



This month's Lischey's Illuminator is sponsored, along with a donation to the Building for Service fund, as a "Thank You" in honor of those who see to it that Maybelle Altland is able to attend church services: Anna Moul, Allen Hoke, Delphine Waltersdorff, and Brian & Melisa Altland, and also to Nancy Cherry for providing transportation to and from doctor's visits. Thank you! Sponsored by Maybelle's daughter, Tess Nitchman

Happy New Year!

SEARCH ME,
O God AND KNOW MY HEART;
Try me AND KNOW
MY ANXIETIES;
AND SEE IF THERE IS ANY WICKED WAY
IN ME,
AND *lead me* IN THE WAY
EVERLASTING. *Psalm 139:23-24*

The start of the New Year is a good time to reflect on the year past and to put plans together to change the old, worn out, inept methods of doing things. There is just something about the launch of a new year that gives us the feeling of a fresh start and a new beginning. In reality, there is no difference between December 31st and January 1st. Nothing mystical or magical happens at the stroke of midnight on December 31st. But by taking down that old calendar and replacing it with a fresh new one (one which displays pictures of the 12 best beaches in the United States) gives to many of us motivation.

Setting a goal or several goals at the beginning of the new year can be stimulating, but it's the motivation behind the goal that is important. One can be determined to pray more, read the Bible more, go to church more frequently, or volunteer more often, but these resolutions can fail without the correct motivation. The incentive to stay motivated must come from within and be armed with a purpose and a plan.

Most of us know that the motivation we feel on January 1st usually dwindles and fades to black by Valentine's Day. But the reality is that your New Year's resolution is most likely needed, because like everyone except for Jesus, you are not loving God with your entire being, and you are not loving your neighbor as yourself. It's the motivation to love God more that will make your resolutions a success.

Putting more Jesus in our lives - allowing the Holy Spirit to work its magic and wonder in our lives - is the power that can initiate and sustain the changes our resolutions require. By ourselves - by our own will power - we are helpless. But with Jesus as our motivator, all things are possible.

Let God's Will for you be your motivation. If you set your mind to the Will of God, change will indeed happen. As you decide on your resolutions this year, prayerfully ask God to show you how and why you should change. And then lean, not your own understandings, but on the power of God's Will for you. Embrace your call to become all that God has created you to be, and then be ready to jump into the New Year with a fresh start.

Blessings,
Rev. Kathy

"We must always change, renew, rejuvenate ourselves; otherwise we harden."

Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe



By the time you receive this newsletter, Christmas will be over and we will be starting a new year and be in the winter season! Hard to imagine it all! Especially after experiencing such beautiful weather the last few days.

Anyway I would like to say a few thank yous before the year ends! First, a big thank you to the Sanctuary Choir for their extra efforts put forth for the Cantata! We were very much pressed for rehearsal time but they managed to deliver a beautiful message about "Joy, Unspeakable Joy!" Also thank you to those who took part in the musical pre service portion of the Christmas Eve service! It is truly a reflection of the wonderful musical talents that God has blessed our Lischey's church family with! His Spirit is surely among us in so many ways!

In beginning our New Year, we will look forward to preparing, and sharing special music for a very special service on January 10th, the installation of Rev. Kathy! Plan to be present for this special service and show your spiritual support for Rev. Kathy and your church of God.

As a new year starts perhaps it would be a good time to make a commitment of your time to be a part of the musical program! Why not set time apart to talk it over with God while considering it!

JANUARY REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 3rd, 17th

9:30 A.M. Joyful Singers

Thursday, January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

6:30 P.M. Chime Choir

7:00 P.M. Sanctuary Choir & Men's Chorus

JANUARY SPECIAL MUSIC

January 3rd Sanctuary Choir

January 10th Chime Choir

January 10th (Installation Service) Sanctuary Choir

January 17th Joyful Singers

January 24th Sanctuary Choir

January 31st Men's Chorus

In God's love,

Darlene

P.S. Nature report...this is an odd report but still all a part of nature! You are certainly aware of the mild weather we have been having, so much so that after finished caroling, Steve and I came home and sat on the front porch rocking chairs! Imagine sitting out in the middle of December with only the house Christmas lights for light since it gets dark early! It was so nice! And it even got better when we heard the owl hoot! It is this time of year they select their mates! It could only get better if we would see their nest!

