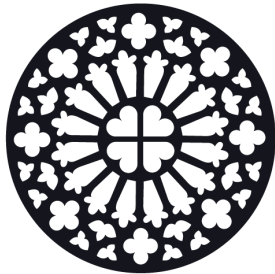


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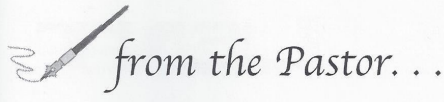
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“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” — Ephesians 2:10

Dear Church Family,

This past week my oldest daughter Olivia returned home for a brief furlough from Africa where she and her husband, Jeremiah, are serving as missionaries. Thankfully, we scheduled a “Daddy/Daughter Day” where we were able to spend the day together sharing and reminiscing on all that has happened over the past few years and where we are in life today. Olivia and I reflected back on those challenging adolescent years when we were butting heads and stretching each other’s patience and compassion. I realized when she turned sixteen that I hit a kind of wall with regard to my parenting style. No surprise there! I realized I needed to become more of a coach. No longer the “sage on the stage” I needed to become more of a “guide on the side.” So, I wrote her a letter. Essentially, I shared with her the things I wish someone had told me when I turned sixteen. Here are a few of the things I wrote:

“First, *love God and never stop growing in your relationship with him*. Trust me, this is by far the most important relationship of your life. And like anything relationship, the more effort you put into it the more you get out of it. So, when you’re happy and life is going well, praise God fully! When you’re angry and upset, don’t be overtaken by circumstances. Rather, pray and ask God to change your heart. When you’re sad and your heart is broken to pieces, turn first to God for comfort. But in all things, seek the Lord and glorify him all your days and you will find life and joy beyond imagining.

Second, *always strive to do and be your very best*. Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% of how you react to it. Meaning, you are always responsible for your attitude. So when adversity and set-backs come (and they will) your next four words must always be, “So what! Now what?” And while no one is perfect this side of eternity, never stop striving to become the woman God made you to be.

Third, and last, *always remember that you are God’s workmanship*. Ephesians 2:10 says, “For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Olivia, you are God’s beautiful work of art. You are a treasure. The Bible does not say you are *becoming* God’s work of art. You *already* are that work of art right now. Despite whatever else someone might think or say. Despite whatever else you might think of yourself, you are special and unique. Therefore, don’t try to become someone else. God created you the way he created you because he has a purpose for you. And you can’t fulfill that purpose while you’re busy trying to be someone you’re not.”

These are just a few words between a dad and daughter that perhaps will speak to you as well. Hopefully, God will give you fresh opportunities in the new year to speak words of truth and encouragement to the people of your life. By the way, the Greek word for “workmanship” is *poemos* where we get the English word “poem.” Imagine that, you are God’s poem! God has and continues to write beautiful lines upon your soul. What beautiful lines are you going to write upon the souls of those you love the most in 2023?

Love and blessings,
Billy

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Sundays: 9:00 & 11:00 am
10:00 am

**Spiritual development time
for children and adults**
Church Office Hours
Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00

NEWS FROM THE FAMILY OF FAITH



In Memory Of

Jean Phelan

Memorial Dave and Carol McClellan
Memorial Arc Human Services, Inc.
Missions Lauren Lease
Memorial Harry and Nancy Johnston

Ruby S. Page

Stained Glass Jeffrey and Annette Page

H. Milton “Whitie” Grantz

Memorial Dave and Carol McClellan
Music Perry Lane
Memorial Bob and Mary Wichterman
Memorial Bill and Betty Braun
Memorial Rick and Janet Nevin
Memorial Nassar Real Estate
Memorial T. Jean Piatt
Memorial Connie Hornickel
Memorial Tara George and Gina Johnston
Memorial James and Nancy Proudfit
Choir Donna Z. Rose
Memorial Harry and Nancy Johnston
Memorial George and Mary Alice Jones
Memorial Chuck and Lynn Sylvis
Memorial Paul and Kara Jurovcik
Memorial Mark and Kimberly O’Donnell

