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

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What is my memory verse? Does anyone remember? 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18! ¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Now, what is my life verse? 1 Peter 4: 7-11! ⁷The end of all things is near; therefore, be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Be hospitable to one another without complaining. ¹⁰Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. ¹¹Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen. And of course, the Bible verse I need to hear every day. Romans 5:6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. So, that is it! Do you have favorite verses in the Bible? Do you have a verse that drives your daily life. Those verses you ponder or memorize? Those verses that keep you going? If you don't, what is stopping you? How can I help you to see that God needs to be in front of you, in the back of your mind and behind you. Wake up thanking God for the new day and fall asleep praising God for another day! Do you thank God for each and every moment in the day. The good and the bad and sometimes the ugly.

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I challenge you to find ways to incorporate God into your everyday life not just with a complaint or a desire, but with guidance and desire for His opinion. For example, I was talking to the Bible study class and Naomi stated she thinks about and likes Isaiah 8:11 “For the LORD spoke thus to me while his hand was strong upon me, and warned me not to walk in the way of this people, saying:” I love that she has God help her to think about the life she leads. That she might not think like everyone else but that is okay because God doesn’t want her to think like everyone else. Naomi stands out. Wendy and I have grown to appreciate that fact. I don’t always hang out with like minded people. I have grown to appreciate seeing things from a different perspective. But I have my core. My absolutes! My what makes me, me. And at the top is my statements of beliefs, and what shapes me is God! Now as you all know, I am not always right. (Wendy help me out here?!?!?) But I know a guy! And you know my Guy too!! If we model our lives with Christ, we learn that we have a servant King and that we must serve Him by serving each other. When we say things like, I am leading this so we are doing it my way, we become like King Saul who said I am King. I make the final choice. No, God is the King and God has the final say. We should strive to allow God to speak into our choices. Which says: “How can I serve you?” God has to be the ultimate helper in our decisions.

As your pastor I am to lead by serving. Serving God through reaching out to my neighbor. I am to teach and put forth the scriptures to instruct this body of Christ to look to its left and right at our neighbors. Serving them with the Word and scriptures we have, that they might see Christ through our actions and our lives. Does that mean we no longer struggle? Of course not. We struggle with hope, getting our next breath from God! They see us use prayer to receive strength. They see us use scripture to find strength and guidance. They see us confess and turn to the Body when we are weak and the Body forgives and welcomes us to come and be fed. But it all starts with us truly knowing God. In Bible study the people forgot who Christ was in their lives. Then the church leaders and then the judges. We need to be reminded again and again who we serve and how we serve. Please use the scriptures to teach and to compare your life. That you may let the world see your light shine that they may glorify your father in heaven.

Pastor Ralph

February 8 and 9: The confirmation class will be collecting money to order from the Good Gifts catalogue. They have set a goal to send a family farm. This includes tools, training, plants and animals. All for \$715! Please look for the class to be holding their soup pots. Thank you for your donations!

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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| DATE | EVENT | COLOR | READINGS | INTRODUCTION |
|---------------|---------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| February 2nd | 4th 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 9th | 5th 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 God's glory. "Who will go for us?" God asks. A person 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 that we are also called. |
| February 16th | 6th 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 are" 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 offers power to heal us all. |
| February 23rd | 7th 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 God's glory revealed in Christ. |

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

FEBRUARY

| Serving in God's house | February 2 | February 9 | February 16 | February 23 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Lector 8:00 Liturgy | Greg Razo Pastor Ralph | Nancy Crouse | Greg Razo | Nancy Crouse Pastor Ralph |
| Lector 10:30 Liturgy | Kathy Kramer Pastor Ralph | Andy Tesyk | Kathy Kramer | Andy Tesyk Pastor Ralph |
| Communion bread | Tammy Chuey | Tammy Chuey | Tammy Chuey | Tammy Chuey |
| Altar Guild | Andy Tesyk | Andy Tesyk | Andy Tesyk | Andy Tesyk |
| Chrema | Andy Tesyk Wendy Edwards Tammy Chuey | Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk | Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Tammy Chuey | Wendy Edwards Andy Tesyk |

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

MARCH

| Serving in God's house | March 2 | March 9 | March 16 | March 23 | March 30 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Lector 8:00 | Greg Razo | Nancy Crouse | Greg Razo | Nancy Crouse | Greg Razo |
| Lector 10:30 Liturgy | Kathy Kramer Pastor Ralph | Andy Tesyk | Kathy Kramer | Andy Tesyk Pastor Ralph | Kathy Kramer |
| Communion bread | Marion Meyer | Marion Meyer | Marion Meyer | Marion Meyer | Marion Meyer |
| Altar Guild | Andy Tesyk | Andy Tesyk | Andy Tesyk | Andy Tesyk | Andy Tesyk |
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Animal Charity
of Ohio
WISH LIST



“Kirby doesn’t like to make toys!”

But he SURE loves to get them! Consider a donation to support the hundreds of animals in our care!

