

January - February 2018 Newsletter



CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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From the Pastors Study

As the days of one year ends and a new one begins many of us make promises to ourselves that we will change certain things about **our lives that we don't like**. **Losing weight and eating healthier** are often the most common promises we make. Some of us decide that we will save more money and spend less. Some of us promise to spend less time working and spend more time relaxing and enjoying life. But as we all know from our own experiences the changes we vow to make on **New Year's Eve are not as easy to keep as we think they will be**. That is because most of the negative things we want to change about ourselves have deep roots in our lives. Many of the things we do yet dislike serve a purpose in our life. They often fill an emotional emptiness we have within ourselves; they fill emptiness in our soul.

Over eating is often rooted in emotional issues that began in **childhood thus the expression "emotional eating"**. **What's eating you** that makes you want to eat? Being a workaholic is often a compensation for feelings of inadequacy. We think our worth is in our work and how much we can accomplish. Our overspending temporarily fills an emptiness inside. It is a quick fix for feelings of not being loved. When we fill every minute of our lives with activities it is often because we are **running from ourselves**. **We don't want to stop for a moment because** then we might have to really be with ourselves, look at ourselves, and that makes us uncomfortable. We might not like what we see. All of these things distract us from living a full genuine life, the kind of life God intends for us.

Changes in our lives are much better made on a daily basis **instead of on New Year's Eve**. **Every day can be a new beginning**. Even better, every minute of the day can be a new beginning. Any time we are about to say or think something, or do something we have the opportunity to stop and evaluate what we are really saying, thinking or doing. What do those words really mean that are about to come out of our mouths? Are our thoughts at the moment based on truth or are they based on how we have thought about something our entire life without questioning their validity. Are the words we are about to speak for others to hear, based on what is true or are they more based on fear, anger, and ignorance (not knowing the truth about something.)?

But more importantly are the words we speak and the thoughts we **think based and grounded in God's love? If they are, then they will be** based on truth.

God has always known from our beginning that we would need a lot of help getting through life. God has watched his people behave badly, make bad decisions, fight among themselves, go to war and persecute one another sometimes in the very name of God. God knew we needed a savior, someone to save us from ourselves, someone to be a genuine example of love for us to follow, to be a light in a dark world. And so after watching his people behave badly and in destructive ways for generation after generation, God decided now was the time and he sent us Jesus; The Way, The Truth, and The Life.

As we move forward into this new year consider doing so fully conscious of what you are thinking, saying, and doing. Ask yourself if your actions, your words, your thoughts are based in love. Stop allowing your emotions at a given moment to have power over your life. Be mindful that your words and actions have the power to lift someone up or to tear them down. God never wants us to tear one another down but to live in harmony with one another. God wants us to help one another along our journey together through life. None of us has all the answers or knows all the truth about anything. But God does. And it is through our relationship with God through Jesus, and by the power of the gift of the Holy Spirit, that we have what we need to live together in peace as the family of God.

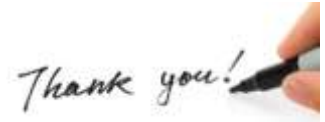
God sent us Jesus that we might have new life, that we might have a brother to lean on and to go to when our lives are a mess. Someone who knows what it is like to live in this broken world with its many challenges. Be mindful of what Christmas is really about, God loving us so much that he was willing to come live among us as Jesus so that we would have hope for all eternity. What better gift could anyone ask for? How could we be anything but happy at such good news.

In Christian Love,
Pastor Michael

My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; but if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.-1 John 2:1-2

Thank You

Thank you to the congregation for the generous monetary Christmas gift. It was much appreciated. Thanks to everyone who helped make this Christmas special. -Pastor Michael



Pastor's New Schedule

Pastor Michael begins a three quarters time work week starting the first of the new year. This means he will no longer be in the office as many days as he has been. He will be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:30-2:30 and of course on Sunday. Those days and hours are subject to change at times as different circumstances arise that might call him away from the office. It is always best to call his cell phone to make sure he is in the office before coming to the church to see him.

Book Study Group

Please contact Pastor Michael if you are interested in a book study group beginning in January. The book being suggested is "Hillbilly Elegy". The group usually meets on Tuesday mornings.



