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# The Joyful Noiseletter



## *Pastor Mauri's Musings*

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you had a blessed Christmas and spent some quality time with family and friends.

I don't know about you, but in the weeks leading up to Christmas, people sure can get aggressive, can't they? Every year it seems to get worse, not just in December. One significant illustration of this is what has become known as "road rage." Now that we are past the celebration of Christmas, if you go to the store, you'll get a rude awakening as you watch people standing in line to return their gifts—many of them will display an attitude of meanness and impatience toward others. Suddenly that Christmas spirit of kindness disappears, and people revert back to their old ways.

A reading from God's Word in Colossians 3:12-17 fits perfectly with this time of year. Now that we're entering a new year, people once again make their annual New Year's resolutions, trying to reinvent themselves. What kind of person do you want to be in 2023? I'd like to suggest seven New Year's resolutions from this passage that you can strive to be in 2023, as people of God.

The text describes these resolutions as items of clothing. God is saying to many of us today, "The way you're treating other people is ridiculous. Here's how you can change. Here's how you can start over, just like buying some new clothes."

Look at verse 12: "Put on them, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience." These are five attitudes you don't want to leave home without. A compassionate person wants to help the people around him. "What can I do to help you?" Kindness includes not only saying nice things, but doing nice things. Kindness is going above and beyond the call of duty to help someone out. Humility means that you recognize your own weaknesses. You don't think about how great you are. This involves the confession of sin and deep realization of our unworthiness to receive God's grace. Meekness is the opposite of road rage. Meekness is the opposite of the person who is ranting and raving at the customer service counter in the store. It's like how careful you were when you picked up your newborn child for the first time. And patience is being patient in unpleasant circumstances. When the checkout cashier has no clue. When the mechanic tells you that you need a new air filter, even though you just put a new one in your car last week.

These first five New Year's resolutions are very, very important. This is who we want to be in 2023. And then there's the sixth item of clothing. It's set apart from the others because of its special focus. Verse 13 says, "bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive." I'm sure we all could come up with a list of legitimate reasons why we are upset with certain people. But in 2023, we want to be a forgiver. We want to forgive whatever complaints we have with other people. What does it mean to forgive? "Forgive as the Lord has forgiven

you.” Sure, we have legitimate reasons to be upset with people sometimes. But forgive, Jesus says. Forgive the way I have forgiven you.

And finally, verse 14: “And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.” That’s the seventh, and the biggest item of clothing. The love we’re talking about here is “agape” love. It’s a one-way kind of love. Love someone, even though he is unlovable. Even though she might not thank you. Even though they don’t appreciate what you do. Love them.

Where are we going to get the strength to carry out these seven New Year’s resolutions? Here’s the answer: Christ will change us. Spend time with Christ in 2023, and He will change us. Spend more time with Him in His Word. No more excuses! I will hear His Word in church. I will figure out how to study His Word on my own during the week. I will pray to Him on my own during the week. I will spend more time with Christ, and He will change me in 2023.

Here’s to a Christ-honoring New Year,  
Pastor Mauri

### Sermon Topics for January

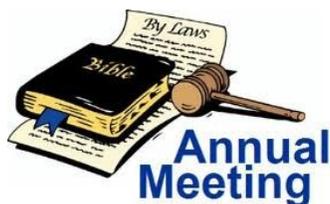
January 8	“Where Did Epiphany Go?”	Matthew 2:1-12
January 15	“Dangerous Prayer”	Mark 1:29-39
January 22	“Heaven’s Top Hymn”	Revelation 7:9-17
January 29	“How to Explain the Gospel to Someone”	I Peter 3:13-17

Terry and I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. Also, we want to extend a huge thank you to all of you for the incredibly gracious financial gift, and the Christmas greetings, cards, gifts, and goodies. You are truly a blessing to us. We look forward to our ongoing interim period with you until the Lord calls your next pastor. Have a safe and happy 2023!

Thanks, Pastor Mauri & Terry

### **Prayer Meeting ~ January 24th**

There is a need for us as a congregation to get intentional about praying for our nation. Our struggles won’t get fixed quickly. So I’ve planned a prayer meeting for **January 24 at 7:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary. Even though one of our primary concerns will be for our country, there are many other subjects that we will be focusing on as well. A printed guide will be made available for everyone in attendance. Time to gather, prayer warriors!



