

*The Good News
Courier*

January/February 2017



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"LOOK!

**God's dwelling
place is now
among the people."**

REVELATION 21:3, NIV

Information Corner

Pastor Dr. Bryan L. Mann **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Thursday
9 AM—1 PM

**THE PASTOR'S OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED ON
FRIDAY.**

Pastor Bryan is available other
times
by appointment.
Phone: 717-713-0651

SECRETARY'S OFFICE **HOURS**

Monday through Thursday
8 AM—1 PM

Closed Fridays and Holidays

Sunday Morning Worship

Traditional Worship Service
8:30am

Sunday School
9:45am

Contemporary Worship Service
11am

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From the Pastor

Crisis or Opportunity

1 Chronicles 4:9-10

Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, "I gave birth to him in pain." Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, saying, "Oh that you would bless me indeed and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from the evil one." And God granted his request. (NIV)

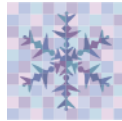
The New Year, 2017, is here! One of our family traditions on New Year's Day is to eat sauerkraut and pork. The Pennsylvania Dutch proverb relates if you eat pork on New Year's Day, you'll root ahead. If you eat chicken you'll scratch backwards. If 2016 was a good year and you want to repeat it, you'd eat chicken. If it wasn't a good year you would eat pork hoping to move ahead, and the New Year will be better than the past. So we look back to what has been and reach forward to what is possible. Looking back includes both the positive as well as the negative things. To look forward to what can be or should be possible is also important. How was your 2016? How was Christ Church's 2016? My family always eats pork on New Year's Day but I'm not sure it's because the past year was that bad. Life is full of ups and downs, but no matter how good or bad it is, we want better things to happen. Jabez is only mentioned in these two verses of the bible. The first verse says his mother named him Jabez because she gave birth to him in pain. What mother has not given birth in pain? We all experience pain in one form or another. We all face pain or crises' throughout our lives. All people have experienced a bad day, a bad week or even a bad year. Jabez cried out to God in a prayer to bless him, help him in his work (increase his territory), be with him in all he did, and keep him from evil and harm. Jabez was asking God to take His rightful place in his life. God is the one who can take any crisis and turn it into opportunity, but only when He is in complete control of our lives or the life of the church.

If 2016 was not a good year for you, 2017 can be better and I don't think eating pork or chicken will really matter. What matters is God's rightful place in our personal lives and the life of the church. I pray that God will turn our crisis into opportunity and bless all of us in 2017.

In Christ,
Pastor Bryan

Kid's Connection

By Miss Tess



*"You crown the year with
your goodness, and your paths drip with abundance." Psalm 65:11*

Happy New Year! Our wish is that you all had the merriest Christmas and our goal is to make 2017 the best year yet! We have been so very blessed in 2016 and continue to give thanks for an amazing year! I want to especially thank our teachers, Miss Chevy, Mr. Kris, Miss Deb, Miss Bev, and Miss Meagan, for all they do for the kiddos. We truly have the best teachers and I appreciate all they do to make Kid's Connection the best it can be! In addition, I want to thank each Kid's Connection family. You all are amazing and we are blessed by each and every child in our care! As we look to 2017, we have lots of exciting activities planned! We cannot wait to see what blessings the Lord has for Kid's Connection in 2017!

God bless you now and always! ~Miss Tess

Upcoming Events in January

16- No School*

17- Half Day

Looking Ahead to February

16- No School*

17- No School*

20- No School*

*Kid's Connection will only be open if there is enough interest
on full days off school*



Wednesday Night

Kids Connection: Pre-K-5th Grade We start with a meal Served from 5:20-6:00 Games-Crafts-Music and Lesson from 6:00-7:30pm. Fun activities for all!

Reach Youth: 6th thru 12th grade Where teens can be teens, starting with a meal served from 5:20-6:00. Fun activities after the meal till 7:30pm.

Table Talk Café: Adults starting with meal served at 5:20-6:00 with invigorating talk for adults in the café at 6:00pm.

