of your church family, we invite you to bring them to church and to personally distributed them yourself. There will not be a designated Christmas box this year to place your cards in. You will be responsible for distributing and maintaining the cards yourself. However, the church will be providing new church directories so that you can label your cards appropriately.



Christmas trees in all of their decorated beauty, are a pleasure to behold and this year we would like to see your Christmas tree in all of its splendor. So, here is the challenge. Everyone is encouraged to take a **picture** of your Christmas tree and email

it to pastordennisusbc@hotmail.com or text the picture to 843-957-5140. The picture of your Christmas tree will then be shared with your church family in the January 2026 Newsletter. All pictures must be received by December 21st.

The **Forever Young Luncheon** will take place on Tuesday, December 9th at 12:30 p.m. We will be meeting at the **Golden Corral** in Frederick, MD. Remember, anyone is welcome.



If you are planning on using **offering envelopes** for your tithes and offerings for 2026, the new offering envelopes will be available in the church's foyer. Upon

picking up your box of envelopes, please place your name next to the envelope box number on the signup sheet. If you have leftover envelopes from 2025, you can continue to use them in 2026.

If you would like to make a **year-end charitable tax contribution to USBC**, please make sure that your financial gift is received by the church, no later than **December 31st**.



The following activities will be cancelled in December:
Sunday School (Dec. 21st)

After the Sermon Bible Study (Dec. 23rd & Dec. 30th)

Prayer Meeting (Dec. 30th)

Thursday Night Women's Bible Study (Dec. 25th & Jan. 1st)

Church Office Closed (Dec. 24th – 28th, Jan. 1st – Jan. 4th)