## **Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 22nd**

**11:30 am (Immediately following the worship services)**

**Those with progress or financial reports due for the Annual Meeting, please have them to Sheri McMaster**

**NO LATER THAN January 16th!**

## From the President...

Dear St. Peter's,

As we embark on a new calendar year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the past year. We started 2022 knowing that we were shortly losing our long-time pastor and the process would begin for a new pastor. This transition has not been without sidetracks, but God has delivered what was needed. Our pastor search committee is continuing to serve this process.

St. Peter's has continued to be a functional, serving and stable church during this period, thanks to God and the steadfastness of our congregation. We continue to fund ALL our benevolences and keep operating all other regular church activities. Only with the strong support of staff and a plethora of committed volunteers has made this possible. Thank you all.

Looking forward to 2023, consistory will be working hard to continue the work of St. Peter's. We readily accept your prayers for direction. As we move forward with a new consistory, one of the first items of business will be filling committee roles. I hope you will search your heart and find a place to serve on perhaps one of our committees. Looking forward to 2023.

Kind regards,  
Ron Double

## CONSISTORY UPDATE

- Will be Collecting Used Wheelchairs for the Joni & Friends Organization (December & January); see Pam North with Donations
- Installed a New Water Fountain on the First Floor of the Educational Building
- Purchased and Installed New Furnace in the Educational Building

If you have any questions, please contact me at 724-316-0676.

Thank you,  
Wendy Grubbs, Consistory Secretary

## Pastoral Search Committee Update

Greetings All,

Our committee is actively reviewing applicants as they have come to us. We have defined our process of working through a candidate's application and information. We are praying as a committee and request that you pray for our committee, our congregation and our future pastor. God already knows who that will be.

Thank you all for your continued support. Here is to a strong 2023!

Sara Jacobs  
Committee Chair

## Women's Ministry News

Women's Ministry will start our year off by meeting on **Saturday, January 14th at 9 am** to do a service project of cleaning and organizing the cupboards/drawers of the church kitchen. As you know, many hands make light work. Please consider coming and joining us as we share fellowship time doing this project.

Looking ahead: **February 11th** will be our Secret Sis reveal at 10 am in the Fellowship hall followed by a Bible Video study.

In March we will have our Easter Candy Sales. More details will follow in the upcoming months.

Blessings for a Healthy and Happy New Year!  
Marla Clouse



### UGANDA MISSION TEAM UPDATE:

Hello St. Peter's,

Hope all is well with you all. First and foremost I want to thank you all who have supported our many fundraisers over the past year. We also want to thank St. Peter's Church for their continued support every year. The CPR team also made a great contribution to supply the pastor's salary at St. Peter's Kalyango, to fix a well and to help with our medical needs. Your continued support to CPR is needed to help St. Peter's Kalyango and the local villages to prosper in their love for God and their health and well-being.

We now ask for continued prayers for our trip and for our friends and families at home. God bless you all and we can't wait to tell you about all we accomplished on this trip.

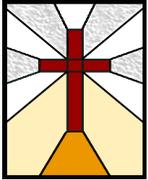
The Uganda Mission Trip Team



### 2023 Men's Venison Dinner

Mark your calendars for the annual Men's Venison Dinner on **Saturday, February 25th**. We will have food, fun and fellowship. Doors open at 5:30PM and dinner is at 6PM. If you have six or more people in your party, please reserve a table (with Sara Jacobs).

If you are able to donate a venison roast or another game meat, please let Matt Jacobs know.



## SOUTHWEST BUTLER FOOD CUPBOARD

557 Perry Highway

Harmony, PA 16037

Phone: 724.453.4184

Website: [www.swbfoodcupboard.org](http://www.swbfoodcupboard.org)

The Southwest Butler Food Cupboard could use the following for the month of January.

