

# Christmas Events:

**Nominate a Family:** Do you know someone that can use a helping hand this Christmas? Complete a form at the CLC welcome center and return it to our office by December 1st. The applicant must attend our December 15th service to receive their gift from the church.

**Christmas Caroling:** Thursday December 12th The Extreme Teens will be going to Trafford Highrise, all teens are welcome to attend. Wednesday Dec. 18th Adults will be going to Woodhaven Nursing Home. Be at the church at 6pm for both caroling events. For more information contact our church office.

**Childrens Church:** Christmas Program Dec. 15th during service. Practice is on the 14th from 10am - 1pm. Pizza to follow practice.

**Extreme Can Food Drive:** CLC and Our Extreme Teens are collecting cans of food for the Trafford Food Bank. Our goal is 1000 cans. See Dave H. or a Teen to help carry them into the Teen Center.

**Military Boxes:** We prepared 24 boxes for our servicemen and women in November full of snacks and basic needs this Christmas. See Cissy Habura for more information.

**Candlelight Service:** Sunday Dec. 24th at 7pm.

# Children's Church News:

Kids Pre-K to 6th grade will be practicing for the Christmas Program Saturday Dec. 14th from 10am - 1pm. Pizza will be served following the practice. The Christmas Program will be presented on Dec. 15th during service.



# Toys for Tots dates are as follows:

Pick up for Toys for Tots is on December 22nd from 3pm - 5pm. Please come to the CLC lobby between these hours for signing/picking up. If you are interested in donating to Toys for Tots, there will be boxes in the lobby for you to drop off any unopened/unused toys/games. If you have questions please contact our church office during normal business hours.

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Matthew 1: 21, "And she will  
bring forth a son, and you  
shall call him Jesus, for he  
will save his people from  
their sins." NKJV

December 2019  
CLC Newsletter  
Merry Christmas!!

# A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR GREG MCKIM

Christmas! Christmas! Christmas! Christmas! Christmas!

It doesn't matter how you print it, what font you use, if it's whispered or shouted, if it's buried beneath wrapping it just doesn't matter. Jesus came! The Prince of Peace came and mankind now has the Living Hope sent by God who loves us! Who loves you!

A friend of Debbie and I passed away a few years ago. He had given his life to the Lord when he was about sixty-six. He would tell me different times how Christmas had come alive for him. He had been a town character who drank too much plus a lot of other things of which he was ashamed. Truly, he was still a town character. The born again town character. He was full of joy; he made you laugh even when you didn't want to laugh. He loved the colors of Christmas!

He would say the red reminded him of how Jesus shed His blood for him and the greens told him he would live forever without pain or sorrow. He was an older man that had become young because of the present of salvation.

Another friend was a junior in college when we met him. He was heading for a degree in physics. He would come to church occasional but we usually talked about the Lord over coffee. He had a hard time understanding spiritual principles. Parables in the Bible were usually a mystery to him. He would give me, are you "kidding me looks" when I talked to him about how the Holy Spirit was like the wind and that even if you couldn't see Him you could see the effects of His work.

I told Debbie different times I wasn't smart enough to talk to him. Then one day he came and asked if we could talk in private. He began to sob, great wracking breaths as he wept. He said that he realized he was full of sin and arrogance and wanted to be free. He asked Jesus into his life and received the gift of Life.

He told us he had the best Christmas he had ever had. He laughed when he said, "I see the reason for the season"

Folks materialism, greed, nor super sales can separate you from the true joy of Christmas. The Jesus story continues!!



## Sunday Mornings

9:30am Extreme Teen Sunday School  
10:30am Worship Service & Kids Church  
Nursery & Pre-K available during service

## Wednesday Nights

7:00 pm Men's & Women's Grow Groups  
Kids Pre-k - 6th grade

## Thursday Nights

6:30pm Youth (7th-12th)

## Contact Information

900 7th Street Ext, Trafford, PA 15085  
412-856-4420 office hours Tues.- Fri. 9:00am -5:00pm  
email:clc@christianlife.net website:christianlife.net

## Need Prayer? Email prayer@christianlife.net

Children's Directors Mike & Jeanne Robinson

Extreme Teen Leader Dave Helmstadter

To Find your Growth Group, stop by the Welcome Desk, email info@christianlife.net, or call the office between Tuesday and Friday @ 412-856-4420 for more information. Thank you.

We are collecting can goods this month for the local food bank if you would like to donate please feel free to drop them off in our lobby. Thank you for giving so generously! Many blessings!!!

### Keep us in your prayers...

Pastor Gary  
Renee Simpson  
Joanne Mayak  
Cindy Taylor  
Reva Holby  
Shirley Johnston  
Colleen Wilson  
Carol Castellano  
Elaine McVicker  
Emma Chichilla  
Mary Miner  
Melissa Zierski  
Tereasa Baughman  
Terri Houston  
Chuck Bolena  
Mike Asquino  
Patty Tierno  
Kim Coyne  
Kimberly Lewis  
Bob Shay  
Dee Sutton  
Audrey Mislav  
Ray Hill  
Nikki Comstock  
Lexie Comstock  
Carole Fredrick  
The Whiteside's

## Upcoming Events

### Extreme Teen News:

The Extreme CLC teens are collecting canned goods for our local food bank. If you wish to contribute to this please give it to a teen by the end of the month. Thank you for your support.

**Extreme Teen Christmas Party**, will be December 19th @ 6:30pm. All teens are invited to come to a night of fun, food, and fellowship this Christmas season. For more information contact Dave H.

**Children's Christmas Program** is December 15th during regular service. Practice will be Dec. 14th from 10am - 1pm. Please have your kids at CLC promptly for practice at 1pm & promptly at 9:30am for the program on Sunday.

### BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

#### Birthdays

3rd - Jeff Warman	23rd - Kayla Kunkle
7th - Dave Helmstadter	24th - Mike Wolski
8th - Gary Simpson	26th - Russ Whiteside
17th - George Adamson	29th - Gillian Ritchie
Gretchen Laux	Lissa Brown
20th - Roy Fink	

#### Anniversaries:

10th - Robert & Charlene Hodder



## Announcements

**Hooked on Helping**, Crocheting group that will be meeting in the apartment on Thursday the 5th @ 7pm. Any individual that is interested in learning and/or knows how to crochet is welcome! Learn a skill or help mentor others. Have a relaxing time of fellowship, charity, and encouragement!

**Extending Hands**, will be serving Pitcairn Highrise on Dec. 21st. For more information see Dawn Ward or Yvonne Krepinevich.

**First Friday Worship & Prayer**, check weekly bulletin for date and times. Everyone is welcome to come and join in worship and prayer!

**Pack and Pray**, To Be Determined. Check weekly bulletin

**Young Adults 4 Christ**, meeting Dec. 15th, @ 6:30pm @ CLC for a YAC Christmas Party. There will be food, fun, and fellowship. All young adults are welcome to attend. For more information contact Dave Helmstadter.

## CLC Growth Groups

**Wednesday Night** - Bible Study in the CLC lobby taught by Mike Krepinevich @ 7pm.

**Women's Growth Group** - Meets every Wednesday night in classroom 3 @ 7pm. For more information please contact Yvonne Krepinevich.

**New Creation Recovery Group** - Meets every Wednesday night in classroom 2 @ 7pm. Information for the group is in the CLC lobby.

Church Offices will be closed  
December 25&26th  
and January 1, 2020!!