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

# The R E A C H O U T

We are coming into the season of Lent. Before we get to that, we must figure out who we are as the “Body of Christ”. We each come for our own reasons, and we truly need to figure out why we come to church. So, why do you come to church? We take our story and we take God’s story and we bring them together. We share our story with those around us. My question is how much is God’s story intertwined with your story? How much is God in your life? This year we will be working on that idea, helping each member evangelize by just living their life and telling their story. As we know, we need Jesus the Christ. It is his life and death that saves us from our sin. The joy comes from the resurrection! When Christ was raised from the dead, he gave us life. We receive the Holy Spirit which enables us to give life to any situation.

I pray we each work on ways to tell our stories. Stories of our life. You see, most people you know and work with, will not come to church. You therefore, are the only church they may ever see. I as a pastor, might never see the people you meet with daily. So, we must find ways to help you not just tell your story to them, but to share that your story contains Christ. The only way that happens is if you actually feel you need Christ in your life. Daily you receive forgiveness and life. Do you need Christ daily, and if so how?? As you learn about your life and Christ, Christ enters your story, then when you speak of your story, Christ is part of your story and you are now witnessing. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

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February 24

Then we will move to Ash Wednesday, this is our transition into Lent. We start with the sober fact that we are dust and to dust we shall return, with the knowledge that we are fragile. Life is very fragile. Life becomes more precious. As we understand that life is fragile and precious our worth increases. We are important because we are so fragile and can be gone in the blink of an eye. Did you hear that you are wonderfully made? Delicate and important for the growth of all who you come in contact with. Do you give those around you gifts that give life?

We take the time in Lent to open our Eyes, open our Hands, open our Ears, open our Hearts and open our lives to Christ. That will be the worship during this season of Lent. We will take our time and develop our stories as we open ourselves to the Lord. We will get to know and open ourselves to Jesus as a priority in our lives, and that will tell a story about who we are in this world trusting that we are included in the everlasting life.

Ash Wednesday we will be doing the imposition of ashes at 11AM - 1PM and at 7PM on Wednesday February 26, 2020. At the 7PM we will enjoy Word and Sacraments, as well as anointing. Then March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm we will have worship with anointing. On April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7PM we will have a concert by Sue and her team. We will have Lenten devotionals for you available after Ash Wednesday worship. I hope to see you there.

*Pastor Ralph*

# FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Worship 5:00pm
2 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am & 12pm Youth Sunday	3 Office open 9am-2pm	4	5 Office open 9am-2pm Bible study 6pm	6	7 Office open 9am– 2pm	8 Worship 5:00pm Beef tips & noodles dinner 4-7pm
9 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am & 12pm Winterfest 2-5pm Congregational meeting 9:15am	10 Office open 9am-2pm	11 Stewardship meeting 7pm	12 Office open 9am-2pm Bible study 6pm	13	14 Office open 9am– 2pm	15 Worship 5:00 pm
16 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am & 12pm Teen Challenge lunch at non	17 Office open 9am-2pm	18 Council Meeting 7pm	19 Office open 9am-2pm Bible study 6pm	20	21 Office open 9am-2pm	22 Worship 5:00pm
23 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am & 12pm	24 Office open 9am-2pm	25	26 Office open 9am– 2pm Bible study 6pm Ash Wednesday Imposition of ashes 11am-1pm & 7pm	27	28 Office open 9am-2pm	29 Worship 5:00pm

## Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

DATE	EVENT NAME	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
February 2nd	Presentation of Our Lord	white	Malachi 3: 1-4 Psalm 84 Hebrews 2: 14-18 Luke 2: 22-40	The Presentation of Our Lord is referred to in some corners of the church as Candlemas because of an ancient tradition of blessing all the candles to be used in the church in the coming year at the mass celebrated on that day. It was a way of underscoring the truth of Simeon's confession that this baby Jesus was "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and a light for glory to Israel. Let the light of every candle in church be a little epiphany of the love of God for all people in the person of God's son, Jesus, the light of the world.
February 9th	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	green	Isaiah 58: 1-12 Psalm 112: 1-10 1 Corinthians 2: 1-16 Matthew 5: 13-20	Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.
February 16th	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany	green	Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 Psalm 119: 1-8 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9 Matthew 5: 21-37	In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.
February 23rd	Transfiguration of Our Lord	white	Exodus 24: 12-18 Psalm 2 2 Peter 1: 16-21 Matthew 17: 1-9	Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.
February 26th	Ash Wednesday	purple	Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17 Psalm 51: 1-17 2 Corinthians 5: 20b—6:10 Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21	On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that "now is the day of salvation." Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.

