

December 2020

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December 23

Dear Good Hope,

We wish to thank you all for your concern. Thank you all for the cards, well-wishes, chicken soup and prayers. Thank you also for the lovely little tree that was left on my desk! We are very much looking forward to being back at church this weekend.

From our family to yours, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

Pastor Ralph and Wendy

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Worship services will resume this weekend:

Saturday, December 12 at 5pm

Sunday, December 12 at 8 & 10:30am

Communion drive through from 12-12:30pm

The link to attend by zoom will be sent out on Friday. Hope to see you there!

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Dear Congregation,

Thank you for continuing to participate in supporting our staff this Christmas season. There have been some concerns expressed about staff knowing who the gifts are from. The reason for giving gifts to each individual staff member is that if the gift goes through the church, it is considered payroll and taxes are taken out. Therefore, the amount you gave is not the amount received by the staff member. I apologize any inconvenience. We received the information about the new tax laws at the last minute.

We will be diligent about finding a better way to collect gifts for next year. If you have any ideas, comments, or concerns please contact Sarah at 330-727-1095. You may leave a message and I will get back to you.

Thank you again,
Sarah Deiger
(council President)

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
December 6th	Second Sunday of Advent	blue	Isaiah 40: 1-11 Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3: 8-15a Mark 1: 1-8	John calls people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing gets in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.
December 13th	Third Sunday of Advent	blue	Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1: 6-8, 19-28	"Rejoice always," begins the reading from 1 Thessalonians. Isaiah and the psalmist make clear that God is turning our mourning into laughter and shouts of joy. "All God's children got a robe," go the words of a spiritual. It is not so much a stately, formal, pressed outfit as it is a set of party clothes, clothes we are happy to wear. We receive that robe in baptism, and in worship we gather for a foretaste of God's party.
December 20th	Fourth Sunday of Advent	blue	2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16 Luke 1: 46b-55 Romans 16: 25-27 Luke 1: 26-38	God keeps the promise made to David to give him an everlasting throne. The angel tells Mary that God will give David's throne to her son Jesus. She is perplexed by Gabriel's greeting and by the news of her coming pregnancy, but she is able still to say, "Count me in." We who know that Jesus is called king only as he is executed still find it a mystery hard to fathom, but with Mary today we hear the news of what God is up to and say, "Count us in."
December 27th	First Sunday of Christmas	white	Isaiah 61:10—62:3 Psalm 148 Galatians 4: 4-7 Luke 2: 22-40	The psalmist calls on the natural world, celestial bodies, fire and earth, creatures, and all humanity, to praise God. The voices of Simeon and 84-year-old Anna join the chorus today, recognizing what God is doing in Jesus. Simeon's song is often sung after communion, for we have seen God's salvation in the assembled community and have held Jesus in our hands in the bread. Then, like the prophet Anna, we tell of Jesus to all who look for the healing of the world.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE DECEMBER

Serving in God's house	December 6	December 13	December 20	December 27
Lector 8:00	Sue Deutschlander	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Sue Deutschlander
Lector 10:30	Andy Tesyk	Sarah Deiger	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk
Communion bread	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich
Chrema	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger	Jeff Hum Nancy Barret	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger	Jeff Hum Nancy Barret

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE JANUARY

Serving in God's house	January 3	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31
Lector 8:00	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Sue Deutschlander	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse
Lector 10:30	Sarah Deiger	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk	Sarah Deiger	Kathy Kramer
Communion bread	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey
Chrema	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger	Jeff Hum Nancy Barret	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger	Jeff Hum Nancy Barret	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger

Mark Your Calendar

December 13: Barber Drive BBQ Ham Dinner from noon –4pm. The meal includes cherry smoked glazed ham with parsley potatoes, buttered sweet corn and apple sauce. Cost is \$13. Call or text Michael at 330-727-0437 to pre-order.

December 20: Blue Christmas worship service at 7pm. You may attend the worship in person or on zoom. The zoom link will be emailed to you on December 18.

December 24: Christmas Eve worship at 7pm. The prelude will start at 6:30pm. You may attend this service in person or on zoom. The zoom link will be emailed to you on December 23rd. Please note that the 11:00 service has been cancelled for this year.

****Special Notes****

The St. Pauly clothing shed is open starting this week. Last year your donations clothed an estimated 2.5 million people and kept over 20 million items from the landfills!

Due to travel restrictions the installation of our new bishop, The Rev. Dr. Laura Barbins, has been postponed until June 2021.

We will not be using salt on the new pavement this year. We will be using sand instead. Please watch for slippery spots when crossing the parking lot.

Reminder: Please practice social distancing from other families when attending church. If you do not feel well, or have been around others who are ill, please stay home. Take care!

*****Thank You*****

We appreciate all of you who came in to help with the Hanging of the Greens. The church looks beautiful and festive!

Thank you to all who provided gifts for SRCCC to hand out to local children. Diane Houston said they had over 100 kids to shop for and she really appreciates our help.

