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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

I'm concerned that the church has turned into a bunker where we seek shelter, when we are actually called to storm the gates of hell. Does that sound safe? I can't imagine a more daring or dangerous mission. (In a pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day- Maek Batterson)

I have read books like Failing Forward, and Feel the fear but do it anyways. I never ever thought that I wasn't going to move. It is just been my problem in what direction does God want me to move! I really wonder if what we are doing here makes a difference in peoples lives. Are we dreaming big enough are we looking for and using all of our resources. Do we the people of Good Hope want the same thing? How are we reaching out to the lost? I am praying for some signs and I ask for you also to pray for signs. What should be our next move? What should we put our time and energy into? I want to do more then just worry about the bills. I want us to reach out to the community, whatever we decide that to be and make a difference.

This is the beginning of a new year. 2025 Wow! We have been through a lot and we have more to do! Here we go with a whole new leadership team. I hope we pay more attention to mission mindedness verses chaplaincy. The church is about building disciples, not just disciples that perform priestly duties and care for the church, but disciples who learn about their God and leader Jesus Christ.

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Disciples are not just to work in house but are to be sent out. Disciples find ways to encourage and build disciples themselves. Who is watching you? Who do you have influence on? I think of Ralph Waldren. He called all his grandkids and great-grand kids and said he would see them at church Sunday. I think about what one place would you go to meet your Father the Creator of Heaven and earth? Where would you go to see Christ? The church is a training ground and a place for practice. We make mistakes and we hold each other accountable.

I have a wonderful feeling about this coming year. I also know we have to get serious about what it looks like to move into mission. A "mission-minded" church would likely appear as a congregation deeply involved in outreach activities, actively seeking to share their faith with the wider community, demonstrating a strong focus on serving others, and prioritizing initiatives to reach those who might not traditionally attend church services. This could manifest in community events, partnerships with local organizations, and a visible commitment to social justice issues.

Please pray for me and the leadership of the church. Please find ways to participate. Please let me know of times you can show up for different classes that I will be presenting. When are good times to hold them? Sundays, during the day sometime between 1pm and 7pm?? How about Wednesday anytime between 1pm and 7pm? What about Thursday at 9am and 7pm? I have confirmation at 5 but we can meet before or after that. I am willing to have an afternoon class and evening class. We just need to have a time where God's Word is not just proclaimed but taught. I want to encourage the older members to come also, I need your help to judge if a class is good or we need something else. I am willing to hold classes for 3 people or 6 or 12 or 33. I am even willing to handle 150. We just need to do something different!

The first class available is An over-view of the whole Bible! It is short and interesting. Let's start there. This is not to replace any ongoing Bible Studies or classes going on. But I would like to touch every member with these classes so I really need to know when you can do them. I am willing to do three or four classes on the same material. I need your help! Crash Course: God, intro to prayer, Crash Course: Bible, Book of Acts This all comes from the FAITH+LEAD Program from Luther Seminary in St. Paul Minnesota.

Well! That is it! This is my plan for 2025. I hope you join me and we have fun as well as learn new ways God expresses Himself to us.

Wendy and I thank you for the gifts, cards, and prayers you have blessed us with. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a blessed New year.

Pastor Ralph

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
January 5th	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 12th	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 19th	Second Sunday of 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 26th	Third Sunday of 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.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

JANUARY

Serving in God's house	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
Lector 8:00	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse
Lector 10:30 Liturgy	Kathy Kramer Pastor Ralph	Andy Tesyk	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk Pastor Ralph
Communion bread	Carol Craig	Carol Craig	Carol Craig	Carol Craig
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

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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



JANUARY 18TH
4pm- 7pm

IT'S A CHILI COOK- OFF
COME AND TASTE THEM ALL
VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE
HOMEMADE CHILI SERVED WITH
HOMEMADE CORNBREAD.
SEVERAL KINDS OF CHILI
TO CHOSE FROM. \$10
DRIVE THROUGH ALSO

BEEF TIPS and NOODLES DINNER
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15
4 TO 7 P.M.

Served with tossed salad, bread, beverage,
and homemade desserts. \$15 per meal.