# Serving in God's House

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE	February 2 Presentation of Our Lord	February 9 5th Sunday after Epiphany	February 16 6th Sunday after Epiphany	February 23 Transfiguration of Our Lord	March 1 1st Sunday in Lent
Altar Guild	Andy Tesyk	Alice Haller	Donna Haller	Art & Barb Gray	Amber Powell
Acolyte/ Crucifer 8:00am 10:30 am	Neil Takach Ashlyn Elford	Cadence Elford Kellen Pitzer	Neil Takach Nick Haines	Cadence Elford Barry Pitzer	Neil Takach Jimmy Powell
Communion 8:00 Assistant 10:30	Penny Felger Cadence Elford	Peggy Manchester Kathy Kramer	Penny Felger Sarah Deiger	Peggy Manchester Andy Tesyk	Penny Felger Loetta Haller
Lector 8:00 10:30	Greg Razo Youth	Peggy Manchester Loetta Haller	Teen Challenge	Greg Razo Andy Tesyk	Peggy Manchester Jean Sauerwein
Liturgy	Youth	Andy Tesyk	N/A	Loetta Haller	Kathy Kramer
Ushers 10:30 am	Ed Smith	Chuck Haller	Ed Smith	Chuck Haller	Ed Smith
Fellowship after 10:30 am worship	Leslie Warren	Art & Barb Gray	Teen Challenge	Kathy Kramer	Jean Sauerwein
Chrema Head counter in bold print	<b>Tammy Chuey</b> Ed Smith Ruth McMurray	<b>Jeff Hum</b> Donna Haller Sarah Deiger	<b>Pam Nock</b> John Nock Loetta Haller	<b>Needed</b> Sandy Kuntz Rachel Hum	<b>Tammy Chuey</b> Ed Smith Ruth McMurray
Anointers	<b>8:00 am</b> Nancy Crouse Marlene Vavrus Peggy Manchester Jen Razo Greg Razo	<b>10:30 am</b> Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Andy Tesyk	<b>5 pm</b> Diane D'Amico Joyce Herubin Chris Herubin	<b>Any service</b> Jeff Waldele Sarah Deiger Wendy Edwards	
Communion Bread	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Rachel Hum
Pew restocking	Ruth McMurray	Ruth McMurray	Ruth McMurray	Ruth McMurray	Andy Tesyk
Recycling	John Chuey	John Chuey	John Chuey	John Chuey	John Chuey

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!**

## **Circle News ~ Team News**

### **HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS**

We will not have a meeting in February, but will begin again on March 10th with visiting friends. Please continue to save foil and aluminum cans for us as this is our only fundraiser.

### **DORCAS CIRCLE NEWS**

Dorcas Circle members will meet again in April.

### **STEWARDSHIP TEAM**

The next meeting will be February 11th at 7pm. We are currently collecting pet supplies for area shelters. Please bring your old towels and blankets too. The shelters are in need of cat and dog food, cat litter, collars, leashes, and toys for homeless pets. Cleaning supplies are also welcome. We will collect until February 29th in the Narthex. Thank you for your donations!

### **DINNER TEAM**

The chili and cornbread and desserts were all delicious and were sold out by 3:00! Proceeds were \$546.00 and were given to Good Hope. Thank you to all who helped set up, serve, clean up, and donated desserts!

