



## Newsletter

February 2019

**Glorifying God by Making, Maturing, and  
Mobilizing Enthusiastic Disciples for Jesus Christ**

### PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Crowds always seem to find Jesus. He would try and step away, find quiet time, but sooner rather than later, a crowd would have again gathered around.

Word about him spread. More and more people heard what he was doing. They came, they wanted to see for themselves. Experience it. Be healed.

Does this describe us? As followers of Jesus Christ. As people sharing the good news and living it out, should we not be attracting crowds? Should people not be gathering?

But it is not just about people coming to us, because Jesus started by going to the people. Getting his hands dirty. Meeting with, eating with, the sinners and the tax collectors. The rejects and outcasts. Those were Jesus first contacts.

Where are we getting our hands dirty as a church? Where are we meeting and greeting people? New people, people different than us?

Starting February 10, we will be starting a new sermon series called "See All The People" and we will challenge ourselves to see beyond our walls as to how we can use our gifts in the world.

### FEBRUARY WORSHIP

Sunday February 3, 2019 - "Greater Gifts: Love"- 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (Communion)

Sunday February 10, 2019 - "See All The People: The Pressing Crowd"- Luke 5:1-11

Sunday February 17, 2019 - "See All The People: The Expectant Crowd" – Luke 6:17-26 (Sunbeam Choir)

Sunday February 24, 2019 - "See All The People: The Questioning Crowd"- Luke 6:27-28

### Commission on the Way Forward

General Conference 2019 is this month. February 23-26. Please continue to keep the church, delegates, bishops, and other denominational leaders in your prayers.

**Below are the delegates from Eastern PA Annual Conference:**

**Lay- Judy Ehninger, Clarita Krall, Krystl Johnson, Jane Bonner**

**Clergy- Rev. Dawn Taylor-Storm, Rev. Jeff Raffauf, Rev. Joseph Dipaolo, Rev. Lydia Munoz**

It is hard to predict what will happen during this General Conference. Many have tried over the past couple of months, but truly it is up to God. May the Spirit move in the midst of the delegates. Whatever happens may we continue to know that no church is our church. May we continue to trust in the awesome power of God to work God's will in this situation.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE & LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

Mark your calendars and join us for our Ash Wednesday Service on, Wednesday March 6, 2019 @ 7pm. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season, and is a time of reflection upon our own sin and brokenness and we begin the journey to the cross. The weeks following Ash Wednesday we will join together for our Lenten Bible Study. Stay tuned for more details.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS...**

We will be having communion Sunday, February 3.

Caring Cupboard Sunday is February 10<sup>th</sup>. All donations of toiletries and non-perishable food is greatly appreciated.

Ad Council meeting is the Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sub and pretzel sandwich orders are due February 20<sup>th</sup> with pick up on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> between 10:30-11:30 AM. All proceeds from the sub sale go towards the front door fund.

The monies collected up to January 27<sup>th</sup> for our Front Door Fund are: Individual donations- \$255.00 and the Primary Dept.- \$100.00. The Grand Total is \$4108.20.



### **LOYAL WORKERS...**

The Loyal Workers are meeting February 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM to finalize plans for our Flea Market and Bake Sale on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bakers we need your baked items to sell that Saturday. You can bring your baked goods to the church Friday night 6-8 PM.



There is a snow date of March 9<sup>th</sup>. Come out shopping and support our fundraiser. All proceeds will go toward the Front Door Fund.

### **FLOWER CHART...**

February 3 - Open  
February 13 - Open  
February 17 - Open  
February 24 - Open

The Flower Chart is in the vestibule on the Railroad St. side of the church.  
Sign up for your favorite Sunday to sponsor flowers for our church.

## WORSHIP LEADERS...

**Greeters/Ushers: Richard & Sue Lasher, Jim Floyd, and Tom Gussler**

### **Scripture Readers:**

FEBRUARY 3: Pastor Stoltzfus  
FEBRUARY 10: Barry Smith  
FEBRUARY 17: Pastor Stoltzfus  
FEBRUARY 24: Pastor Stoltzfus

### **Sound System Operators:**

FEBRUARY 3: Seth Schell  
FEBRUARY 10: Barry Smith  
FEBRUARY 17: Dick Lasher  
FEBRUARY 24: Don Brubaker

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 1 – Isaac Harman	18 – John Harman
2 – David Minnich	19 – Carolyn Blantz
4 – Larry Strait	19 – Allison Harman
6 – Ellen Eisenhour	20 – Cindy Patrick
14– Rachel Beam	21 – Pamela Patrick
14 – Summer Schell	24– Nathan Bloch
16 – Jacob Beam	25 – Janine Wimmer
	29 – Donald Brubaker



# WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Barry & Vicki Smith February 21



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