1/4/17
Subs
Macaroni and Cheese
Stewed tomatoes
Carrots and Dip
fruit

1/11/2017
Lasagna
Salad
Applesauce
Bread

1/18/2017
Hot Dogs
Baked Beans
Veggies and Dip
Fruit

1/25/2017
Family/Outreach
Ham and Green Beans with Potatoes
Rice Pudding
Bread
Fruit

2/1/2017
Turkey
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Filling

2/8/2017
Chopped Steaks
Tater Tots
Baked Beans
Chips
Veggies

2/15/2017
Toasted Cheese
Soup
Fruit

2/22/2017
Family/Outreach
Spaghetti and Meatballs
Bread
Salad Bar
Fruit

MISSIONS

It is that time of the year again, everyone has a list of what to get everyone for Christmas. I got to thinking...it's Jesus' birthday and what do we get for him? Scripture comes to mind, "whatever we do for the least of these, we've done it for Him." As I look over all that was done this year, I pray it will be pleasing to Him.

Support for missions all over the world to bring the good news to all that do not know Him. For the needy in our community:

Financial help to pay bills
A variety of furniture given
Gift cards for gas and food
Monthly food donations
Fresh vegetables all summer long
Driving folks without a car to appointments
Funeral luncheons
Gift cards for Christmas gifts
Handicap equipment for the needy
Donated church pews to a new congregation in the community
Call for a police check up on folks without heat or work
Clothing for those in need
Giving love and friendship to all
Offering to come and worship at our church
Yard sales and craft shows for fundraisers for missions
Visiting the shut-ins
Park rentals for family gatherings, woodworkers, N/A meetings
Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for the needy
Bible studies
Prayer meetings
Fellowship and meals on Wednesday evenings

These are all things we do for other people here on Earth. We pray for people all over the world who do not know Jesus- that they will hear the good news and learn what they are missing. Many are not studying God's word any longer and lose out knowing about a future we have in Him for eternity.
Happy Birthday Jesus! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

In Christ,
Paula and Committee

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

December 25, 2016

Family of Sheri Shermeyer & son John

December 18, 2016

Family of JJ Harzilizc

Anne Kistler

Long term

Jeanette Curry-member

Horace Miller

Ruth Ann Peters

Greg Bortner

Ayden Zigler-Kohler

Tori Brackbill

Marcus Josey

Owen Taylor

Joanne Kaufman Cancer

Heather Doyle

Brooks Argento

Ruby

Barbara Gastiger

Pastor Harold "Butch" Snyder-member

Mason Heffelfinger

Nadine Troia

Diane Cambell

Frank and April Serra

kidney transplant

8 year old brain tumor

15 month old severe health concerns

18 years old Leukemia

heart transplant

Melanoma treatments

brain tumor

H-ABC

4 stage cancer

health

9 year old with cancer

brain tumor

cancer

deployed national guard

6 months left 10.23.16

Connie Miller

Sonia Heidler

Sonia Heidler

Sonia Heidler

Anne Kistler

Diana Kistler

Paula Shearer

Deb Schaefer

Kris Clark

Robin Brunner

Lucille Schackert

Carolyn Koons

Pastor Bryan

Daughters of Christ & Men's Ministry

Pray for the President elect of USA

Pray for the reconciliation in USA

Victims and Their Families Refugees fleeing Aleppo

Victims and Their Families of Berlin, Germany

Victims and Their Families of Gatlinburg, Tennessee Fire

Victims and Their Families of Haiti

Jacobus Community

Gov. Tom Wolf

Victims of Terrorism throughout the world

World peace

Caitlyn Coleman & Joshua Boyle (prisoners in Afghanistan) and their families

U.S. Law Enforcement Officers and their families

Refugees from the Middle East

All our friends and family who are in nursing homes

All who are serving our country in the military

Our missionaries:

COM-Ben and Cathy Bidelsbach, Rev. Ken Wagoner

SEND-Linc and Kaye Myers

Disciple Makers- Madi Wenger

Malawi-Rev. Blessings Magomero

Neighborhood Center

York Teen Haven

House of Hope



Prayers for
the Sick

Anne Kistler is our Bulletin Prayer List contact person. If you have any updates, please contact Anne at 741-0512 or aKistler.m@gmail.com. **PLEASE NOTE that names will be removed from the list after four weeks unless Anne hears from you.**

