



Newsletter

JANUARY 2020

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

PASTOR'S REFLECTION...

In December I shared with you a vision for this year. As we move into 2020, I wanted us to focus on how we can pay attention to the ways God is at work, and to the ways that God wants us to join in that work.

My first point was that we needed to Invest in Community. And I think it would be easy to think that this is just done by a committee or a group within the church. We need to do more events, get out into the community as a church, right? Yes 100%. And... Investing in community also involves us on a personal level.

Jesus is asked in the Gospels what is the greatest commandment. He responded by telling the questioner that it is to love God with all that you are, and as a bonus Jesus says, "and the second is like it, love your neighbor as yourself." This answer prompts a follow up question and the story of the Good Samaritan.

In this conversation Jesus does some interesting things. He outlines what he believes is at the heart of it all. Love God, Love Others. These two things are at the center of it all, and really cannot be pulled apart. Loving God will make us want to love others. Loving others flows from our love of God. And our neighbor is not just our friends, not just the people like us, but it is also the people we often pass by.

We have physical neighbors, people who live next to us, and we have neighbors as we go throughout our days. People we are interacting with in the various pieces of our days. Who are these people? How have you interacted with them? Do you know anything about them?

If we want to start investing in our community, we must start by opening our eyes as we walk through our days. What does the community around us look like? Who do we see? How can we love them? As a church, and as individuals. Most people come to church not because of a program but because someone invited them.

JANUARY WORSHIP

Sunday January 5, 2020- Ephesians 1:3-14 (Comunion)

Sunday January 12, 2020- Matthew 3: 13-17

Sunday January 19, 2020- John 1: 29-42 (Sunbeam Choir)

Sunday January 26, 2020- Matthew 4:12-23

SUNBEAM CHOIR...

All children and youth are invited to join the Sunbeam choir as it practices each Wednesday, they meet downstairs and evening from 5-5:30. They perform the third Sunday of the month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Caring Cupboard Sunday January 12th. Needed items for the Caring Cupboard are boxed sides (mashed potatoes, au gratin, etc.), hamburger helpers, hot chocolate, fresh produce, canned pasta, canned tomato products/pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, canned pork, spam, and canned tuna. Non-food needs are paper towels/napkins, baggies (sandwich size), shampoo, bar soap, lotion and diapers.



Sub and pretzel sandwich orders are due January 22nd
with pick-up on January 30th.



The order form is on the Information Table in the Gathering Room.
We want to thank everyone who supports our sub sale fundraiser. Our profits from November's sub sale was \$133.75 which will be going toward our flat roof.

Ad Council will be meeting Monday, January 13th. @ 6:30 PM. All are welcome to attend.

LOYAL WORKERS...

The Loyal Workers want to thank everyone who contributed hats, scarves, mittens and gloves to our Mitten Tree. The donations were given to the Ronald McDonald House and are much appreciated. Thank you again.

The Loyal Workers will be having a meeting January 20th to plan for our spring flea market and bake sale in March. Come out and help plan this event.

FLOWER CHART...

January 5 - Open
January 12 - Open
January 19 - Open
January 26 - Larry & Joan Strait

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: Dennis & Sue Ellen Keith and Paul & Karen Leicht

Acolyte: Olivia Basham

Scripture Readers:

January 5: Pastor Stoltzfus
January 12: Barry Smith
January 19: Pastor Stoltzfus
January 26: Ed Kaylor

Sound System Operators:

January 5: Seth Schell
January 12: Barry Smith
January 19: Dick Lasher
January 26: 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	30 – Dennis Walborn



ANNIVERSARIES

Jared & Elizabeth Stoltzfus - January 2
Terry & Cindy Patrick – January 6
Larry & Joan Strait – January 31



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