

# The REACH OUT

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*Through Christ we put God first by teaching reaching and loving all!*

**Happy New Year!!!** We begin another year of Our Lord, Twenty Thousand Eighteen. The New Year starts with a bright and brilliant light. The Epiphany of Our Lord. In Sundays and Seasons it says Epiphany means “manifestation.” On this day some Christian traditions celebrate three great epiphanies: the magi’s adoration of the Christ child, Jesus’ Baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle, in which he changes water into wine. The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God’s grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst.

**Epiphany Season:** The final part of the Christmas Cycle of the church year, extending from the Epiphany of Our Lord on January 6, until the Transfiguration of Our Lord, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. The Epiphany season serves the church year by bridging Christ’s incarnation and his passion. It celebrates the revelations of Jesus as the Christ, the Savior of the world, particularly in such events as the miracles. The number of Sundays within the Epiphany season is determined by the date set for Easter. The first Sunday after the Epiphany is always celebrated as the Baptism of Our Lord. The last Sunday after the Epiphany is always celebrated as the Transfiguration of Our Lord. (Worship Wordbook)

**Epiphany:** The festival on January 6 celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the world, recalling the visit of the magi. The date, January 6, coincided with the winter solstice in the eastern part of the Mediterranean world, where this festival was first observed in the third century. The observance pre-dates the December 25 Christmas observance by a century. The number of magi is not known; the fact of the three gifts may account for the idea of three magi. They may have been sages who specialized in astronomy, perhaps Zoroastrian priests from Persia (present day Iran). That they were Gentiles, not Jews, is why the Epiphany festival celebrates the revelation of Jesus as the Christ to the whole world. The gift of gold was valuable, a gift fit for a king, Frankincense was a type of incense used in worship, symbolizing prayer rising to God. Myrrh was a fragrant resin used in oil for anointing and to prepare a body for burial. (Worship Wordbook)

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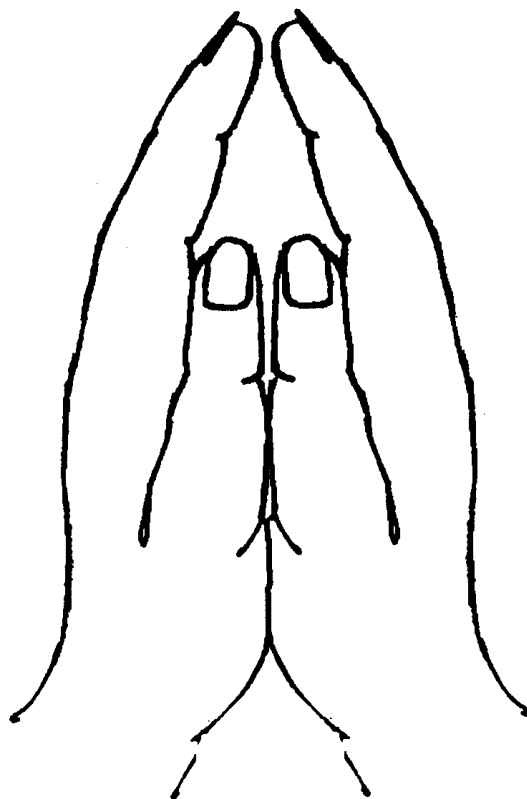
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January 24

**Baptism of Our Lord:** This is first Sunday after the Epiphany of Our Lord. This Sunday recalls Jesus' Baptism in the River Jordan by John the Baptist. At its earliest celebration, during the third century, three events were celebrated on January 6: the Visit of the magi, Jesus' Baptism, and the wedding at Cana. All these events were understood as manifestations of Jesus' divinity. This unity began to disappear in the fourth century, and now each event is celebrated individually on its own day. (Worship Wordbook)

**Transfiguration:** In Christian teachings, the Transfiguration is a pivotal moment, and the setting on the mountain is presented as the point where human nature meets God: the meeting place for the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus himself as the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth. The Transfiguration not only supports the identity of Jesus as the Son of God (as in his Baptism), but the statement "listen to him", identifies him as the messenger and mouth-piece of God. The significance of this identification is enhanced by the presence of Elijah and Moses, for it indicates to the apostles that Jesus is the voice of God "par excellence", and instead of Elijah or Moses, he should be listened to, surpassing the laws of Moses by virtue of his filial relationship with God. Transfiguration God assigns to Jesus a special "honor and glory", and it is the turning point at which God exalts Jesus above all other powers in creation, and positions him as ruler and judge. The Transfiguration also echoes the teaching by Jesus that God is not "the God of the dead, but of the living". Although Moses had died and Elijah had been taken up to heaven centuries before, they now live in the presence of the Son of God, implying that the same return to life can apply to all who face death and have faith. (Wikipedia)



Wendy and I want to say thank you for all your cards, gifts, and treats this Christmas season. Thank you for your prayers and your wonderful words of encouragement and patience as Wendy starts to fulfill the duties of secretary.