- Fleece Blankets

- Peanut Butter

- Purina One Dog Food (Lamb & Rice Formula)

- Wet Cat Food

- Kitty Litter (any brand)

- Kong Toys

- XL Nylabone Dog Toys

- Feline Pine Letters

- Monetary donations towards animals care!

We will collect these supplies until February 15th.
Also needed: dog food, clening supplies, and toys.
Thank you for your donations!

Our Prayer List

Ruth Thompson
 Maria Neopolitan
 Ava Viviano
 Debbie Haines
 Jeffrey Scheffert
 Alice Kreidler

Linda Lude
 Gary Elliot
 Michael Smith
 Kerry Gumbs
 Jeff Waldele
 Mason Shaw

Janet Chittock
 Bruce Holisky
 Rick Ryan
 Jack Parillo
 Aubree Tukalo

April Ziser
 Westen
 In the military:
 Alyssa
 Bryce Liberty
 Jakeb Fry
 Daniel McMurray



14- Jim & Linda Lude
 27- Art & Barb Gray

Our weekly intercessory
 prayer for the people of our
 congregation :

February 2

Anna Christine Greenberg
 Don Greenberg
 Sharon Greenberg
 Kathy Grossen

February 9

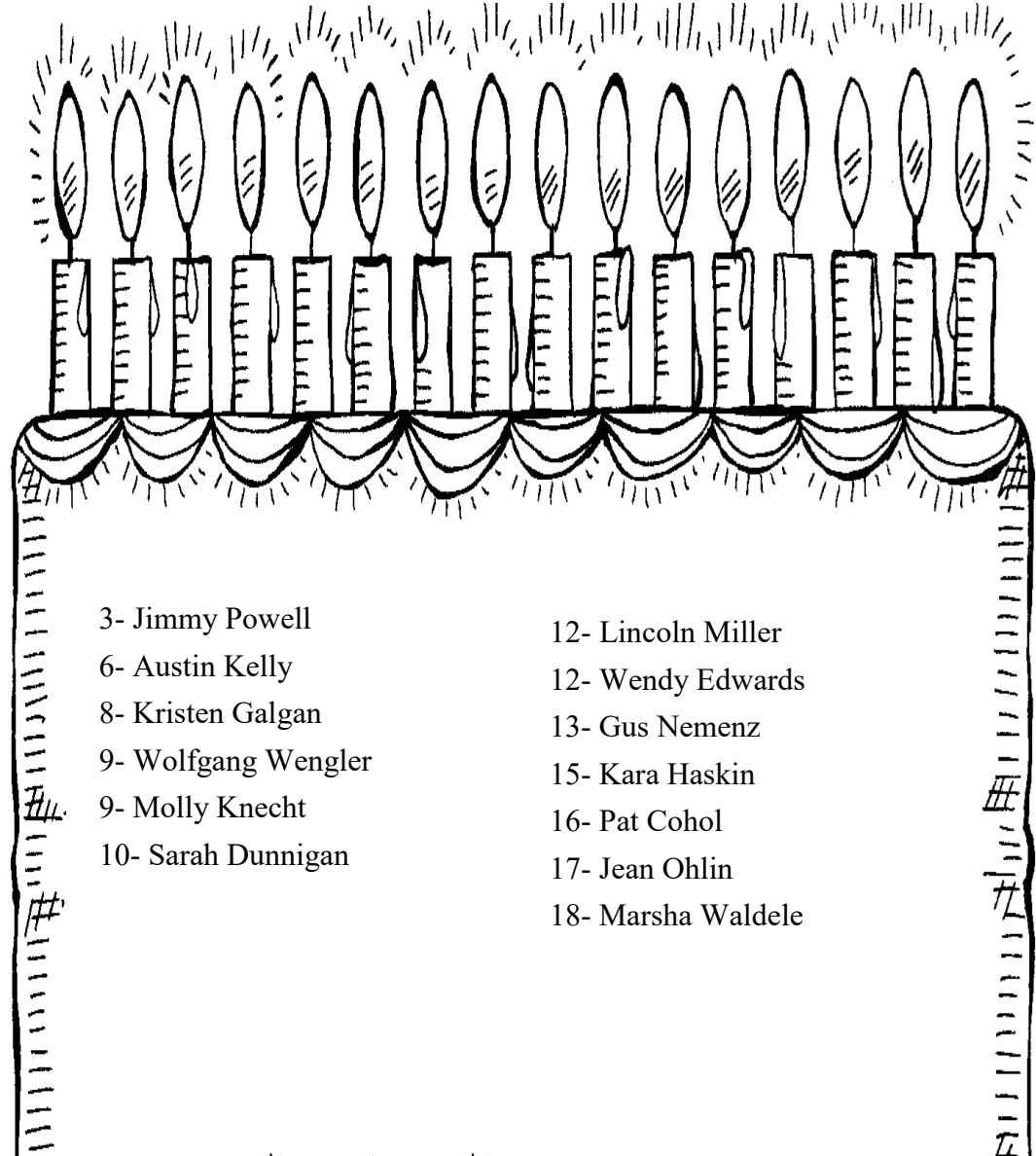
Debbie Haines
 Nick Haines
 Alice Ann Haller
 Chuck Haller

