

Is There Room?

December 3, 2023

Luke 2:1-7 "And she (Mary) brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was **NO ROOM FOR THEM** in the inn."

- We don't have an space problem, we have a _____ problem.

Jesus no longer dwells in inns and mangers but in human hearts.

Ephesians 3:17 "Then Christ will make **HIS HOME** in your **HEARTS** as you trust in him."

- The people of Bethlehem had the opportunity to have the Savior of the world in their home **BUT THEY MISSED IT!!!**
- WHY? Because of their hard hearts.
- Most of us in this room will go to heaven one day but many of us will miss what Jesus wants to _____ in you while you're on earth.

Luke 1:26-38 "'I am the Lord's servant. May **EVERYTHING** you said about me come true."

Faith is simply _____ with God.

Many of us tend to substitute faith with _____.

1. Is there room in your _____?
 - **Hebrews 13:2** Don't forget to entertain strangers, for by this some have unknowingly entertained angels."
 - Remember, this is not a time problem, it's a heart problem.
2. Is there room in your _____?
 - **1 Peter 4:7-10** "Open your homes to each other without complaining."
 - Remember, this is not a space problem, it's a heart problem.
3. Is there room in your _____?
 - **Matthew 6:21** "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
 - Remember, this is not a money problem, it's a heart problem.

NEXT STEPS **During the message!** Would you like to learn more about our church and how to get connected? Join us for the first of this 4 week series after the offering time in Classroom 1 (just outside the sanctuary). We will be talking about our church's history and core values.

this week...

CROSS CURRENT **at 6pm tonight!** 7th-12th graders gather every Sunday here at the church.

ADVENT ACTIVITIES **Thursdays on Facebook and Instagram** Stay tuned for suggestions from Charity & Patti on how you can celebrate Advent with your kids leading up to the 25th!

M.O.P.S. & MOMSNEXT **Thursday at 6pm** Our moms will be gathering on Thursday evening for a special Christmas party before taking a break until January 11th!

PRAY FOR OUR NATION **Friday at 8am** A group of us gather every Friday morning to pray specifically for our country.

WORSHIP NIGHT **Friday at 7pm** Join us for our an evening of praise and worship this Friday!

MENS GROUP **Saturdays at 8am** All men are invited to this weekly group that meets here at the church on Saturday mornings!

coming up...

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS **Donation Opportunities** We are collecting for Massena Central Schools and also for Living Hope Church in Malone. Massena Central Schools are collecting non-perishable snacks through December 11th to give to kids over the holiday break. Living Hope Church is collecting gently used toys through December 14th. You can drop your donations off at the church during business hours or on Sunday.

CROSS CURRENT CHRISTMAS PARTY **December 17th at 6pm** Our teens will be celebrating Christmas together on the 17th. Stay tuned for more information.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE **December 21st at 7pm** On the longest night of the year we will gather for an evening of reflection and remembrance, healing and hope. The holidays can be a difficult time especially if you are experiencing a season of grief. Jesus offers hope in the midst of our pain and we will stand together in acknowledgment of that pain and the hope that lies ahead.

CROSS CURRENT NYE PARTY **December 31st at 9pm** Our teens are invited to an all night party to ring in the new year. The cost is \$20 and you can register on our website.