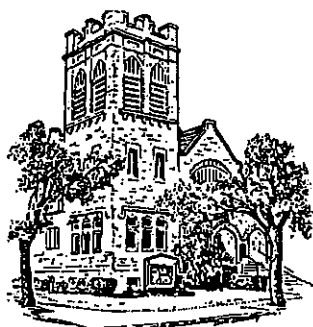
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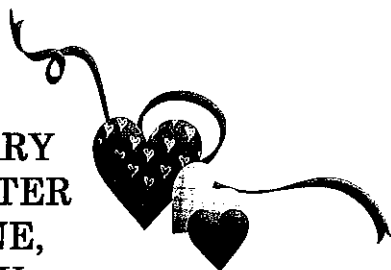


Monthly Messenger



JANUARY 2018

**FEBRUARY
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE,
TUESDAY,
JANUARY 16, 2018**



CHURCH STAFF
PASTOR: Pastor Wade Berkey
CHURCH SECRETARY: Audrey Green
PIANIST: Emily King
SEXTON: Valerie Kachur
CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR: Brenda Beers
NURSERY ATTENDANT: Linda Powell
MESSENGER VOLUNTEERS:
Carolyn Gallaher, Sally Krozely
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:00-4:00 PM



January 2018

Happy New Year!



Paul wrote, "In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself" (Ephesians 5:28, NLT). I have been thinking about this verse quite a bit lately as I read through the news every day. Each day, there are more and more men that are confronted with the way they have treated the women that are or were a part of their lives.

We are learning that national news anchors, Senators, Congressmen, celebrities, and others who are facing accusations regarding inappropriate ways they have confronted women. Let's not forget the women who have made statements at #MeToo Campaign regarding coworkers, supervisors, or family members.

In a December 10 article from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, we find these words...

When United Methodists' Council of Bishops met recently, it held break-out discussions on the topic of sexual harassment and misconduct in their churches. The discussion had been scheduled before the Harvey Weinstein scandal unleashed a tsunami of revelations of sexual misconduct in media, politics and other fields, but the news of the day underscored the gravity of the discussions, said Pittsburgh Area Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi. "We had an opportunity to share our own stories," Bishop Moore-Koikoi said. "For me to be able to say to my colleagues, 'Me too,' was valuable to hear." In both her previous career as a school psychologist and as a minister, "there have been times I have had unwanted advances from people who were my superiors." The United Methodist Church has long had policies against sexual harassment and other kinds of misconduct, and the Western Pennsylvania Conference adopted an extensively revised policy about five years ago. But the growing awareness is important, Bishop Moore-Koikoi said. (Pittsburgh Post Gazette, Peter Smith, 12-10-2017)

Men, I challenge each one of us to speak out against the inappropriate ways in which our brothers have been less than loving toward women. First of all, I know that certainly not all men harass women, but enough do so, **we** need to stand on the side of loving our wives and the other women in our families and communities. We also need to stand for the women that we do not know. I think that is what Jesus would expect of each one of us.



I encourage us to learn what we can from groups like **Southwest PA Says No More** (<http://southwestpasaysnomore.org>). We should practice the phrase, "That's not cool," in every setting, especially in church, when people make sexist comments or sexist actions. One contributor to the Post-Gazette article said, "Policies can help prevent and respond to harassment and outright discrimination, but responding to the more subtle cases of harassment, such as disparaging comments or leering looks, will require difficult conversations. 'You don't have policies on that,' she said. 'You have to change the hearts of people in the pews. Which is a whole lot harder.'" Another contributor said, "...churches have been 'humbled into silence' on this issue because they know 'we are as wrapped up in this sin as every other sector of our society.'"

Men, let us make this our resolution for 2018! Ladies, hold us accountable! Together, let's work toward wholeness and healing and love!

Pastor Ade

JANUARY WORSHIP

January 7, 2018

11:00 AM, Baptism of the Lord,
Communion
Genesis 1:1-5, Mark 1:4-11

January 14, 2018

11:00 AM
Colossians 1:13-14, Ephesians 1:3-6
Sermon Series: Do You Believe?
Sermon Title: Do You Believe God Has a Plan?

