

# Our Continuing Vision

January 2018

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## Worship – Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

January 7 – Communion

*“Walking in the Light”* 1 John 1:5-2:6

January 14 – Dedication of Church Leaders

*“Taking the Call”* 1 Samuel 3:1-10

January 21 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

*“Withdrawing to Prepare to Engage”* Matthew 4:1-11

January 28 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

*“In the Cold Mid-Winter”* 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

## Fun First Friday - January 5, 6-8 pm

Ages 3-16 are invited to join in the fun activities planned for the evening. Our theme this month is winter/popcorn with crafts and making popcorn balls for snack.

## De-hanging of the Greens - Sunday, January 7

*You are invited to stay after worship and help de-hang our greens from the Christmas season.* This is a simple group task that can be completed quickly and easily with good hands before everyone goes off to their Sunday dinners.

## Book Club - Sunday, January 14, 12 noon

We will discuss Most Wanted by Lisa Scottoline, after a light lunch at church. Bev Merkel is host. Please RSVP Bev at 484-529-1893 or [unionbev@aol.com](mailto:unionbev@aol.com)

## Youth invited to a lunch & movie

On Sunday, January 14, immediately following our church service, Sue Blatt & Vicki Clements *invite all youth to lunch and a movie.* Feel free to bring a friend!

## **Soup Kitchen - Monday, January 15, 10 am**

Help is needed to make *Hamburger BBQ*, provide rolls, provide celery & carrot sticks, and to be servers, at the New Journey Food Ministry, 138 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Reading. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

## **Coffee, Crafts, & Chatter Nighttime**

### **Tuesday, January 23**

CCCN....night time version of CCC, resumes **Tuesday, January 23, 7-9 pm, at Nancy Dotter's home**. Start the new year with a new group! Bring your ideas for any crafts and/or just come and enjoy fellowship.

## **Witness News**

*The Hat & Mitten tree* that was outside the sanctuary for this holiday season benefitted the residents at the *Miller Personal Care Home of Reading*. Our church went a step farther than the hat and mitten tree. Large boxes were put next to the Hat & Mitten tree. Socks, shirts, coats, underwear, and toiletries were received for these men. These items were delivered the end of December.

*Our Christmas Eve offering (4:30 pm service) went to the Brethren Disaster Relief* since there were so many natural disasters.

We are pleased to announce that *Paula McCutcheon volunteered to be our new Family Promise Coordinator*. We also had Sue Blatt and Nancy Dotter volunteer to be on a Family Promise Committee to help Paula wherever we can. We will be hosting families the weeks of May 27 – June 3; and November 4-11.

*On Sundays, January 28 and February 4, we will be collecting for Souper Bowl Sunday*. This collection goes toward paying for the supplies needed for the New Journey Soup Kitchen in downtown Reading.

## **What a wonderful December!**

December was a very busy month!

First we had a very *successful Cookie Sale and Breakfast with Santa*. The children enjoyed the crafts and gifts.

We were entertained by the wonderful *Jeffrey Krick Jr., (Elvis Tribute Artist)* as he sang Elvis, Christmas, and gospel songs. He is booked for next year – **Sunday, December 9, 7 pm**.

*Our Chancel Choir presented a beautiful, flawless Celtic Christmas Cantata "Stars of Glory."* It was wonderful! *We followed the grand morning with our Christmas Tea*. Many delicious treats were had and great fellowship!

*Our Christmas Eve services were very meaningful and joyous*. The children were most enjoyable.

***Thank you to EVERYONE*** for your participation to help make this season a success!

## Christmas Greetings from the Speichers

Grace and Peace of this holy-day season to our entire church family and friends! The blessings of Christmas have been many and we are *very grateful* for each and every expression of love and fellowship, support and encouragement received in a diverse variety of gifts. Joy has filled our days from a quiet Christmas for two in the hospital room to the gathered circle of singers by candlelight and the glorious choruses of the cantata. Our prayers go out for your health and happiness in the New Year!

Love, Revs Tim and Jill

**Thank you everyone** for your kindness, generosity, and thoughtfulness with the many cards and gifts during this cheerful season. Blessings to everyone.....Barbie

**Our prayers** are with Herb & Cindy Cooley and family. Herb's mother, Dorothy, died on Christmas day.

**2018 Offering Envelopes** will be mailed the first week of January. If you do not receive your packet by the middle of January, please notify the Church Office.

## First quarter dates available for the Flower Chart

*January 21 & 28; February 4, 11 & 18; March 25*

Please sign up on the bulletin board. Suggested price is still only \$25.00.

## Fellowship Directory Updates:

Pg. 3 – Robin Calm & Ada & Lauren Calm's new address is:

263 Indian Trail Road, Mohrsville 19541-9378

Pg. 6 – Joyce Fidler's phone number is: 610-413-2167

## In Our Prayers this month:

*Elliott & Gloria Barnett – Roland Behle – Sherry Briggs – Dean Camp*

*Karena Cooley – Nancy Custo – Mandy & Matt Dotter – Andrea Dougherty*

*Dawn Ernst – Ben Fox – Sandy Fox – Fern Fry – Anna Mae Hoffman – Joan Hornberger*

*Kayla Howe – Joann Landis – Tim Latshaw – Mia Losito*

*Brianna Lowry – Shirley Lowry – Bonnie Mautz – Randy Parson*

*Eric Speece – Jill Keyser Speicher – Mary Spotts – Horace Stewart*

*Ruth Tabakelis – David Torakeo – Carol Urbassik*

# *Sunday Worship Participants for January 2018*

*January 7*

## **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany - Communion**

Acolyte: Classic Sallada

Flowers: Happy and Blessed New Year to Everyone Everywhere  
presented by Linda & Carl Voelker

Greeters: Jim & Carol Beck

Nursery: Sue Blatt

Worship Leader: Dan Biss

Deacons of the Week: Bob & Barb Pettit

*January 14*

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany – Dedication of Church Leaders**

Acolyte: Katherine Felker

Flowers: Presented by Dave Martin

Greeters: Rick & Barbie Kuhns

Nursery: Sue Blatt

Worship Leader: Ray Dotter

Deacons of the Week: Ted & Mary Jo Noble

*January 21*

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Acolyte: Sissy Sfinzas

Flowers: (Open)

Greeter: Darlene Dunn

Nursery: Stefanie Thomas

Worship Leader: Margaret Hildebrand

Deacons of the Week: Don & Eleanor Robinson

*January 28*

## **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Acolyte: Abigail Felker

Flowers: (Open)

Greeters: Sarah & Classic Sallada

Nursery: Stefanie Thomas

Worship Leader: Don Solinger

Deacons of the Week: Scott & Sue Blatt

Audio: John Robinson

Counters: Lee & Fawn Seifrit

Head Usher: Dave Zimmerman

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Parking Lot Greeters: Ted & Mary Jo Noble

Welcoming Team: Joyce Fidler & Mary Lou Walker

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