We want to let you know and invite you to join us on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2018. Wendy and I will be getting married here at Good Hope, right after the 10:30 service. The Bishop Rev. Abraham D. Allende will be preaching at the 8am and 10:30am service and immediately following he will preside at our wedding. Following the ceremony, the dinner team has a dinner planned to enjoy and celebrate our joining together. If you would like to join us, we welcome you.

*Pastor Ralph*

# Dorcas Circle ~ Hannah Circle



## MONTHLY MEETINGS

**HANNAH CIRCLE:** Second Tuesday at 10:00 AM

**DORCAS CIRCLE:** Second Wednesday at 10:30 AM

## PURPOSE:

As a community of women, created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

## HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS

Hannah Circle met December 12th at the church with 6 members present. Alice Ann opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Names were exchanged for our Card Ministry Project. We used the rest of the time to finish the ornaments which will be given at Christmas Eve services. A big "thank you" goes out to Tracy and the Hallers for all the work they did on the ornaments.

Please save greeting and Christmas cards for Hannah Circle. We give them to St. Mary's Alzheimer's Center to be used in crafts.

We will not have meetings in January or February. Our next meeting will be March 13th at 10:00 am at the church.

Continue saving foil and aluminum cans for Hannah Circle as this is our only fundraiser.

Thank you

## DORCAS CIRCLE NEWS

Instead of a regular meeting, Dorcas Circle attended the Advent Luncheon at Holy Trinity Church in Salem on December 7th. Pastor Kari Lankford presented the program and a wonderful time was had by all.

We will not be meeting in January or February. Weather permitting, we will get together in March.

## Stewardship Team

With the help of the Sunday School Children, we were able to send Christmas cards to the Butler PA Veterans Hospital. Also we collected and delivered Christmas cards to the Beaver Township police and fire departments. Thank you to everyone for signing cards, they were appreciated. We are preparing a time audit for January to help you discover where your time goes and how much time you spend with God.

# Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT NAME	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
January 6th &	Epiphany of our Lord	white	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	Epiphany means “manifestation.” On this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. Some Christian traditions celebrate three great epiphanies on this day: the magi’s adoration of the Christ child, Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle, in which he changes water into wine. The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God’s grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst.
January 7th	Baptism of our Lord	white	Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11	Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit/wind moved over the waters. Both Mark’s gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit’s movement that distinguishes Jesus’ baptism from John’s. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God’s beloved children and setting us on Jesus’ mission to re-create the world in the image of God’s vision of justice and peace.
January 14th	Second Sunday after Epiphany	green	1 Samuel 3:1-20 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51	All the baptized have a calling in God’s world. God calls not just the clergy but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn’t important; it’s where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to the story of the vision of Jacob, who called the place of his vision “the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven” (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.
January 21st	Third Sunday after Epiphany	green	Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:5-12 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20	Stories of the call to discipleship continue as the Time after Epiphany plays out the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of fisherman brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.
January 28th	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	green	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28	In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God’s works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus’ actions and words. We encounter that authority in God’s word, around which we gather, the word that trumps any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