The Dinner Team thanks everyone who provided desserts for the Krautfest. The community loves your cakes, cookies, and pies!

*****Christmas Project*****

We are collecting hard candy for the men of Teen Challenge again this year. You may begin bringing in your donations this weekend, December 12th. You may also bring candy in during office hours starting December 14th. Please put the candy in the box in the Narthex.

On Christmas Day, Pastor Ralph and Wendy will deliver bags of candy to all the residents of Teen Challenge and their children. Thank you to Carol Jean Horst for providing a prayer poem to be put into each bag!

Circle News ~ Team News

HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS

Hannah Circle meetings have been suspended for now. Hannah Circle is no longer collecting foil and aluminum cans. However, you may still bring them to the church for recycling and the proceeds will go to the Transformation fund. Thank you John Chuey for recycling for the church!

DORCAS CIRCLE NEWS

Dorcas Circle meetings have been suspended for now.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Our next meeting will be March 9th at 7pm. Thank you for bringing donations for Harvest Sunday! Right now we are collecting hard candy for the men of Teen Challenge for Christmas. Our annual Furry Friends collection begins in January.

DINNER TEAM

The Krautfest was held November 14th as a take out only dinner. Thank you to the dinner team and volunteers and dessert bakers! Proceeds were \$932 with over 100 people fed!

Monthly dinners will be take out only.

Sunday January 10– Chili and Cornbread

Saturday February 13– Beef tips and Noodles

Sunday March 14– Pasta Bake

Sunday April 11– Soup and Sandwich

Friday and Saturday May 14 and 15– Rummage Sale with BBQ

Saturday dinners will be from 4-7pm.

Sunday lunches will be from 12-4pm.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a study of the Stories of the Bible. Wednesday evenings this is a zoom meeting at 7pm.

Thursday evenings you may come to the chapel to study in person at 7pm.

Please give Pastor Ralph or Wendy your email address if you want to join the zoom bible study.

The Bible Study will resume January 6th on zoom and January 7th in person.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Pastor Ralph will be anointing during worship the first Sunday of each month. He will be using a new q-tip for each person. Anointing will also be available at the communion drive-thru the first Sunday of the month.

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 :

Coy Cope
Noel Melho
Joe Kreidler
Barbara Gray
Barbara Hartsock
Dave Sweeney
Constance Fabek
Karen Corey
Gavin
Nora Sabella
Tim Takach
John Olen

Scott MacDonald
Barry Pitzer
Jeannie Sauerwein
Ken & Pat Goff
Doug Hoffman
David Kuntz
Doris VandenBosch
Brennen Toy
Dan Bongino
Mark Shaffer
Sharon Leader
Gene Allen

Deb & BJ Allen
Family of Larry Bregar
Family of Jack Schneider

Serving in the Military:
Morgan Rheinhardt
Alyssa
Bryce Liberty
Jakeb Fry
Lyndsey Liberty

December 6

Jackie Makowski
Peggy Manchester
Joe Marino
Robin Marino

December 13

Alicia Mason
Larry McFall
Mary McFall
David McGaffic

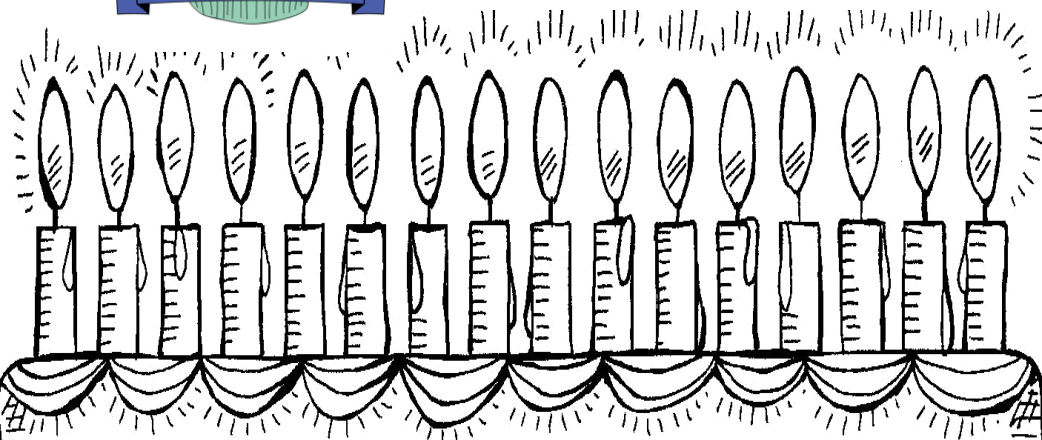
December 20

Eileen McGaffic
Deanna McIntosh
Mandy McIntosh
Michael McMurray

December 27

Roberta McMurray
Ruth McMurray
Chelsea McNeal
Baylee Mohr

29– Deb & Joe Dulovich



6– Mike D'Amico

10– Fred Coss

13– Sarah Scenna

13– Kelsie Valentine

16– Thomas Biroshak, Jr.

