



Pastor's Comments

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Christmas Caroling

Throughout the years we have conducted an annual **Christmas caroling ministry** to encourage and be a blessing to shut-ins. Many years ago we used to travel all over the Lehigh Valley in up to a dozen cars and often in cold and treacherous weather to the homes of shut-ins where we sang Christmas carols as we played our musical instruments and rang sleigh bells. We, the carolers, were blessed as much as those to whom we ministered. Often we ended around midnight – tired, but greatly uplifted and warmed in our spirits.

Then, some years ago, we decided that we could minister to even more people in less time by first meeting in our church foyer and **using the office phone to carol and pray for those not located nearby**. Afterward, we went out and caroled for those within several miles of the church. This began a new dynamic – **we started calling long distance** to minister to those who were not well, such as former members who had moved out of state, etc. I recall one time when we all were so blessed while ministering like this that we decided to call someone at random from the phone book. A lady answered and began to cry as we caroled for her. Then she told us that she had recently moved to Easton from NY and was very concerned about her son for whom she asked us to pray. We were all amazed how God used us to minister to her!

In recent years, we minister to even more people since **the carolers now bring their cell phones** and call those on their own lists as we sing a series of carols. If you, or others you know, need encouragement and prayer, **I invite you** to send us the phone numbers, or **join us** for our **Christmas caroling ministry** on **Sunday, Dec. 21**, at **5:00 p.m.** in our new church foyer.

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