Our Prayer List

Ruth Thompson	Linda Lude	Janet Chittock	Sue Weeks
Maria Neopolitan	Gary Elliot	Bruce Holisky	In the military:
Ava Viviano	Michael Smith	Rick Ryan	Alyssa
Debbie Haines	Kerry Gumbs	Jack Parillo	Bryce Liberty
Jeffrey Scheffert	Jeff Waldele	Aubree Tukalo	Jakeb Fry
			Daniel McMurray



Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :

January 5

Constance Fabek
Bart Felger
Penny Felger
Carl Frost

January 12

Jack Frost
LaDonna Fuller
Glenn Fuller
Karen Galgan

January 19

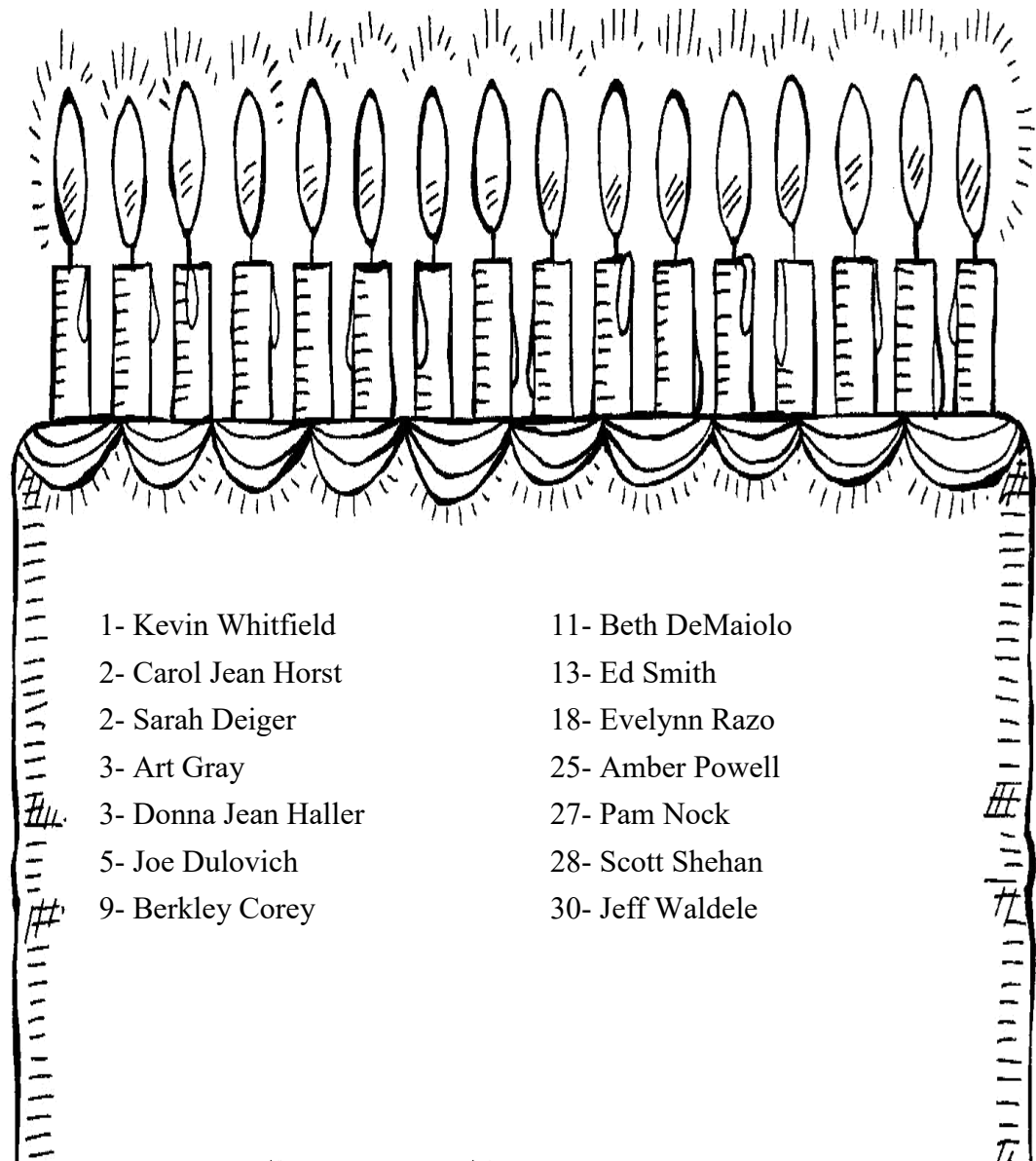
Kristen Galgan
Lee Galgan
Hannah Gettemy
Tina Gettemy