17– Laurie Hoefert

20– Sam Allen

21– Tim Takach

22– Kelly Shaffer

28– Ty Stricko

29– David Kuntz

31– Loetta Haller

MEETING MINUTES

Council meeting Minutes for November 17, 2020

The meeting opened with prayer led by Sarah.

present: Sue, Andy, Kelly, Greg, P. Ralph, Jeff W., Wendy, Nancy, and Sarah

excused: Jeff H.

absent: Stephanie and Peggy

Sarah welcomes Nancy and Kevin Barret as new council members. Kevin Barret will begin attending meetings in January.

Treasurer: Kelly states that the church was negative \$8,000 at the end of October. This was partly due to double payments in health coverage. The year to date is negative \$23,000 which is better than in past years. She paid the paving invoice in full, and used \$20,000 in Thrivent funds.

Old Business:

a. Eugene gathered a team and moved the bumper back into place in front of the ramp. He will also replace the spikes to hold it there. The blacktop in the drain has hardened and does not present a problem. Greg will look at the drain to make sure. In the Spring, Greg will put together a team to re-grade the driveway edge instead of putting up a retaining wall. Greg will also roll the parsonage lawn and add fill dirt and re-seed in the Spring.

b. P. Ralph met with Natalie Keenan and Angela DeVito to form a team to write Thrivent Action grants for our church events and projects. Natalie and Angela will be contacting Thrivent members to walk them through the process. The church has the potential to earn \$10,500 per year doing these ministries.

New Business:

a. Sarah and Sue will mail out the staff Christmas gift letter to the congregation. They will also distribute the gifts. Wendy will help write the letter and provide mailing supplies.

b. Sarah has registered Good Hope for the 2021 March for Jesus. It will be held at the Covelli Center on May 22nd. She needs volunteers for the task groups to attend the February training.

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

Congregational Meeting Minutes November 8, 2020

Sarah Deiger opened the meeting with prayer.

Sarah called the meeting to order.

Attendance: 11 in person and 7 on zoom.

Council nominees:

Greg Razo

Nancy Barret

Kevin Barret

Representatives for Good Hope nominees:

Camp Frederick: Sandy Kuntz and Wendy Edwards

SRCCC: Art and Barb Gray, Jeff Hum, Andy Tesyk, Eugene Hostetter, and Mike D'Amico

Synod Assembly: P. Ralph and Wendy Edwards, Sarah Deiger, and Andy Tesyk

Shepherd of the Valley: Andy Tesyk

Community Day Camp: Nancy Crouse

Council will keep looking for one more person for Day Camp.

Loetta motions that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous affirmative vote for the ballot as presented and that the Council has the option to select another person to serve on the Day Camp Committee. Andy seconds. Motion carried.

Budget Proposal:

Nancy Barret motions to accept the 2021 budget. Greg Razo seconds. Motion carried.

For the Good of the Church:

On behalf of Good Hope, Loetta thanks Jeff Hum for his service on council. She also thanks Greg Razo for accepting a second term and welcomes Kevin and Nancy Barret as new council members. Kathy thanks our team for getting the parking lot prepared and paved.

Loetta thanks all of council for their service and Pastor Ralph for the drive through communion.

Meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.



Treasurer's Report Ending October 31, 2020

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual this period	Actual this year to date	Annual budget remaining
Income	\$11,701.13	\$159,976.34	\$31,948.66
Expense	\$20,002.47	\$162,263.76	\$29,661.24
Net Total	(\$8,301.34)	(\$2,287.42)	\$2,287.42

*In the year of the unexpected,
here is what to expect from us!*

Due to the ongoing pandemic, **Shepherd of the Valley** and our home health agency, **At Home With Shepherd**, have worked to increase the amount of services available to our residents and the community. Please see our additional services below.

Comprehensive Respiratory Care Program - This program is designed to increase the quality of life for those struggling with COPD and respiratory issues. Our program is available exclusively at our Boardman community and with At Home With Shepherd.

Wound Care Management - Shepherd of the Valley has partnered with Surgical Wound Care Services to assess all your wound care needs and offer a customized treatment plan without leaving the facility. This program is available at all Shepherd of the Valley communities as well as At Home With Shepherd.

Patient Centered Memory Care Program - Our home health nurses and therapists will work with you and your loved ones through every stage of memory loss and provide the support needed to live safely and comfortably.

Fall Prevention "Steady Steps" - This program is designed for those seniors who are high fall risk or have a history of falls. Our interdisciplinary team will work to keep you safe and independent at home. The program is available at home and is completely free covered under Medicare.

***If you or anyone you know may benefit from these services, please contact me.
Thank you for your time and consideration.***

All the best,

Lauren Flauto

Marketing and Public Relations Manager

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Worship Services

Saturdays—5:00 pm

Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM & noon

Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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