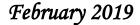
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Through Christ we put God first by teaching reaching and loving all!

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Let's not focus on the historical data. Let's not focus on the mushy cards, candy, and flowers. Let's focus on seeking the greater gifts. Do you remember those gifts?? I really want to press upon us the notion of relationship. We need relationship to know or feel the pains or the success of our friends, family, or neighbors.

I think that as a society we are drifting away from relationship. We have friends. We have acquaintances. But true relationship we are slowly setting that aside for speed and correctness or "rightness". We don't just hang with people anymore. (that is just my view) There was a time when you hung out with your friend and talked. You knew if your friend was sad or upset and they had a friend they could rely on to just listen. No one could fix a problem because we were all in the same boat. Now days people share way too much on face book and who actually knows who is seeing what you wrote. Even potential employers may see your melt-down. Are those the people you want to expose your heart to?

I watched as a group of kids were hanging out together, and they all were on their phones texting each other, as well as people who were not there. I dare not say they were not actually there for one another, but I do know that we have more people who don't feel listened to and we are not able to judge because that shuts down the listening. We really don't need to judge anyone because number one, they already know their failings and failures. Number two, yet by the grace of God go I.

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As I prepared to write this front page, I have been going through some training on people and ways to support them, not fix, but support and listen. We by nature want to help by fixing. This gives us a feeling of empowerment but when supporting someone else, we don't need the empowerment, they do. The church is a place where we practice our missions and ministries in a safe environment where we know everyone has worth. I know that things will work out for the good for everyone who loves the LORD.

I get to witness that every day. I hear every day all the time how God is with someone and giving them warning signs that they don't heed. I hear when I send a text or make a call as someone says; how did you know I needed someone today? I experience it myself when a friend of mine writes his devotions for the day and it is like he was watching my day and knew just what I needed to hear for encouragement and strength.

People of Good Hope, I would like for you to get to know each other, give each other time for one another. Listen to each other, hear each other. Sometimes we stop hearing because we want to solve the problem, it is so clear to us. Our mind walks right over the person we are listening to, and moves right to what we want to say. Stop!! Listen to hear what is hurting, what is the person speaking going through, how are they hurting? Develop a relationship. Give support, be someone to speak it out loud to, or to lean on. Don't fix the problem, that gives you worth, and strips them of worth. Give only yourself. Give your presence. Time is the most expensive thing we all have.

Let's look to develop a relationship with those around us. Relationships are connecting even when we make mistakes, it is getting in touch with people. Relationships in the church are keeping in touch with those who are like you, and people who are not like you. Look around you! Do you have people you connect with regularly? Are they the same or different from you?? The individual will look for the easy connections, like family and friends who think and act like them. The body of Christ looks to connect with those who need the connection. Your gifts help you to decide how to be stretched. An example would be those in addiction, or maybe you have gifts for youth, maybe you have gifts for the elderly. Maybe you have gifts for the sick and lonely. Test these waters and step out of the boat.

This year in February on the 14<sup>th</sup> pray about and work with God on how you are going to step out of the boat!! If you would like to run through that with someone, talk to me. If you would rather, stop by adult Sunday School and feel it out with them. God bless you. God bless Good Hope Lutheran Church and God bless the least of these.

Pastor Ralph

# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Office open 9am-2pm Confirmation camp	2 Worship 5:00pm Confirmation camp
3 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	4 Office open 9am-2pm	5	6 Office open 9am-2pm	7	8 Office open 9am-2pm	9 Worship 5:00pm Beef tips & noodles dinner 4-7pm
10 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am Winterfest at Camp Frederick 2-5pm Congregational meeting 11:45	11 Office open 9am-2pm	12 Stewardship meeting 7pm	13 Office open 9am-2pm Discipleship training 6pm	14	15 Office open 9am-2pm	16 Worship 5:00 pm
17 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	18 Office open 9am-2pm	19 Council Meeting 7pm	20 Office open 9am-2pm	21	22 Office open 9am-2pm	23 Worship 5:00pm
24 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am Teen Challenge worship and lunch after	25 Office open 9am-2pm	26	27 Office open 9am-2pm Authentic living Bible study 6pm	28		