Instant potatoes/Au Gratin Potatoes	Canned chicken	Taco Kits
Helper Meals	Tuna fish	Peanut Butter & Jelly
Rice	Pancake mix	Canned veggies
Condensed soup	Syrup	Canned fruit
Ready to Eat Soup	Pasta	Juice
Ready to Eat Pasta (Chef Boyardee)	Rice/pasta sides	Sloppy joe

Thank you for your continued support and generosity to the Southwest Butler Food Cupboard.

Blessings,  
Erin Makowski, Director

*Happy January Anniversary to:*

*Tim and Sharyn McMaster ~ January 10 ~ 56 years*

*Russell and Esther Robertson ~ January 22 ~ 74 years*



*Happy January Birthday to:*

*June English ~ January 2 ~ 93 years young*

*LaVada George ~ January 3 ~ 86 years young*

*Geri Young ~ January 5 ~ 81 years young*

*Harvey Rice ~ January 8 ~ 90 years young*

*Shirley Knauff ~ January 16 ~ 81 years young*

*Juanita (Bea) Barna ~ January 26 ~ 86 years young*

*Sandy Nolte ~ January 27 ~ 81 years young*



## REACHING OUT THROUGH OUTREACH MINISTRIES

by Pam North



### Blessed New Year to Everyone!

It would be hard to enumerate in detail all the outreaches that occurred at St. Peter's at the end of 2022. There were many outreaches that all of us were apprised of and encouraged to help with, but undoubtedly, there were a number of you who also did many other things that weren't officially part of what the church was involved with. But even if no one else knew what you did in trying to help 'lighten' someone else's burden, particularly in these past few months, the Lord certainly did, and He was heartily cheering you on. How awesome it is that anything we do in His name and for His glory is forever remembered by our benevolent Father! Thanks to any of you helped in whatever ways you chose to!

I would like to highlight two special outreaches that occurred that involved some of our members and ended up blessing many people (and many of them are people we will never know by name):

### THE CHRISTMAS JOURNEY - HOPE TO COPE

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, St. Peter's once again hosted a most special service for those people who had lost family members during 2022 (and some people who had lost family members during the pandemic years of 2020 and 2021). This service of remembrance was organized through a cooperative venture with Boylan Funeral Home, and those who were specifically invited included every family that had used the services of Boylans as well as those of our church family who had lost a family member. There were a number of people who gave their time and talents to minister to the bereaved families who attended. Those who took part in the service in addition to Pastor Mauri and Pastor Reid Moon from Boylans were: Pastor Timothy Dawes from St. Paul's and Zion Lutheran Churches (our speaker), Leta and Liz Hixon (our soloists who are both seniors at Seneca Valley), Sharyn McMaster and Scott McMaster. Our ushers included: Rex Brown, Pam North, Dottie and John Schulte, and Dick and Jane Williams. And 'all around' help was given by Sheri McMaster and Bill Allmann. All of these people made those who came to this service (the vast majority of them not from our church and whose hearts were filled with grief) feel welcomed and cared about – a true working out of our church's mission statement. Our ongoing prayer is that this service made an impact upon the bereaved families that will last long after Christmas and will give them hope that God will sustain them with His love and bless them with His peace through this new year and beyond!

### THE SALVATION ARMY KETTLE CAMPAIGN

Once again this past Christmas season, St. Peter's took on the responsibility of helping the Salvation Army reach 'the least, the lost, and the lonely' in our area. Thanks to everyone who rang the bells on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at Walgreens and Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at BiLo. These people include: Sandy and Larry Bernd, Angie Cogliano, Lisa Armstrong and Vince Cogliano, Ron Double, Trent Geis and Landon Bichler, Sally Hamilton, Angie and Jack Herklotz, Thelma Jacobs and Leah and Logan Jacobs, Rick Meyers, Pam North, Melissa and Eric Painter, Cathy Powell, Cath Rape, Tonya Reynolds, John Schulte, Lori Smith, and Geri Young. And a special thanks goes to Lynn Meyers who helped Vanessa Fatur (the new coordinator for the Kettle Campaign) get the whole bell-ringing endeavor up and running this year, and who also helped recruit more people from St. Peter's to ring the bell during the final collection week. It turned out to be most unfortunate that, due to the horrendous weather conditions on 12/23 and 12/24, the bell ringing was suspended, so we are hoping that the outpouring of support that occurred during the rest of the campaign netted some great results for our local service chapter (ALL of the proceeds from the Kettle Campaign stay in our local area – that's great news!)