Inclement Weather Policy for Sunday Services



We are in the season of inclement weather that might prevent worship services on some Sunday mornings. If you are not certain as to whether or not Sunday worship is being held, please call Bob Benchoff at 377-4729.

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The former St. Paul - Harbaugh Charge of the UCC officially became The Church of the Apostles, UCC at a Uniting Service held at Trinity, UCC, Waynesboro on March 26, 1967.

The Finance Committee is shown in the following photo. Our celebration will continue with a newsletter photo of the Building Committees as well as progress photos leading up to the Building Dedication in 1969.

A 50th Anniversary committee will be formed to plan a Service of Celebration to commemorate the Building Dedication in 2019.



Finance Committee

Back Row: Francis Kline, Lewis Purnell, Glen Cluck, George Garrett.

Front Row: Anna Pryor, Beulah Mentzer.

***Birthdays &
Anniversaries
in
January
&
February***



January

- 2 Arianna Taylor
- 4 Gretchen Baumgardner
- 7 Randy Cramer
- 24 Amy Dingle
- 24 Danny Deaver
- 24 Robert and Betty Lynerd
- 25 Holly Berkey
- 28 Bruce and Maude Barr

February

- 7 Dylan Fitz
- 9 Elizabeth Reeher
- 10 Laurie Deavers
- 13 Ashley (Ritchey) Walker
- 15 Julia Cramer
- 16 Richard and Linda Hovis
- 26 Hailee Leidig
- 28 Chloe Lux

**Calendar of Events
January**

- 7 Worship 10:45 AM
- 8 Social Seniors at Trinity State Line 2-4 PM
- 8 Buchanan Trail Quilters 5:30 PM
- 14 Worship 10:45 AM
- 16 Silver Express Delivery 1:30 PM
- 21 Worship 10:45 AM
- 28 Worship 10:45 AM

February

- 4 Worship 10:45 AM
- 11 Worship 10:45 AM
- 12 Social Seniors at Church of the Apostles 2-4 PM
- 12 Buchanan Trail Quilters 5:30 PM
- 18 Worship 10:45 AM
- 20 Silver Express Delivery 1:30 PM
- 24 Buchanan Trail Quilters 9 AM
- 25 Worship 10:45 AM



Weight Watchers meets every
Tuesday at 5 PM
and Wednesday at 9 AM

Al Anon meets every Thursday
from 8-9 PM

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS *in* **January & February**



Ushers & Greeters

January

January 7: Tony & Donna Haugh

January 14: Donna Levick & Conner Jacobs

January 21: Randy Cramer & Bob Benchoff

January 28: Tony & Donna Haugh

February

February 4: Nevin & Sondra Monn

February 11: Brian & Debbie Jacobs

February 18: Bob Stum & Ernie Fitz

February 25: Donna Levick & Judy Fitz



Communion Assistants

January 7: Tony & Donna Haugh

February 4: Brian & Debbie Jacobs

CONSISTORY
MEMBERS



Julia Cramer

Jean High

Mary Lou Misner

Martha Smith



Donna Levick

Sondra Monn

Nevin Monn

Brian Jacobs

CONSISTORY MEETING

Sunday, January 14, 2018

12:00 pm

Service of Installation of
Lay Leaders during Worship!

Your Opportunity to Help !!!

Committee sign up sheets will be posted in Fellowship Hall during the month of January.

Lay Leaders and Committees are vital to our mission & ministry!

"BE THE CHURCH"



Social Seniors

January

The January Social Seniors will be held on January 8
at
Trinity State Line from 2 - 4 PM.
The program is Winter Fun.

February

The February Social Seniors will be held on February 12
at
Church of the Apostles from 2 - 4 PM.
The program will be announced at a later date.

“Silver Express” Food Bank

Thank you for your help to fill their
bowls!



Donations for this month
will be delivered **January 16 & February 20.**



All canned/boxed food on the shelves will be delivered
each month to ensure freshness.

Monthly donations are much appreciated!

***This
Flower
Arrangement
was
received
by
the
Church
from
the
Residents
at
Trinity
House.***



Eichholz Flowers



THANK YOU!