# Serving in God's House THE REACHOUT

<b>SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE</b>	<b>January 7th</b> Baptism of our Lord	<b>January 14th</b> Second Sunday of Epiphany	<b>January 21st</b> Third Sunday of Epiphany	<b>January 28th</b> Fourth Sunday of Epiphany	<b>February 4th</b> Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Alice Haller	Amber Powell	Kathy Kramer	Donna Haller	Andy Tesyk
<b>Acolyte/ Crucifer</b> 8:00am 10:30 am	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Loetta Haller	Kathy Kramer	Robin Marino	Loetta Haller	Kathy Kramer
<b>Lector 8:00 am</b>  10:30 am	Greg Razo  Jean Sauerwein	Nancy Crouse  Ed Peachey	Jane Peachey  Pam Nock	Greg Razo  Loetta Haller	Nancy Crouse  Kathy Kramer
<b>Liturgy</b>	Sarah Deiger	Sandy Kuntz	Loetta Haller	Kathy Kramer	Jane Peachey
<b>Ushers 10:30 am</b>	Chuck Haller	Sonny Schneider	Ed Smith	Chuck Haller	Sonny Schneider
<b>Fellowship After 10:30 am Service</b>	Amber Powell	Kathy Kramer	Beth & Tim Lower	Andy Tesyk	Jean Sauerwein
<b>Chrema</b> Head counter in bold print	<b>Tammy Chuey</b> Ed Smith Jim Frost	<b>Jeff Hum</b> Donna Haller Ruth McMurray	<b>Pam Nock</b> John Nock Loetta Haller	<b>Nancy Barret</b> Sandy Kuntz Sarah Deiger	<b>Tammy Chuey</b> Ed Smith Jim Frost
<b>Anointers 8:00 am</b>  10:30 am	Nancy Crouse Marlene Varvus Nancy Barret Robin Marino				Nancy Crouse Marlene Varvus Nancy Barret Robin Marino
<b>Communion Bread</b>	Kristen & Grace Pavkovich	Kristen & Grace Pavkovich	Kristen & Grace Pavkovich	Kristen & Grace Pavkovich	Amber & Jimmy Powell

If you need to exchange dates with someone else, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE **AFTER** you have made the arrangements with someone to exchange dates with, so that we may change the office calendar. **If you would like to volunteer, please call the office (330-549-2406) and we will add your name to our list. Thank you!**

# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed New Year's Day	2	3 Office open 9-1	4	5 Office open 9-1	6 Worship 5:00pm
7 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	8 Office open 9-1	9	10 Office open 9-1	11	12 Office open 9-1	13 Worship 5:00pm Soup and salad dinner
14 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	15 Office closed	16 Council Meeting 7:00pm	17 Office closed	18	19 Office open 9-3	20 Worship 5:00 pm
21 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	22 Office open 9-1	23	24 Office open 9-1	25	26 Office open 9-1	27 Worship 5:00pm
28 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am Winter Festival at Camp Frederick	29 Office open 9-1	30	31 Office open 9-1			

# Our Prayer List

## NEW PRAYER CHAIN SYSTEM

The One Call system allows us to contact the prayer chain all at once to lift up prayers.

If you would like a One Call sent out please contact:

Jane at 234-567-1461  
or the Church office at  
330-549-2406



Leon Casity  
Michael Bartell  
Judy Dickey  
Bev Madden  
Baby Grace  
Paul A.  
Joan Mayberry  
Bob Haviland  
Deborah Haines  
Ruth McMurray  
Ed and Shirley Heck

Ruth Thompson  
Nancy Panneton  
Cassidy Kincaid  
Barbara Hartsock  
MaryAnn Remner  
Debbie Frost  
Katherine Sigler  
Linda Kapalko  
Joanne and Family  
Kim MacFarland and Family  
Baby Graham

Serving in the military:  
Morgan Ball  
Alyssa  
Bryce Liberty

Our weekly intercessory  
prayer for the people of our  
congregation :