Jean Stout

Memorial Tree Jenice Stout

MaryAnn Johnson

Memorial Emily Minor

Harriett Johnson

Memorial Anonymous
Memorial Anonymous

Paul Robert Johnston

Buildings and Grounds Regina Johnston
Children/Youth Ministries Regina Johnston

Doris “Debbie” Knestrick

Memorial Perry and Paula Lane

“Penny” Lane Snyder

Music Perry and Paula Lane
Memorial Simpson Family Trust
Memorial Sarah and Mark Sutherland

Richard Elliot

Memorial Gary Stout and Paulette Marasco

United With the Church Triumphant

FUNERALS

Long-time member **Nancy Johnston** passed away on Sunday, December 18, 2022. The viewing and funeral service were held at The Church of the Covenant on December 22, 2022, with the Rev. Dr. William Younger officiating. A private interment followed at the Cemetery of the Alleghenies.

On January 10, 2023, **Dorothy Opfer** joined the Church Triumphant. Her funeral service was held at The Church of the Covenant on Saturday, January 14, 2023. The Rev. Dr. William Younger officiated. Interment was private, at the Round Hill Cemetery in Elizabeth, PA.

Long-time member, former usher and Messenger helper **Harold Caesber** passed away on Sunday, January 15, 2023. A short service was held on Thursday, January 19, at Washington Cemetery Mausoleum, presided over by Rev. Dr. William Younger. Funeral arrangements were private.

BAPTISM

Winifred Kay Grusofski, born December 6, 2017, was baptized on December 11, 2022. Winifred is the daughter of J. Aaron and Alicia Nguyen Musser. Her grandmother is church member Linda Lindsay. Winnie’s baptism was officiated by Pastor Billy Younger, assisted by Elder Joan McCrory.

THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE ALSO RECEIVED GIFTS IN HONOR OF:

Pastor Floyd Marasco’s 100th Birthday, from Gary Stout and Paulette Marasco

The Rev. Dr. Scott Shetter, (To Friends of Haiti) from Butch and Barbara Richmond

Mary Smith ~ to Hands & Hearts, in honor of her loving generosity, from Robynne Myers

THE CARNAHAN LIBRARY

Dedicated on 11/1/09 to the memory of Thomas Dorrington Carnahan II, Thomas Dorrington Carnahan III, George Kirk Carnahan and to the glory of God.

The Carnahan Library is in Room 308, the first room on the right as you enter the third-floor hallway from the elevator. The card catalog will help you to locate a book by author, title, or subject. The Library Committee thanks the donors of the Library books.

The Huntress by Kate Quinn is an historical fiction novel about a World War II war criminal, who goes from being the *Huntress* to being the hunted, and the lives who interact with her. Nina Markov, who grew up near Siberia in Soviet Russia, joined the infamous Night Witches, an all-female night bomber regiment. When Nina is downed behind enemy lines, she encounters the Huntress. British war correspondent Ian Graham abandoned journalism after the war to become a Nazi hunter. Fierce, disciplined Ian must join forces with brazen, cocksure Nina, the only witness to escape the Huntress alive. Seventeen-year-old Jordan McBride who grew up in post-war Boston, was at first delighted when her widowed father brings home a fiancée, but becomes increasingly disquieted by the soft-spoken German widow who seems to be hiding something.

The Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn is based on the true story of Mila Pavlichenko who went from being a Russian mother and bookish history student to being a sniper, a lethal hunter of Nazis known as Lady Death. Still reeling from war wounds and personal loss, Mila is sent to Washington DC to gain American support for the war in Europe. While in DC, Mila develops an unexpected friendship with First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and an even more unexpected connection with a silent fellow sniper. Mila must also contend with an old enemy from her past who joins forces with a deadly new foe. *(The library has other books by Kate Quinn.)*

The following gently used books were donated anonymously.

Starlight on Willow Lake by Susan Wiggs is a tale of the delicate ties that bind a family together and the secrets that that tear them apart. When caregiver Faith McCallum arrives at the lakeside estate of Avalon’s renowned Bellamy family, she is intent on rebuilding her shattered life and giving her two daughters a chance at a better future. She faces a formidable challenge in the form of her stubborn and difficult new employer, Alice Bellamy. While Faith proves a worthy match for her sharp-tongued client, she often finds herself at a loss for words in the presence of Mason Bellamy - Alice’s charismatic son, who clearly longs to escape the family mansion and return to his fast-paced, exciting life in Manhattan.

