

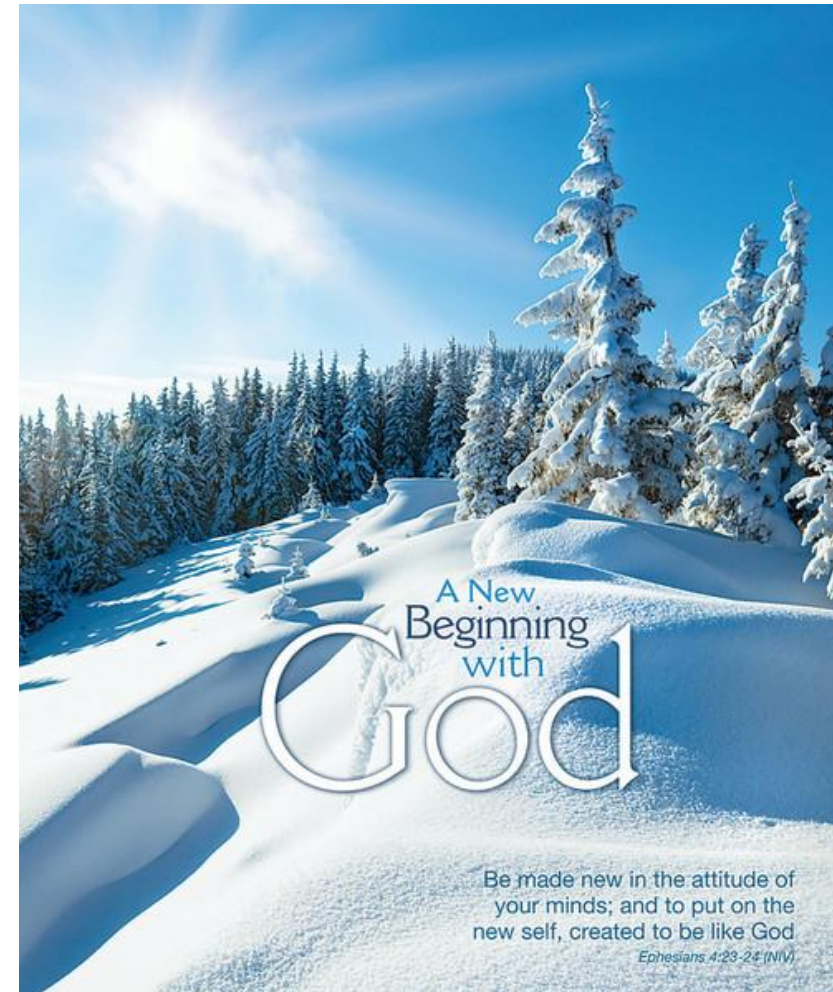
MORNING SCHEDULE
Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship – 10:30 am

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JANUARY 23, 2022

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: God's glory is pouring forth from the heavens.
People: Earth below receives the good news with great joy.
Leader: The promise is sure and true, that Jesus has come to show us the best ways to serve God.
People: By serving and caring for others, we truly serve God.
Leader: Come, let us prepare ourselves for joyful service.
People: Lord, make us ready for great service in your name. AMEN.

*HYMN "Amazing Grace" No. 202

INVOCATION PRAYER: *Unison Prayer*

Leading and Guiding God, you have opened the doors to us for true service. We are encouraged to become involved in ministries of peace and justice. The light of promise is reflected in your Spirit which rests in each one of us. Get us ready to serve you. Guide our lives, as we learn more of what you would have us do. AMEN.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: *Psalm 19 (Please sign the attendance sheets)*

Glorious God, the beauty in your creation is awesome. We are often speechless by the majesty of your mountains, oceans, forests and rivers. Yet, you enthrall us with something even as small as a fragile snowflake or a grain of sand. Your genius and power is manifest in the natural world. We share these gifts as stewards of your resplendent creation. We affirm our responsibility to use natural resources in God-honoring ways. Amen.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Stacey Knupp

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN "More Love to Thee" No. 363

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE **Genesis 12:1-9, Hebrews 11:8-12, 17-19 and James 2:23**

MESSAGE "Abraham – A Friend of God"

*CLOSING HYMN "Jesus Is All the World to Me" No. 510

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Pastor John Shaffer
Lay Leader: Tracy Black
Chorister: Ed Wedge
Pianist: Pam Zimmerman

Greeters for January: Debra McInchok
Counting Steward for January: Dick Jones

ROSES FOR BLESSINGS

The two vases with pink roses are in honor of the new babies born to families in our congregation.

Chloe James born on 1-13-22 to Amanda (Knupp) and Ken Rhodes.

Chloe is the Granddaughter of Paul and Stacey Knupp and Great-Granddaughter to Sherry Boyd.

Eleanor Jean born on 1-18-22 to Kami (Black) and Zach McVicker.

Eleanor is the Granddaughter of Tracy and Michelle Black and Great-Granddaughter to Tom Clark. Little Eleanor joins big sister Caroline and Big brother Allister.

God Bless these beautiful families.

"OUR DAILY BREAD" DEVOTIONAL

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

PLEASE NOTE: 2021 Financial Statements are in the mailboxes.

JOYS FROM WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

- It was a delight to have Sharon's mom, Ruth, with us at Bible study on Wednesday
- Our neighbor Betty Roberts is now in Bethlen Home

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"

Saturday, June 11, 2022 – Memorial Service for Charles and Fay Harr

*****CHURCH FAMILY*****

We all know that when someone has cancer it not only affects that person, it puts stress on the whole family. Well three families are going through the stress of chemotherapy treatments and we can help with some of that stress. I would like to start a Meal Train in our Church for them. How can I help you ask – Below is a list of the things that you can do.

1. Pick up a Gift Card for a local Restaurant, Giant Eagle, Sheetz, etc. so they will be able to pick up a meal on the way home from treatments, get gas, get snacks for treatments, etc.
2. If you like to cook, a homemade meal would be great: soups and comfort food. Please contact me and we will set up a date and time for the meal. If you cannot deliver the meal, I will pick up the meal and drop it off

s/Stacey Knupp

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