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DATE	EVENT NAME	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
February 3rd	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	green	Jeremiah 1: 4-10 Psalm 71: 1-6 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13 Luke 4: 21-30	The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.
February 10th	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	green	Isaiah 6: 1-13 Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Luke 5: 1-11	The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal the glory of the Lord. "Who will go for us?" queries the voice of the Lord. A man of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn't catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is the fact that we are also called.
February 17th	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany	green	Jeremiah 17: 5- 10 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20 Luke 6: 17-26	Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the "blessed ares" and the "woe tos" are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him and the power to heal us all.
February 24th	Seventh Sunday after Epiphany	green	Genesis 45: 3-11, 15 Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40 1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50 Luke 6: 27-38	Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of the glory of God revealed in the Christ.

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# Serving in God's House THE REACHOUT

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE	February 3 Fourth Sunday After Epiphany	February 10 Fifth Sunday After Epiphany	February 17 Sixth Sunday After Epiphany	February 24 Seventh Sunday After Epiphany	March 3 Transfiguration Of Our Lord
Altar Guild	Jean Ohlin	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk	Alice Haller	Art & Barb Gray
Acolyte/ Crucifer 8:00am 10:30 am	Lauren Coss Grace Pavkovich	Stephen Coss Kara Haskin	Lauren Coss Ashlyn Elford	Stephen Coss Nick Haines	Lauren Coss Barry Pitzer
Communion 8:00 Assistant 10:30	Penny Felger Andy Tesyk	Peggy Manchester Loetta Haller	Penny Felger Kathy Kramer	Peggy Manchester Andy Tesyk	Penny Felger Sarah Deiger
Lector 8:00 10:30	Greg Razo Jean Sauerwein	Stephen Coss Pam Nock	Peggy Manchester Don Manning	Nancy Crouse Leslie Warren	Greg Razo Kathy Kramer
Liturgy	Pam Nock	Sarah Deiger	N/A	Sandy Kuntz	Loetta Haller
Ushers 10:30 am	Chuck Haller	Sonny Schneider	Ed Smith	Chuck Haller	Sonny Schneider
Fellowship after 10:30 am worship	Sandy Kuntz	Leslie Warren	Art & Barb Gray	Jean & Ed Ohlin	Kathy Kramer
<b>Chrema</b> Head counter in bold print	<b>Tammy Chuey</b> Ed Smith Ruth McMurray	<b>Jeff Hum</b> Donna Haller Rachel Montgomery	<b>Pam Nock</b> John Nock Loetta Haller	<b>Nancy Barret</b> Sandy Kuntz Sarah Deiger	<b>Tammy Chuey</b> Ed Smith Ruth McMurray
Anointers	<b>8:00 am</b> Nancy Crouse Marlene Vavrus Peggy Manchester	<b>10:30 am</b> Nancy Barret Robin Marino Sandy Kuntz Andy Tesyk	<b>5 pm</b> Diane D'Amico	<b>Any service</b> Jeff Waldele Sarah Deiger Wendy Edwards	
Communion Bread	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Debbie Dulovich
Pew restocking	Andy Tesyk	Ruth McMurray	Andy Tesyk	Ruth McMurray	Andy Tesyk
Recycling	Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo	Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo	Andy Tesyk

If you need to exchange dates with someone else, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE <u>AFTER</u> you have made the arrangements with someone to exchange dates with, so that we many 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!

# **Circle News ~ Team News**

## HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS

Hannah Circle will once again bake cookies for the Rescue Mission. We set the date for the cookie collection for March 24th.

Under Tracey Byler's guidance, members completed the ornaments to be given at the Christmas Eve services.

We will have no meetings in January or February. Our next meeting will be March 12th and we will be visiting friends.

Please continue to save foil and aluminum cans for Hannah Circle as this is our only fundraiser.

## DORCAS CIRCLE NEWS

We will have no meetings in January or February 2019. The next meeting will be March 13, weather permitting.

## **STEWARDSHIP TEAM**

The stewardship team met on January 8th. All of February, we are collecting pet supplies for local pet shelters. We are also asking for donations of life savers, jolly ranchers, and mints for Teen Challenge. They will be here the 24th and we would like to send candy with them. Our next project is to help with the Camp Frederick wish list. Our next meeting will be February 12th at 7pm.