2020 dinner team schedule:

Saturday February 8 -beef tips and noodles all you can eat from 4-7pm

Sunday March 8 -pasta bake all you can eat from 12-4pm

Sunday April 5 -soup and sandwich all you can eat from 12-4pm

May 15 & 16 -rummage sale with smoker from 9am-4pm

# 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.



Jack Crouse  
Nancy Crouse  
Brooklyn Hostetter  
Charles Mohn  
Carol Coleman  
Gerald Hostetter  
Dolores Kuhar  
Lynne Grant  
Dave Sweeney  
Victor Slezak

Kerry Gumbs  
Sarah Corey  
Karli Hostetter  
Heidi Byler  
Joe Kreidler  
Ned Ziegler  
Rick & Marsha Waldele  
Debbie Dulovich  
Chad Anderson  
Leon Cassidy

Heath Lude  
Karen Holisky  
Amy Hambrick  
Serving in the military:  
Jakeb Fry  
Lyndsey Liberty  
Jodie Brimmer & squadron  
Morgan Rhinehart  
Alyssa  
Bryce Liberty

Our weekly intercessory  
prayer for the people of our  
congregation :



16– Sonny & Kathy Schneider  
27– Art & Barb Gray

## **February 2**

Betty Taylor  
Julie Taylor  
William Taylor  
Andy Tesyk

## **February 9**

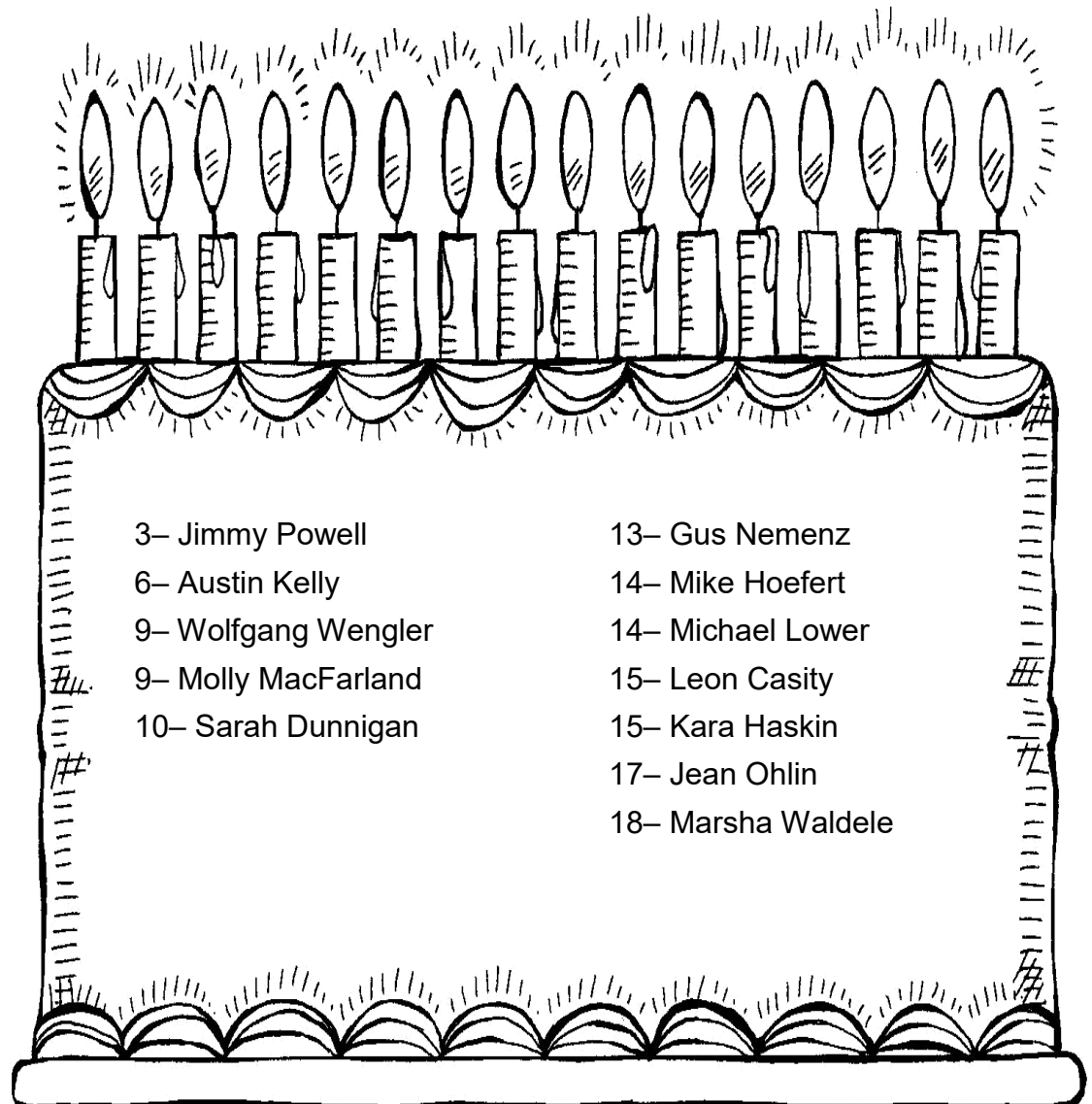
Jacky Thompson  
Charlotte Tibbetts  
Madison Tibbetts  
Mason Tibbetts