### LOOKING AHEAD TO SOME NEW OPPORTUNITIES

#### JONI AND FRIENDS - 'WHEELS FOR THE WORLD'

If you were fortunate enough to be in Sunday school (and also at the beginning of our worship service that day) back in October when Rob Olszewski from Gospel Fellowship PCA spoke about his work with 'Joni and Friends' (he is part of the chapter in Ohio), you were probably very touched with all that Joni Eareckson Tada's ministry to the disabled around the world has accomplished since it was first started. Rob has had a significant responsibility to this ministry and he touched on many things during his presentations. One of the things that stayed with me was when he mentioned that he and others would be transporting wheelchairs to Columbia in March and that they would be looking to acquire wheelchairs (used ones in good condition are what they are looking for) to take with them. When he talked about seeing

a disabled child or adult be put in a wheelchair for the first time and suddenly become mobile and the impact that has on that person, I know it affected many of us deeply. He also talked about a challenge that he would be having with another chapter leader regarding which chapter would be able to collect the most wheelchairs. So... that's where St. Peter's comes into the picture. We are going to help Rob and his 'Joni and Friends' friends by seeing how many used wheelchairs our church family might be able to collect and then donate to Rob's chapter. I believe that even if we only get a few, it would certainly make a difference in the lives of people who have never known true mobility. If any of you have a used wheelchair or know of someone who might be willing to donate one (and remember, each wheelchair needs to be in pretty good condition), the wheelchairs can be brought to the church anytime in January or February (up to the 24th of February), and we will be transporting any wheelchairs we receive to Gospel Fellowship PCA Church the next week so that they can be delivered in March when the teams travel to Columbia. This is truly an exciting outreach to take part in, and I'm sure that Rob will let us know the final number of wheelchairs collected (and if his chapter won the challenge.) If you have any questions about this or need more information, please contact me or Sheri at the church office (724- 452-8120.) So that's the opportunity that is before us! Let's get 'Ready...Set...Go' to be part of a life-changing experience for people thousands of mile away, but no matter where they are, they are certainly close to the heart of God!

## **A GREAT OPPORTUNITY AT PASSAVANT HEALTH CENTER (LUTHERAN SENIOR LIFE)**

I have something exciting to share with all of you who are in the 65+ years old group that I hope you will take advantage of. For years, I have been involved in various activities at Passavant Health Center, and I have been very blessed by volunteering there as well as taking classes at the Fitness Center, attending various events, and eating at both The Bistro and Baron's Inn, among other things. I have known that many things at Passavant are open and available to the general public, but this has seemed to be a well-kept secret to people who live in Zelie and the surrounding area. So this article will attempt to uncover the 'secret' and will serve as an invitation to a free luncheon and presentation given by Brian Damaska, the head of the relatively new 'Aspire' program at Passavant. 'Aspire' was developed and incorporated last year and it is very comprehensive in its effort to provide a total wellness program for residents of Passavant as well as those in the larger community who are 'seniors'. The name 'Aspire' is actually an acrostic that describes all the facets of the program, which include: A-Active, S-Spiritual, P-Purposeful, I-Intellectual, R-Relational, and E-Expressive. The purpose of the get-together that will be hosted by Brian is to enjoy a time of fellowship over a meal and then listen to an overview of what 'Aspire' offers. You will probably also be able to take a look at the Fitness Center with its new state-of-the-art equipment, along with the pool, you can check out the rest of 'Main Street', including the Gift Shop, and you can see where the Gently Used Shop and other specific activity rooms are. This event will take place on **Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 11:30-1:30** and as I mentioned before, there is no cost for you to attend. I will, however, need you to RSVP to me at the church office (724-452-8120) or my home (724-452-8345) by **February 13<sup>th</sup>**. I wanted to advertise this to our church family in enough time for you to put this date on the calendar and then to RSVP. There is no expectation that you will need to join 'Aspire' (there is a yearly cost for this program, but as I understand it, if you only want to use the Fitness Center, for instance, as long as you have a Silver Sneakers card, you are eligible to take advantage of almost anything that they offer.) So plan to come and find out more about this well-kept 'secret' that is right in our proverbial 'back yard'. I don't think anyone who attends will be disappointed (and there is much that I didn't explain to you, but I know that Brian will do that in his presentation.) I hope to hear from many of you in these next weeks!