### **DINNER TEAM**

The chili and combread dinner was a success! There were several different kinds of chili and they were all delicious. Thank you to all volunteers. Thank you to all who donated desserts. Thank you dinner team for all of your hard work.

\$716.00 was earned and donated to Ohio Valley Adult and Teen Challenge!

The next dinner is February 9th. All-you-can-eat beef tips and noodles for only \$10.00. Meal includes a beverage and dessert. Join us for great food and fun fellowship!

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# **Our Prayer List**

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 the Church office at 330-549-2406.



Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :

#### **February 3**

Michael Chuey Tammy Chuey Anthony Cicchi Renae Cicchi

#### February 10

Susan Conaway Annemarie Conklin Rosemarie Cooper Whitney Corey

#### February 17

Berkley Corey Cathryn Coss Fred Coss Kevin Coss

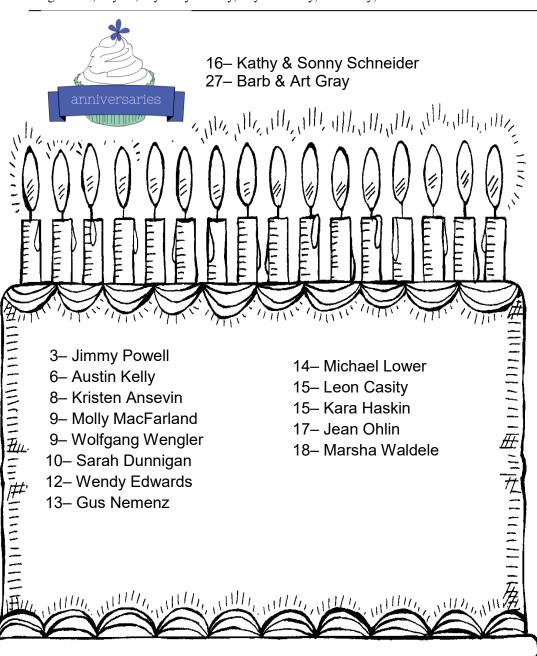
#### February 24

Lauren Coss Melinda Coss Stephen Coss Carol Craig Don Craig Joe Kreidler Jennifer Ostapiak Catherine Bivianno Emily Bluedorn Chris and Julia Karis Dale Sheely Lee Galgan Jack Crouse Carl Wancho Pete Wellman Jack Schneider Judy Dickey Jimmy Waldele Joan Mayberry Rick Waldele Walter Kyser

Gerald HostetterCNora SabellaSarah CoreySarah CoreySarah CoreyKerry GumbsLCarol ColemanDAndy TesykLGeorge AndersonFamily of Glenn McGaffic

Christopher Sandy Lutz Sandra Nagy Lillian Fabry Dave Hospodar Linda Gray

Serving in the Military: Morgan Ball, Alyssa, Lyndsey Liberty, Bryce Liberty, Jakeb Fry, Jodie Brimmer



# **MEETING MINUTES**

#### **COUNCIL MINUTES for January 15, 2019**

The meeting opened with prayer by Sarah.

present: Jeff H., Stephanie, Andy, Jeff W., Greg, Sarah, P. Ralph, Wendy, Kelly, and Peggy excused: Kelsie and Joe

Council welcomes Peggy and Kelly.

The financial reports, team reports, Pastor's report and December meeting minutes, were all emailed to council ahead of the meeting. All reports were accepted.

**Treasure's Report:** Our Thrivent account lost \$3,600 last year. We are now using Realm accounting software, but the payroll program isn't available yet. Kelly states that we are breaking even financially each month.

