

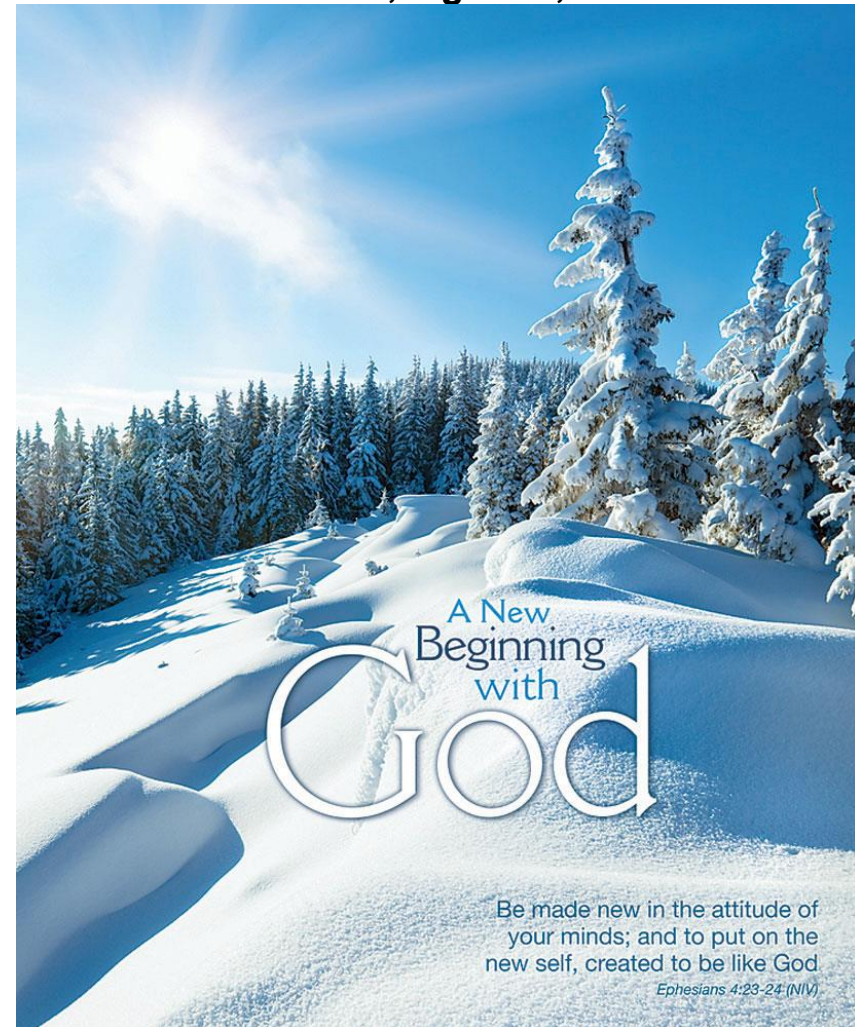
MORNING SCHEDULE
Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship – 10:30 am

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Worship Attendance last Sunday December 26 worship: 30
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JANUARY 2, 2022 – HAPPY NEW YEAR

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“Ligonier (First) Church of the Brethren Is a community of believers who seek to walk passionately with Christ by reaching out in His name, preaching and sharing His gospel, and teaching all to live like Him.”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsive Reading*

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come!
People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!
 Leader: Like sages from afar, come and behold your Christ!
People: Let us fall on our knees in his honor! Let us lift our voices in praise of his name!

*HYMN **“All with Gladness Men of Old”** No. 163

INVOCATION PRAYER: *Unison Prayer*

God of our hopes, Christ of our faith, Spirit in our hearts, we come to worship you with joy and gladness. Your goodness knows no limits of generation or gender, of condition or citizenship. You are kind to all, and we worship you in all sincerity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

OFFERTORY PRAYER: *Ephesians 1:3-14 (Please sign the attendance sheets)*

Purposeful Lord, we praise your wisdom and your insight in providing us the opportunity to give to your ministries through this local church during 2022. Through His birth and deeds, Jesus set us free from earthly limitations. Today, we joyously acknowledge that our spiritual blessings are evidence of your love for your children. May these generous gifts be applied according to your plan as we glorify your Holy Name. Amen.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Stacey Knupp

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN **“While We Are Waiting, Come”** No. 242

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-18

MESSAGE

“Congratulations Joseph, It's God”

*CLOSING HYMN

“Another Year Is Dawning”

