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December 2018

Sunday - The Lord's Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DECEMBER 2 8:30am Worship with Communion 9:40am Sunday School 11:00am Worship with Communion Poinsettia orders due today FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7:00pm Youth Group for kids in grades 5-12	DECEMBER 3 9:00am-noon Preschool 7pm Dartball vs. Christy Park (H) 7pm "W.O.W." book study	DECEMBER 4 1:00pm Pastor Visitation	DECEMBER 5 9:00am-noon Preschool 12:30pm "Happy Hearts" Senior Group gathering	DECEMBER 6 1:00pm Pastor Visitation 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Bible Study	DECEMBER 7 9:00am-noon Preschool 12noon-6pm Salvation Army bell-ringing @ Giant Eagle NHT (Target side)	DECEMBER 8
DECEMBER 9 8:30am Worship with Communion 9:40am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12noon Christmas Luncheon SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7:00pm Youth Group for kids in grades 5-12	DECEMBER 10 9:00am-noon Preschool 7pm Dartball Hall of Fame game @ Central Highlands (A) 7pm "W.O.W." book study	DECEMBER 11 1:00pm Pastor Visitation	DECEMBER 12 9:00am-noon Preschool	DECEMBER 13 1:00pm Pastor Visitation 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Bible Study	DECEMBER 14 9:00am-noon Preschool 12noon-6pm Salvation Army bell-ringing @ Giant Eagle NHT (Target side) 6:00-8:00pm Boy Scouts Christmas party	DECEMBER 15 12noon-6pm Salvation Army bell-ringing @ Giant Eagle NHT (Target side)
DECEMBER 16 8:30am Worship with Communion 9:40am Sunday School 11:00am Worship THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Teddy Bear Sunday</i> 7:00pm Youth Group for kids in grades 5-12	DECEMBER 17 9:00am-noon Preschool Noon McK. Clergy Lunch 6:45-8:15pm Boy Scouts 7pm Dartball Hall of Fame game @ Dravosburg (A) 7pm "W.O.W." book study	DECEMBER 18 1:00pm Pastor Visitation	DECEMBER 19 9:00am-noon Preschool	DECEMBER 20 1:00pm Pastor Visitation 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Bible Study	DECEMBER 21 9:00am-noon Preschool	DECEMBER 22

Scripture Readings for the week of December 2:

"WAITING AND WATCHING"

Monday Luke 1:67-80
 Tuesday Colossians 1:9-23
 Wednesday Mark 1:1-8
 Thursday Isaiah 43:1-13
 Friday Hebrews 10:11-25
 Saturday Zephaniah 3:14-20

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

You are invited to enjoy a covered dish Christmas Luncheon after the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, December 9. Please see the signup sheet to indicate how any will attend and what dish you will bring. Hope to see you there!

CHRISTMAS CANDY AVAILABLE

Be sure to get your homemade hard tack and chocolate candy before it's gone! Choose from: fruit, spice, root beer, and cinnamon hard tack at \$9/bag, \$10 large gift jar, \$5 small gift jar; and solid chocolate, chocolate walnut, chocolate covered cherries, and buckeyes at \$10/lb., and \$6/half-pound. Stop by the table after church on Sunday or call the office.

DECEMBER COIN DRIVE

During the month of December, we will be collecting loose change to benefit the children of Haiti through the Thomas Food Project, and our church's Helping Hand Fund. We thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting these two important mission efforts.

DECEMBER FOOD PANTRY: Canned Meats (tuna, Spam, ham, chicken, etc.)

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HEALTH/PERSONAL CONCERNS

Doug Armbrust, Bernadette, Ron Bico (*Della Beitler*), Sandra Blado, Cindy Burke (*Dee Dee Zello*), Atna Carper (*Alex Carper*), Amy Cole, Don Ditter, George and Lynette Finger, Jason Giani (*Dick & Doe Burnett*), Andy Haley, Al & Arlene Horvath, Charles Horvath and daughter Connie, Mary Kline – cancer treatment (*Lib Carrozza and Barb Lindh*), Cindy Malmack Family, Tom McCoy, Patrick McLaughlin, Carol Miller, Joan Miller, Gary Mueller, Will and Dana Penanen, Joe & Debbie Racan, Nikki Riggs – progressive disorder Ataxia (*Ron & Lee Seabol's daughter*), Charles Schmidt, Debby Short, Charles Snyder, Sophie (*Pam Allen*), Kathy Takas, Chuck Ursiny (*Bud & Erda's son*), Erda Ursiny (*Joan Driscoll*), Grace Ventura (*Erda & Bud*), Mr. Wenrich - cancer (*Krista Smotherman*), Sandra Wood, Dale Wright – prayers for healing and strength (*Della Beitler*), Phyllis Yeo, Jim Zello, James Zello Sr. (*Jim & Dee Dee Zello*)