Lilac Lane: A Chesapeake Shores Novel by Susan Wiggs. Single mom, Kiera Malone, struggled for years to raise her three children in a small town on the coast of Ireland. Just when she’s let down her guard and allowed herself to love again, her fiancé suffers a fatal heart attack and leaves her alone yet again. Overwhelmed by her loss, she is persuaded to visit her father, Dillon O’Malley, and her daughter, Moira O’Brien, in Chesapeake Shores. Moira is promised a job at O’Brien’s, her son-in-law’s Irish pub, but she bumps heads with the moody chef, Bryan Laramie, who doesn’t do anything the way she believes it should be done. Their kitchen wars become legendary, and the town’s matchmakers begin making plans.

Jerusalem’s Queen: A Novel of Salome Alexandra (The Silent Years) by Angela Hunt. Born in the small village of Modein, a place made famous by the warrior Maccabees, Salome Alexandra knows better than to harbor grand dreams for her future. She pales in comparison to her beautiful older sister, and although she learns to read at an early age, girls are not valued for their intellectual ability. However, when her father and sister are killed, John Hyrcanus, a distant relative, invites Salome and her mother to live with his family in Jerusalem, where her thirst for knowledge is noticed and indulged. When her guardian betroths her to a pagan prince, she questions HaShem’s plan. When Hyrcanus finally marries her to a boy half her age, she questions her guardian’s sanity. Though Salome Alexandra spends much of her life as a pawn ordered about by powerful men, she learns that a woman committed to HaShem can change the world. Her rise to the throne defied expectations, and then she proved to be one of Judea’s greatest rulers. Salome Alexandra was one of three women to rule over Judea and reigned from 76 to 67 BCE. Readers who admire the biblical Esther will enjoy this tale of another brave woman playing a pivotal role in the survival of her people. *(This book is part of Angela Hunt’s Silent Years series which takes place in the 400 “silent years” between the Old Testament and the New Testament.)*

American Spy by Lauren Wilkinson. What if your sense of duty required you to betray the man you love? It is 1986, the heart of the Cold War, and Marie Mitchell is an intelligence officer with the FBI. She is brilliant, but she’s also a young black woman working in an old boy’s club. Her career has stalled out, she’s overlooked for every high-profile squad, and her days are filled with monotonous paperwork. When she’s given an opportunity to join a shadowy task force aimed at undermining Thomas Sankara, the charismatic revolutionary president of Burkina Faso whose Communist ideology has made him a target for American intervention, she says “yes.” Inspired by true events, *American Spy* knits together a gripping spy thriller, a heartbreaking family drama, and a passionate romance.

Becoming Dr. Seuss by Brian Jay Jones is the biography of Dr. Seuss who was born Theodor Seuss Geisel. Dr. Seuss is a classic American icon. Whimsical and wonderful, his work has defined many childhoods and the childhoods of our own children. The Grinch, the Cat in the Hat, Horton, and so many more are his beloved and uniquely Seussian creations. Theodor Geisel, however, had a second, more radical side. His personal convictions appeared, not always subtly, throughout his books - remember the environmentalist in *The Lorax*? Geisel was a complicated man on an important mission. He introduced generations to the wonders of reading while teaching young people about empathy and how to treat others well.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 1
Isa. 52:13–53:12
Gal. 4:21–31
Mark 8:11–26
Thursday, February 2
Isa. 54:1–10 (11–17)
Gal. 5:1–15
Mark 8:27–9:1
Friday, February 3
Isa. 55:1–13
Gal. 5:16–24
Mark 9:2–13
Saturday, February 4
Isa. 56:1–8
Gal. 5:25–6:10
Mark 9:14–29
Sunday, February 5
Isa. 57:1–13
Heb. 12:1–6
John 7:37–46
Monday, February 6
Isa. 57:14–21
Gal. 6:11–18
Mark 9:30–41
Tuesday, February 7
Isa. 58:1–12
2 Tim. 1:1–14
Mark 9:42–50

