

A message from Rev. Brian Episcopo

As a new parent I am constantly learning about my "Heavenly Father" by being an "earthly father" to my daughter. Jesus insists in Matthew 18 that unless we "become like little children" we will never see the Kingdom of God. There is so much wrapped up in that visual and expression. The reference to "child" or "little ones" implies a very young child: infant or toddler age. Watching my 6-month-old, I see her literally sponge-up and absorb my love. She is thrilled to receive my affection and playful affirmation. As confusing as it sounds, I LOVE that she LOVES my LOVE. I love watching her enjoy my love. I love to love her. How much more does our Heavenly Father LOVE to love us?

Where is another God like you,...you will not stay angry with your people forever, because you delight in showing unfailing love. Micah 7:18

NOTES

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER

Elders are available for prayer every Sunday. Please stop by the Welcome Center any time during the morning to connect with an elder for prayer.

HOPE CLINIC OPEN HOUSE

Today | Inbetween all services Hope Clinic & Care Center (East Entrance)

Celebrate the Hope Clinic & Care Center's 2nd anniversary with us! Stop by for a tour, refreshments, and to meet the staff and learn how this ministry is impacting lives around the Fox Valley.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Wednesday, Nov. 22 | 7:00 p.m. Worship Center | No cost or registration

The book of Colossians reminds us to be thankful. Take a break from cooking and cleaning to gather together with your church family and give thanks to God for His many blessings.

STREETS OF BETHLEHEM

Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 14-17 Free and open to the community

Go back in time! As you stroll the village streets of Bethlehem, you will see, hear, smell, touch, and taste what life was like the night of Jesus' birth.

Stop by any desk in the Hub to pick up invitations for friends, neighbors, and co-workers to this free community event. Visit **streeetsofbethlehem.org** to for volunteer opportunities.

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

Operation Christmas Child

Today is the final day to drop off completed boxes. Filled boxes are due back to church by 3:30 p.m.

These shoeboxes transform the lives of children and their families around the world through gifts and the Good News! For more info, visit aachur.ch/packocc15

ADULTS

Israel Trip 2018 Informational Meeting Monday, Nov 27 | 6:00 p.m.

No cost or registration

Join Dr. Dennis Episcopo, his wife Judy, and special guests, David and Jenny Wraight, on a tour of the Holy Land next Oct. 15-25, 2018. Stop by the Welcome Center for a flyer or come to an informational meeting on Monday, Nov. 27 at 6:00 p.m.

WOMEN

Encounter 2018: A Weekend for Women

February 16 - 18, 2018 The Osthoff Resort | Elkhart Lake, WI

We have given Women's Retreat a new name and weekend! Encounter 2018 will be held Feb. 16 - 18, 2018 with guest speaker Mary Kassian, *Living as a Wise Woman*. Enjoy breakout speakers, amazing food, a comedian, and our new Missions Market.

Registration opens tomorrow morning, Nov. 20, at 6:00 a.m. Financial assistance is available. Get all the details at **aacencounter.org**

WELCOME We're glad you're here!

Stop by the Welcome Center in the Hub. We have a gift for you and would love to connect with you. Find out what's happening at AAC at appletonalliance.org

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Sunday Services: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.