January 26

Daralee Graham
Wayne Graham
Art Gray
Barbara Gray



4- Ed and Jane Peachey





SUNDAY
SCHOOL
FUN!!



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes for December 17, 2024

Greg opened the meeting with prayer.

present: Carl, Kim, Mike, Ken, Mark, Pastor Ralph, Wendy, and Greg

excused: Andy

Council thanked Mike McMurray for his service on council. Greg will continue for a while.

Pastor's Report- December-2024

Area of Focus Last Month:

- ⇒ I had 20 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
- ⇒ I had 10 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 1 I speak at Family faith Breakfast
- ◆ Nov 2 Ordination Ceremony
- ◆ Nov 6 Clergy Breakfast
- ◆ Nov 7 Confirmation Begins 5pm-6pm
- ◆ Nov 8 Funeral Mrs. Rich
- ◆ Nov 9 Veterans Day Celebration Beaver Fire Station
- ◆ Nov 17 Sunday School begins every Sunday at 9:15A.M.
- ◆ Nov 19 Debrief Beaver Township Fire Dept
- ◆ Nov 23 Erik Carlson Funeral
- ◆ Nov 24 Hanging of the Greens
- ◆ Nov 24 Harvest Sunday
- ◆ Nov 25 Interment Erik Carlson

Secretary's Report:

Helped at Krautfest Dinner

Took minutes for congregational meeting

Attended confirmation classes

Volunteered at Sunday School

Helped with hanging the greens

(continued)

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 bulletins and power point services

Prepared and distributed the Reachout

(council cont.)**Old Business:**

a. On December 4th Adam and Pastor Ralph switched the church from AT&T to Armstrong for phone and internet service. The services are running much better and the cost will be less per month. Also, Jeff Waldele installed a new HDMI cable in the sanctuary. Now all of the words show on both televisions.

New Business:

a. Pastor Ralph motions to accept the slate of council officers for 2025 as follows: president- Andy Tesyk, vice president- Ken Lude, secretary- Wendy Edwards. Mark seconds. Motion carried.

Dinners 2025:

- a. Chili cook- off -January 18 from 4- 7pm
 b. Beef tips and Noodles – February 15 from 4- 7pm
 Greg led the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting.

Treasurer's Report November 1- November 31, 2024

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual Jan. -Nov.	Budget Jan.- Nov.	Budget over/under Jan.- Nov.
Income	\$156,701.05	\$177,759.12	(\$21,058.07)
Expense	\$174,105.47	\$180,389.13	\$6,283.66
Net Total	(\$17,404.42)	(\$2,630.01)	(\$14,774.41)

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE**October****November****December****6- 68****3- 59****1- 60****13- 52****10- 67****8- 50****20- 48****17- 70****15- 61****27- 55****24- 70****22- 63**

Mark Your Calendar

December 28- Levites at Mt. Olivet breakfast 9am

January 5- taking down greens at noon

January 8- Worship at Briarfield Place 11am

January 12- Chris and Coria Brock

January 15, 22, 29- Bible study at 11am

January 18- Chili cook-off and dinner 4-7pm

January 19- Installation of council members at all services

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

February 23- Teen challenge worship and lunch

Pastor Ralph is starting a new worship service at Briarfield Place. The service will be on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 11am. Please let him know if you would like to assist with the service or anoint.

Thank you for donating candy for Teen Challenge!
Thank you for your generous donations to the Sunday School shopping day!

Thank you for your generous donation of canned goods and shelf staples. Your donation is a blessing to our organization.

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of Church and Comm.*

**We will collect these supplies all of January.
Thank you for your donations!**



Animal Charity
of Ohio

WISH LIST

SCAN ME



“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!

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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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