In all the days ahead , hold on to these wise and wonderful words of a beloved hymn written by Isaac Watts, who based his text on Psalm 90 – here is verse one:

'O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.'

Not a bad message to carry through all the days of 2023!!

## Thank You Notes



*Dear St. Peter's,*

*Special thanks to Sheri for her undivided attention and help. Bill for his knowledge of the church facilities and all of the dedicated volunteers, especially, Frank Luek in helping us prepare the fellowship room for the ZHS Home Tour. Rex was also appreciated to help keep tabs on anyone entering the facility that perhaps shouldn't be in the building, just in case.*

*P.S. Cathy Powell for the kitchen expertise!*

*Sincerely,*

*The Martino's*

*Dear St. Peter's,*

*I cannot begin to thank you all so very much for the continued prayers, cards and support you have shown me. I appreciate it so very much. May God Bless you all.*

*Merry Christmas,*

*Sharon Wehr*

*Dear Pastor Mauri & Members of St. Peter's,*

*Ted and I thank you so much for the cards that were sent to Lori. She seemed very surprised and it meant a lot. Also for all the prayers and cards. We truly have a wonderful church family.*

*Sincerely,*

*Ted & Nancy Meals*

*Dear St. Peter's Friends,*

*Amy George and I would like to thank you once again for the outpouring of generosity with both cookie and monetary donations and volunteers for our 10th Annual Sweet Blessings Cookie Drive. We were able to bless many different local groups and church members with cookies this year, including: Glade Run' Mars Home for Youth; Butler warming center for the homeless; The Grove Nursing Home; Creek Meadows; Robin's House for Women's Veterans; We Care Program for our church shut-ins and The Salvation Army Kettle drive and our own Sunday School classes.*

*Merry Christmas,*

*With Sweet Blessings,*

*Karen Thomas & Amy George*

*Dear St. Peter's,*

*We would like to thank all of those who helped us celebrate our birthdays and our anniversary this year by calling, sending beautiful cards and just thinking about us. Also, a big thank you to all of the St. Peter's church family for the flower arrangement. It was gorgeous. We are truly blessed at St. Peter's.*

*Sincerely,*

*Betty & Al Lighthiser*

## *Thank You Notes continued...*

*Dear Senior Choir,*

*I want to extend my sincere thanks to the Senior Choir, who have faithfully attended and shared in St. Peter's music ministry. Thank you for your support throughout the year, as well as, the very generous monetary gift you gave me on Christmas Eve. May God richly bless you all this coming year.*

*Love, Sally*

*Dear St. Peter's,*

*On behalf of the Southwest Butler County Food Cupboard, many thanks to St. Peter's for their on going support of monies, food and prayer.*

*Since the onset of that nasty "Covid 19", distribution was changed to a "drive-thru." Our director buys pallets of food from the state. The delivery of that order is the day before the 3rd Tuesday of each month, which is when more muscle from any volunteers is needed. The next day two boxes and three bags are packed for each vehicle that comes that evening. St. Peter's will again have the month of June for volunteers to load cars, usually from 6-7p.m.*

*With your help, over 75,600 lbs. of food was given out last year. Our average there is 90 to 100 households receiving donations each month. At the start of the school year 80 filled backpacks were handed out and over 200 gifts were bought for kids this Christmas.*

*Our thanks to all who donate in anyway, comes from the appreciation and gratefulness we receive each month from the ones we serve.*

*If you know anyone needing the service of SWBCFC have them call (724) 453-4184 or contact me.*

*All Glory to HIM,*

*Cath Rape*

*Dear St. Peter's,*

*Thank you for the kind anniversary wishes they were very much appreciated.*

*Sincerely,*

*Karen & Larry*

*Dear St. Peter's*

*I would like to take this time to thank the members of St. Peter's for the support and encouragement throughout the year. Thank you to ALL the Sunday School teachers for everything you do! Thank You to the parents for helping with Jr. Church. Watch the newsletter for exciting news and activities coming in 2023.*