Wednesday, February 8
Isa. 59:1–21
2 Tim. 1:15–2:13
Mark 10:1–16
Thursday, February 9
Isa. 60:1–22
2 Tim. 2:14–26
Mark 10:17–31
Friday, February 10
Isa. 61:1–9
2 Tim. 3:1–17
Mark 10:32–45
Saturday, February 11
Isa. 61:10–62:5
2 Tim. 4:1–8
Mark 10:46–52
Sunday, February 12
Isa. 62:6–12
1 John 2:3–11
John 8:12–19
Monday, February 13
Isa. 63:1–6
1 Tim. 1:1–17
Mark 11:1–11
Tuesday, February 14
Isa. 63:7–14
1 Tim. 1:18–2:8 (9–15)
Mark 11:12–26

Wednesday, February 15
Isa. 63:15–64:9
1 Tim. 3:1–16
Mark 11:27–12:12
Thursday, February 16
Isa. 65:1–12
1 Tim. 4:1–16
Mark 12:13–27
Friday, February 17
Isa. 65:17–25
1 Tim. 5:(1–16) 17–22 (23–25)
Mark 12:28–34
Saturday, February 18
Isa. 66:1–6
1 Tim. 6:(1–5) 6–21
Mark 12:35–44
Sunday, February 19
Dan. 7:9–10, 13–14
2 Cor. 3:1–9
John 12:27–36a
Monday, February 20
Deut. 6:1–15
Heb. 1:1–14
John 1:1–18
Tuesday, February 21
Deut. 6:16–25
Heb. 2:1–10
John 1:19–28

Wednesday, February 22
Jonah 3:1–4:11
Heb. 12:1–14
Luke 18:9–14
Thursday, February 23
Deut. 7:6–11
Titus 1:1–16
John 1:29–34
Friday, February 24
Deut. 7:12–16
Titus 2:1–15
John 1:35–42
Saturday, February 25
Deut. 7:17–26
Titus 3:1–15
John 1:43–51
Sunday, February 26
Jer. 9:23–24
1 Cor. 1:18–31
Mark 2:18–22
Monday, February 27
Deut. 8:1–20
Heb. 2:11–18
John 2:1–12
Tuesday, February 28
Deut. 9:(1–3) 4–12
Heb. 3:1–11
John 2:13–22



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Joseph Murdoch Feb 1
Kathie Hunnell Feb 1
Chris Lucas Feb 2
Donna Carlisle Feb 4
Kirstin Legler Feb 5
Kelly Alderson Feb 6
Barbara Lucas Feb 7
Susan Halulko Feb 7
Michael Digon Feb 7
John A. McCreight Feb 7
Andrew Kluczan Feb 8
Scott Day Feb 8
Heidi Gottron Feb 8
Nancy Neff Feb 10
Janice Murdoch Feb 10

Lawrence Clutter Feb 10
Beth Braun Feb 11
Patrick Trapuzzano Feb 11
Terri Grantz Feb 12
Lt. Charles Bowers Feb 14
Karl Knoneberg Feb.14
Ryan Seitzinger Feb 14
Krista Costanza Feb 14
Deborah Powell Feb 15
John Artuso Feb 15
Melissa Sumney Feb 15
Debi Nicolella Feb 16
Rodney Hardy Feb 16
April Roesner Feb.17
William Payne Feb 18

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Donald Grimm Feb 19
Caitlyn Myers Feb 19
Cynthia Johnson Feb 24
Andrea Kluczan Feb 24
Carol Johnston Feb 25
Lance George Feb 25
Denise Gibson Feb 26
Kate Merry Feb 26
Katherine Dessart Feb 26
Thomas Pitner Feb 27
Timothy Knight Feb 28
Rachael Seitzinger Feb 28
Barbara Collins Feb 29
Rachel Gladden Feb 29



JANUARY PREACHING AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

January 1, 2023 (Communion)

Sermon Title: God is Still Rescuing
Preaching: Billy
Scripture: Acts 12:1-19
Synopsis: God is still in the business of rescuing his people. Our job is to be ready for the rescue.