January 21, 2018

11:00 AM
1 Samuel 3:7-10, Romans 8:28-30
Sermon Series: Do You Believe?
Sermon Title: Do You Believe You Are a Part of God's Plan?

January 28, 2018

11:00 AM
James 1:14-19, James 1:22
Sermon Series: Do You Believe?
Sermon Title: Do You Believe That Faith Requires Action?



WELCOME CENTER

7 Melissa Flanders
14 Sarah Heckert
21 Beverly Patton
28 Mary Jo Lipski



READERS

7 Mary Jo Lipski
14 Sue Hankey
21
28 Mert Hellein



USHERS

7 Oxford/Mark Ferguson & Communion
14 Albright/ Dan Wolfe
21 Albright/Dan Wolfe
28 Asbury/Mary Jo Lipski



SOUND SYSTEM

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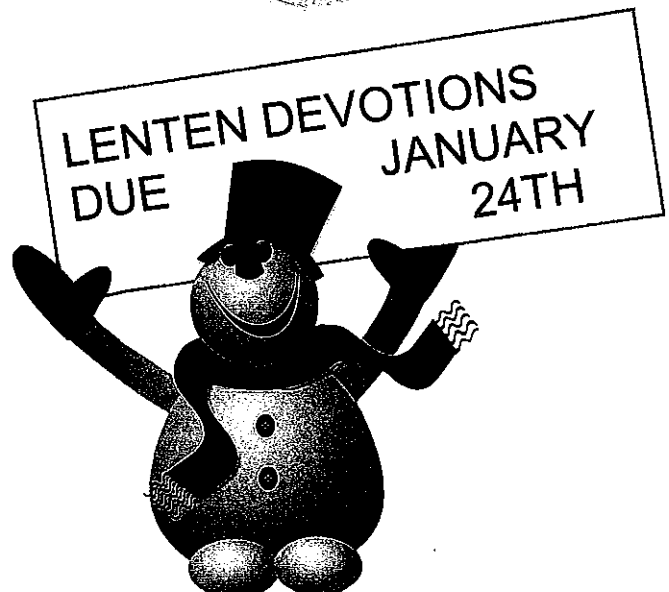
ACOLYTE

7 Isaac Zielinski
14 Joey Kachur
21 Dane Dimond
28 Bella Aires



BELL RINGERS

7 Madeline Smith
14 Joey Kachur
21 Lilah Hogamier
28 Evva Yanoschick



Financial Dashboard –November 2017

	OCTOBER	YTD
Stewardship Income	\$11,491	\$152,359
Budget Requirements	\$14,758	\$162,338
Difference	-\$3,267	-\$9,979

Estimated FUMC Giving Units: 265
Giving Units Providing Support This Month: 59



Conference Apportionments

Amount Paid YTD	\$13,201
Budget Amount YTD	\$20,746
Difference	-\$7,545



JANUARY SIFT LUCHEON

Thursday, January 18, 2018
12:00 PM

Covenant Center

MENU: Hot Dogs and Sauerkraut

PROGRAM: To be announced!

Reservations due by Monday,
January 15th at noon.

2018 VBS ALUMINUM CANS

Our Vacation Bible School Aluminum Can collection for Habitat for Humanity continues: Cans received November 15th- December 15th—2,555

Total cans received since end of 2017 VBS—12,768

Thanks to all of you who saved, collected and brought in cans. Our collection For VBS 2018 continues-so-KEEP THEM COMING! Please continue or start saving aluminum cans (pop, tea, fruit juice, health drinks and beer cans). Drop them off at the church ramp anytime. Thank you, Can Man



*Thank
you*

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Thank you so very much for the kindness you have shown to us during the loss of our mother and grandmother, Ruth Dalzell. Every kind word, card and hug reminds us of the importance of a supportive church family. Thank you to Pastor Wade for a meaningful funeral service and for his visits to Mom. Thank you to the Funeral Committee for the delicious luncheon served to our family. A special thank you to the Caring Friends Committee for the monthly cards that Mom received as well as those church members that sent cards too. She enjoyed receiving the cards and she knew that she was remembered. First Church was important to Mom and she served her church gladly when she was able. Our memories of her involvement with Bible School, Choir Club, Art Show Sitting, Wednesday Morning Circle, the United Methodist Women and many other committees will remain with us always.