New Life Crafts for Missions

Will continue to remain active in 2017. We invite others to join us to share your God given talents to create “new life” out of old, recycled materials, even as we remember the “new life” He gives to us through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We will continue to provide monthly missions support to Madi Zoller Wenger of Disciple Makers through 2017. Disciple Makers is a college-campus ministry that brings the gospel of Jesus Christ to young adults. We meet from **5:30-8:00 PM** in the lower level of the church on the 2nd and 4th Monday evenings. Please add these meeting dates to your January/February calendars:

January 10 and 24

February 14 and 28

Come with ideas and a desire for fun and fellowship as we serve the lord with gladness (Psalm 100).

Looking forward to seeing you in 2017!

“Not to us, Oh Lord, not to us, but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.” -Psalm 115:1

February 2, 2017



Groundhog
Day



WEATHER CLOSING OR DELAYS

If we have any closing or delays in our churches future please turn to WGAL 8. We are just getting that up and running for people to be better connected with weather emergency. Thank you

Church **Offering Envelopes** are available Please contact Renee Eastwood if you want them at reastwood@mcwil.net

Answer to Puzzle on Page 11

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness.” John 8:12 NIV



**PLEASE DON'T FORGET YOUR SPECIAL
SOMEONE ON
FEBRUARY 14, 2017**

Christ Church Family,

We would like to take this time to thank all of you for the congregational monetary gift also the personal gifts and cards. We greatly appreciate your continued prayers and support as we minister together. May you have a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

In Christ,

Pastor Bryan, Cindy & Nate

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who made, donated and bought cookies. Also thank you all who helped wrap gifts. We were able to give more than \$700 to House of Hope. Thanks so much!
Reach Youth/Shirley Wagner

AA meets in the Hebrew Café on Thursdays from 7:00-9:00 PM

NA meets in the Hebrew Café on Mondays at 6:45 PM

Giving credit where due?

Running late for a meeting, a man circled the block, looking for a place to park. Desperately, he raised his eyes toward heaven and prayed, "Lord, if you'll find me a parking spot, I promise I'll start going to church again."

Just then, a car pulled out of a space right in front of the man. "Never mind," he said to God. "I found one!"



We will be having a new book starting **January 5th** running about 10 weeks.

Every Thursday night starting at 6:15 PM

First Place for Health Daily Victory, Daily Joy. If you would like to join us please contact Wendy Hewitt to order your book 717-668-0406 or email- whewitt@cysd.k12.pa.us



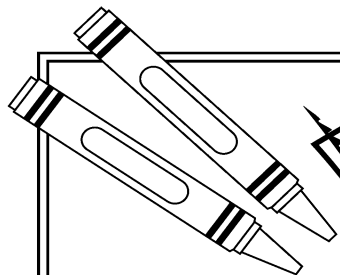
The BASIC short film series, through Francis Chan's teaching, challenges us to reclaim the simple, full, and beautiful journey of the church that is described in Scripture.

Please join us every Sunday Morning @ 9:45 AM in the Hebrews Cafe

Men meet every Tuesday @ 6:30 PM
Please stop by the church and join us.



Daughters of Christ (Women's Ministries)
Meets the second Saturday of each month at 6:00 PM. Please join us.



PUZZLE

Light OF THE World

In a world full of sin and darkness, how can we find our way?
Discover Jesus' answer in John 8:12, NIV.

*Directions: Use the key to fill in the missing vowels.
Then read the completed Bible verse.*

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J__HN 8:12, NIV

You can find the answers on Page 9 of the Newsletter

Opportunities to Serve

If you are interested in helping with Sunday School or the Nursery please contact:

