



## Newsletter

January 2019

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

#### **PASTOR'S REFLECTION**

What are you good at? What is your passion? What do you do in your free time? Most of us could answer these questions quickly. They are standard questions, but what if I asked you these questions about the church? What are gifts in God's kingdom? What is your passion for the church? And to some extent you might have some of the same answers, but most of us might be a little unsure. First, we worry that these questions will lead us to serve on a committee or get roped into doing something until we die. And no one wants to do that. But this is more than just a committee. This is thinking about how God empowers each of us as followers of Christ.

Sometimes that is scary and calls us to take some risks. I remember when I began to feel called to ministry. I did not like to speak in public and I was not very good at it. But God equipped and empowered me to grow into my gifts.

Sometimes it means we must look at everything else we are doing. If we are doing too much, and doing something else at church seems too much, how are we spending our time. What truly matters in our lives?

Sometimes this means asking people for help, and taking time to train and teach, when it would be easier to do it ourselves.

Over the course of January, we are going to spend some time talking about gifts, wondering how we work together as a church, as the body of Christ, to grow and build the kingdom. What is our role in that? What do we have to offer?

#### **JANUARY WORSHIP**

Sunday January 6, 2018- "New Year New You"- 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 (Communion)

Sunday January 13, 2018 - "Greater Gifts: You Are Beloved"- Luke 3:15-17,21-22

Sunday January 20, 2018 - "Greater Gifts: Gifted for Others" - 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (Sunbeam Choir)

Sunday January 27, 2018- "Greater Gifts: Being Needy"- 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

#### **Commission on the Way Forward**

General Conference 2019 is less than two months away. 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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS...**

Caring Cupboard Sunday is January 13th. All donations of toiletries and non-perishable food is greatly appreciated.

This month Ad Council meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sub and pretzel sandwich orders are due January 23<sup>rd</sup> with pick up on January 31<sup>st</sup> between 10:30-11:30 AM. All proceeds from the sub sale go towards the front door fund.

The monies collected up to December 16 for our Front Door Fund are: Sub Sale for November - \$115.50, Sub Sale - December 106.50, individual donations-\$120.00, Redners - \$161.18, and Loyal Workers - \$1000.00. That is a total \$1512.18 for the month and the Grand Total is \$3753.20.

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

The Loyal Workers want to thank everyone who donated to our Mitten Tree. The Ronald McDonald House is grateful for these donations which help the families dealing with the illness of their child. Thank you for your generous support.

The Loyal Workers are having a flea market and bake sale Saturday, March 2 from 8:00AM – 1 PM. We will have flea market vendors, baked goods and a lunch. Bakers, bring in those baked goods and come in and shop for good stuff cheap. Let's make this a huge success. All proceeds go towards our new front doors. The snow date is March 9(hopefully it won't be needed).

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

January 6 – Terry & Cindy Patrick  
January 13  
January 20  
January 27

The 2019 Flower Chart is on the bulletin board in the vestibule on the Railroad Street side of the church. Sign up for your favorite Sunday to sponsor flowers for our church.

### **WORSHIP LEADERS...**

**Greeters/Ushers: Joan & Larry Strait and Diane & Richard Miller**

**Acolyte: Cade Barnhouse**

**Scripture Readers:**

JANUARY 6: Pastor Stoltzfus  
JANUARY 13: Don Brubaker  
JANUARY 20: Pastor Stoltzfus  
JANUARY 27: Ed Kaylor

**Sound System Operators:**

JANUARY 6: Seth Schell  
JANUARY 13: Barry Smith  
JANUARY 20: Dick Lasher  
JANUARY 27: Don Brubaker

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 2 – Cindy Anspach	14 – Chris Oleyniczak
2 – Dick Eutzy	16 – Kim Mader
8 – Kalin Scipioni	20 – Ed Kaylor
10 – Elizabeth Stoltzfus	24– Lisa Harman
11– Lisa Scipioni	24– Colton Barnhouse
11 – Ed Bosha	26 – Alyce Laraia
13 – Katelyn Dove	27– Dennis Walborn



# WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Anniversary to:  
Pastor Jared & Elizabeth Stoltzfus – January 2  
Terry & Cindy Patrick – January 6  
Larry & Joan Strait – January 31



## Get Social With Us

You may not be on these platforms, but many people are. We need to go where the people are and sometimes that is as simple as social media. If you are on social media, make sure to follow us.



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