*I look forward to 2023!*

*Love and Blessings to all.*

*Judy Caldwell*

*Director of Christian Education*

*Thank  
You*

## Thank You “We Care” Team

We Care visits took place on December 12, 13 & 14. Our shut-ins were gifted with a container of cookies from “Sweet Blessings”, Christmas cards all signed by Women’s Fellowship members, and lovely Christmas ornaments made and donated by Darla Frederick. Many thanks, Darla, for sharing your beautiful handiwork, loved by givers and receivers. I talked to them after the visits and they said the cookies were delicious. So thank you all, who made that possible.

Enjoyable visits were had by all. Our elderly members are wonderful. They like to reminisce, enjoy hearing about St Peter’s, and just talk and laugh with us. We visited Linda Rape. Ralph Geis, Harvey Rice, Mary Lou Pietrusinski, Kate Steeb, Joanne Kampas, June English, Earl Gilliland, Birdetta Kennedy, Eleanor Kennedy, Millie Waybright, Esther & Russell Robertson, and Shirley Allmann. Those we did not get to visit were Dorothy Knauf, Rosemarie Christian and Larry Rape. Visitors this time were Marla Clouse, Dottie Rape, Gary & Shirley Knauf, John & Dottie Schulte, Kay O’Neill, Karen Rader, Syd & Joan Schiever, Ginni Smoke, Sally Hamilton, Pam North, Lynn Meyers, Dick & Cathy Powell, Sandy Lee, Catherine Thornberry-Barth and myself. Our next visits will hopefully be in February before Valentines Day. If anyone would like to join us, or participate in any way, please contact me or Pam North. And if you know someone who may like a visit, let us know.

Together in Christ,  
Sharyn McMaster

## Simply Singles:

Simply Singles will meet at The Strand Theater in Zeligople on Friday, January 13, to watch the movie, “Elvis”. The show starts at 7:30pm and tickets are only \$5, and only \$4 for seniors 65+! We hope to see you at the movies!

## Financial Peace

Have you been looking for a way to finally get on top of your money? This. Is. Your. Time. And you don’t even have to leave your home to do it! Just visit [fpu.com/1154694](http://fpu.com/1154694) to join my virtual *Financial Peace University* class starting on **Sunday, January 22, 2023**. Make today the day you decide to own *your* money—not the other way around. You’ve got this!

What better way to start off 2023 than getting a hold of your money? Reach out to Matt or Sara Jacobs with questions ([sarajj1103@gmail.com](mailto:sarajj1103@gmail.com))

## JR. CHURCH SIGN-UPS

January 8th	Caldwell	March 5th	Bichler
January 15th	Butcher	March 12th	
January 22nd	Statzer	March 19th	Stauffer
January 29th	George	March 26th	
February 5th	McGuinness	April 2nd	Caldwell
February 12th	Cogliano	April 9th	No Jr. Church (Easter Sunday)
February 19th	Jacobs	April 16th	
February 26th	Marley	April 23rd	Jacobs

## LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS FOR JANUARY - READ ALL ABOUT IT!!

As we look forward to a new year with new beginnings don't forget to come by the church library to pick up some books to keep you entertained throughout the winter months! Below are a few new additions to our library:



***The 5 Love Languages ~ The Secret to Love That Lasts*** by Gary Chapman: “Between busy schedules and long days, expressing love can fall by the wayside. We forgot to compliment, to give gifts “just because,” to linger in our embrace. The things that say “I love you” seem to either not get said or not get through. This is a book about saying it—and hearing it—clearly. No gimmicks. No psychoanalyzing. Just learning to express love in your spouse’s language.”

***Daughter of Cana*** ~ Jerusalem Road Book One by Angela Hunt: ‘Thomas and Tasmin, twin siblings hired to oversee a wedding feast in Cana, worry when the host runs out of wine...until a guest tells Tasmin to have the servants fill the pitchers by the gate with water from the cistern. Reluctantly, she obeys—and is amazed when rainwater turns into the finest wine ever tasted in Cana. When Thomas impulsively decides to follow the teacher from Nazareth, the twins argue bitterly. Tasmin refuses to be abandoned or to let her brother be taken in by a magician-prophet. When he departs anyway, she decides to follow the Nazarene’s group, aided by Jude, younger brother to Yeshua of Nazareth, and do whatever she must to mend the fractured relationship, reveal the truth, and bring her brother home.