February 16

Donna Jean Haller
 Loetta Haller
 Heather Harper
 Marc Harper

February 23

Kara Haskin
 Tyler Haskin
 Cindi Heck
 Dave Heck





SUNDAY
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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes for January 21, 2025

present: Ken, Greg, Pastor Ralph, and Wendy

excused: Kim, Carl, and Mark

Pastor's Report –January– 2025

Area of Focus Last Month:

- ♦ I had 15 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
- ♦ I had 20 contacts by phone for significant help.
- ♦ We had our regular number of Saturday night and Sunday morning services. Plus, Advent and Blue Christmas and Christmas Eve services.
- ♦ Over the past month I have presided at 18 worship services and prepared 10 sermons.
- Dec 1 Advent Begins
- Dec 1, 8, 15 Advent Worship 6pm
- Dec 7 Soup sale Community Day Camp
- Dec 22 Blue Christmas Mass 6pm
- Dec 24 Christmas Candle Light Service 7P.M. and 11P.M. Naomi will be off.
- Dec 25 No Bible Study
- Dec 26 No Confirmation
- Dec 26-Jan 3 Pastor Ralph & Wendy on vacation (Sandy Kuntz will preach)
- Dec 28 Levites lead by Carl Frost and Bill Varga (Wendy make a list for Bill)
- Dec 29 No Sunday School

Secretary's Report:

Advent Worship- Dec. 1, 8, 15

Volunteered at Sunday School- Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22

Confirmation classes- Dec. 4, 11, 18

Blue Christmas Worship 7pm- Dec. 22

Christmas Eve Worship 7pm and 11pm

Helped with taking down the greens

Changed paraments

Restocked supplies in pews

Answered calls for 3 c's

Updated electronic sign

Organized clothing shed

Emailed reports and meeting minutes to council

Completed office duties

Prepared 9 bulletins and 13 power point services

Prepared and distributed the Reachout

All bills and statements to Naomi

(council cont.)

Old Business:

- a. The transition to Armstrong from AT&T was completed January 17th. The new phone system was installed. We are saving about \$25 per month.
- b. The Chili Dinner proceeds are \$736. Council thanks everyone who donated a dessert and those who prepared and served the dinner.

New Business:

- a. The Intro to the Bible course began January 22 at 12:30 and January 23 at 6:30pm.
- b. The next congregational meeting will be held February 9th at 9am.
- c. The 2024 audit was completed January 18th by Nancy and Kevin Barret and Amber Powell. Pastor Ralph led the Lord's Prayer to close meeting.

Chili Dinner Report

There was a lot of competition- with two other chili cook-offs in the area- and we were pummeled with snow and wind, but you all made it work.

Thank you for donating chili and desserts!

Thank you for preparing and serving!

Proceeds were \$823 and several quarts of chili and desserts were donated to Teen Challenge.

Treasurer's Report December 1- December 31, 2024

| Negative shown in parentheses | Actual | Budget | Budget remaining |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| Income | \$15,070.02 | \$16,159.88 | \$1,089.86 |
| Expense | \$15,230.40 | \$15,889.87 | \$659.47 |
| Net Total | (\$160.38) | \$270.01 | \$430.39 |

Mark Your Calendar

February 2, 9, 16, 23- Family Sunday School 9:15

February 5, 19, 26- Bible study at 11am

February 5, 19, 26- Faith and Lead Bible Study 12:30

February 8 & 9- Collection for Good Gifts

February 9- congregational meeting 9am

February 12- Worship at Briarfield Place 11am

February 15- Beef tips and Noodles dinner 4-7pm

February 22- Levites at Mt. Olivet breakfast 9am

February 23- Teen challenge worship and lunch

March 5- Imposition of Ashes 11am- 1pm

March 5- Ash Wednesday worship and Imposition of ashes 7pm

***The Bible Study is being held in the chapel on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays at 11am. The second Wednesday of the month we go to Briarfield Place for worship.**

***The Faith and Lead Bible study is held on Wednesdays at 12:30pm. You may join in person or by zoom. Please use the zoom link below.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94263012735?pwd=UIA0L1FjMEpDT0ZWQUdsY250VzIUT09>



ASH WEDNESDAY

You may receive ashes March 5th from 11am- 1pm.

Ashes will also be available at the 7pm worship on March 5th.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

4 TO 7 P.M.

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BEEF TIPS AND NOODLES DINNER

Served with tossed salad,

bread, beverage, and homemade desserts.

\$15 per meal.

TAKE OUT AND DRIVE THROUGH AVAILABLE



Pastor Ralph has started a new worship service at Briarfield Place. This is on Market Street across from McClurg Road. The service is held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 11am and is designed to bring the residents the same worship that we had the previous weekend. Hymns are sung and communion is served to all. Come and see!



| WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: | January | February | March |
|--------------------|---------|----------|-------|
| | 5- 59 | | |
| | 12- 51 | | |
| | 19- 53 | | |
| | 26- 59 | | |

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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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