Sincerely, Cindy, Tim, Meaghan, Brad and Emily Volek



2018 ALTAR FLOWERS DATES AVAILABLE

January 7th & 14th

May 13th & 20th

October 14th

March 11th

June 17th & 24th

November 4th & 25th

April 8th & 29th

September 23rd

December 16th

If you would like any of these dates, please let Audrey Green know. The flowers are \$25.00 each week for a regular arrangement.





Our Deepest Sympathy

We extend our Christian Compassion and concern to Cindy (Tim) Volek on the death of her mother, Ruth Dalzell. Ruth passed away on Wednesday, November 22, 2017. She was the grandmother to Meaghan Volek and Brad (Emily) Volek.

PRAYER TIME
Tuesday, January 9th
at 6:30 PM in the
Prayer Room



JANUARY'S LIBRARY NEWS

The book, "Mrs. Toggles Zipper" by Robin Pulver has been donated to the Children's Section of our church's library.

The following books from the library of Pat Wolfe have been added to our church library:

"The Treasury of Christian Poetry" compiled by Lorraine Eitel

"The Good News Renewal: Prayer" edited by Andrea Nasfell

"Asimov's Guide To The Bible: The Old Testament" by Issac Asimov

"The Layman's Parallel New Testament" published by Zondervan Publishing House

"The Holy Land In Colour" by Sami Awwad

"Bible Facts" by Jenny Roberts

"The Bible Jesus Read" and "The Jesus I Never Knew" both by Philip Yancey.

"The reading of all good books is like a conversation with the finest minds of past centuries." --

Descartes

Carol Wolfe, Librarian



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER 2017

PRESCHOOL

Caden King
Jocelyn King
Sue Hankey



1ST AND 2ND GRADE

Audrey Green




3RD-6TH GRADE

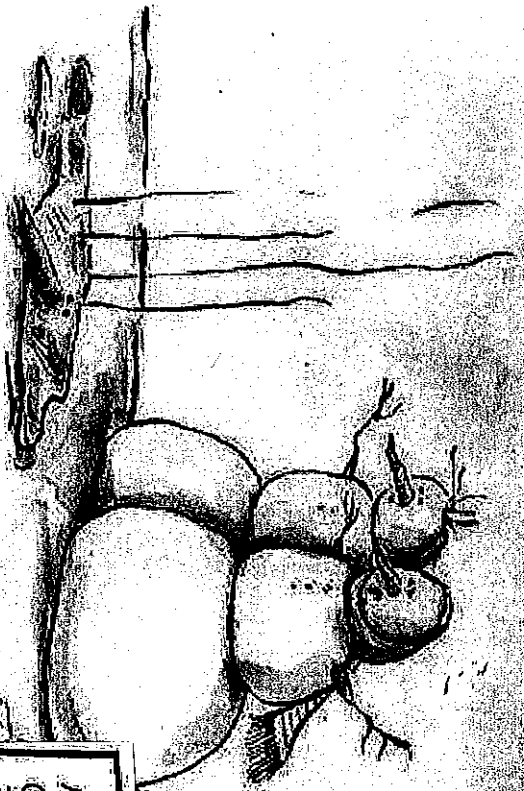
Hallie Hoffman
Carlee Beers
Kelly Hoffman

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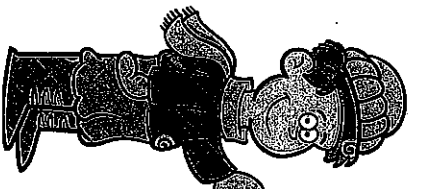
Monthly Prayer Calendar

Consider how God is asking you to pray through these concerns.

