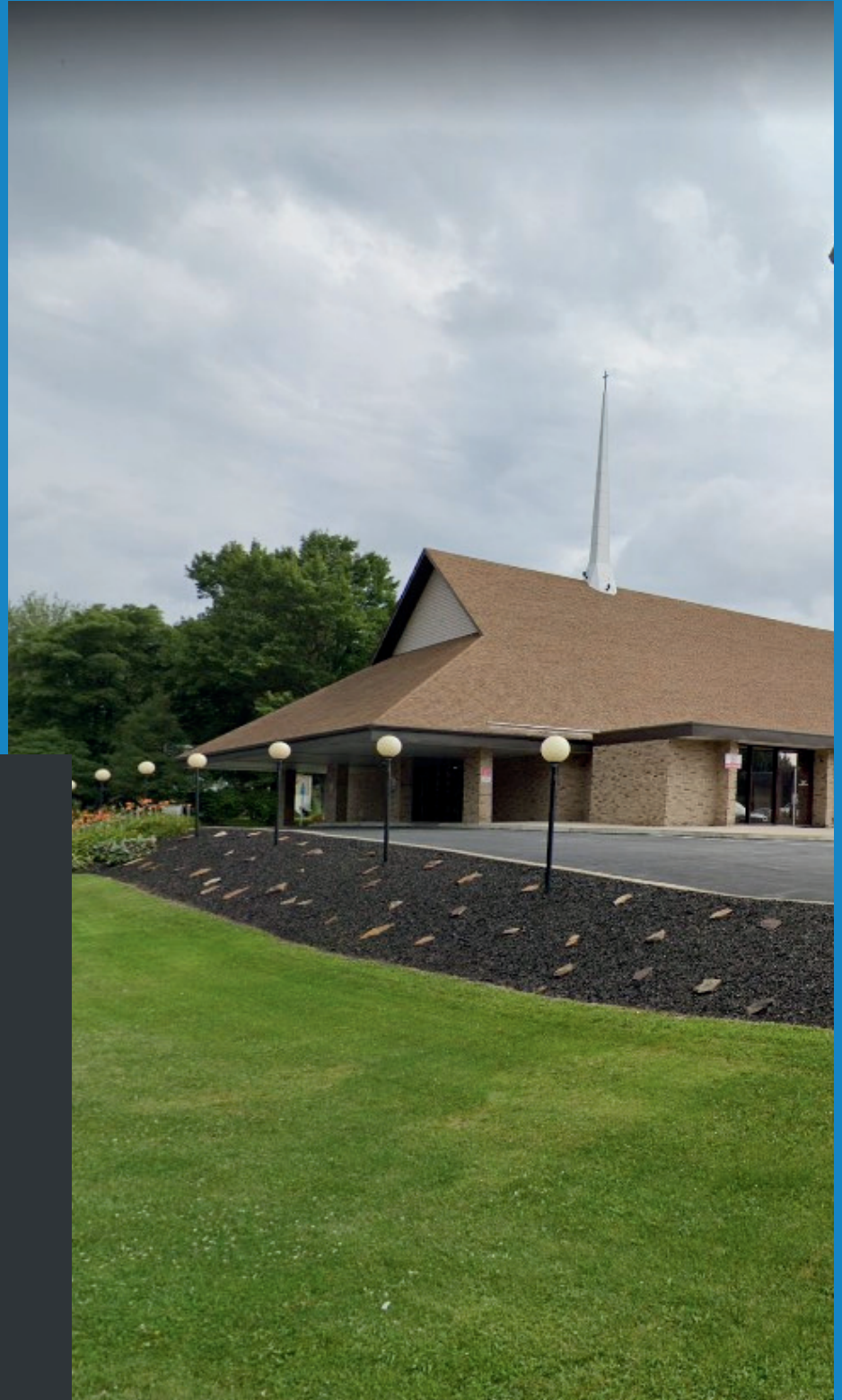


# North Main

2023 | December Newsletter



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# The Kindest Gesture

The world has ever seen

**"... when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy..."**

**~ Titus 3:4-5b**

As we approach the end of 2023, the year of kindness, I wonder what we have learned. Reflecting over the past 12 months, we learned that kindness is active and able, aware and advancing, amazing and astounding.