## **February 16**

Jane Toot  
Marni Toot  
Kelsie Valentine  
Charlene Varga

## **February 23**

William Varga  
John Vavrus  
Marlene Vavrus  
Cadence Waldele



# MEETING MINUTES

## Council Meeting Minutes for January 21, 2020

The meeting opened with prayer led by Sarah.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Our total receipts for December was about \$21,000. We were negative \$1,700.00 for December, and \$22,000 for 2019. We need to be strict about spending this year. On a positive note, our Thrivent growth went up \$8,353.00 for 2019.

## Pastor's report –January– 2020

### Area of Focus Last Month:

- I had 17 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
  - 3 Hospital Visits Marsh Waldele, Rick Waldele, Karen Holisky
  - We had our regular number of Saturday night, Sunday morning Services
  - Over the past month, I have presided at 25 worship services and prepared 9 sermons.
- \* Dec 1 Noon Day Services Start (Non-Liturgical)
  - \* Dec 1 First Sunday in Advent
  - \* Dec 4 Advent Service, Do Less, Youth will do fellowship
  - \* Dec 6 Huddleston – Harris Wedding
  - \* Dec 8 Second Sunday in Advent
  - \* Dec 11 Advent Concert Experience Wonder, Sue Deutschlander and friends Ohlin Family to do fellowship
  - \* Plumber to roto root the basement Drain
  - \* Dec 15 Third Sunday in Advent
  - \* Dec 16 Shop with a Cop
  - \* Dec 18 Advent Service Hold on to Hope, Cookie Exchange and Fellowship Extra cookies
  - \* Dec 22 Fourth Sunday in Advent
  - \* Dec 22 Caroling to nursing homes
  - \* Dec 22 Blue Christmas
  - \* Dec 24 Office Closed
  - \* Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service 6:30 and 10:45
  - \* Dec 25 Christmas Day Office Closed
  - \* Dec 25 Teen Challenge to take Candy
  - \* Dec 25 Pass out candy at Ohio Valley Adult and Teen Challenge
  - \* Dec 28 Family Day TC
  - \* Dec 28 Jamie Weithman Moved into Sober house
  - \* Dec 31 New Year Eve Office Closed

### Up and Coming Areas of Focus:

- ♦ Jan 1 New Year Day Office Closed
- ♦ Jan 10 2020 Trumbull county Resiliency Summit
- ♦ Jan 19 Start Twelve Step Meetings at 6pm
- ♦ Jan 25 Family Day
- ♦ Jan 28,29,30 Ohio Rostered Ministers Gathering
- ♦ Jan 31-Feb 1 Confirmation Retreat Prayer, Camp Frederick

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**Secretary's Report:**

Completed office duties

Assisted with confirmation class

Created and distributed flyers and press releases

Attended council meeting

Prepared bulletins and holiday bulletins

Prepared and distributed the Reachout

Prepared 4 Sunday school lessons and bulletins

Attended all holiday services

**Old Business:**

a. Wendy will call AT&T to find out about WIFI permission tab for the church.

b. Sarah handed out employee evaluation forms. She will discuss the evaluations with employees in February.

c. Jeff will call this week to gather contracts for a copier agreement from a couple of places.