4– Ed and Jane Peachey

## January 7

Ruth McMurray  
Gus Nemenz  
Theresa Nemenz  
Mark Nemenz

## January 14

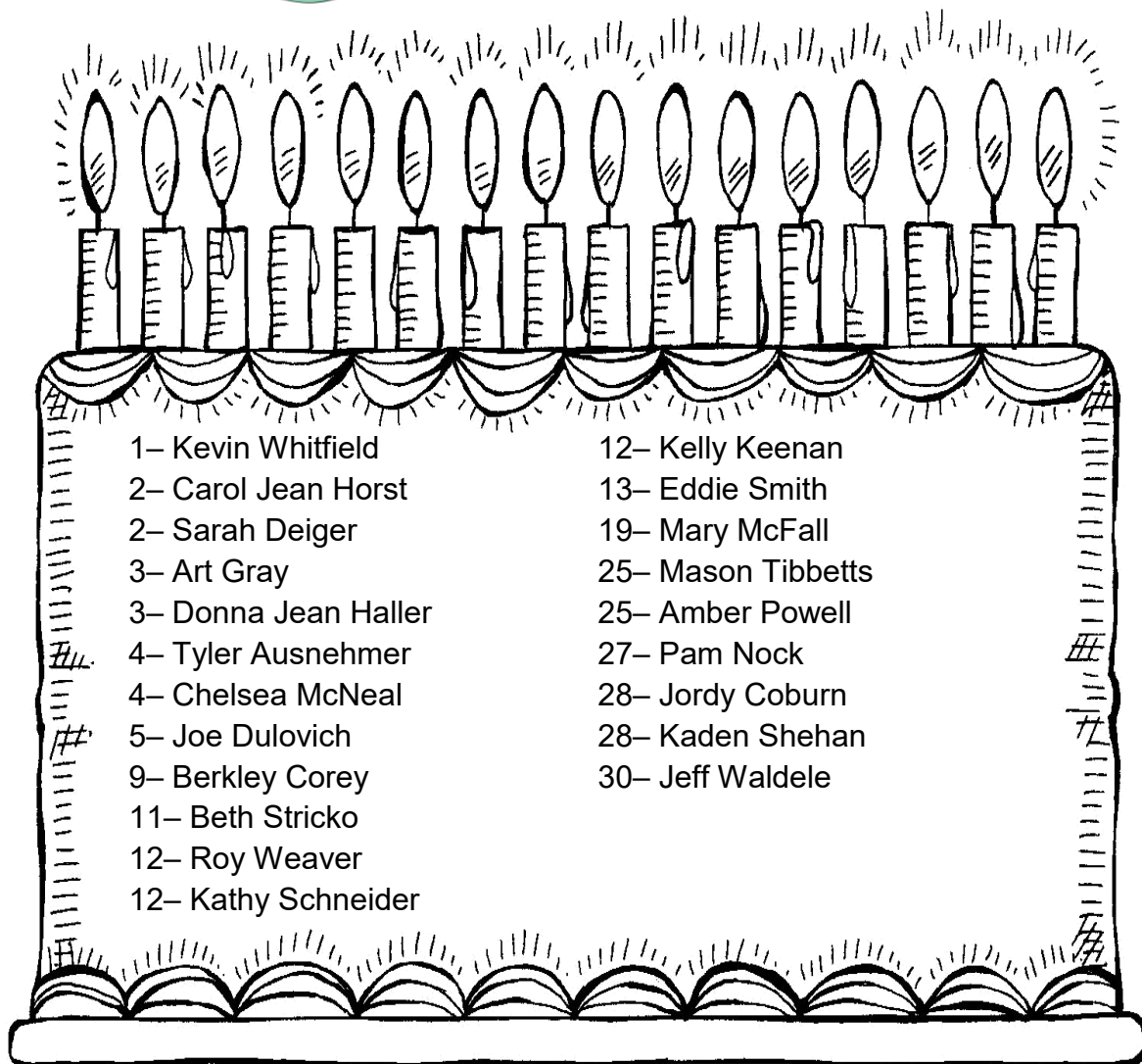
John Nock  
Pam Nock  
Kim Ohlin  
Ed Peachey

## January 21

Jane Peachey  
Amber Powell  
Jim Powell  
Jimmy Powell

## January 28

Tara Detchon  
Brandy Renforth  
Arden Sauerwein  
Jeannie Sauerwein





# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## Council Meeting Minutes for December 19, 2017

Present: Sarah, Jane, Jeff W., Penny, Greg, Andy, Kelsie, Jeff H., Bryan, Kevin, Joe, and Pastor Ralph

Excused: Amber

Opening prayer by Jeff Waldele

**Treasurer's Report:** Penny motions to accept treasurer's report pending audit. Kevin seconds. Motion passed. Jane submits resignation for treasurer position.

**Financial Secretary's Report:** Jane motions to accept financial secretary's report pending audit. Andy seconds. Motion passed.

### Team Reports:

Stewardship sent out Christmas cards and ornaments to the Veteran's hospital and Christmas cards to our fire and police departments. We are developing a time audit for January.

Building maintenance has finished putting new lights in the Chapel and the Narthex and the dove window.

**Secretary's/Youth Report:** I am still working to update and organize the office and collect current information for onrealm. We had a great time making ornaments for the veterans and the children did an amazing job!

### Transformation Report:

Hanging of the Greens – Mutual Ministry Team

Met with two people for assistance through Transformation Funds

Met with a client to help with SRCCC support

Dinner Committee meeting, shopping and preparation

Met with 6 people for grief support and various support phone calls

Communion to a person at Assumption Village

Performed various tasks as Treasurer for the 3 C's and Good Hope

Participated in the Chili Dinner Fund Raiser preliminary profits for Community Day Camp  
\$640

### Future

Begin planning process for grief camp

Work with dinner committee next fund raiser for Sojourner House Domestic Violence Shelter.

Note from Pastor

### Pastor's Report:

\* Note from Pastor

We have had new keys made. If your key to the building does not work, please come in to exchange it for a new one.