The odd part of my report goes back to the unusual warm weather. One early morning following a light rain through the night, we saw lots of fish worms laying on the drive around the cemetery when we went for our walk! I side stepped them for awhile and then realized that if they didn't get off the pavement and onto the ground again they would die! Usually at this time of year they are not even seen! So I picked up a stick and started to move them off the pavement! It didn't take long till I realized I was nuts and I can't rescue them all! So I left them to God's plan and I'll keep observing some of his more pleasant wildlife! Hope you do the same!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec 27 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM	Dec 28	Dec 29 Soup Kitchen 8:00 AM	Dec 30	Dec 31	Jan 1	Jan 2 Undecorate Church 9:00 AM
Jan 3 Sunday School 9:30 AM Joyful Singers 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM	Jan 4	Jan 5	Jan 6	Jan 7 Staff Meeting 3:30 PM Chime Choir 6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Men's Chorus 7:00 PM	Jan 8	Jan 9
Jan 10 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM	Jan 11 Music & Worship 1:30 PM Council 7:00 PM	Jan 12	Jan 13	Jan 14 Chime Choir 6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Men's Chorus 7:00 PM	Jan 15 <i>NewsLetter DEADLine</i>	Jan 16
Jan 17 Sunday School 9:30 AM Joyful Singers 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM	Jan 18 WIMPS 7:00 PM	Jan 19	Jan 20	Jan 21 Chime Choir 6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Men's Chorus 7:00 PM	Jan 22	Jan 23
Jan 24 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM	Jan 25	Jan 26	Jan 27	Jan 28 Chime Choir 6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Men's Chorus 7:00 PM	Jan 29	Jan 30
Jan 31 Potluck Breakfast 9:00 AM Worship Service w/ Healing 10:30 AM Harvest of Hope Offering	Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3	Feb 4	Feb 5	Feb 6

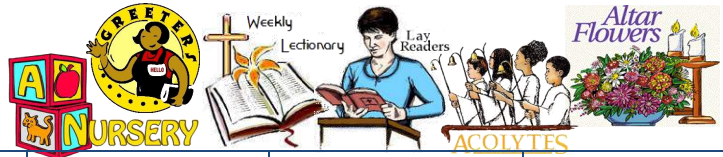


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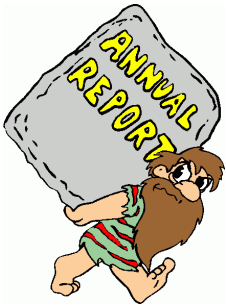
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Thank you to our Volunteers!



	<u>January 3, 2016</u> <i>2nd Sunday after Christmas</i>	<u>January 10, 2016</u> <i>The Baptism of Christ</i>	<u>January 17, 2016</u> <i>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</i>	<u>January 24, 2016</u> <i>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</i>	<u>January 31, 2016</u> <i>4th Sunday after Epiphany</i>
Ushers					
Altar Guild					
Lectionary	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:1-18	Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Cor. 12:1-11 John 2:1-11	Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Cor. 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30
Altar Flowers	Mike & Connie Neiderer	Dennis & Jean Weidler			
Memorial Vase	Kim & Chris DeGroft				
Acolyte	Joe Crisamore	Mikayla Gebhart	Cole McKowen	Ryan McKowen	Joe Crisamore
Worship Leader					
Lay Reader					
Greeters	Pat McKowen Linda Pentz	Elvin Myers Joanne Hoffman	Jim & Linda Freed	Dana & Jennifer Lecrone	Brandon & Linda Hubley
Nursery					
Children's Portion	Jess Waltersdorff	Julie White	Melisa Altland	Rev. Kathy	Diane Breeden
Special Music	Sanctuary Choir	Chime Choir	Joyful Singers	Sanctuary Choir	Men's Chorus
Money Counters Mondays @ 12 noon					



ANNUAL REPORTS should be to the church office by **January 31st** for compilation into a book for the **Annual Congregational Meeting**, to be held on February 21st. All organizations and committees should have a report of activities completed for 2015 and plans for 2016, a list of all committee members and chairperson(s), plus a financial report for the year if applicable.