Special Notes: This is a single service at 10 AM in the Covenant Center.

January 8, 2023

Sermon Title: The Beautiful Life: Part One
Preaching: Billy
Scripture: Romans 8:1-13
Synopsis: The beautiful life begins through Jesus’ finished work on the cross.

January 15, 2023

Sermon Title: The Beautiful Life: Part Two
Preaching: Billy
Scripture: Romans 8:14-27
Synopsis: The beautiful life flourishes under the Holy Spirit’s work of adoption.

Special Notes: Officers will be installed during the 11 AM service.

January 22, 2023

Sermon Title: The Beautiful Life: Part Three
Preaching: Billy
Scripture: Romans 8:28-39
Synopsis: The beautiful life results in a glorious reunion that will last forever.

January 29, 2023

Sermon Title: A 3,500 Year-Old Prayer
Preaching: Billy
Scripture: Psalm 90
Synopsis: Moses, the very “friend of God,” teaches us much about prayer.

Special Notes: We have our annual Congregational Meeting at Noon in the Covenant Center to hear reports of what has been accomplished in 2023 and what the Lord has provided for 2023.

FEBRUARY PREACHING AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE-NOT FINALIZED

February 5, 2023 (Communion)

Sermon Title: TBD
Preaching: TBD
Scripture: TBD
Focal Verse: TBD
Synopsis: TBD

February 12, 2023

Sermon Title: TBD
Preaching: TBD
Scripture: TBD
Focal Verse: TBD



MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

NEW FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR

The Church of the Covenant has been blessed with a new Financial Administrator! Cathy Sams was hired in December and has smoothly transitioned into the position as of January 1, 2023. Cathy is a CPA with vast experience in the accounting field and recently retired from the Washington County Courthouse. She and her husband Gary are Washington natives with two adult children who attended our church preschool. Her schedule is flexible - 10/15 hours per week with regular office hours on Mondays. Her contact information: 724-222-0190 x 115 or cotcfinance1@gmail.com. We warmly welcome Cathy to our staff and church family!

FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN

For prayer support or to join this ministry, call the church office. Please contact the Fellowship of Concern to give the names of those who are in need of prayer for health or other reasons. The names will then be called or emailed to the church members who pray daily for others. Prayer request forms are available in each pew. Completed forms may be placed in the offering basket.



RADIO BROADCAST CONTINUES

Great news for those who listen to our radio broadcast on WJPA Sunday mornings - it will continue! Many thanks to a generous member of our family of faith who stepped up and sponsored the broadcast through 2023 continuing, an 80 year long tradition. You can tune in to WJPA AM 1450 at 11:30am on Sundays and listen to Pastor Billy's inspiring sermons. Thank you, again, to our generous donor!



PARISH NURSE CORNER

The third Sunday of every month is set aside for Love in a Basket. Hands and Hearts collects donations of baby items such as lotion, shampoo, clothes and bibs. These items are placed in baskets lined with baby blankets to be given to new moms in our community with little or no support system. Items for the mothers are also collected in separate baskets. These baskets are on display in the Commons on the third Sunday for your donations. There is also a piggy bank for to give money for diapers. We have been blessed by homemade blankets made by Cherrie Walsh and an anonymous angel in the congregation. Please consider donating. By the end of this year, the Church of the Covenant will have donated 100 baskets! A reminder, blood pressures are taken each Sunday 10-10:45am in Room 302. Stop by! Any questions, please contact me at 724-263-7911. Good Health to all!-Linda Grimm, RN

DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY MESSENGER is JANUARY 15th.

CANCELLATION AND CLOSING REMINDER:

The church and preschool will be closed when Trinity School District CANCELS classes due to weather conditions

There will be no meetings or activities at the church on those days.