Sunday School: Rachel Gainer @ 717-855-0393
or rachellynnegainer@gmail.com

Nursery: Whitney Wagner 717-781-7656 or
KristensMom314@gmail.com

Altar Flowers Sponsors Jan/Feb: No Sponsors

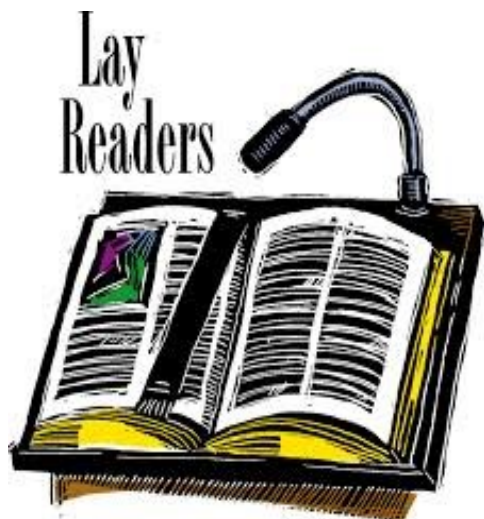
Worship: Jan: Mary Geiselman

Folders: Newsletters : Jan: Mary Geiselman

Feb: Burnell & Bonnie Seitz

- *Worship Folders (\$25);*
- *Newsletter (\$40);*
- *Altar Flowers (\$35.00) .*

If you would like to participate in any of the above opportunities to serve, contact the church office, 717-428-1424 or cumcjacobus@gmail.com.



January

08 Connie Dodson
15 Wendy Hewitt
22 Sam Flick
29 Don Dodson

February

05 Ted Meckley
12 Ben Miller
19 Chevy Nace
26 Whitney Wagner

Checkout Website link:

<http://www.christchurchjacobus.com/#!/calendar/c1riu>

If you would like to see our calendar or the upcoming events please use the link above.

Any questions please call the church at 428-1424



JANUARY

23 Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Kelly

FEBRUARY

- 13 Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wise, Jr.
- 14 Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson
- Mr. and Mrs. John Krall
- Mr. and Mrs. David Lookingbill
- 15 Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lehman
- 22 Mr. and Mrs. Kraig Rishell





Quilts of Valor

Meeting: Home of Linda Wright.

Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 12:30

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 12:30

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 12:30

Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 12:30



REMEMBER OUR SHUT INS

Sam Crane	10/27	Gladys McWilliams	8/16
Loretta Crane	05/28	18 Park Street	
6788 Seneca Ridge Drive		Jacobus, PA 17407	
York, PA 17403-9478			
Margaret Ferree	02/12	Myrtle Myers	6/16
39 York Road		4 North Pleasant Avenue	
Jacobus, PA 17404		Jacobus, PA 17407	
Lorna Hengst	09/8	Betty Snyder	3/5
2330 Freedom Way, Suite 225		Manor Care, Dallastown	
York, PA 17402		100 West Queen Street	
		Dallastown, PA 17313	
Ginny McWilliams	01/21	Percy Stump	7/13
The Village at Sprengle		238 Pine View Lane	
1801 Folkemer Circle		York, PA 17403	
York, PA 17404			

The individuals listed above are our shut-ins and members who are currently living in Independent Living Facilities, Assisted Living, and Nursing Homes. Many of them cannot attend church on a regular basis. We encourage you to send cards (available in the church office), visit, and pray for them in order to stay connected.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Matthew Winter
- 8 Evelyn Smith
Trevor McWilliams
- 9 Thaddeus Kot
- 10 Deb Schaefer
Michael Roberts
Erica Fensterbush
- 11 Beth Henshaw
- 13 Darla Laird
- 14 Norma McWilliams
- 16 Andrew Geiselman
Eric Schaefer
- 17 Jeanette Curry
Paula Hostler
- 19 Ginny Kathryn Clark
- 21 Sandra McDonald
Virginia McWilliams
- 26 Lori Zeigler
- 27 Jennifer McWilliams
- 28 Ian Colbert
- 31 Zoey Ream

February Birthdays

- 1 Evan Branin
- 2 Chancellor Lehman
- 3 Ben Miller
Megan McGuire
Burnell Seitz
- 7 Amanda Viands
- 8 Ed Lehman
- 10 Shawn McDonald
Janet Krall
Stevie Krall
- 12 Margaret Ferree
- 14 Barry Gohn
Jon McWilliams
- 16 Sheila Boyer
Betty Burns
- 20 Jennifer Wagman
Brian Mrozinski
- 24 James Jackson
- 25 Jeff Floyd
- 26 Jason Snyder
- 29 Treva Darr



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