FROM,

ALL THE RESIDENTS



133 E. Main St. • Waynesboro, PA 17268
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Arianna with her Admissions Folder for Washington & Jefferson College





Christ Bell



THE BELL

I KNOW WHO I AM.

I am God's child. (John 1:12)
I am Christ's friend. (John 15:15)
I am united with the Lord. (1 Cor. 6:17)
I am bought with a price. (1 Cor. 6:19-20)
I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)
I am a personal witness of Christ. (Acts 1:8)
I am the salt & light of the earth. (Matt 5:13-14)
I am a member of the body of Christ. (1 Cor. 12:27)
I am free forever from condemnation. (Rom. 8:1-2)
I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant. (Phil. 3:20)
I am free from any charge against me. (Rom. 8:31-34)
I am a minister of reconciliation for God. (2 Cor. 5:17-21)
I have access to God through the Holy Spirit. (Eph. 2:18)
I am seated with Christ in the Heavenly realms. (Eph. 2:6)
I cannot be separated from the love of God. (Rom. 8:35-39)
I am established, anointed, sealed by God. (2 Cor. 1:21-22)
I am assured all things work together for good. (Rom. 8:28)
I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit. (John 15:16)
I may approach God with freedom and confidence. (Eph. 3:12)
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Phil. 4:13)
I am a branch of the true vine, a channel of His life. (John 15:1-5)
I am God's temple. (1 Cor. 3:16) I am complete with Christ. (Col. 2:10)
I am hidden with Christ in God. (Col. 3:3) I have been justified. (Romans 5:1)
I am God's co-worker. (1 Cor. 3:9, 2 Cor. 6:1) I am God's workmanship. (Eph. 2:10)
I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected. (Phil. 1:5)
I have been redeemed and forgiven. (Col. 1:14) I have been adopted as God's child. (Eph. 1:5)
I belong to God
Do you know
Who you are?

Keep this bell ringing. Pass it on!

*The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you
And be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace!*

Numbers 6:24-26

HOPE



PEACE



JOY



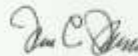
**From
the
UCC
National
Office**

"This is how God showed love among us: God sent the one and only Son into the world that we might live through him." - 1 John 4:9

A just world for all is filled with
LOVE



Let each of us be filled with the love of God and share our love of neighbor, love of children and love of creation during this Christmas Season, and throughout the year.


Rev. John Dorhauser
General Minister
and President


Rev. Jim Hoos
Executive Minister


Rev. Tracy Blackman
Executive Minister





**From
the
Residents
of
Trinity
House**

Thank you so much for the food you all bring to us each and every month. It is a blessing to all us. May this holiday season, fill your hearts with love, joy, and peace. As we honor the birth of Jesus, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Linda Baker
 Stan Connelly
 Dodie Starliper
 Kristie McNeal
 Wilma Knight
 Donna Baker
 Eliza Baker
 Carol Ann Cook
 John Hoffman

Gerda Barrientos Janax su
 God bless you much -
 all without night

Because your thoughtfulness shows in all you do, may the joy you give to others find its way back to you.

Pat Brubaker
 Carolyn Smith
 Donna Fern
 Jean Swartz
 Carole Castled
 Sondra Wagoner
 Camanche R. Sewell
 Brian Welsh
 Donna Vaughn
 Barb Criss
 Pat Oter
 Rose Miller

Betty Freeman
 FRED ANONY
 Radd Bad
 Blenda Sheffler
 Martha Bond
 Darryl Swaten
 Ferna Pryor
 Cathy Perrowe
 Mark Steener
 Luis Martin
 Francis Pina

Thank
you



Love was in the air
as we worked together
making wreaths +
arrangements that were
sold at your church
on Saturday, December 2nd
raising money for the
Waynesboro Hospital
Auxiliary.

Thank you so much
for again allowing us
the use of your
beautiful facility.

Sincerely,
Rhonda McFarland +
Ann O'Toole

**From
the
Waynesboro
Hospital
Greens
Sale**

**THE CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Please forward an address change to the Church office.



January & February 2018

MISSION STATEMENT

We are called together to worship God, united by the Holy Spirit, and chosen as instruments of our Lord's purpose to teach, support and serve all people. We witness to the church, the community and the world by showing joy in the faith and using our talents to praise God.