

Daleville Church of the Brethren
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For
Who
let a
CHILD
is born
Who is a **SON**
is given, and the
Government shall be
Upon His shoulders,
and His Name shall be called,
Wonderful, Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace!
Isaiah 9:6

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December 2015

Peace at Christmas

On Christmas Day, in 1914, just a few months into what would soon become one of the bloodiest wars on record, the guns fell silent on the Western Front. Perhaps a month or so before, trench warfare had begun on the Western Front outside of Paris, a bloody form of war that would lead to the death of millions. Still, even in the midst of this great violence, a day of peace came that first Christmas day in the war.

Earlier in December, Pope Benedict XV had suggested a truce on Christmas Day, a suggestion that was quickly turned down by the high commands of both sides. However, on Christmas Eve a lull in the fighting had occurred between the British and Germans near a town in Belgium. On that night, a spontaneous truce broke out between the two sides that lasted into Christmas Day. There was singing (often Silent Night) and exchange of items between the two sides. There are even accounts of soccer games breaking out between the two sides! This truce was brought about by the men in the trenches, and was severely opposed by the higher ranking officers. There was concern that, if this continued, the men would be less willing to kill each other. While this remarkable event lives on, the commanding officers made sure there was no repeat in the rest of the war. Still, even if for this one day, peace won out.

As we prepare for Christmas, we are reminded of the Incarnation of God in Jesus, the coming of the Prince of Peace. May we take time during this season of preparation and salvation to reflect on God's gift of peace through Jesus Christ.



In Christ,
Pastor Doug

Upcoming Events for December

Bring Canned Goods in December 6th.

Executive Board Meeting on Monday, Dec. 14th
at 6:30pm.

Women's Pajama Christmas Party is on Dec. 16th at
6pm here at the church.

Christmas Cantata and Reception will be on
Dec. 13th. Always a great performance and good
fellowship. Reception following.

Deacons meeting Dec. 20th after worship.

Christmas Eve Service is 4pm here at the church.

December Worship Services

December 6 Philippians 1:3-11
"God's Overflowing Love"

December 13 Christmas Cantata

December 20 Micah 5:2-5a
"He will bring peace"

December 27 Pastor Doug on Vacation,
David Shumate to preach



Christmas Cantata

On Sunday, December 13, we'll have our traditional Christmas Cantata and reception to follow. The reception will be held in the fellowship hall. Please bring finger foods/appetizers/desserts to share! Come support our choir and get a bite to eat! The cantata always puts you in the Christmas spirit!



Women's Christmas Party

When: Thursday December 17th 6pm

Where: Church Fellowship Hall

All ladies of the church are invited to attend our Annual Christmas Party. The theme this year is "The Night Before Christmas." All ladies are encouraged to wear their favorite cozy pajamas!! Come see what's in your stocking, watch a Christmas movie, eat yummy food, and we'll have a gift exchange for those who participated in secret pals this year. We'll do our traditional salad and desserts carry in, so please bring a dish to share! Hope to see you all there!
There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



RX Corner

with Dorothy Shumate

Five Things To Do This Month

1. Relax when you urinate. It may prevent UTIs.
2. Take a stroll after dinner. Staying upright can alleviate heartburn.
3. Survey your soles. Traction helps avert falls.
4. Keep moving. Standing still pools blood in the legs.
5. Check out tai chi. The exercises may improve quality of life.

(From Harvard Women's Health Watch, December 2015)



December Bible Readings

- 1 Malachi
- 2 Acts 19-20
- 3 1 John 4-5
- 4 Deuteronomy 23-25
- 5 Nehemiah 5-9
- 6 Psalms 140-142
- 7 Song of Solomon 1-2
- 8 Revelation 1-6
- 9 Acts 21-22
- 10 2 John
- 11 Deuteronomy 26-28
- 12 Nehemiah 10-13
- 13 Psalms 143-145
- 14 Song of Solomon 3-4
- 15 Revelation 7-11
- 16 Acts 23-24
- 17 3 John
- 18 Deuteronomy 29-31
- 19 Esther 1-5
- 20 Psalms 146-148
- 21 Song of Solomon 5-6
- 22 Revelation 12-17
- 23 Acts 25-26
- 24 Jude
- 25 Christmas Day – no reading
- 26 Deuteronomy 32-34
- 27 Esther 6-10
- 28 Psalms 149-150
- 29 Song of Solomon 7-8
- 30 Revelation 18-22
- 31 Acts 27-28