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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

So, Christmas is not over yet!? Christmas does not finish until Epiphany which is on January 6th. It is the feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”) that concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people. Then we move right into the season of Sundays after Epiphany but now without the stop for the Baptism of our Lord. At the Baptism of our Lord we rejoice in God’s blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God’s children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we “pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire.” On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God’s Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine. (Sundays and Seasons)

Epiphany runs us to the Transfiguration where witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God’s glory in the word and in the supper and who are being “transformed into the same image” by God’s Spirit.

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RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

RE M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER**

ARTICLES IS
February 25

Then boom, we hit the Lenten season which begins with Ash Wednesday. 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. These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God’s grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God’s love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us. (Sunday and Seasons 2022)

Then we come to Holy week starting with Palm Sunday where we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus’ compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to “let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.” We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God’s redeeming love. Holy week ends with Maundy Thursday.

On Maundy Thursday, Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus’ death and resurrection. We remember Christ’s last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples’ feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days. Then we come to Good Friday when life and death stand side by side. In John’s passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ’s death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil. At the Vigil of Easter, we gather around fire, word, water, bread, and wine, proclaiming through story and song that ours is a God who continuously brings life out of death. On this night we experience again the heart of God’s baptismal promise and the center of our faith: we are claimed and cleansed, renewed in the death and resurrection of Christ. We gather with all the saints of every time and place to celebrate the good news: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Then boom, it is Easter morning or the Resurrection of Our Lord. “The last enemy to be destroyed is death,” Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! (Sundays and Season 2022)

That is why it seems like everything goes so fast. What will slow it down is if you celebrate each season daily and connect some type of ritual with it. Keeping looking for ways to celebrate at home the seasons we lift up to you in the church seasons.

Pastor Ralph

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
January 2nd	Second Sunday of Christmas	white	Jeremiah 31: 7-14 Psalm 147: 12-20 Ephesians 1: 3-14 John 1: 1-18	Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.
January 9th	Baptism of Our Lord	white	Isaiah 43: 1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8: 14-17 Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22	Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.
January 16th	Second Sunday after Epiphany	green	Isaiah 62: 1-5 Psalm 36: 5-10 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 John 2: 1-11	The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.
January 23rd	Third Sunday after Epiphany	green	Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a Luke 4: 14-21	God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.
January 30th	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.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE JANUARY

Serving in God's house	January 2	January 9	January 16	January 23	January 30
Lector 8:00 Lector 10:30	Greg Razo Pam Nock	Nancy Crouse Sarah Deiger	Greg Razo Kathy Kramer	Nancy Crouse Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo Pam Nock
Communion bread	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey
Chrema	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger Sandy Kuntz	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk	need need

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE FEBRUARY

Serving in God's house	February 6	February 13	February 20	February 27
Lector 8:00 Lector 10:30	Nancy Crouse Sarah Deiger	Greg Razo Kathy Kramer	Nancy Crouse Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo Pam Nock
Communion bread	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller
Chrema	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger Sandy Kuntz	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk

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.



Shannon Styer
Thomas C.
Sherman Gumbs
Dave Sweeney
Karen Corey
Mark Shaffer
Gail & Lazarus Jaji
Barbara Neal
Eunice Schmucker
Gloria Hum
Tracy Pollack

Joe Kreidler
Anna Gagye
Ernie Gagye
Bruce Holisky
T.J. Irons
Isaac Phillips
Joyce Feder
Shannon Richards
Candi Peachey
Landon
Carol Rhodes

Mike Alexander
Darla Allen
Brynn Peters
Donna Shipley
Nicole D'Amico
Carol Rhodes
Serving in the military:
Alyssa
Bryce Liberty
Jakeb Fry
Lyndsey Miller

Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :

January 2

Wendy Edwards
Ashlyn Elford
Cadence Elford
Grant Elford

January 9

Katie Elford
Michael Elford
Constance Fabek
Bart Felger

January 16

Baylee Felger
Penny Felger
Carl Frost
Jack Frost

January 23

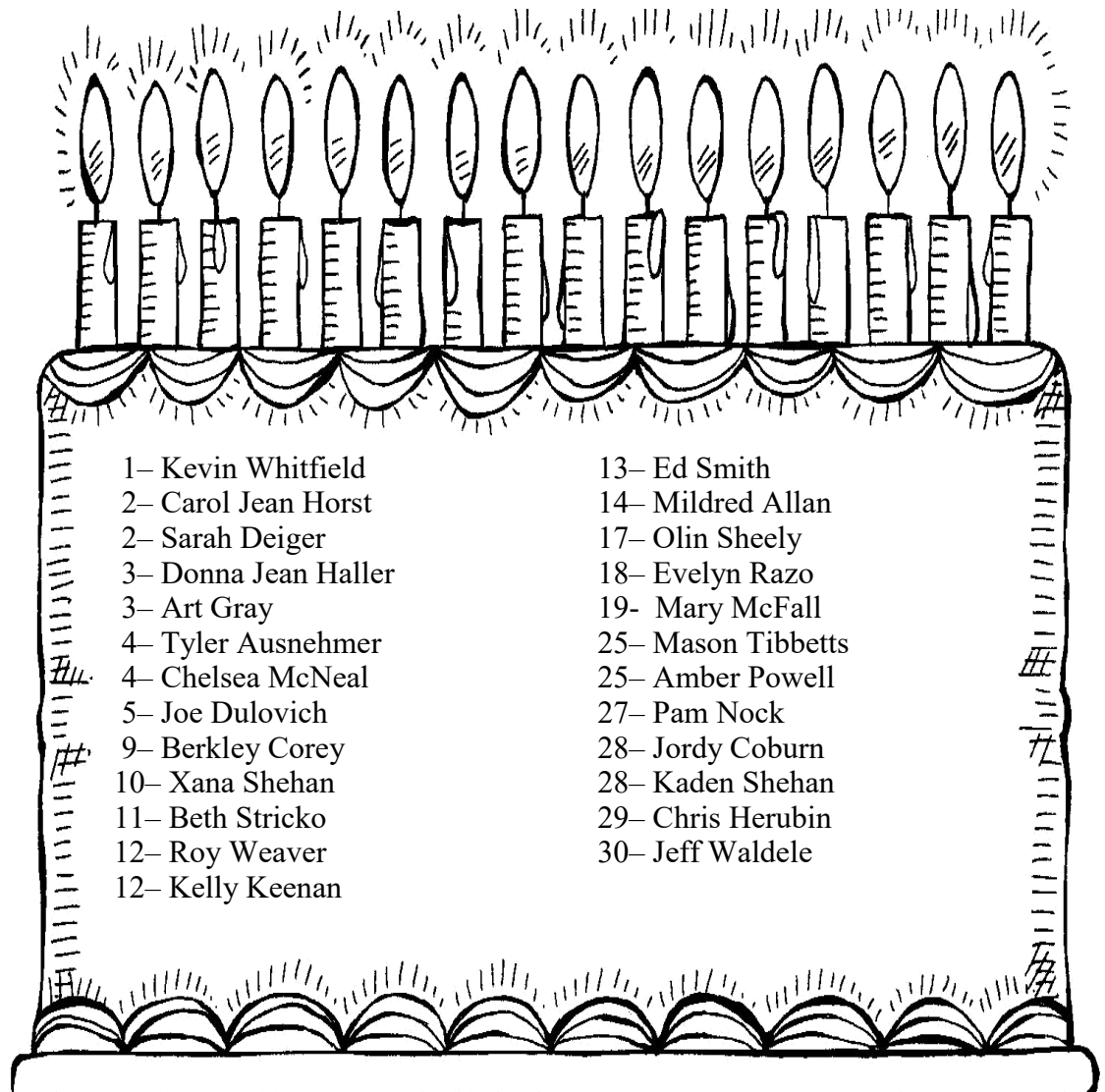
Alaina Fuller
Glenn Fuller
LaDonna Fuller
W. Glenn Fuller

January 30

Karen Galgan
Lee Galgan
Hannah Gettemy
Tina Gettemy



4- Ed & Jane Peachey
22- Jim & Dee Duncan



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes for December 21, 2021

present: Lauren, Sarah, Nancy, Kevin, Andy, Mike, P. Ralph, and Wendy

absent: Greg and Stephanie

Pastor Ralph opened the meeting with prayer.

Pastor's Report –December– 2021

Areas of Focus Last Month:

- ◆ I had 27 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others
- ◆ Funerals 3 Doug Crumbacher, Garrett Seidner, Phyllis Hawkins
- ◆ I had 35 contacts by phone for significant help.
- ◆ We had our regular number of Saturday night and Sunday morning services.
- ◆ Over the past month, I have presided at 15 worship services and prepared 7 sermons.
- ◇ Nov 7 All Saints
- ◇ Nov 7 Hired Nate to be the new pianist
- ◇ Nov 9 Partial Sign up
- ◇ Nov 21 Harvest Sunday
- ◇ Nov 21 Hanging of the Greens at Noon
- ◇ Nov 24 Thanksgiving Drive through communion 5-5:30
- ◇ Nov 28 1st Sunday in Advent Year C
- ◇ Nov 28 Nate quit

Secretary's December 2021 Report:

Helped organize for voting

Trained with LED3 to operate electronic sign

Sent winter schedule to Kris Lipscomb

Attended 2 confirmation classes

Helped with the hanging of the greens

Assisted at communion drive through

Attended fall festival at Camp Frederick

Attended Christmas festival planning meeting

Called Naomi for pianist

Changed paraments

Organized clothing shed

Completed office duties

Prepared agenda and reports for council

Took meeting minutes for council

Took minutes for congregational meeting

Prepared 5 bulletins and 9 power point services

Prepared and distributed the Reachout

Faxed all bills and statements to Kelly

(council cont.)

