



JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2019

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From the Pastor...

ANOTHER NEW YEAR

As we begin another new year, it is important to consider the real value of all those resolutions that people tend to make even with the best of intentions. In the Western culture and in particular, in the product-driven society that we live in today, most resolutions are directed toward self-improvement. In other words, we promise to become more productive, healthier or wiser and therefore increase our sense of self. The quest for improvement tends to lead to frustration when the goals are not achieved. In light of this situation, I would like to suggest that we begin the New Year with a different approach.

Instead of making the effort to change our own lives, it may be more significant to ask God to change the way we think about our lives. A few words of explanation are necessary at this time. By placing the focus upon God's actions and not our own, we begin to see that life is not really about what we accomplish but rather what we allow God to do through us that makes the difference. The real journey of faith begins with our thoughts. By turning our thoughts to God in prayer each day, we are inviting the Holy Spirit to transform us from the inside. This process is not done overnight but it takes a surrender of the will and ego to admit and allow God to be more influential in our daily choices.

My recommendation for all believers is to be rooted in the Word of God through the daily reading of the bible. By doing this on a regular basis one can discover the thoughts that God wishes to offer us in the sanctification of our lives. It is often said that life is journey. Simply stated this means that God works gradually upon us to transform us in the time that we have on earth. We are not finished products by any means. Rather, the excitement of life is found by those who seek God's direction each day in prayer and the reading of the scriptures.

In closing, let me wish all of you a blessed and happy New Year that is filled with the wonder and joy that God will give to those who seek Him. Remember that God is good all the time and all the time God is good.

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Worship Ministers

DATE	TIME	ASSISTANTS	DATE	TIME	LECTORS
1/6	8:00 am	Pam Ward	1/6	8:00 am	Steve Maurer
	10:30 am	Marcia Howenstine		10:30 am	Dee Garrison
1/13	8:00 am	Charlann Young	1/13		Jen Ward
	10:30 am	Randy Simers		10:30 am	Donna Dudash
1/20	8:00 am	Jim Ward	1/20	8:00 am	Pam Ward
	10:30 am	Dee Garrison		10:30 am	Cheryl Simers
1/27	8:00 am	Steve Maurer	1/27	8:00 a.m	Jen Ward
	10:30 am	Mark Cunningham		10:30 am	Richard Dudash
USHERS & GREETERS			ACOLYTES		
1/6	8:00 am	John & Sandy Bolitho	1/6	8:00 am	Whitney Ward
	10:30 am	Byron & Marianne Lautenschleger		10:30 am	Michael Eberly
1/13	8:00 am	Greg & Julie Majors	1/13	8:00 am	Kayla Majors
	10:30 am	Dave & Linda Clugston		10:30 am	Tripp Fabianich
1/20	8:00 am	Jim & Jen Ward	1/20	8:00 am	Carson Majors
	10:30 am	Rick & Lori Caughey		10:30 am	Vivianne Eberly
1/27	8:00 am	Dave & Charlann Young	1/27	8:00 am	Tyra Hampton
	10:30 am	Tom & Tammy Huggins		10:30 am	Izaak Matthew
		Gu Altar Guild Char Young & Tenia Sears	Fellowship		Community Meal Carol Richards, Brenda T., & Jean S.
Screen Monitor			Nursery		
1/6	8:00 am	Austin Ward	1/6	8:00 am	Linda Blazina
	10:30 am	Rick Caughey		10:30 am	Peggy Dix
1/13	8:00 am	Carson Majors			Jim Ward Family
	10:30 am	Dee Garrison	1/13	10:30 am	Kim Pohovey
1/20	8:00 am	Whitney Ward		8:00 am	Majors Family
	10:30 am	Doug Dix	1/20	10:30 am	Donna Dudash
1/27	8:00 am	Julie Majors		8:00 am	Pam Ward
	10:30 am	Lisa Keane	1/27	10:30 am	Karen Marlowe

Offering and Attendance

Date	12/2	12/9	12/16	12/23	12/24	12/30
Offering	\$2303.50	\$1,722.00	\$7,779.00	\$3765.00	\$11,723.00	\$1,878.00
Attendance	88	78	98	83	118	45

Readings:

1/6	1/13	1/20	1/27
Epiphany of our Lord	Baptism of Our Lord	Second Sunday After Epiphany	Third Sunday After Epiphany
<u>Isaiah 60:1-6</u>	<u>Isaiah 43:1-7</u>	<u>Isaiah 62:1-5</u>	<u>Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10</u>
<u>Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14</u>	<u>Psalm 29</u>	<u>Psalm 36:5-10</u>	<u>Psalm 19</u>
<u>Ephesians 3:1-12</u>	<u>Acts 8:14-17</u>	<u>1Corinthians 12:1-11</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 12:12-31</u>
<u>Matthew 2:1-12</u>	<u>Luke 3:15-17, 21-22</u>	<u>John 2: 1-11</u>	<u>Luke 4:14-21</u>