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IN AN EFFORT TO COLLECT FEEDBACK on our church from the overall congregation, we will be emailing a survey to everyone that we have an email address for in the first two weeks of January. The feedback is anonymous and should only take a few minutes to complete. Thank you in advance for your participation!



OUR DEEPEST CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES are extended to Gloria Detwiler, on the passing of her husband, Keith Detwiler, on Tuesday, December 1st. He is also the brother-in-law of Carl & Pat Lauchman.

OUR DEEPEST CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES are extended to Pat McKowen & family on the passing of his father, Bob McKowen, on Tuesday, December 15th.



THE WIMPS will meet Monday, January, 18th and will make Valentines for our at home friends! Be sure to join us for a fun evening of coloring, pasting, and addressing while we share an evening of warm fellowship!



WE WILL BE TAKING DOWN the Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 2nd at 9:00 AM. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



THE SOUP KITCHEN SCHEDULE for 2016 is March 29; June 28; August 30; and November 29. Please mark your calendars.



(*designates 80 and older)

- January 2** Bernice Becker*
- January 6 Donald Pasmore
- January 8 Blaine Breeden
- January 10 David Wiker
- January 12 Joan Messinger
- January 13 Barry Wetzel
- January 14 Chris White
- January 16 Darin Black
- January 17 Brock Walker
- January 18 Toni O'Neal
- Gloria Detwiler
- January 21 Elvin Myers
- January 24 Kevin Shrader
- January 26 Christopher Neiderer
- Joy Spangler
- January 27 Austin Brown
- January 29** Dale Danner*
- Kay Kessler
- Allison Orchowski



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who contributed in so many ways to make the Christmas Cookie Extravaganza another success. Thanks to... the at home bakers, the Monday night bakers, the financial and supply contributors, the people who helped set up and tear down and, those who bought and are now eating cookies. Thank you! Thank you! *Darlene*

THANK YOU for all the cards, thoughts, and prayers during my recent procedures that I had done. Also, thank you to Nancy Cherry for the beautiful altar flowers and Rev. Kathy's phone call. Everything was greatly appreciated. *Mike Neiderer*

ON BEHALF OF THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE, I would like to thank everyone who participated in and supported the Cookie Extravaganza and the Craft Bazaar on Saturday, December 12th. There are far too many people for me to name, because this fundraiser requires a lot of planning and months of preparation by many people. However, I want to personally thank Darlene Miner for heading up the Cookie Extravaganza and Wendy Carl for heading up the Craft Bazaar. This fundraiser has turned out to be very successful for us. We made \$3,785 on the Cookie Extravaganza and \$1,174.50 on the Craft Bazaar, which makes a total profit of \$4,959.50. Thanks again, everyone, for all your hard work and support. *Chris DeGroot, chairperson, Fundraising Committee*



A SURPRISE CARD SHOWER is being held for Dale Danner in celebration of his 99th birthday on January 29th. Please mail cards to:

Dale Danner
 Homewood at Plumcreek,
 Cottage #62
 425 Westminster Ave.
 Hanover, PA 17331

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE who came out on Saturday, November 28th to help decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons. A special thank you goes to the Bill Waltersdorff family for donating the Christmas tree in the sanctuary and Jim & Joan Messinger and Diane Patterson & Elvin Myers for the Christmas trees in the new addition. Also we would like to thank everyone in advance who can come out on Saturday, January 2nd at 9:00 AM to help take down the decorations. Everyone's help is greatly appreciated. *Kim & Chris DeGroot*