**New Business:**

a. Sue would like to purchase and donate glass communion cups. She will also sterilize them weekly. Andy motions to allow Sue to purchase and maintain the glass cups. Peggy Seconds. Motion carried.

b. Jeff Hum will go to Farmer's bank and have the church bank card in his name.

c. P. Ralph asks to change the congregational meeting time to 9:15am or an evening. Council decides to have the meeting between the worship services from 9:15- 10:15am on February 9<sup>th</sup>. On the agenda will be the annual report for 2019 and the good of the church.

d. We received a letter from the Beaver police department to have a safety assessment. P. Ralph will call to schedule.

e. P. Ralph states that the hot water tank at the parsonage is failing and needs brought up to code. Jeff motions to replace the hot water tank and bring it up to code. Andy seconds. Motion carried. Jeff will arrange to have the work done.

f. Shepherd of the Valley change in bylaws. Jeff motions to allow SOV to make motions and decisions without our input. Peggy seconds. Motion carried. Ralph votes no and Stephanie abstains. Sarah, Jeff, and Andy sign the executive order to be sent back to SOV by Wendy.

\*P. Ralph asks, "What is the Holy Spirit saying to you as a council member that we need to pay attention to this year? Council members are to turn in written answers by the next meeting.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Treasurer's Report Ending December 31, 2019**

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual this period	Actual this year to date	Annual budget remaining
Income	\$21,450.88	\$180,415.50	\$13,084.50
Expense	\$23,167.04	\$202,888.81	(\$9,833.53)
Total	(\$1,716.16)	(\$22,473.31)	\$22,918.03

**Capital Improvement Fund: Goal = \$50,000.00    Current Balance = \$32,755.49**

**Thank you for your donations!**

To Our Friends at Good Hope,

We cannot thank you enough for all of your generosity and compassion during this past Christmas season regarding the service project you provided for our residents.

What a wonderful and thoughtful program as our residents (all 20) were overjoyed with their gifts!

There were so many smiles & happy tears as many of the residents could not remember the last time they opened a gift for Christmas!

The gifts were all beautifully wrapped which also brought much joy to our residents!

Thank you from the  
Activity Team!  
& our residents 😊

Lisa, Michelle, Shelley & Cassie

My dear Friends  
at Good Hope —

I want to Thank you  
From the Center of my  
heart For the generous  
Christmas gift I  
recieved from all of you  
on Christmas Eve!!!  
I feel so appreciated and  
loved. God bless you - Sue D.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 5– April 1:** Concerned Persons Group bible study at 6pm on these Wednesdays.

**February 8:** Our annual Beef tips and Noodles Dinner from 4-7pm. All-you-can-eat! The menu includes tossed salad, bread, beverage and homemade desserts. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. Take out is available.

**February 9:** Winterfest at Camp Frederick from 2-5pm. There will be a chili cook-off, hiking, crafts, s'mores, and sledding if the weather permits.

**February 25:** Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Sausage Dinner at Mount Olivet from 5-7pm. The meal features homemade sausage and bulk sausage will be available for \$4 while supplies last. The proceeds will benefit our Community Day Camp.

**February 26:** The Ash Wednesday worship service is at 7pm. Imposition of ashes is from 11am-1pm and also at 7pm.

**March 4– April 1:** Lent worship services will be on Wednesdays at 7pm. Anointing will be available. The Lenten series, Open My Life Lord, will be explored.

**April 1:** Sue, Christine, Rachel and Susan will be here to perform at the Lent Concert at 7pm.





# Quarter Auction

# Camp Frederick

## April 4, 2020

### Shrine Club

1735 W. South Range Rd.  
North Lima, OH 44452

Doors Open 5:30  
Auction Starts 6:30

Tickets are \$12 and include one paddle.  
Bring your own adult beverages and snacks!

Order tickets online at: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/88823227665>



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Saturdays—5:00 pm

Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM

Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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