#### The Good News Courier

### Christ Church UMC Jacobus

#### November-December 2017

#### From our Pastor.....

"Choose God's Leading"

#### Romans 8:14 English Standard Version (ESV)

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons[a] of God.

#### Galatians 5:16 English Standard Version (ESV)

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

I love to hear stories of restoration whether its individuals or churches. When we return to our first love and vison, God does amazing things through our resubmission to Him. Wornall Road Church is one of these stories.

Wornall Road began in 1921 by a group of people who had recently moved to the new Kansas City suburb of Brookside.

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After years of effective contextual ministry that greatly impacted our city and our world, Wornall Road, like so many churches began to lose its passion for the simple truth that the church needs to be making disciples who make disciples. The result is community transformation. The church entered a period of slow decline. In this period of decline the church began to focus even more attention on those who remained rather than on those who were unreached. During this period newer suburban communities were growing further south and west of the city. The church had once been a community focused church and now became a commuter church, with of its members driving back into the city to "attend"

of its members driving back into the city to "attend" church rather than to "be" the church. The church struggled to pass off real leadership to the next generation and they began to drift from a commitment to the fidelity of Scripture and sound theological doctrine.

By 2006, this once dynamic and impacting church had dwindled to less than 20, mostly elder members, attending worship. At that time, these remaining members faced a hard choice, to close the doors or change.

Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit they chose to change. This began the process of what we now call Legacy Church Planting. It means planting a brand new church within a dying church; that sounds impossible doesn't it? It is in fact impossible without the moving and power of the

Holy Spirit upon that dying church. But, when a dead church comes back to life, the community can't ignore that our God is a great God! They can't dismiss that something very out of the ordinary happened here. God receives all the glory when a dying church comes back to life.

Today, Wornall is a highly contextual neighborhood church where half of those attending could walk to church. It is an entirely multigenerational church with the majority group being those under 35 years of age. It is a church that has directly planted or provided major assistance to plant nine churches in the past seven years. The majority of our daughter churches still share our building. We are thrilled to provide this grand old building as an incubator for new church plants that move out across our city.

In addition, we have a one year residency internship for young men who are called to replant dying churches, and we coach and walk alongside dying churches as they embrace replanting themselves.

We are highly committed to living out the gospel of Jesus as we serve our schools, crime victims, teenage moms, the homeless, university students, people dealing with aging parents, and an ever growing number of ministries that seek to heal hurt as we live out the faith that is in us.

We are living proof that dying churches can live again!

As we at Christ Church look forward to moving forward together....to come together once again, let us prepare for a renewed vision and a return to our first love.

Father, forgive us for the plans we have made and the ways we have walked in our own strength. As we prepare to return to Christ Church and gather together to worship, I ask that the Spirit rain down on us that we might be changed and first-love passion for Jesus burn in us once again.

May the fruits of the Holy Spirit increase in our lives and be so evident, that He causes us to overflow with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, and self-control. May it be evident that we are wholly Yours. May our plans be your plans so that Your church will come alive and be revived. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.

In Christ, Pastor Bryan

## Mission Committee

Thanks to all that gave to Mission Central for the disaster relief flood buckets. Everything was delivered to a Mission Central hub in York. Also, we were busy preparing for the yard sale on October 5, 6, & 7. Thank God for beautiful weather.

Pine Grove Methodist Church left us use their tent in case of rain. I so appreciated all the wonderful help on those 3 days. All the good soups and deserts that were prepared and given and many of the folks that came said how they look forward to that each year.

We were so blessed by everything that was given so that we could bless others! One of the neighbors, Gracie, helped us get ready for a week before. Another neighbor was thrilled about how many clothes she could get for \$1 a bag, that she came back to help clean up Saturday afternoon.

Three young ladies from St Joe's York Catholic School came and helped as a service project. A teacher from Wrightsville Elementary School needed some chapter books for her students, and just a few days before the yard sale the library in Jacobus gave us some boxes, which we were able to give to her. Another lady is coming back for Christmas trees and decorations for the needy in her neighborhood to bring joy to them! These are just some of the things that happened during those 3 days.