No. 567

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Pastor John Shaffer
 Lay Leader: Stacey Knupp
 Chorister: Ed Wedge
 Pianist: Pam Zimmerman

Greeters for December: Sherry Boyd
 Counting Steward for Decembers: Stacey Knupp

CHURCH NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

"We'll be starting work on the Church Newsletter for February & March. If you have anything you would like included in the Newsletter: an article of an upcoming event, news and updates from your Commission, a poem, Church family news, an article on a past event held over the holidays - would you please put it in Pastor John's and Susan's mailbox on or before January 19th. If it's more convenient for you to call with what you want included in the Newsletter, you can do that as well by calling the home phone # or Pastor John's cell phone. Thank You for your help. God Bless. Pastor John & Susan

“OUR DAILY BREAD” DEVOTIONAL

The daily devotional “Our Daily Bread” for Dec, Jan, Feb is available in the narthex.

WESTERN PA DISTRICT NEWS CONCERNING CAROL WALKER’S MEMORIAL

The **memorial service** for **Carol Walker** will be held **Friday, January 14th** at 11:00 am at the Somerset Church of the Brethren. There will no visitation ahead of the service. I will share any additional information with you as I receive it. Thank you, s/Tina Lehman, *Administrative Assistant, Western PA District Church of the Brethren*

The District Office will be closed beginning today December 23rd at noon. We will be back Tuesday, January 4th. You can still reach me via email and voicemail.

JOYS FROM DECEMBER 26, 2021

- It is great to have Matthew home from college in Hawaii and here with us at worship; Roseanne also expressed the joy of sitting in front of Matthew while singing our hymns
- Stacey does a great job with the children's message and it applies to adults too
- Both Joe and Roseanne expressed appreciation for the love and concern shown them while down with Covid and thanked us for being the best church ever
- Pastor John expressed appreciation for his daughter Cynthia's gift of a chicken swing and shared the gift with the church (especially as a suggestion for Tracy Black to make for his wife)
- Pastor John also shared that his daughter Lisa's and her family (all but husband Larry) had Covid and are recovering well
- Bruce Smith is beginning to show signs of progress in his battle with Covid
- Sue Kinsey got a very good report from the MRI of her head – an all clear

OUTREACH FOR JANUARY

The outreach for January is Souperbowl to benefit the local Food Pantry. Please bring your soup and Jack will see that they get delivered to the distribution center at Holy Trinity Church in Ligonier. Please also remember your gently used shoes, wrapped with a rubber band as this project supports the Honduras orphanage we associate with and bring – And don't forget items for the local Food Pantry.

RITA'S CLOSET

Rita's Closet opens Mondays at the First Church of the Brethren, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. If you are unable to make it on a Monday, please call Darlene Rummel at 814-243-7156 to schedule a time more convenient. All donated clothes were freely given and are free to you. Please come and check us out.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Wednesday, 6:30 pm – Bible Study with Pastor John – We are studying the book of Acts.