Old Business:

- a. Nathan resigned as pianist. He has become too busy to practice.
- b. Sarah and council thank Kevin and Nancy for donating the new copy machine in the library.

New Business:

- a. Naomi Sparks was hired on December 12 to be our pianist.
- b. Council elected Greg Razo as president and Sarah Deiger as vice president for 2022.

Kevin led the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting.



Treasurer's Report Ending November 30, 2021

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual this period	Actual this year to date	Annual budget remaining
Income	\$14,825.57	\$160,425.22	\$33,634.78
Expense	\$15,027.69	\$177,508.39	\$16,551.61
Net Total	(\$202.12)	(\$17,083.17)	\$17,083.17

Mark Your Calendar

January 1-31– pet supplies collected for shelter

January 2– Cornish hen dinner from noon– 4pm

January 9– annual chili dinner from noon– 4pm

January 9– We will be taking down the greens right after the 10:30 worship.
All are invited to join us for a fun time.

****Special Notes****

Giving envelopes for 2022 will be available starting Christmas Eve in the Narthex.

You may pick up your poinsettias after the 11pm worship on Christmas Eve or at the Saturday or Sunday worship. Please take them this weekend because I won't be here to keep them watered.

Bible study will resume on Wednesday, January 12, at 6pm. You may attend in person or on zoom. If you wish to attend by zoom, please let Wendy or Pastor Ralph know.

The dinner team needs desserts for the Chili Dinner. If you wish to donate a dessert, please bring it to the church January 9th before noon. Thank you!

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

Thank you very much for the candy for Teen Challenge! We were able to pack about 120 bags to deliver on Christmas. The residents there appreciate your gift so much. Thank you also to Kevin, Nancy, Sarah, and Andy for helping get the candy packed up.

Wendy and I would like to thank all who have blessed us with your cards, gifts, well wishes, and prayers. God Bless you all!! ***Pastor Ralph and Wendy***

****Dinner Team Schedule for 2022****

All dinners are on Sunday from 12– 4pm.

January 9– Chili Dinner

February 20– Beef tips and Noodles Dinner

March 13– Pasta Bake Dinner

April 10– Soup to go

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The Furry Friends Fundraiser



- For the month of February the Church will be collecting supplies for animal rescue agencies around the area.

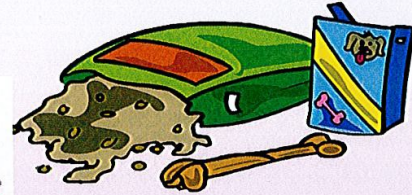
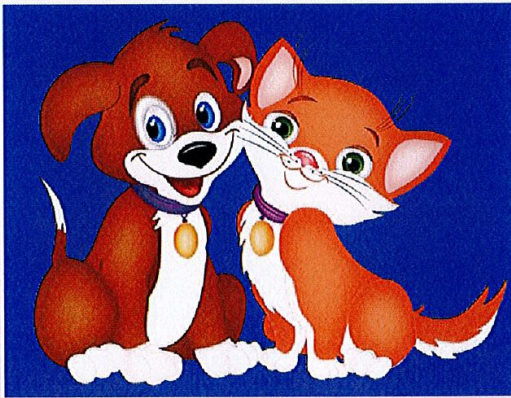
Supplies Needed for dogs & cats:



Other Supplies Needed:

- Cleaning supplies
- Buckets, rags, ect.
- Gloves
- Clorox
- Spray cleaners

- Food & water dishes
- Towels
- Blankets
- Pet beds
- Cat & dog food
- Toys, bones, etc.
- Leashes & collars
- Cat litter



Please consider making a generous donation. These agencies have no funding and need our help. If you have any questions please contact Penny Felger at (330)-503-7690. Thank you!

This year we will collect pet supplies in January and February. You may bring your donations to the Narthex when you attend church or during office hours. The shelters appreciate your help and will be glad to accept used supplies such as towels, blankets, food dishes, collars, etc. Most of the small shelters in our area do not receive public funding and they are overrun with unwanted animals in the cold months. Please consider donating. Thank you!

JANUARY 9TH From Noon - 4PM
GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
12030 Market Street, North lima



**HOMEMADE CHILI WITH CORNBREAD AND
DESSERT! SEVERAL KINDS OF CHILI
TO CHOSE FROM. \$10
DRIVE THROUGH ONLY**

We need your help to provide a dessert for this meal.

Please bring your desserts to the church January 9th before noon.

Thank you in advance!

SUNDAY JANUARY 2ND
NOON- 4PM OR TILL SOLDOUT

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BBQ- TO- GO provided by
BARBER DRIVE BARBEQUE

*TENDER ROASTED CORNISH HENS SERVED
WITH HOMEMADE DRESSING, MASHED
POTATOES AND GRAVY AND BUTTERED
SWEET CORN. \$15!*

**CALL OR TEXT MICHAEL TO
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Return Services Requested

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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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