When there is a 2 hour delay in the Trinity School District the church and preschool will be open ~ meetings and activities will continue as scheduled unless otherwise notified. Please, always use your own discretion in these circumstances.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY



Sunday, January 1

Isa. 62:6-7, 10-12
Heb. 2:10-18
Matt. 1:18-25

Monday, January 2

Gen. 12:1-7
Heb. 11:1-12
John 6:35-42, 48-51

Tuesday, January 3

Gen. 28:10-22
Heb. 11:13-22
John 10:7-17

Wednesday, January 4

Exod. 3:1-5
Heb. 11:23-31
John 14:6-14

Thursday, January 5

Josh. 1:1-9
Heb. 11:32-12:2
John 15:1-16

Friday, January 6

Isa. 52:7-10
Rev. 21:22-27
Matt. 12:14-21

Saturday, January 7

Isa. 52:3-6
Rev. 2:1-7
John 2:1-11

Sunday, January 8

Isa. 40:1-11
Heb. 1:1-12
John 1:1-7, 19-20, 29-34

Monday, January 9

Isa. 40:12-24
Eph. 1:1-14
Mark 1:1-13

Tuesday, January 10

Isa. 40:25-31
Eph. 1:15-23
Mark 1:14-28

Wednesday, January 11

Isa. 41:1-16
Eph. 2:1-10
Mark 1:29-45

Thursday, January 12

Isa. 41:17-29
Eph. 2:11-22
Mark 2:1-12

Friday, January 13

Isa. 42:(1-9) 10-17
Eph. 3:1-13
Mark 2:13-22

Saturday, January 14

Isa. (42:18-25) 43:1-13
Eph. 3:14-21
Mark 2:23-3:6

Sunday, January 15

Isa. 43:14-44:5
Heb. 6:17-7:10
John 4:27-42

Monday, January 16

Isa. 44:6-8, 21-23
Eph. 4:1-16
Mark 3:7-19a

Tuesday, January 17

Isa. 44:9-20
Eph. 4:17-32
Mark 3:19b-35

Wednesday, January 18

Isa. 44:24-45:7
Eph. 5:1-14
Mark 4:1-20

Thursday, January 19

Isa. 45:5-17
Eph. 5:15-33
Mark 4:21-34

Friday, January 20

Isa. 45:18-25
Eph. 6:1-9
Mark 4:35-41

Saturday, January 21

Isa. 46:1-13
Eph. 6:10-24
Mark 5:1-20

Sunday, January 22

Isa. 47:1-15
Heb. 10:19-31
John 5:2-18

Monday, January 23

Isa. 48:1-11
Gal. 1:1-17
Mark 5:21-43

Tuesday, January 24

Isa. 48:12-21 (22)
Gal. 1:18-2:10
Mark 6:1-13

Wednesday, January 25

Isa. 49:1-12
Gal. 2:11-21
Mark 6:13-29

Thursday, January 26

Isa. 49:13-23 (24-26)
Gal. 3:1-14
Mark 6:30-46

Friday, January 27

Isa. 50:1-11
Gal. 3:15-22
Mark 6:47-56

Saturday, January 28

Isa. 51:1-8
Gal. 3:23-29
Mark 7:1-23

Sunday, January 29

Isa. 51:9-16
Heb. 11:8-16
John 7:14-31

Monday, January 30

Isa. 51:17-23
Gal. 4:1-11
Mark 7:24-37

Tuesday, January 31

Isa. 52:1-12
Gal. 4:12-20
Mark 8:1-10

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Dr. George Jones Jan 1
Dolores Hardy Jan 1
Sarah Core Jan 1
Tara M. Dyer Jan 1
James McCarter Jan 1
Richard Thompson Jan 1
Seth Sumney Jan 1
Vickie Wilson Jan 2
Jason Dille Jan 2
Bryan Dickson Jan 2
Melissa Hodinko Jan 3
Mitchel Groszkiewicz Jan 3
Christina Bowers Jan 4
Natalie Groszkiewicz Jan 4
Zachary Losko Jan 4
Nancy McCreight Jan 6
Stephen Warren Jan 6