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Our Members: John & Maybelle Altland, Mabel Baer, Lily Mae Bakner, Karen Bathgate, Mary Jo Bollinger, Barry Brown, Dale Danner, Clara Eisenhart, Jeff & Kathy Flickinger, Allen Hoke, Betty Hoke, Pam Kiser, Helen Klinedinst, Grace Kraft, Gladys Leese, Sandy Lehman, Marie Luckabaugh, Mike Neiderer, Lois Nelson, Allison Orchowski, Pat Parks, Donny Pasmore, Linda Pentz, Ruby Ruth, Brenda Starner, Norma Strausbaugh, John & Ruth Yohe. **Friends of the congregation:** Janet Betlyon, Johnny Davis, Janet Eichelberger, Clarence Fritz, Michelle Gemmill, Wayne, Theda, & Tim Jacoby, Hailey & Logan Kehoe, Sharon Krout, Judy Luckabaugh, Caleb Martz, Carissa McComas, Carol Melhorn, Diane Moul, James Mummert, Keith Myers, Kurt Riser, Jackson Salemme, Mindy Shively, Sandy Shultz, Irene Walker, Deb Warner, Karen Wintrey, Vicki Zanni, Mike Zohrbaugh. **Our friends at home** who we want to know are missed, yet are always in our hearts. **The men and women proudly serving our country:** Josh Barday, Phillip Hammond, Kody Lauchman, Joey Myers, Brandon Shepard, Shane Warner.



Update your contact info!

UPDATED DIRECTORIES will soon be published. If you would like your cell number and/or email address published in the directory, please contact Michele via email (lischeys@gmail.com) or by placing a note in Michele's mailbox or in the offering plate.

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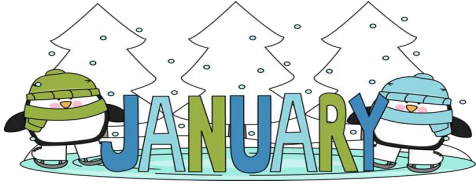
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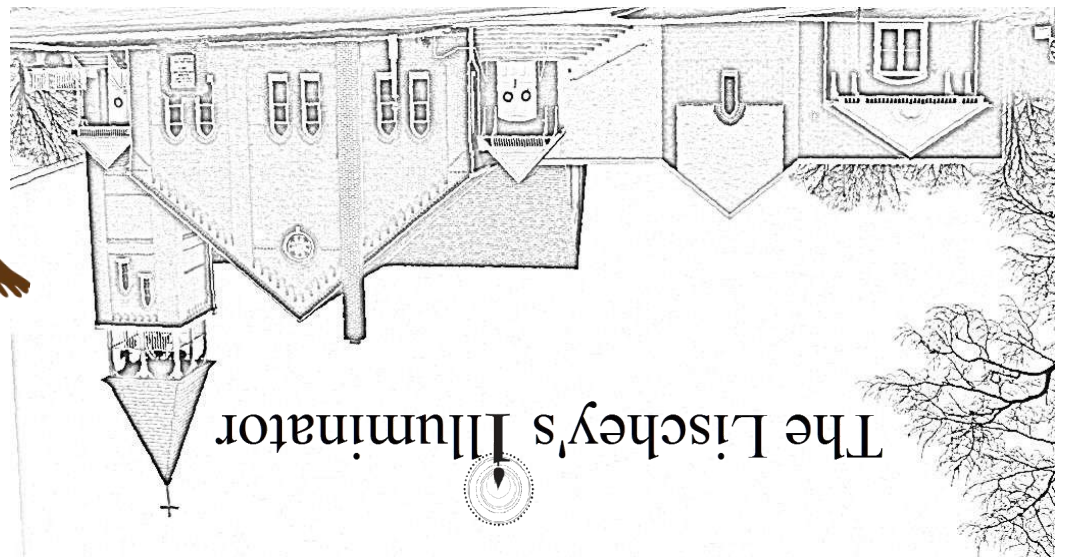


If you are spiritually weary and in search of rest,
If you are mourning and you long for comfort;
If you are struggling and you desire victory;
If you recognize that you are a sinner and need a Savior -
God welcomes you here in the name of Christ.
To the stranger in need of fellowship,
to those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
And to whoever will come -

Worship Service
10:30 AM

Sunday School
9:30 AM

Sundays



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