### **Focus during the Last Month**

- ❖ I had 22 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
- ❖ 1 Funeral Vincent Strecansky
- ❖ We had our regular number of Saturday night, Sunday morning Services
- ❖ Over the past month, I have presided at 13 worship services and prepared 7 sermons.
- ❖ Nov 5 Daylight Savings time ends
- ❖ Nov 6-10 Interim Pastor Training
- ❖ Nov 6 basement floor scrubbed and waxed
- ❖ Nov 8 basement floor buffed
- ❖ Nov 11 Kraufest
- ❖ Nov 12 Veterans day worship celebration
- ❖ Nov 15 Visited Loretta Nemenz prayed with the family
- ❖ Nov 19 Harvest Sunday
- ❖ Nov 26 Decorating the Church for Advent and Christmas

### **Upcoming Areas of Focus**

- Dec 3 First Sunday in Advent
- Dec 8 Wedding for Luke and Amy
- Dec 9 To go Soup sales for Day Camp at Calvary
- Dec 9 Chili Dinner and Cookie Sale Good Hope
- Dec 23 fourth Sunday in Advent Sat 5pm
- Dec 24 Fourth Sunday in advent Sunday 8 and 10:30am
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candle light Service 7pm & 11pm
- Dec 25 Christmas Day Monday No Services
- Dec 30 First Sunday of Christmas Sat 5pm
- Dec 31 First Sunday of Christmas 8 and 10:30am
- Jan 1 Office Closed
- Jan 7 Baptism of our Lord
- Jan 13 Soup and Salad Dinner

### **Old Business:**

Bell tower- The bell was delivered to Greg's office on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. Weather permitting, it will be reinstalled by the end of the year.

Parking lot project- Jeff Hum and Joe are collecting bids and preparing to present at the congregational meeting February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Sign and lighting: Jeff Waldele has changed the batteries and lights in the exit signs.

### **New Business:**

Election of council officers: president- Jeff Waldele, vice president- Bryan Hum. New council members will be installed on Jan. 14 at the 8 and 10:30 worship services.

A huge thank you to Kevin Barret, Amber Powell, Penny Felger, and Ed Peachey for your service on council! Please thank them when you see them.

Kevin motions to accept the November minutes. Penny seconds. Motion passed.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer led by Bryan Hum.

### **Items of interest**

January 13– All you can eat Soup and Salad Dinner to benefit the Sojourner House. Soups available are stuffed pepper, chicken tortellini, stuffed cabbage, vegetarian, and twice baked potato. Dessert and drinks are included. Good Hope Lutheran Church from 4– 7pm. Tickets are adults \$9 and children \$4. Quarts are available to go for \$8.

January 14– Installation of Council members. Please join us in welcoming our new and returning members at the 8 and 10:30 worship services.

January 28– Winter Festival and Chili Cookoff at Camp Frederick 2– 5pm. Get out your best Chili recipe and brush it off. Come taste and choose a winning Chili while enjoying fellowship. If there is snow, dress warm and go sledding too!

New keys have been made for the church. If your key isn't working properly on all doors, please bring it in to exchange for a new one.

This year's giving envelopes are on the table in the Narthex. If you do not wish to use them please let me know. Also, please let me know if you would like them mailed to you. (330) 549-2406. Thank you, Wendy

A great big Thank You goes out to all resigning Council members! Thank you for your service and dedication to helping our church run smoothly. Please thank them when you see them: Kevin Barret, Penny Felger, Ed Peachey, and Amber Powell.

## **Council and other Groups**

### Church Council Members:

Jeff Waldele (president), Bryan Hum (vice president), \*Sarah Deiger, Pastor Ralph Edwards, \*Jeff Hum, \*Joe Marino, Jane Peachey, \*Greg Razo, Andy Tesyk, and \*Kelsie Valentine. A \* indicates newly elected members.

### Dorcas Circle:

Marilyn Wire (president), Irene Bentley (vice president), Ruth McMurray (secretary), Annemarie Conklin (treasurer), Donna Shilling, and Barb Ferrara.

### Hannah Circle:

Barb Gray (president), June Casity (vice president), Donna Jean Haller (secretary), Tracey Byler (treasurer), Carol Jean Horst, Loetta Haller, Alice Ann Haller, and Jean Sauerwein.

### Stewardship:

Ruth McMurray, Penny Felger, Nancy Barret, Wendy Stanley, Kelsie Valentine, and Sarah Deiger.

### Maintenance:

Jeff Waldele, John Chuey, Greg Razo, Joe Marino

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**Worship Services**

Saturdays—5:00 pm

Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM

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