Our proceeds for the yard sale for missions came to \$4130.81. Our expenses totaled to \$423.65 and 10% of this will go toward apportionments and \$100 for park use leaving \$3237.16.

Our next event is the backpack program for the needy students in Loganville Elementary School which will begin October 15. Our church is listed as provider for the food.

Also, remember Christmastime in Loganville on November 18.

## **Kids Connection**

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34

Welcome to Fall! It has been great getting to know each child more this year and learning their personalities! Also, a huge thanks to you all for all your patience during construction. We are super excited to have it done! It is hard to believe we are looking at the holiday months already. Please look closely at the dates below as there is a lot happening in November in December. The Kid's Connection staff want to wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas! We also want to take this time to thank you for allowing us to be blessed by your children. Each one is a true gift from God and we treasure the time we have with them- it goes by so fast! God bless you now and always! ~Miss Tess







### Upcoming Events in November & December

Nov. 21 & 22- No School\*

Nov. 23 & 24- No School & Kid's Connection Closed, Happy Thanksgiving!

Nov. 27- No School\* Dec. 22- Half Day

Dec. 25 & 26- No School & Kid's Connection Closed, Merry Christmas!

Dec. 27-29- No School\*

### Looking Ahead to January

No School & Kid's Connection Closed, Happy New Year!

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

# Worship

### Christ Church Jacobus UMC temporarily worship with

#### **Pine Grove UMC**

2523 Pine Grove Road York, PA 17403

**Sunday Morning** 

Traditional Worship Service 9:15 AM Contemporary Worship Service 9:30 AM

## Church Hours

Church Office Hours Monday through Thursday 8:00 am till 1:00 pm Closed on Fridays and Holidays

Pastor Bryan Hours Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM till 1:00 PM Closed on Friday

Pastor Bryan is available other times by appointments by Email cumcjacobus@gmail.com 717-428-1424

# Birthdays

#### November

- 2 Lindsay McWilliams
- 3 Lisa Chilcoat
- 4 Sharon Roberts
  Marie Routson
- 6 Deb Smith Stacie Snyder
- 7 Linda Wright
- 12 Barbara McNeal Kimberly Wright Floyd Wise Jr.
- 14 Jeffrey McWilliams
- 19 Ali Mattie Jason McKenzie
- 21 Tess Auker Sarah Clark
- 23 Chad Herman Nancy Swonger
- 25 Lorna Yohe
- 26 Threasa McWilliams
- 28 Dorothy Fortune
- 29 Danielle Kot
- 30 Heather Allison

#### December

- 3 Perry Warfel
- 5 Lynn Smith
- 8 Sally Trout
- 10 Kenneth Ferree Doris Lerew
- 12 Bruce Geiselman
- 13 Ted Meckley Dana Eberly
- 15 Jennifer Trout
- 17 Steven Eberly Barbara Matthie
- 20 Ethan Hostler Teresa New
- 21 Jeffrey Bortner, II Jarrett Hostler Harold Snyder
- 22 David Matthie
- 23 Janet Gladfelter Diana Kistler
- 25 Brandon Geiselman Koby McDonald
- 28 Cortney Herman Brenda Snyder
- 30 Cora Wagner

## **Anniversaries**

### **NOVEMBER**

- 6 Mr. and Mrs. Jason Snyder
- 10 Mr. and Mrs. Ian Colbert Mr. and Mrs. William Routson
- 12 Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Snyder
- 17 Mr. and Mrs. Donald Trout
- 23 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Darr
- 24 Mr. and Mrs. Seth Gainer

#### **DECEMBER**

- 9 Mr. and Mrs. James Beard
- 23 Mr. and Mrs. Don Dodson
- 27 Mr. and Mrs. Sean Dougherty



## Visitation List

**Spiritrust Lutheran** 

Virginia McWilliams

**Manor Care Dallastown** 

Betty Snyder

Colonial Manor (across from York Hospital)

Gladys McWilliams

At Home -

Sam and Loretta Crane

Margaret Ferree

Myrtle Myers

Percy Stump



# Meetings

Monday 6:45–8:30 PM NA meeting at Lakeview Park Building
Thursday 7:30-8:30 PM AA meeting Hebrew Café at Christ Church



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