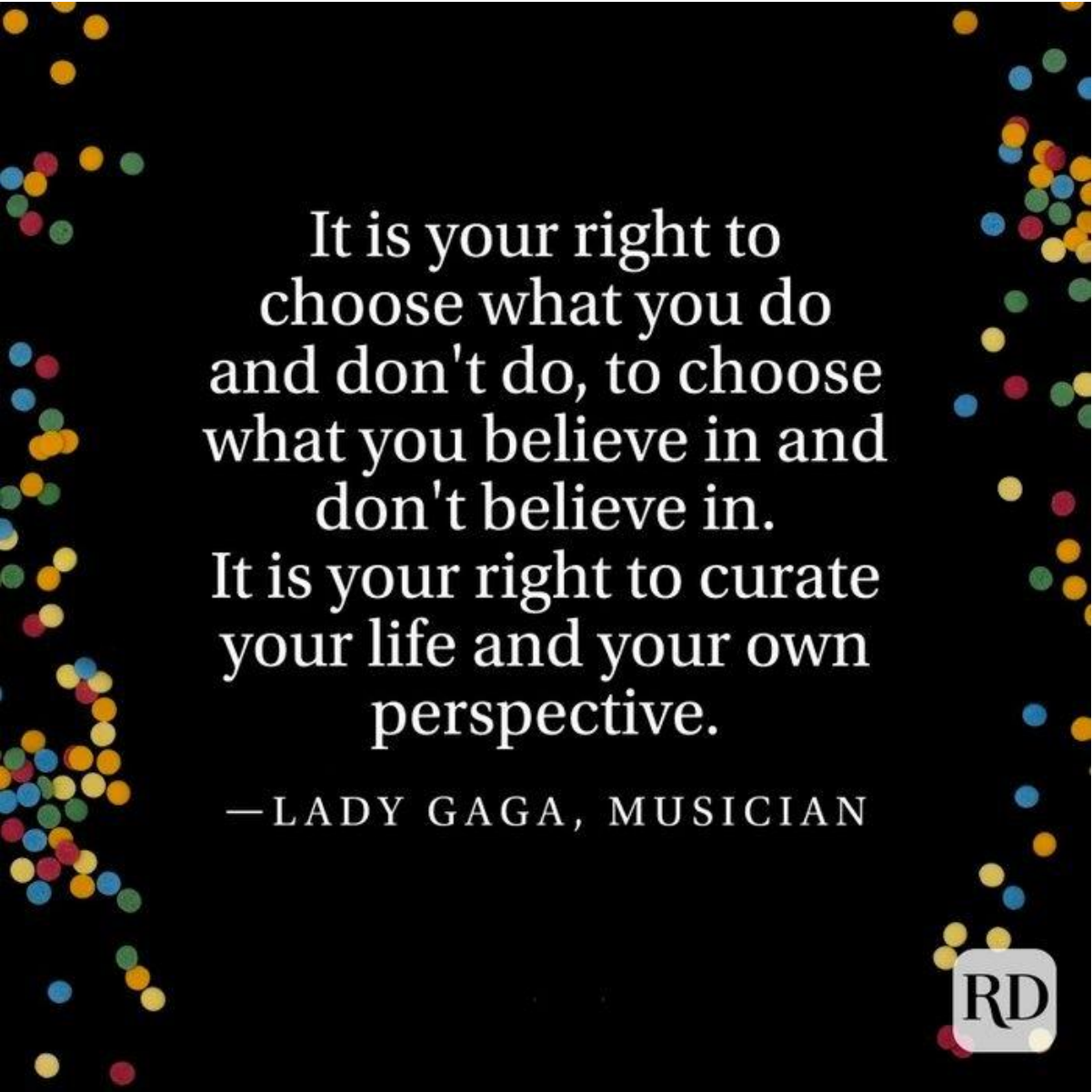
Thursday, 9:00 am -- The Happy Stitchers

Thursday, 9:00 am to Noon – Pastor John's Office Hours

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 9, 2022, Camp Harmony – Hogar Enmanuel's Dinner/Theater featuring the play "FLOODED! The First Lockdown"

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It is your right to
choose what you do
and don't do, to choose
what you believe in and
don't believe in.
It is your right to curate
your life and your own
perspective.

—LADY GAGA, MUSICIAN



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KINGDOM CONCERNS

Jesus Prayer Requests

The Glory of God (John 17);

Workers for the Harvest (Matthew 9)

Spiritual Renewal in our Congregation

ALSO: Persecuted Christians; Missions; Peace Workers; Service Persons;

National/International Leaders

Missionaries to Poland: Ashley and Corby White (23rd of each month, please uphold in special prayer as they will also be praying for us on this date)

WESTERN PA DISTRICT

District Office Staff – William Wenger, Amy Bowman, Tina Lehman

District Office Phone Number – 814-479-2181

District Moderator – Robert Rummel

District Response Team – Herb Ewald

District Leadership Team Chair – Pete Kaltenbaugh

Camp Harmony Executive Director – Jen Vickroy

2020 Prayer Partner Congregation: Windber Church of the Brethren

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Unchurched in Waterford, Ligonier Valley (Welcome and Invite them!)

Valley Youth Network – Kip Crumrine, Director; Sandy Crumrine, Assistant;

Chelsea Carpenter and Kylie Weber, Interns

Ligonier Valley Association of Churches – Janet Riordan, President

ALL OF OUR WORSHIP MINISTRY EXPERIENCES

Future of our church – Please take five minutes at noon every day to pray for ways to encourage the parents, children and young people who could be coming**

LOCAL CHURCH CONCERNS

Deacon Chairperson – Stacey Knupp

Church Board/Executive Board Chairmen – Richard Jones,

Nurture -- Michelle Black, Stewardship – Becky Kwak, Witness -- Debbie McInchok