Prayer Chain - This week remember in your prayers – The Caldwell Family, Eugene Harris, David McMaken, Joe Harris, Dottie Eitel, Diane Clugston, Susan Tiller, Linda Beachy, Charles Brown, Pat Sundheimer, Louise Harris, Maddy Russell, Debbie Neorr, Peggy Keck, Paul Gosselin, Mary Pickens, Tom Bitticker, Dan Levesseur, Danny Fisher, Judy Berger, Herb Siefert, Molly Bauer, Kelly McDaniel, Floyd McBeth, Jackson Kinsey, Jean Baker, Bill Tait, Ret Kendrick, Chuck Slaybaugh, Lauren Seifert, **Servicemen & Women-** Camren Taylor, Scott Fout, Jeremy Warfield, Gray Ashworth, Trent Garver, Andrea Gibson, Andy Jones, David Ward, Jordan Ritter, Adam Pohovey, William Robishaw, Paul Roley, Kyle Greiving

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Chris Eberly	1/3	Tom Huggins	1/19
Grace Shine	1/8	Trey Parker	1/21
Colton Reeves	1/10	Toby Seifert	1/21
Shawn Gettan	1/11	Pam Ward	1/23
Julie Majors	1/12	Megan Gettan	1/24
Floyd McBeth	1/12	Jessica Dix	1/28
Rachael Ritter	1/17		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

No anniversaries for January..

Christian Book Club The next selection for the book club will be **“Good Faith”** (being a Christian when society thinks you’re irrelevant and extreme), by David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons. Many Christians today feel overwhelmed as they try to live faithfully in a culture that seems increasingly hostile to their beliefs. Believers find it harder than ever to hold on to their convictions while treating their friends, neighbors, coworkers, and even family members who disagree with respect and compassion. These authors offer insights on how Christians can talk with people they know and love, and show them how to be loving, life-giving friends despite profound differences. If you would like a copy, please notify Terry Tegtmeier (\$ 6 each). **Discussion will be Tuesday, January 22 at 7:00 pm.**

Youth – Looking forward to the New Year, I would like to continue our focus on service. We had one project planned for January that has been cancelled and with my crutches slowing me down; I think that it would be best to have traditional Youth Group for the month of January. That being said, I know that several requests for outings have been brought to my attention and I promise to do my best to meet all of them in the coming months! Please keep the requests / suggestions coming!

***Sunday January 13th 5:00PM - 7:00 PM - TADPOLES / FROGS - We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for**

dinner, a short lesson, and games / crafts.

Please RSVP to me or sign up on the Youth Activities board to help in planning food / supplies.

***Sunday, January 20th 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM – GROGS -** We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for dinner, a short lesson, and games / crafts.

Please RSVP to me or sign up on the Youth Activities board to help in planning food / supplies.

Reminder, Sunday School will resume next week: D

Enjoy the rest of your weekend and holiday! Hope to see everyone again next Sunday!

Lisa Keane, Youth Coordinator



The last of the human freedoms is to choose one's attitudes.

Victor Franklin

Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future.

Oscar Wilde



Prayer Focus for January 2019 -

Let's focus this month on memorizing this verse from 1 Thessalonians 5:16 and then pray that the Holy Spirit will enable us to apply it in our lives:

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances.

Joyful – It is easy to be joyful when all is well. But the Christians' JOY is not dependent on circumstances. It comes from what Christ has done and is constant in our lives. JOY is a fruit of the Spirit.

Pray Continually – Of course, that would be impossible to fulfill. Rather, it means that the entire life of a believer is to be lived in dependence that God will show you the way. Your life and your actions may be the only Bible a non-believer may ever read.

Give Thanks In All Circumstances – You are not being asked to THANK

God for tragedy and misfortune, but to be THANKFUL in the midst of all situations in life, whether good or bad; to be grateful for all of God's blessings even when they may be difficult to understand. There are always good reasons for gratitude even when they are not immediately recognized. We just have to trust in the Lord.

Annual Reports: Please have your annual reports to the church office by January 9.


Ten Commandments of Human Relations

1. Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown, only 14 to smile.
3. Call people by name. it is music to anyone's ears to hear the sound of his or her name.
4. Be friendly and helpful.
5. Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do is genuinely a pleasure. If it isn't, learn to make it so.
6. Be genuinely interested in people. You can like almost anyone, if you try.
7. Be generous with praise, cautious with criticism.
8. Be considerate of the feelings of others. There are usually three sides to a controversy- yours, the other fellow's and the correct one.
9. Be alert to serve. What counts most in life is what you do for others.
10. Live with a good sense of humor, a generous dose of patience, and a dash of humility appropriate to being human.

Salvation Army Collection: The total amount collected this year for Salvation Army was \$3,008.87.



Month of January 2019

<i>SUN</i>	<i>MON</i>	<i>TUES</i>	<i>WED</i>	<i>THUR</i>	<i>FRI</i>	<i>SAT</i>
		1/1	1/2	1/3	1/4	1/5
		Happy New Year!		Worship Meeting 6:30 p.m.		
1/6	1/7	1/8	1/9	1/10	1/11	1/12
Worship & Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m.		Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.			Property Meeting 9:00 a.m.
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Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m.		Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	Community Meal 5-6:30 p.m. 		
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Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Fellowship	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m. Council 7:00 p.m.	Book Club 7:00 p.m. Prayer Chain update due Newsletter Deadline	Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.			
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