

Lighthouse Fellowship Church Newsletter

December 2023

Dear Family and Friends,

We give thanks to God for this precious time of Advent that is upon us. The word *advent* comes from the Latin word *adventus*—a translation of the Greek word *parousia*, which means “coming.” The season of Advent encourages the church to look back and remember the birth of Christ, while looking forward in anticipation to the second coming of Jesus. We pray that you will slow your pace this season and spend time studying God’s gift of Jesus with your family and your friends. We invite you to join in our advent study which is explained below.



The Author becomes the Protagonist. Advent is the turn of the story. It is a season in the Christian calendar that awakens our Kingdom imagination as we intentionally enter into a time of waiting, longing for the arrival of Jesus at Christmas. **Join us in our Advent Study beginning December 1st.** The daily message is available free at this site <https://seedbed.com/wakeupcall/> Your daily message will show up on your email early each morning. You should sign up a day or two ahead of time. You can also purchase the study as a softcover book for \$12.95 at this site: <https://my.seedbed.com/product/protagonist-stepping-into-the-story-of-advent/> We will gather to study the lessons weekly on Wednesdays at 7 pm via zoom. Contact Beth Rogers (443-624-0037 or beth.rogers5@icloud.com) if you want the zoom link for the study.



Lighthouse fellowship Church was able to bring some added joy for this Christmas to 10 children in Calvert County through **Project Angel Tree**. Thank you for all who helped make Christmas a little more special for these families and please keep the families in your prayers. God knows who they are.



Stay tuned. Lighthouse Fellowship Church is hoping to have a family night Christmas movie at the firehouse. Possible shows are The Star and I Heard the Bells. More information to follow.



Our **Sunday morning Christmas Eve Service (9:00)** will be a Service of Lessons and Carols. Bring some friends to celebrate our Lord's Birth at the St. Leonard Volunteer Fire Station. Coffee and fellowship to follow.



Greg Witte of Cedar Grove Church in Deale has invited us to join them in an **out-reach to churches in the Congo where hypertension and diabetes are widespread**. Greg has visited these churches and has helped to supply blood pressure cuffs, and glucose meters. He reports that in this area, the church is the school, clinic, and sometimes the only source of food and water. If you would like to support this ministry, you can make a check out to Lighthouse Fellowship with Congo Churches in the memo line. You can also make your check out directly Cedar Grove Church at 5965 Deal Churchton Road, Deale, MD 20751.



Beginning January 7th, we will move our **Worship time to 10 am at the St. Leonard Volunteer Fire Station** at 200 Calvert Beach Road. We use the first entrance. Please plan to stay afterwards for fellowship time. All are welcome!



Lighthouse Fellowship Church is pleased to announce plans for a **Covenant Service on January 14th as we celebrate joining our new church**. If you are interested in joining Lighthouse Fellowship Church, please contact a member of our church council; Andy Rogers, Michael Rogers, Jeri Mead, Ray Fewell, Ben Dansberger, Beth Rogers or Ashley Rogers. We will also celebrate Holy Communion at this service.



Lighthouse Fellowship Church is a Global Methodist Church that has been meeting since May 2023. If you would like more information, please check out our webpage: lighthousefellowshipsomd.org or look for us on FaceBook. You can also email us at secretary@lighthousefellowshipsomd.org. Or send us a comment on our webpage.