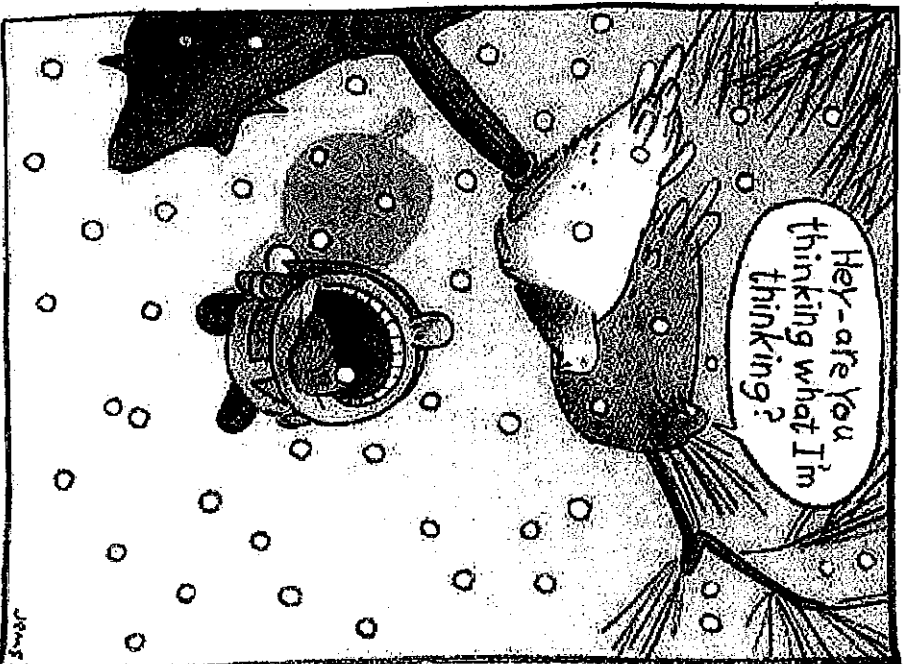
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		2 Pray for Pastor Wade and the entire First Church staff and their families!	3 PRAYER ROOM IS OPEN TODAY! Let's pray together!	4 Pray for everyone, by name, who has a <i>January</i> birthday or a <i>January</i> anniversary!	5 If God answered your prayers today, would the answers to those prayers change anyone else's life except your own?	6 Have you made a resolution for 2018? How are you planning to keep it?
7 Let us pray for the "dry bones" of our spirits to come alive in worship today!	8 Pray for the Nurture, Outreach, and Witness Team!	9 Pray for our ushers!	10 PRAYER ROOM IS OPEN TODAY! Let's pray together!	11 Pray for Emily King, our accompanist!	12 Pray for John and Christine Zimmerman!	13 Pray for the volunteers who count our offering monies!
14 Let us celebrate God's call to empower those struggling to thrive and equip change agents to transform the world.	15 Pray for the Finance Team!	16 Pray for the volunteers that staff the welcome Center on Sunday mornings!	17 PRAYER ROOM IS OPEN TODAY! Let's pray together!	18 Pray for the S.I.F.T. team!	19 Pray for our church!	20 Pray for the Staff/Parish Relations Committee!
21 Pray for healing and restoration in our Church!	22 How are you doing with those resolutions?	23 Pray for our Church Council!	24 Pray for everyone who has written a devotional for Lent! May their words bless and touch our hearts!!	25 Pray for our Trustees!	26 Pray for Kittanning!	27 Pray for the Worship Team!
28 Pray for our District Superintendent, Rev. Jim Pond!	29 Pray for our Bishop, Rev. Cynthia Moore-Koi Koi!	30 Pray for our Sunday School Teachers!	31 Pray for yourself!			



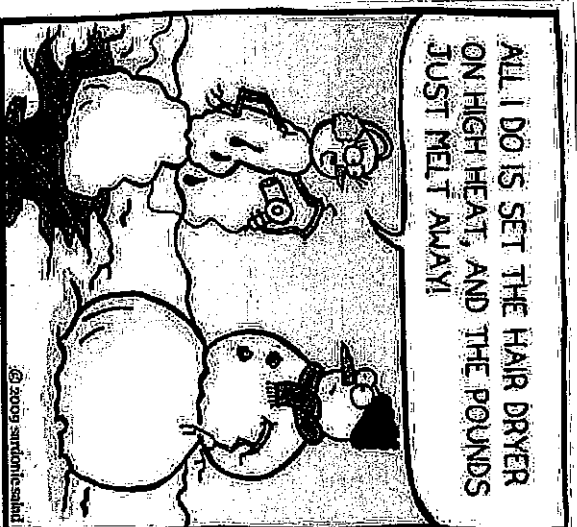
Poor Milie, that was one heck of a hot flash!