Austin Armstrong Jan 6
Gay Lynn Miller Jan 7
Bob Wichterman Jan 8
Shannon Buri Jan 8
Justin Butera Jan 9
David Warne Jan 9
Karen Simonini Jan 10
Crystal Domske Jan 11
Kathryn Lee Jan 11
Tammara Luchovick Jan 11
Ada Ralston Jan 11
Devin Reese Jan 11
John Breitigan Jan 12
Carter Thompson Jan 12
Jared Pelosi Jan 13
Charles Bowers Jan 15
Ann Faust Jan 16
Susan McDaniel Jan 16
Richard Nevin Jan 17
Joseph Losko Jr. Jan 17
Maryann Lindsay Jan 18
Ellen Wilson Jan 18
Andrew McIlvaine Jan 18
Paul Phillips Jan 18
Donald Faust Jan 19
Nicole Emily Day Jan 19
Vincent Garlisi Jan 19
Lois Laird Jan 20
James McCrory Jan 20
Cortney Capo Jan 20
Sally Corwin Jan 21
Joycelyn Dean Jan 21
Keltin Blunt Jan 22
Gerald Davison Jan 22
Kimberly Carnahan Jan 22
Katelyn Nassar Jan 22
Calvin Blunt Jan 23
Tenitsha Blunt Jan 24



Judith DiGiovanni Jan 24
Keith Johnson Jan 24
Erin Georgalas Jan 24
Jasmine Amaya Jan 25
Ed Breedlove Jan 25
Sidney Watson Jan 25
Jeremy Zajdel Jan 25
Ryan Hurst Jan 26
Eric Saffell Jan 27
Ryan Densmore Jan 27
Jennifer Breen Jan 28
Susan Key Jan 28
Eileen Caldwell Jan 30
Erin Locy Jan 31

MISSION FUNDRAISER

SAVE THE DATE FOR SHROVE TUESDAY

On Tuesday, February 21, 2023, the Fundraising arm of the Mission Committee will hold an All-You-Can-Eat pancake dinner in the Dining Room/ Covenant Center from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Tickets to this event are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and free for children under 3. Tickets will go on sale from January 29th until February 14th, before and after services in the Commons or in the church office.

Proceeds will benefit the Mission Trip Restricted Fund.

Bring your appetite and join in this pre-Lenten event that traditionally helped people use up “decadent” foods, so there was no temptation to eat something they’d given up for Lent.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

The Presbyterian Women held their annual Christmas Candlelight dinner on December 13, 2022. Forty women were in attendance, and one little guy, Noah Phillips, was there also. The dinner, catered by Alterio’s, was delicious. The devotions and time of fellowship offered the rare opportunity to relax and catch up with friends during the pre-Christmas rush.

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

Each December, the Dove Tree in the Commons benefits The Turning Point, a halfway house for women in recovery. The church has received a Thank-You note from the Turning Point.

“Dear Pastor Billy and Staff,

12/21/2022

On behalf of the women in Recovery at The Turning Point halfway house, many thanks for the gift cards that the women received this year and so many years in the past. So much is needed and each person will be able to purchase a few personal items with the gift cards. Your interest and generosity is very much appreciated.

We would welcome a visit at our facility at any time.

Yours in Christ,

Patricia Lutz - Director, Turning Point”



DONATION FOR WIGS FOR KIDS

August Ralston donated 12” of his hair to Wigs for Kids. Thank you August for thinking of others and making this wonderful contribution to kids in need!



TUESDAY EVENING SPEAKER SERIES RESUMES FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 28

The Tuesday Speaker Series is back, with our own Renny Domske!

Renny grew up outside Washington and was ordained by Washington Presbytery at Chartiers Cross Roads UP Church. He was one of the first Washington Presbytery Scholarship winners. After majoring in Psychology at Duke University and earning his doctorate at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA, Renny went on to serve Presbyterian churches in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Washington, Iowa, and Jamestown, PA. His last point of serving God was for 10 years as a Disciples of Christ/Christian church pastor at 1st Christian Church in Greensburg, PA.

Renny’s specialties in teaching are in counseling and especially the Bible. He loves teaching about Christ through the beauty of the Gospels. Come and see Jesus come alive to you more deeply through Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Synopsis: *The Life of Christ in Quadraphonic Sound* - A good quartet produces beautiful music. The four parts blend together to make the perfect sound. Yet each of the four singers has a distinctively different set of notes. As Christians we discover the ultimate understanding of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, in the four Gospels. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John blend together to give us, as close to complete as possible, a perfect picture of Jesus. And yet each of the four Gospels has a different perspective or presentation of Jesus. Each Gospel sings different notes about Jesus, the Son of Man.

