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Church Newsletter January 2017

**Adult & Youth ..Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
 Worship Service... 10:30 A.M.**

January 1 ... Communion

Worship Meeting

**Will be January 11 following Bible study
 in the Fellowship Room at 2:15 pm**

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**Session will meet Wednesday January 18
 at 7:00 pm for the fellowship room.**

Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, January 22, immediately following worship. Reports will be available from each of the committees and organizations of the church and any item of business may be discussed. Session members are asked to turn in their reports to Gloria Paine by January 8 so they can be compiled in booklet form.

Stained Glass Window Renovation

Pledges for the renovation of the stained glass windows in the sanctuary are being received. Copies of the proposal that the congregation received are on the table by the Fellowship Room. If enough money is pledged, we can do all of the windows in the sanctuary, instead of just the ones described in that proposal. Pledges should be turned in to Harold Carder or Frank Perkins as soon as possible.



New Member Class

Anyone wishing to join the church should speak to Pastor Tom soon so he can set up a time for a class to meet.



Bible Study with Willis Davis

will meet each Wednesday
 at 1:00 pm. in the Fellowship Room.
 Welcome and bring a friend.



January / February
 Usher / Layleader

January

- 01 - Rob & Cheryl Boldman
- 08 - David & Linda Whitman
- 15 - Ken Boyer & family
- 22 - Dick & Shirley Nofziger
- 29 - Sandy Runkel & Carman Oxender

February

- 05 - John & Sue Borton
- 12 - Troy & Jeri Grime
- 19 - Mary Hutchinson & family
- 26 - John & Gloria Paine

(If you're not able to do either task please find a replacement...or for any changes.. contact Gloria Paine





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Notes from the Pastor's Desk

Pastoral Notes

As I was thinking about what to say in this month's column, I received an email from a dear colleague, Roy Pneuman, and decided to share it with you.

"When the Work of Christmas Begins"

When the song of the angels is stilled,

When the star in the sky is gone,

When the kings and princes are home,

When the shepherds are back with the flocks,

Then the work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,

To heal those broken in spirit,

To feed the hungry,

To release the oppressed,

To rebuild the nations,

To bring peace among all peoples,

To make a little music with the heart,

Let the work of Christmas begin,

And let it begin with you.

By Howard Thurman

Or, as it says in the words of the famous song, "Let there be peace on earth. And let it begin with me."

Christ is born, Christ lives!. May we live like it makes a difference.

As a new year begins, we are all called to continue the work of the newborn savior. Let us committ ourselves to be involved in the Lord's work in this year as never before.

Peace and joy of the season,

Pastor Tom

Thanks!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all or our dear friends in West Unity! We extend a hearty thanks to you all for the cards and gifts and well-wishes we have received again this year. The trip to Marshall, Michigan that you gave us for Pastor Appreciation Sunday and the generous Christmas gift were special and really appreciated. We are delighted to be able to enjoy your continued support and kindness. It makes this ministry so enjoyable.

Pastor Tom and Vicki

New Address

Wilma Smith
508 W. Main Street
Montpelier, OH 43543
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January

Birthdays & Anniversaries

01 - Kenneth Grime

02 - Beverly Perkins

07 - Jeri Grime

11 - Susan Paine

13 - Olivia McKinney

16 - Harold Carder

24 - Bill & Michele McKinney (A)

Recipe

Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo

6 oz. uncooked fettuccini

(or 8 oz. spaghetti)

1 cup fresh or frozen broccoli florets

2 T. butter

1 lb. skinless, boned chicken breasts, cubed

1 can Campbell's condensed cream of mushroom soup

1/2 cup milk

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

1/4 tsp. black pepper

Prepare fettuccini by package instructions. Add broccoli to noodles last 4 minutes. Thaw broccoli, if frozen; drain.

In large skillet, brown chicken in butter.

Add soup, milk, pepper, fettuccini mixture and cheese.

Heat, stirring often.

Serve 4.

In Memory of Naomi Lehman

News information for the 2017 February Newsletter. Please contact John or Gloria Paine by January 21.