START
THE YEAR
WITH
A LAUGH!



Hey-are you
thinking what I'm
thinking?



ALL I DO IS SET THE HAIR DRYER
ON HIGH HEAT, AND THE POUNDS
JUST MELT AWAY!

WEIGHT LOSS FOR SNOWMEN.



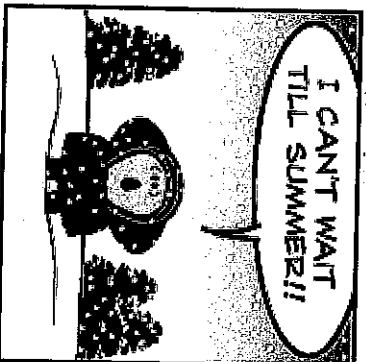
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OF YOUR JACKET?



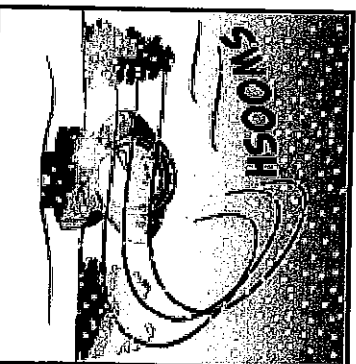
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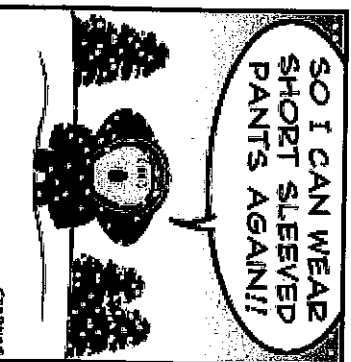


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TILL SUMMER!!



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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

2018

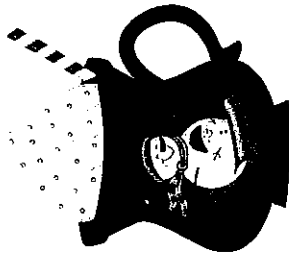
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CHURCH COUNCIL (7:00 PM)	15		19		21		16		17		19	
STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS (7:00 PM)		6		3				7			6	
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM (7:00 PM)		26		23				27		22		
NURTURE, OUTREACH, WITNESS (7:00 PM)	8		12		14		9		10		12	
WORSHIP (7:00 PM)		8				6		8		10		
FINANCE COMMITTEE (6:30 PM)	15	19	19	16	21	18	16	20	17	15	19	17
NOMINATIONS TEAM (7:00 PM)							18	22	19			
ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE (7:00 PM)			27							23		
TRUSTEES (6:30 PM)	2	5	5			4		6			5	






Other meetings will be called as needed





JANUARY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Happy New Year 	2 8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship 6:30 PM Trustees 7:00 PM New Found Freedom-CC	3 3:45 PM ARC Manor 6:00 PM Adult Choir	4 7:00 PM Heavenly Daughter	5 	6 6:30 PM We Surrender- Church
7 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Communion	8 10:00 AM Mentor Group-CC 7:00 PM Nurture, Outreach, Witness Team	9 8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship 6:30 PM Prayer Team 7:00 PM New Found Freedom-CC	10 3:45 PM ARC Manor 6:00 PM Adult Choir	11 7:00 PM Friday Night Circle- CC	12	13 6:30 PM We Surrender-CC
14 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 2:00 AM Camp 43-CC	15 6:30 PM Finance 7:00 PM Church Council	16 8:30 AM 3R's 9:30 AM Rev Stairs-CC 6:00 PM Women Fellowship NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:00 PM New Found Freedom-CC	17 3:45 PM ARC Manor 6:00 PM Adult Choir	18 12:00 PM SIFT-CC	19 	20 
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28 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	29 	30 8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship FOOD BANK PICK-UP 7:00 PM New Found Freedom-CC	31 3:45 PM ARC Manor 6:00 PM Adult Choir			