We will spend this class looking deeply at each of the four gospels, studying their different stories and perspectives - focusing on where they are synonymous and where they differ. Our understanding of Jesus our Christ will be deepened by this close scrutiny of each Gospel and its unique message about the Son of God.

ADDITIONAL TUESDAY SPEAKER CLASSES FOR 2023

May 2-30: Dr. Mark Simpson:

Biblical Revival ~

Haggai and Zechariah

August 1-29: Dr. Billy Younger:

Wisdom Literature in the Old

Testament ~ Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Job

September 29-October 24:

Dr. John Burgess;

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

THE CHURCH OF THE COVENANT WEBSITE

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YOUTH AND TEEN NEWS

JINGLE JAM, 2022

We had a great time with 45 kids at Jingle Jam. The day was filled with The Christmas Story, games, crafts, lunch, a movie and hot chocolate. Thank you to our volunteers who helped make this day a success



CHILDREN'S MUSIC

Starting on February 12th, Darla Pepper-Miller (our Director of Music) will lead and practice singing for our Kindergarten through 5th graders. Yvonne Gayle will escort kids out of the 9 o'clock service (during the closing music) and take them to room 210. They will be learning songs to perform during our Easter season. Their Bible time will begin at 10:10. There will not be music time on Communion weeks.

IMPACT YOUTH HELPING NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Impact Youth helped out at a Neighbor to Neighbor event in December. They escorted families through many stations which included social services, much needed items like clothing, toys, food and more. This program served about 400 people that day. The youth ended the day with rock climbing.



PARENT GATHERING

Our Parent Gathering meets every Sunday in room 211 at 10am. They have begun studying and sharing "One Year of Dinner Table Devotions and Discussions" by Nancy Guthrie. This book helps parents transform dry daily devotions into dynamic conversations for their families. All parents are welcome to join!



PRESCHOOL NEWS

**Preschool Registration
2023/2024**

Preschool registration for the 2023/2024 is upon us. Registration will take place on February 9th for Church Members' Families and Alumni and open-to-the-Community Registration on Feb 10th. Please call Miss Camille for a registration packet. Don't have any children preschool age??? Please continue to help spread the word about our church preschool! It is the #1 place to be in Washington County! Any questions please call Miss Camille here at church 724-222-0190 ext.121, or cell is 724-554-7687.



Our Church Preschool Update!

Now that the holidays are behind us, the children would like to pass along some of the things they were involved in during the past month. The children and their families contributed to Toys for Tots. We had such a successful drive for the children. We are hoping they enjoyed their surprise Christmas gifts and the thought that someone was thinking about them. Thanks to all Preschool parents for their thoughtfulness. This month we will continue to talk about how the wise men followed the star to Bethlehem, learn more bible stories and letters and colors and so much more.

One of the 3 yr olds' favorite days is Pajama and Pancake Day. Yes, we all wear our PJ's to school and our homemade pancakes hit the spot for our snack.

Now to look forward to February—The Transition classes, which are the 5 year olds, the "big kids" of our preschool, and the 4 year olds will have an opportunity to dress WACKY for our Wacky Wednesday celebration. Great day to have fun indoors during winter at the preschool.

Early Eye Health Check-up---we are all about it! The Washington Green County Blind Association makes it possible for all of our preschoolers to have a free vision screening. We are fortunate to have this important checkup.

So yes, we are very busy learning, and having visitors at our Preschool---won't you be one of our visitors too? Come on down for a visit—we like to give out smiles and hugs and maybe a sticker or two!

Miss Camille

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

**IT'S TIME TO START THINKING
ABOUT VBS 2023!!!**

Hello, VBS Volunteers! We are so excited to share our 2023 VBS dates and theme with all of our dedicated volunteers! Get ready for Vacation Bible School, beginning on July 17, 2023 through July 21, 2023. Volunteer registration will launch in early spring. Each of us has been blessed with our own unique 'superhero powers' and we hope that you are able to share yours with us this summer!