But I think the most important lesson is yet to come.... kindness is atoning. And this is the piece that we must not only learn but embrace, live, and know fully that Jesus is the perfect kindness of God. Jesus was sent to us to atone for our brokenness and reconcile us completely to God, eternally.

God showed us his goodness, his love, and his kindness when he sent his Son, wrapped in humanity, into the arms of a teenage girl. Jesus came to fulfill the promises of old, to guide us with peace, and ultimately to bring us salvation through his sacrifice. THAT is the kindest gesture the world has ever known.

So, as we walk through this advent season, and prepare our hearts for the coming of the kindness of Christ, let's try to not forget the magnitude of the babe born into poverty who would rise to the throne of heaven via the devastation of the cross.

It is my prayer that this season we allow kindness to infiltrate our reality, so that it spills over and saturates every area of our lives, not because of any work of our own hands, but only because of the kindness of God.

Blessings through Advent,  
Pastor Christy Pittman



## **December 3 - Salvation from Sin**

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Key Point: "GOD sent Jesus to bring salvation from sin."

## **December 10 - Shepherd for His People**

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Key Point: "GOD sent Jesus to be a Good Shepherd for His people."

## **December 17 - A Never-Ending Kingdom of Peace**

Sermon Scripture: Luke 1:26-36

Key Point: "GOD sent Jesus to establish the eternal Kingdom of Peace."

## **December 24 - A Promise Fulfilled**

**10:30 AM and 4:00 PM**

Sermon Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

Key Point: "GOD sent Jesus to fulfill the promise He had made so very long ago."

## **December 31 - What's Next?**



# December Events

northmaincog.org/events

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### Baptism & Luncheon

Newcomers to North Main eat for free! Invite your friends.

There is no luncheon in January.

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### Father's Table

@6:30 PM

A monthly women's fellowship time that encourages holistic growth with Jesus and healthy connection with ourselves and others! Please bring a dish to share.

This meeting will be at Julie Natali's house, please RSVP to [ConnieG@northmaincog.org](mailto:ConnieG@northmaincog.org) for the address.

## 24

### Christmas Eve

@10:30 AM & 4:00 PM

Join us for our identical 10:30am and 4pm Christmas Eve services. Childcare is provided for those ages 3 and under.

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### Women's Hike

@9:30 AM

All women 18 years and older are welcome to join us at 9:30am for a 5 mile hike on the Wyggeston Trail (Moraine State Park - off of 528). This will be a more challenging 3-4 hour hike due to the rock formation and changes in elevation.

Dress for the weather & bring plenty of water & snacks. Please note there are no public restrooms or a porta potty at the trailhead.

Please RSVP to Beth Marino at [bamjeeep8@yahoo.com](mailto:bamjeeep8@yahoo.com) so we know you'll be coming.

40.942437, -80.050563 Wyggeston Trail, Christley Rd, Prospect, PA 16052 Afterwards, all are welcome at The Marino's (615 Unionville Rd. Butler, PA 16001) for hot chocolate, teas, and/or coffee.

## 31

### PJs and Poptarts

@10:30 AM

All children from Preschool - 6th grade are invited to wear their favorite pajamas and join us for a fun Sunday in their classrooms.

## Table Talk

Every Wednesday  
Dinner @ 6:00 PM  
Discussion @ 6:30 PM

**Open to all.**

Cancelled 12/20 & 12/27 due to the Christmas Holiday.

Join us each Wednesday as we join together in community and talk about several different topics through the lens of scripture.

Starting in January, we will be moving Table Talk to just the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings, and end the night at 7:30 instead of 8 PM. We will still be starting dinner at 6:00 PM.



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## Online Resources

[northmaincog.org](http://northmaincog.org)



### Media

For additional resources check out our Media page to access our Church App, RightNow Media, Prayer Request submissions, and more.



### Events

For more information about events at North Main please make sure to stop by the Welcome Center or visit our website.



### Give

We encourage all of those who are part of our Church family to give—not out of obligation but out of a spirit of worship.



# DECEMBER CONNECTION LUNCHEON

*Sunday, December 3rd 12 noon*

**On the menu:**  
**Ham, Potatoes Gratin, Green Beans  
 Dinner Rolls, Christmas Cookies**

  
 **no luncheon in January**