***The Shepherd’s Wife*** ~ Jerusalem Road Book Two by Angela Hunt: ‘Yeshua of Nazareth has two sisters: Damaris, married to a wealthy merchant’s son, and Pheodora, wed to a simple shepherd from Bethlehem. Damaris can’t understand why her younger sister settled for such a poor existence, but she does what she can to share her abundance. When her husband is invited to elevate the family’s status, even though some aspects of the lifestyle seem contrary to what she has always been taught. Pheodora has long felt inadequate compared to her beautiful sister but has no regrets about the life she chose. When Pheodora’s husband is unexpectedly thrown into debtors’ prison, she is shocked to learn that a loan from her generous sister would jeopardize her brother-in-law’s religious aspirations. Forced to pin her hopes on two she-goats whose spotless white offspring could be sold for an upcoming Yom Kippur sacrifice, Pheodora must struggle to keep the animals—and her family—alive. When horrific reports about Yeshua reach the sisters in Nazareth, Pheodora and Damaris each grapple with their relationships to God, their radical brother, and their own questioning hearts.

Please be sure to make a stop into the church library to check any of these titles out and happy January reading!!



# January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship 10:15 am	Head Usher for January Paul Reynolds					
1 Happy New Year! 11:00am Church Service	2 8-3pm Church Office Closed 5:30pm AA Mtg. ~ Fellowship Room 6:30 pm Elder's Mtg. ~ Ed. Bldg. 6:30pm Pastoral Search Committee Mtg. ~Office/Sanct.	3 1pm 500 Card Club ~ F. Room	4 9am Prayer Group 7pm Choir practice 7pm The Journey	5 11:30am Ministerium ~ Fellowship Room	6	7
8 11:30am Un-decorating the Church	9 5:30pm AA Mtg. ~ Fellowship Room 6:30pm Pastoral Search Committee Mtg. ~ Ed. Bldg. 7pm Confirmation Class ~ Ed. Bldg.	10 1pm 500 Card Club ~ F. Room 6:30pm Consistory Mtg. ~ Ed. Bldg. (All Welcome)	11 9am Prayer Group 7pm Choir practice 7pm The Journey	12 6:30pm TNT Mtg. ~ Fellowship Rm.	13	14 9-12pm Women's Ministry Mtg. ~ Cleaning Kitchen
15	16 5:30pm AA Mtg. ~ Fellowship Room 7pm Confirmation Class ~ Ed. Bldg.	17 1pm 500 Card Club ~ F. Room	18 9am Prayer Group 7pm Choir practice 7pm The Journey 7pm AFSP Support Group ~ Ed. Bldg.	19	20	21
22 11:30am Annual Congregational Mtg. ~ Sanctuary  6pm FPU Class ~ Fellowship Rm.	23 5:30pm AA Mtg. ~ Fellowship Room 6:30pm Pastoral Search Committee Mtg. ~ Ed. Bldg. 7pm Confirmation Class ~ Ed. Bldg.	24 1pm 500 Card Club ~ F. Room 7pm Prayer Meeting ~ Sanctuary	25 9am Prayer Group 7pm Choir practice 7pm The Journey	26 6:30pm TNT Mtg. ~ Fellowship Rm.	27	28
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ZELIENOPLE, PENNSYLVANIA 16063-1101**

**COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS - 2023**

Another year is here and it's time to reserve the Sunday you wish to place flowers on the Communion Table in the sanctuary for 2023.

**FILL OUT EXACTLY** as you wish same to appear in the Sunday bulletin -- hand or mail entire form to Sheri at the church office.

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Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
01	05	05	02	07	04	02	06	03	01	05	03
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Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone no. \_\_\_\_\_

The flowers on the Communion Table are given to the Glory of God and

in (1) \_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_

(1) please fill in "LOVING MEMORY" or "HONOR" or "CELEBRATION" or other