- ◇ **Bob Allen** - recovery (*Dean Allen's brother*)
- ◇ **Lance Frye** - bone marrow transplant did not work; he now has blood clots in his lungs (*Jeff Bouldin*)
- ◇ **John Warhold** - some relief from pain

1. Carol Ackerman - cancer
1. Mary Lynn Elliott - breast cancer has spread to her liver (*Dave Bache's aunt*)

1. Al Horvath - pain
1. John Kevana - hernia surgery a success (*Barb Kevana*)
1. Carolyn Skotnicki - health concerns (*Della Beitler*)
1. Walter Smith
1. Carter Tymoczko - recovering from knee surgery (*Bob & Tracy Winzek's nephew*)
1. CJ Weinberg
1. Russ Williams - surgery went well (*Saunne Whetsel's brother*)
2. California wildfire victims
2. Camden - infection in foot (*Kathy's brother-in-law*)
2. Freddie Davis - upcoming back surgery (*Bob & Tracy Winzek*)
2. John Nigro's nephew - healing, and birth of triplets
2. Carol Roney - cataract surgery (*Ron Roney*)
3. Connie - back surgery on November 15 (*Al & Arlene Horvath's daughter*)
3. Delores Dixon - recovering from a fall (*Shirley Shull's sister*)
3. Rev. Kevin Haley - hospitalized for pain/infection (*Judy Johnson*)
3. Gerry Petrick - broken leg
3. Elsa Saxon (*Tracy Winzek's mother*)
3. John Warhold - recovering from surgery (*Donna Warhold*)
4. Jean Nevius - recovering from knee surgery

BEREAVEMENT

Please pray for the family and friends of the following people who recently passed away:

4. Tree of Life Synagogue shooting victims

HOMEBOUND

Phyllis Allen; Eileen Campbell; Patricia Edwards; Doris Kelly; Ruth Lewis; Anne Little; Gerry Petrick; Tom Regester; Walter Smith

BIRTHDAYS and BLESSINGS

(If we miss your birthday, please let us know so we can correct our records!)

- 2nd Sherri Gass; Jodi Schricker
- 3rd Brian Horn
- 4th Randy Fike
- 5th - - -
- 6th Jeffrey Decker II; Emily Sears
- 7th - - -
- 8th Brad Bouldin; Rebecca Hardy; Levi Kamauf; Peg Rairigh
- 9th Derrick Kugler; Sam Reitz Jr.; Staisey Garner

- ◇ **Connor James Bouldin** - baby boy born to Brad & Shayne Bouldin on Monday, November 26!
- 1. Trustees
- 2. Youth Girls' Night (*Kelly Carper*)

MINISTRY and MISSIONS

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi
 District Supt. Rev. Patricia Nelson
 Pastor Sang and his family
 Central PA Conf. – Sudan missionaries
 Travis Deans – Westmoreland County Youth Network coordinator
 Going to Serve – mission agency that leads small groups into Jamaica
 Jeff & Katie Luehm - The Father's Heart Foundation/orphanage in El Salvador
 Warren McGuffin/Thomas Food Project
 Erin Roddy – Uganda/Village of Hope
 GB: Zimbabwe Partnership/Harare West

MILITARY

President Trump and our other leaders, our troops, Dan Anderson, Tom Andrejcek, Louis DeMarco, Russell Ekin, Luke Frye, Eric and Paul Gass, Kenneth Goulder III, Michael Graham, Jason Hernandez, Matt Kelly, Jordan Michaels, Brian Moody, Andrew Nagy, Mark Pavlovic, Ethan Peters, Vinnie Rafaelle, Brad Rzetelny, Josh & Isamar Seabol, Jae Sisley, Mike Sisley, Brett Skelley, Scott Vorkapich

FIRST RESPONDERS

Law enforcement personnel, firefighters and disaster response crews, emergency medical technicians, healthcare professionals