#### **Secretary and Youth Report:**

Attended council and stewardship meetings; Attended Advent and Christmas Eve worship Applied for 1 Thrivent Action team project- Bell choir Cleaned up and organized office; Handled incoming calls and answering machine messages Cleaned up email and handled correspondence; Helped with 3 c's phone calls Updated our website weekly- sermons and calendar; Distributed mail Prepared 10 regular bulletins ; Prepared 3 Advent bulletins; Prepared Christmas Eve bulletin Prepared and distributed the Reachout; Prepared packet for council meeting Prepared 5 Sunday school lessons; Ornaments in Sunday school Updated Red book; Updated Onrealm Changed outdoor sign; Ordered office supplies

#### Stewardship:

Tithe.ly is now up and running! Sarah presented to all 3 services and an instruction sheet is available. Cards for the pews to be put in the collection plate are available. Our visitor's pamphlet is also finished and available to hand out. To start out the new year, we will be collecting pet supplies and presenting the wish list for Camp Frederick.

#### Pastor's report:

#### Area of Focus Last Month

- ✤ I had 12 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
- ✤ 3 Visit to the Hospital- Candi Peachey, Andy Tesyk, Jack Crouse
- ✤ We had our regular number of Saturday night, Sunday morning Services
- Over the past month, I have presided at 18 worship services and prepared 8 sermons.
- Dec 2 First Sunday in Advent
- Dec 2 Prayed for Staff of South Range Grade School
- Dec 5 Advent 1 Midweek Let us enjoy and sing carols
- Dec 9 Second Sunday in Advent
- Dec 9 Prayed at South Range Football Banquet
- Dec 12 Advent 2 Midweek Advent Concert
- Sec 12 Drug Court Graduation
- Dec 16 Third Sunday in Advent
- Dec 16 Blue Christmas worship 7pm
- Dec 19 Advent 3 Midweek Cookie exchange
- Dec 22 Family Day Adult and Teen Challenge
- Dec 23 Fourth Sunday in Advent
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Music before the worship 6:30pm
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candle Light Worship 7pm and 11pm

#### (council cont.)

#### **Old Business:**

bell tower grounding- Greg to obtain a formal quote for the February meeting. landscaping- postponed until Spring parking lot- postponed until Spring parsonage wall- Greg will look in to getting a new bricklayer

#### New Business:

Pastor Ralph states that we need a church policy for social media. Stephanie and Sarah are to present at the February meeting.

Karen will be retiring from the financial secretary position. Jeff H. motions to allow Peggy a few days to think about taking the position, and if not to allow Wendy to replace Karen. Motion carried. Greg is opposed. Pastor Ralph abstained.

The next congregational meeting will be February 10 after the 10:30 service. Annual reports will be given. Wendy to prepare the annual report by the end of January.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer led by Greg.

\*\*\* We need to replace 1 council member as soon as possible. If you would like to be on council, please contact the office at 330-549-2406. \*\*\*

Thank you Karen Hum for your service as Financial Secretary! Thank you Peggy Manchester for volunteering to be the new Financial Secretary!

Negative shown in parentheses	Current	Prior Year	Current Year To Date	Prior Year To Date
Income	\$18,185.98	\$20, 824.46	\$163,959.31	\$179,517.59
Expense	\$19,290.18	\$13,987.34	\$195,645.41	\$175,279.98
Total	(\$1,104.20)	\$6,837.12	(\$31,686.10)	\$4,237.61

#### **Treasurer's Report Ending December 31, 2018**

**Capital Improvement Fund:** 

Goal = **\$50,000.00** 

Current Balance = **\$30,558.00** 

Thank you for your donations!

## \* Mark Your Calendar \*

February 9- Beef tips and noodles dinner from 4-7pm

February 10- Congregational meeting right after the 10:30 worship

February 10- WinterFest at Camp Frederick from 2-5pm

February 13– Discipleship training starts at 6pm

February 24– Teen Challenge will be here for worship and lunch. The dinner team is hosting them with a turkey dinner. Come join us for amazing fellowship!

February 27- "Authentic living in an artificial world" Bible study starts at 6pm

March 1&2– Confirmation class to Camp Frederick (communion) This camp is for any children who want to learn about and be able to receive communion.

March 24- Cookie collection for the Rescue Mission





## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9 4 TO 7 P.M. Good Hope Lutheran Church

Beef tips and noodles dinner Served with tossed salad, bread, beverage, and dessert

Adults \$10.00 Children \$5.00 6 & under—Free





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**Return Services Requested** 

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#### Worship Services

Saturdays—5:00 pm Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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