

# A message from Dr. Dennis Episcopo

It's interesting that we know very little about Jesus' mother. We do know that Mary was born into a poor family in the town of Nazareth. In John 19:25, we learn that she had a sister. Of course, the Bible is clear that Mary was sexually pure when she became pregnant with God's son. The important thing is that she was a servant of the Lord, and accepted her calling boldly. (Luke 1:38)

#### **NOTES**

Hebrews 11:6

Luke 1:26-35

Proverbs 3:5-6

Luke 1:37-38

Romans 10:9-10

Philippians 1:6

II Corinthians 1:21-22

Luke 1:46-55

Psalm 34:18

Psalm 147:3

1 Peter 5:7

1 Corinthians 10:13

# **SUPPORT GROUPS**

At AAC we offer a variety of support groups to assist our members through various life stages and changes. For more information on Support Groups visit aachur.ch/supt16

#### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

Join us for our Christmas series, The Gift Exchange, starting on Dec. 3 and finishing on Christmas Eve. Invite your friends and family!

Christmas Eve Service Times: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., and 1:00, 3:00, and 5:00 p.m. in the Worship Center.

## PICK UP GIVING ENVELOPES

If you use giving envelopes for your offering, please stop and pick up your 2018 envelopes in the Hub. If you give online (generated checks, credit card, or ACH), you will not need envelopes. Sign-up sheets are available on the tables to request a set of envelopes. Thank you for your continued financial support of Appleton Alliance Church.

# REV. SCHAEFER'S FAREWELL RECEPTION

Sunday, Dec. 10 | 1:00-3:00 p.m. Reception in the South Hub

Let's celebrate all God has done through Pastor Dick and his wife, Barb, during their time here at AAC. Join us for refreshments and to wish Pastor Dick well in his retirement.

# STREETS OF BETHLEHEM

Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 14-17 5:30-9:00 p.m. each evening 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. For more information, visit streeetsofbethlehem.org

#### SENIOR ADULTS

#### New Year's Eve Noon Potluck

Sunday, Dec. 31 | 2:00 p.m. Register at aachur.ch/samnyep123117

Kick-off the New Year with fun, games, great food, and friends. No cost, but register online or at the church so we know what dish you'll be bringing to pass.

#### **WOMEN**

### Encounter 2018: A Weekend for Women

Friday-Sunday, Feb. 16-18 The Osthoff Resort | Elkhart Lake, WI Speaker: Mary Kassian

Come. Be welcomed. Spend a weekend away from it all. This event, formerly known as Women's Retreat, is a funfilled weekend where over 600 women come together for Biblical teaching, delicious food, first-rate entertainment, and building friendships. Visit 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.